



JOHN DUNCAN BARNES

1927 - 1987

On July 19, 1987, the surveying community in Canada lost a well-known and highly respected member with the passing of J.D. (Jack) Barnes.

Born and raised in Toronto, John graduated from Jarvis Collegiate in 1946. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1950 while employed by W.S. Gibson and Sons, and as an Alberta Land Surveyor in 1953 while employed by King, Coons, Phelan and Porter. In 1960 John bought the survey records of the latter firm and began the practice of J.D. Barnes & Associates on Bloor Street in Toronto.

A tall pleasant man, with many friends, John was admired and respected by colleagues and competitors alike. He was active in the affairs of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and was honoured by The Association in 1982 by the presentation of a Fellowship Award. In 1986, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, a scholarship at Erindale College of the University of Toronto was named in his honour. A bachelor for most of his professional life, John married Odette Lepage, a Quebec Land Surveyor and the first woman Dominion Land Surveyor. Their son John D. Jr. was born in 1986.

John pioneered the implementation of the concept of land surveying as an expanded profession. In 1965 with the assistance of his long-time associate John D. Barber, he established a geodetic survey division within the firm, followed shortly thereafter by a photogrammetry division. The cadastral division of the company expanded with the opening of branches in Ottawa, Edmonton, Oshawa and Brampton and with the ac

quisition of ProConsul Limited, a data processing, computing and custom programming company. This latter acquisition provided sophisticated technical support and computing services to the company and to other users.

By 1985, when John retired as President, the firm had expanded to over 200 persons and offered a comprehensive range of surveying and mapping services in Canada and overseas.

A generous contributor to his community and profession, John will be remembered fondly by family, friends colleagues and clients.

la lost a well-
(Jack) Bar-

vis Collegiate
in 1950 while
d Surveyor in
In 1960 John
actice of J.D.

admired and
tive in the af-
honoured by
p Award. In
cholarship at
n his honour
lette Lepage
nd Surveyor

'land survey
e of his long
urvey division
etry division
e opening of
l with the ac