

BIOGRAPHIES

were unique. He had a most profound technical knowledge in all fields connected with the planning, growth and development of a community. As a speaker he could always immediately gain the attention of his audience by his initial witty approach or by his direct and forceful attack on his subject. His ability to review, analyze and recommend in regard to some technical matter, while on his feet and without the slightest preparation, was uncanny. He had a most direct and engaging frankness of approach, a keen and fertile sense of humor and complete fairness of mind. All of the foregoing are reasons why he enjoyed a most unusual loyalty among members of his staff.

EDWARD LeROY BURGESS

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Grad. S.P.S. (Toronto)

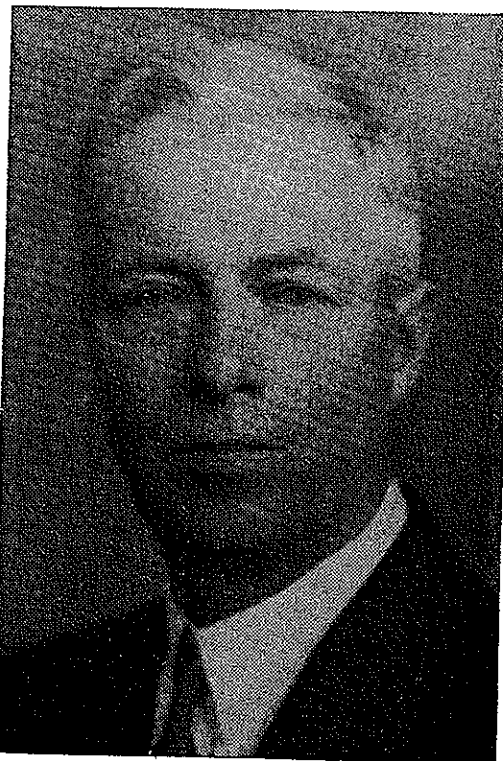
Born on a farm in the Township of North Norwich in South Oxford County near Burgessville, Ontario, on May 7th 1878. Mr. Burgess passed away after many weeks of hospitalization, on May 1st, 1955—almost on his 77th birthday. His parents were of pioneer stock, Richard Leonard and Ella Manson Burgess.

His early education was received in Burgessville Public School and Woodstock Collegiate Institute. Upon leaving the collegiate he taught in a country school until he entered the School of Practical Science at Toronto University from whence he graduated with the 1903 class in Civil Engineering.

Upon graduation from the School of Practical Science he entered the service of the Topographical Surveys (Branch of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, where he remained till 1912. Meanwhile he served Dominion Land Surveyors apprenticeship under Surveyor General Dr. E. G. D. Derville, D.T.S. and was in 1905 commissioned as a D.L.S. Subsequently on May 6th, 1907 he secured his O.L.S. degree.

In 1912 he moved to British Columbia and settled in Kamloops, and became commissioned as a B.C.L.S. in 1913. His practice there was extensive and as well as land surveying included highway and irrigation engineering.

The years 1928 - 1930, were spent in mining claim surveys on Dominion lands in Northern Saskatchewan as a D.L.S. and in Northern Manitoba as a M.L.S., which degree he had also received. In late 1930 he returned to Ontario, purchased the practice of O.L.S. William Galbraith at Bracebridge and made that place his home till his death.



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His practice there was extensive and of a general nature including engineering for the town of Bracebridge. For the Ontario Government he surveyed a road through Algonquin Park and re-surveyed much of that Park's outer boundaries. Bracebridge being in the beautiful Muskoka country the practice had much to do with summer cottage sites.

In the life of Bracebridge Mr. Burgess took an active part, was its Town Engineer for some years, active on the Library Board, in the United Church, in the Masonic fraternity, and in the Rotary Club. He also took great interest in hockey, curling and lawn bowling.

Left to mourn his death are his widow the former Gertrude Jacob, son Donald of Ottawa and daughter Ruth — Mrs. J. P. Hatfield of Montreal.

The funeral took place on May 5th last and the body interred in Bracebridge cemetery after a service in the United Church, that as an elder he had served for many years.

JOSEPH BENOIT DUGAS O.L.S., P.L.S. (Nova Scotia)

At the very early age of 39, and after one and a half years of ill health, due to a heart condition, Mr. Dugas died on August 2nd, 1954, and after Requiem High Mass, was buried on August 5th, in the Roman Catholic Cemetery in Sudbury, Ontario.

Left to mourn this great loss were; his widow, the former Irene Meilleur, whom he had married in 1947, and four very young children ranging in ages from one to five years. Paul was 5 years of age, Christine 4, Anna-Marie 2, and Karen 1 year. Truly this was a heavy burden for a young widow to be forced to assume. Additionally he was survived by two brothers — Gustave and Fred, and by two sisters — Mrs. Catherine Boudreau and Mrs. Lucille Robichaud — all four residing in his birthplace.

Mr. Dugas was born, September 13th, 1915, in Meteghan Centre in the Province of Nova Scotia, and there received his education that fitted him for the commission as a Provincial Land Surveyor for that Province, that he received on December 14th, 1943. Previous to obtaining this commission, however he had enlisted as a sergeant in the Royal Canadian Engineers and served overseas, his period of service extending from July 1942 to discharge in January 1946.

In May of 1947, he came to Sudbury, Ontario, married Miss Meilleur that same month and also, in that same

