

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

JAMES HENRY BURD, O.L.S., A.L.S., B.A.Sc., (Toronto)

Born in King township, York County, Ontario, on September 7th, 1871. Our deceased member moved with his family in his very early years to Parry Sound Ontario. There in the public and high schools he received his earlier education and then attended the School of Practical Science (now Toronto University) taking a civil engineering course and graduated in 1904 with the degree of B.A.Sc. He was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on October 2nd, 1905. He had worked in 1904 and 1905 summer periods with the town engineer of Smith's Falls, Ontario. Upon receiving his O.L.S. Commission he joined the staff of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway at North Bay as the O.H.S. for the right of way surveys for the railway line then being built northwards from North Bay.

His later history has only been obtainable in brief and in that form is:

1906—Private practice in the Cobalt area and at Sudbury Ontario. 1907-1911—Private practice at Sudbury, during which time he did work for the Ontario Government which included: 1908—Base on Meridian lines in Algoma district; 1909—Portion of Mississagi Forest Reserve outlines; 1910—Survey of islands in Georgian Bay; 1911—Mining claim surveys at Sudbury and joined the McKenzie and Mann organization then building the Canadian Northern Railway; 1911-1936—In the employ of the Canadian Northern Railway which became a unit of the Canadian National Railways. He was retired therefrom on September 30th 1936, at the age of 65 and having served the C.N.R. continuously for 25 years. In connection with his C.N.R. right-of-way work he had been admitted to practice as an Alberta Land Surveyor and spent many years in Edmonton.

In December 1908 he married Ida Irwin of Sudbury, but her whereabouts, if alive, is not known. The same applies to a son, Francis Henry Burd, born June 28th, 1913. Nor is there knowledge of any other children or family connections.

Mr. Burd died September 9th, 1951. (The Committee is indebted to records branch of the C.N.R. for much of this information.)

Lt. Col. ANDREW WELLINGTON GRAY
O.L.S., B.Sc., P.Eng. (Ont.)

In the passing of Lt.-Col. Andrew Gray, V.D., B.Sc., O.L.S., P. Eng., at his Brockville home on the 18th February 1953, this Association lost one of its most prominent and colorful members. Our older members will not soon forget the forceful and eloquent manner in which he advanced his favorite ideas at our annual meetings. Neither will they forget his willingness and ability to entertain with song or story at the annual stag dinner.

Andrew Wellington Gray was the son of Andrew Gray and his wife, the former Elizabeth Waters. He was born at Morton, Leeds County, on April 9th, 1873, and received his early education at Bush School, Crosby, and at Athens High School and Brockville Collegiate Institute. Like so many professional men of his day, he began his career as a school teacher, receiving his first appointment at the early age of 16. He taught at Elgin Morton, Seeley's Bay and Bedford. Later he attended Queen's University, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, in 1912. For a short time after graduation he was with the then infant organization, the Ontario Department of Highways. In 1913 he