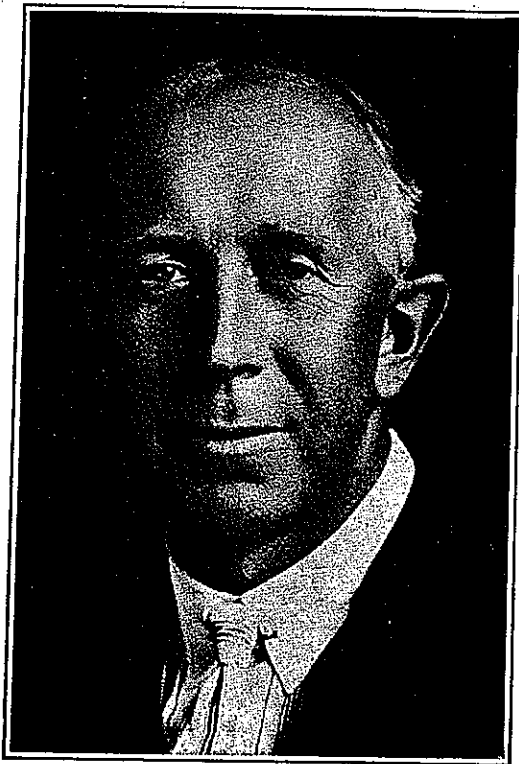


WILLIAM H. BROWNE

By H. L. Esten

In the Annual Report of 1917 appeared a short sketch of John Ownsworth Browne, who came to Canada in 1847, and qualified as a P.L.S. His two sons, Henry John and William Albert, qualified as Land Surveyors and for many years



practised in Toronto. William A. died in 1912, and Harry J. in 1924. Sketches of these two brothers appeared in 1913 and in 1925 Reports and sketch of Jno. O. Browne in 1917 Report.

William Herbert Browne (1843-1912) married Lillian Elizabeth Inman (1849-1920). They had four children, William Herbert, the subject of this sketch, who was born in Toronto on June 6th, 1884; Harry W. O., who died in 1918; Florence and Lillian, unmarried.

William Herbert served his apprenticeship with his father, and qualified as an Ontario Land Surveyor on April 18th, 1910. He joined the firm and after his

father's death carried on the business.

Edward Cavell served his apprenticeship with Mr. William H. Browne, and after qualifying in 1913 he joined the firm.

During the Great War, Mr. W. H. Browne was unable to go overseas, owing to a weak heart, but served his country by acting as inspector of munitions, a position which he filled so satisfactorily, that he was presented with an arm chair and a clock by the staff.

The surveying business of the Browne firm was practically a city practice, sub-division work in suburbs, resurveys, fixing boundaries, etc.

For some years, Wm. Herbert Browne lived at 62 Brunswick Ave., but about 1914 he and his two sisters removed to 66 Pricefield Road in North Toronto, where his death occurred on July 3rd, 1926, after an illness of many months. He was unable to take an active part in the business for about four years.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Bellevue Avenue.

Mr Browne was a member of Georgina Lodge, No. 343 A.F. and A.M., King Solomon's Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and Toronto Lodge of Perfection. His favorite recreation was sailing.

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