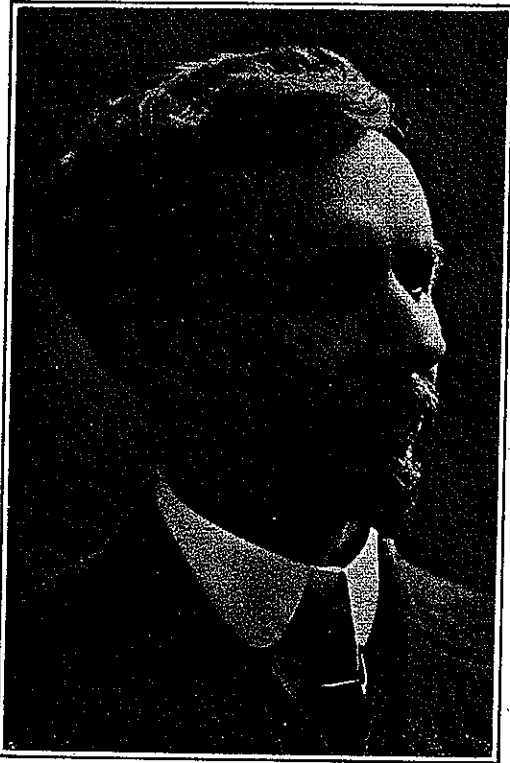


DAVID B. BROWN

David Benjamin Brown was the second son of David Rose Brown, O.L.S., of Cornwall, Ontario, where he was born on June 30th, 1862. His mother's maiden name was Sarah A. Jardine. She was born at Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.



He received his primary education at the Cornwall Common and High Schools, and later matriculated at the School of Practical Science, Toronto, from which he received his diploma in Engineering in 1888. He then became articled to his father and qualified as an Ontario Land Surveyor on April 6th, 1889. He also qualified as a Dominion Land Surveyor subsequently.

In 1889 he became a member of the Engineer Staff on the St. Lawrence Canal, at Cornwall, which was then being enlarged, a position he held for about two years.

In 1891 he went to Mexico and was engaged on Railway Engineering work in Mexico and Central America for many years. Two of the important works upon which he was employed were the Panama Canal, where he was one of the Superintendents of construction for three years, and on the Amazon Pacific Railway, Peru, as Assistant Chief Engineer. In 1913 work on this railway was suspended and he returned to his home at Kenil, N.J.

In 1915 he was employed in Nicaragua on a railway to connect an existing railway on the east coast, with Gonsica Bay on the Pacific. After this was completed, he made surveys for the proposed Atlantic Railway of Nicaragua. While acting as manager of the Pacific Railway he was seriously injured in a motor car accident, and brought to New York for treatment.

In 1920 he returned to Nicaragua as assistant to Chief Engineer of the Atlantic Railway. All of his work in Nicaragua was under the direction of the J. G. White Engineering Co. of London, England, and New York.

He died at Bluefields, Nicaragua, on February 21st, 1921, of malaria after three days' illness. His body was brought to Kenil, New Jersey, where burial took place on March 4th, 1921.

He was married on May 7, 1909, to Mary E. Stumpf, of Kenil, N.J.

One brother, John E. Brown, died in California, on February 21st, 1926.

Three sisters survive him: Mrs. R. G. Harvey, Picton, Ont.; Mrs. A. W. Mildren, of Oxford, Miss.; and Mrs. Lydia A. R. Young, of Picton, Ont., who furnished the information for this sketch, also the photograph.

A biographical sketch of his father, David R. Brown, O.L.S., will be found in the 1916 Report, of his uncle, John S. Brown, O.L.S., in the 1923 Report, and of his uncle, James West, P.L.S., in Report of 1925.
