



Dr. Perry Ernest Doolittle
Father of the Trans-Canada Highway

Biography

- Born March 22, 1861, in Luton, Ontario (near Aylmer)
- Graduated in medicine from Trinity College in Toronto in 1885
- Married Emily Esther Pearson in 1886, and settled in Toronto where he began his practice
- He was one of the first automobile owners in Canada, and the first physician in Toronto to visit his patients by car
- With a small group of motorists, he organized the Toronto Automobile Club and was elected its first president in 1903
- Elected President of the Ontario Motor League in 1914
- President of the CAA from 1920 to 1933
- Dr. Doolittle was recognized throughout Canada for championing good roads, uniform traffic laws throughout the country, and a national highway system
- In 1925 he became the first Canadian to drive a car, under its own power, from coast to coast along an all-Canadian route
- Died Dec. 31, 1933