

Obituary

CHARLES HENRY ARMSTRONG

JOHN A. COPELAND, SR.

HENRY RICHMOND CORBETT

SIDNEY HERBERT PIPE

1882 . . . Charles Henry Armstrong . . . 1953

Charles Henry Armstrong died suddenly on October 15, 1953 at his home in Toronto. He was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and one of the early members of the Actuaries Club of Toronto. He was elected Secretary of the Club in 1917.

Mr. Armstrong was born March 27, 1882 at Campbellford, Ontario, and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1903. At all times an active and ardent alumnus of his University, he was President of its Alumni Association for the year 1934-35.

On the 1st of June, 1904, he commenced work in the Actuarial Department of The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada. Later he became Supervisor of the Conservation Department and in 1927 was appointed an Assistant Actuary. The Statistical Department of the company was formed in 1931, under Mr. Armstrong's supervision, and later he was also in charge of the company's group insurance activities, being one of the early members of the Group Insurance Association. He was interested in various staff activities and in 1921 helped to organize the company Staff Association; he served as its first President. Mr. Armstrong retired in 1947 after 43 active years in the life insurance business.

While he had not been in the best of health for some years, Mr. Armstrong maintained his keen interest in affairs until the day of his death. Many friends in university, company and actuarial circles will miss him greatly. He is survived by his widow, one daughter and five sons.

1883 . . . **John A. Copeland, Sr.** . . . 1953

John A. Copeland, Sr., Consulting Actuary of Atlanta, Georgia, died suddenly on June 12, 1953 of cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Copeland was born December 26, 1883 at La Fayette, Georgia. He was graduated from the University of Georgia in 1905, receiving his A.B. degree. Following his graduation he took up actuarial work and was connected with the State Mutual Insurance Company, Rome, Georgia, and the Georgia Casualty Company, Macon, Georgia. In 1910 he became the first Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the State of Georgia, which position he held until 1912, when he established his own firm as a Consulting Actuary. At the time of his death he was operating under the firm name of "John A. Copeland and Son, Consulting Actuaries."

He was an Associate of the Society of Actuaries, a Charter Member and Associate of the American Institute of Actuaries, a Charter Member and Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society, Charter Member of the Conference of Actuaries in Public Practice, a Member of the Permanent Committee of the International Congress of Actuaries, and a member of the Southeastern Actuaries' Club. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. His genial personality endeared him to a host of friends.

Surviving are his wife, Susie McKenzie Copeland, a son, two daughters, five grandchildren, two brothers, and two sisters.

1864 . . . **Henry Richmond Corbett** . . . 1953

Henry Richmond Corbett, a Fellow of the Society and Charter Member of the American Institute of Actuaries, was born in Clinton County, Illinois on October 30, 1864 and died in Chicago, October 21, 1953, just short of his eighty-ninth birthday.

Mr. Corbett attended Hastings and Iowa State Colleges and received his master's degree from the University of Chicago.

Before entering the actuarial profession in 1900, he was a teacher in the schools and colleges of Nebraska and became Superintendent of Schools for the State. After entering the actuarial field he became affiliated with H. S. Vail of Chicago, then with the Travelers Insurance Company, and subsequently engaged in private practice as a consulting actuary.

His interest in consulting work was centered around pension plans for corporations, municipalities and public school teachers. Prior to the enactment of the Railroad Retirement Act he was called to Washington to assist in the planning of the Act.

Mr. Corbett was a member of the Chicago Literary Society, the Kiwanis Club, Delta Tau Delta and the Masonic Order.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, five grandchildren and a sister.

1877 . . . Sidney Herbert Pipe . . . 1953

Sidney H. Pipe, member of the firm of Pipe and Eckler, died suddenly at his home in Toronto on October 4, 1953 in his 77th year.

Born in 1877 in London, England, he came to Toronto in 1900 as Assistant Actuary of the Independent Order of Foresters after spending a few years in the actuarial department of the Pearl Assurance Company. He became Actuary of the Independent Order of Foresters in 1905 and continued in that capacity until he retired from it in 1947. From 1927 until his death, Mr. Pipe acted as consulting actuary to many fraternal societies, employers, trade unions and governments.

Mr. Pipe became an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain in 1899, a Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America in 1909 and of the American Institute of Actuaries in 1918. His papers and discussions of forty years ago contained original and constructive contributions to the actuarial development of disability benefits. His paper on "Fraternal Insurance" published in *The Record* in 1927 is still regarded as the definitive actuarial history of fraternal societies in the United States. In 1937 he presented a paper on Workmen's Compensation to the XIth International Congress of Actuaries in Paris. He was one of the founders of the Fraternal Actuarial Association, its president in 1919 and its editor for many years. He contributed numerous papers to its *Proceedings* on a wide variety of subjects.

As Actuary of the I.O.F.—the largest fraternal society in Canada and one of the largest in the United States—he played a leading role in the readjustment over 30 years ago of its rates and finances and those of many other fraternal societies to an actuarially sound basis. His abilities as a fraternal actuary and leader were recognized in his election to the presidency of the Canadian Fraternal Association in 1921–22 and of the National Fraternal Congress of America in 1927–28.

His consulting practice was national in scope. He was actuary for many

years of the British Columbia Teachers' and British Columbia Municipal Superannuation Funds and was retained by many other public and private employers for the solution of their pension problems. He spoke and wrote extensively on social insurance subjects.

He took an active interest in his church and was closely attached to his family. He had a forceful personality, a ready wit, and was an excellent public speaker. His mind was fertile and speculative and his nature generous. To those who knew him he was a true and loyal friend and he will be sorely missed by them.

He is survived by his widow, Ellen M. Pipe, and his son Gordon.