

A. J. CASSON, who was born in 1898, lives on — it was he who designed *A Vision of Canada*. He was invited to join *The Group of Seven* in 1926. He was a pictorial biographer of the small communities of Ontario — his style was perfectly suited to their tidy, rustic architecture and, like the towns themselves, he was basically a conservative with a keen sense of what was worth preserving, on canvas as in life. Among a plethora of other distinctions, he was a President of the Royal Canadian Academy. He was also one of Canada's finest watercolourists.

TOM THOMSON died in 1917 at the age of forty, drowning in Canoe Lake in Ontario's Algonquin Park. Had he lived, *The Group of Seven* would have been *The Group of Eight* and he its



F. H. VARLEY, *Stormy Weather, Georgian Bay*, 1920, 10½ x 8½, The McMichael Canadian Collection