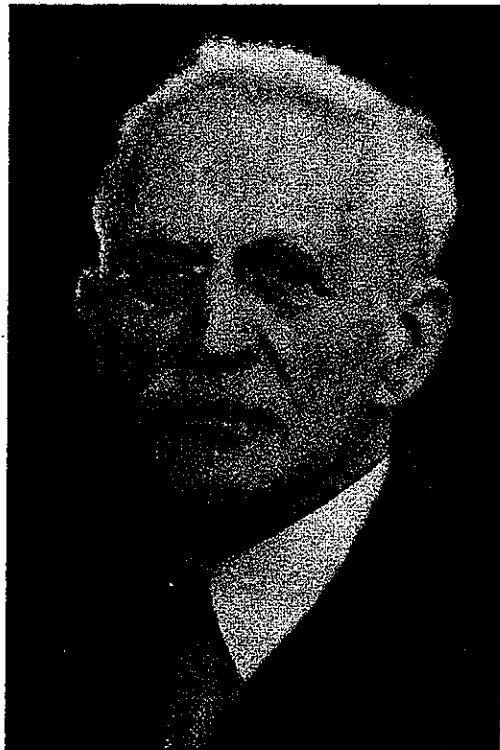


ARTHUR GOWAN ARDAGH

By A. P. Walker

Arthur Gowan Ardagh, Ontario Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer, was born at Barrie, Ontario, in November, 1864, the only son of Judge William D. Ardagh, of Winnipeg and Barrie, and Martha L. Ardagh. His early education was obtained at the Public School and Barrie Collegiate Institute. Later he became a student at The School of Practical Science in Toronto, where he graduated in 1893. After graduation he became interested in the Peat Industry, and spent some years in experimenting in the manufacture of Peat into suitable fuel for domestic purposes. These experiments not proving a financial success, he joined the Engineering Staff of The Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Toronto on 12th November, 1900, as draftsman. Subsequently he was promoted by the Company to the positions of Leveller, Transitman, and finally Resident Engineer. He resigned from the service 15th October, 1905.



Prior to this (in 1894-5) he had served one year as a pupil of the late Herbert J. Bowman, O.L.S., of Kitchener, Ont., and on giving up Railway work decided to continue his studies and qualify as an Ontario Land Surveyor. He passed his final examination and was sworn in on 18th February, 1908, and practised in his home town of Barrie and vicinity, until shortly before his death. During these years he made triangulation surveys of certain islands in Georgian Bay for the Ontario Government, and conducted an extensive local practice. He was a Member of the Council of The Association of Ontario Land Surveyors for the years 1916-17-18.

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On 25th September, 1902, he married Violet I. Ord, a sister of the late Louis R. Ord, O.L.S., of Toronto. The Ord family is descended from one of the oldest historic families of the city, including such former well known names as Hon. William D. Powell, the first Chief-Justice of Upper Canada, and Sheriff William Botsford Jarvis, of Rosedale.

Mr. A. G. Ardagh died in hospital at Toronto, 8th September, 1940, and was interred in the cemetery at Barrie. His wife, but no family, survives. He was a man of great religious fervour, a member of the "Brethren", and in every way a fine Christian gentleman, and a good Surveyor.

The photograph which accompanies this sketch is an enlargement from a group photograph taken at the last Veteran's Luncheon attended by Mr. Ardagh.

ROBERT DANIEL McCaw

The late R. D. McCaw, B.C.L.S., O.L.S. and D.L.S. was born 24th May, 1884, at Welland, Ontario, and died at Victoria, B.C., on 22nd August, 1941.

He was the eldest of four sons of John and Fannie Armstrong McCaw. His father was an early merchant and an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Welland. His grandfather, Daniel McCaw, was of old Scottish Covenanter stock.



His early education was in the public and high schools at Welland, also taking a correspondence course from an institute in the U.S.A. In the year 1903 he was articled to the late George Ross, O.L.S., D.L.S. and C.E., and later transferred to the late Edward Gardiner, O.L.S., of St. Catharines, Ontario, for a short time. He received his Ontario Commission 16th February, 1907, and then entered into partnership