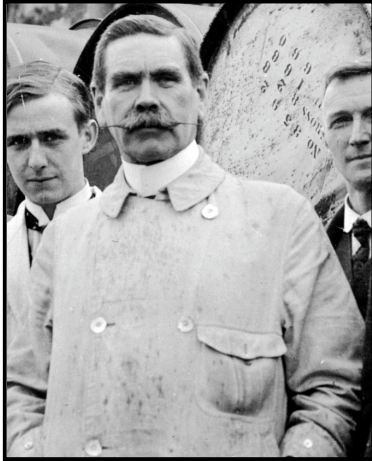


Colonel A. E. Gooderham (1861-1935)



Born on June 2, 1861 to George Gooderham and his wife Harriet, Albert Edward Gooderham was educated at the Model School of Toronto and joined the family firm of Gooderham & Worts as a clerk in 1879. When his father, George, died in 1905, Albert E. succeeded him as managing director. In 1885, he joined the 10th Battalion Royal Grenadiers, fought in the North-West Rebellion, and rose through the ranks to become Colonel. From 1916 to 1918, the Gooderham & Worts distillery was given to the British Government for war work. With his own son at the front, Col. Gooderham became General Manager of British Acetones and worked long hours at the plant. At the end of the war, he was presented with an elaborately decorated humidor by his staff “as a mark of respect and affection, and in recognition of his untiring labors in a great and successful enterprise which materially assisted the allies in winning The Great War.” Four months before his death on April 26, 1935, Gooderham was knighted. At the time of his death, he was celebrated as a “soldier, sportsman, philanthropist, and industrialist.

The photograph above is a detail from a November 1916 photograph of the original British Acetones staff taken outside Building 6 in the Distillery District (see below)



Sources: *Canadian Men and Women of the Time* (1912); Jesse Edgar Middleton, *Municipality of Toronto*, v. 2 (1923); “Sir Albert Gooderham Dies 4 Months After Knighthood,” *Toronto Daily Star*, April 26, 1935. Photograph is a detail from CTA 1583-10.