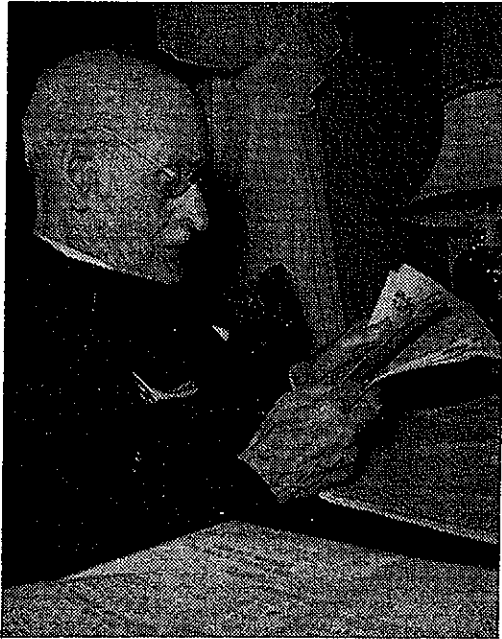


ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

**CLEMENS DERSTINE BOWMAN, O.L.S.**

With the passing of the above our Association has lost one of that rapidly deminishing company of those who were members of our Association from the date of its inception in 1886. Mr. Bowman was



born in the little town of West Montrose in Waterloo County in 1857. He attended public school in Elora and high school in Berlin (now Kitchener). He served 3 years apprenticeship with Peter Silas Gibson (see Gibson biography 1917 report) and on July 10th, 1879 at the age of 22 was admitted to practice as a Provincial Land Surveyor, later automatically becoming an O.L.S. when our association was incorporated.

Upon receiving his commission in 1879 he established a practice near West Montrose and during the ensuing years till 1944 his practice was extensive in surveying in the townships and towns of Waterloo and Wellington counties.

As well he was drainage engineer for some 15 townships and engineered many municipal drains. For the Ontario Government he did in his earlier years considerable township outline and township subdivision work in Northern Ontario. In 1902 he did some 120 miles of outlines in an exact 6 months which would appear to have been a record at that time.

In 1944 at the age of 87 he moved to Kitchener and in spite of his advanced years continued in practice more or less actively until 2 years before his death on December 13th, 1951.

A member of the United Church of Canada, Mr. Bowman always took an active part in church and Sunday school work. The interment was in West Montrose cemetery and those sons and daughters left to mourn his loss were: Edgar Peterson Bowman, O.L.S., Guelph, Howard Bowman, Ariss, Mrs. William Whitehead, Kitchener, Mrs. Wesley Howlett, Elora, Mrs. Modesto Jacobini, Hays, Kansas, U.S.A., Mrs. Joseph Soby, Beamsville, and Mrs. Sidney Wilfrid Black (husband an O.L.S.), Guelph.

His wife the former Charlotte Alice Peterson of Hawksville whom he married in 1882 died in 1941.

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