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Joseph Allen Johnson was born at Northboro, Massachusetts, June 21, 1882, and received his early education in the schools of Westboro and Northboro. He was graduated from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute with the degree of B. S. in Electrical Engineering in 1905.

From 1905 to 1913, he was employed as junior engineer in electrical engineering work by the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls. He was appointed Electrical Engineer of this company in 1912 and placed in charge of all electrical design and engineering. In 1917, he was appointed Assistant Engineer of the Hydroelectric Power Commission of Ontario, but still retained his other position, and in February 1918 he was appointed Electrical Engineer of the Cliff Electrical Distributing Company of Niagara Falls, N.Y. and placed in charge of electrical design and new projects. With the consolidation of the Cliff Electrical Distributing Company, Hydraulic Power Company, and Niagara Falls Power Company into the Niagara Falls Power Company in 1918, he became Electrical Engineer in charge of all electrical design and engineering.

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