

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

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



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month, entered into service with Lane and Lane, Ontario Land Surveyors, with whom he remained until May, 1949. Meanwhile he was, on April 25th, 1949, commissioned to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

In June of 1949, he entered the employment of the Geological Department of The International Company of Canada which employment was terminated by his untimely death five years later.

THOMAS RUSS DEACON

O.L.S., B.Sc. (Toronto)

From a lowly position as a clerk in a store at 11 years of age, later as clerk and foreman in a lumber camp, onward to be an engineer and surveyor, and finally to be an industrialist of no mean ability, Mr. Deacon lived an intensive and successful life.

He was born in the town of Perth, Ontario, January 3rd, 1865. His store clerkship lasted but one year and, learning of the great activity in the lumbering industry along the Ottawa River decided that there he should go. First as a camp clerk, then later as a foreman he thought of further education and so at the age of 20 he entered Pembroke High School. He proved an adept pupil and was advised to study for an engineer. So he sampled an engineer's field duties by working on a survey party in the Banff area for a season, liked the work and the life, and a decision was made. Therefore, he returned east and entered on an engineering course in the School of Practical Science (Toronto University). Graduating as a mining engineer, and having secured his Ontario Land Surveyors commission on November 12th, 1892, he located at Kenora (then Rat Portage). At that time gold mining was booming in that area, and there was plenty of surveying. For the next 10 years he spent a busy life surveying many many mining claims and tourist cottage sites and islands. Too he surveyed for the Ontario Government the Townships of Jaffray, Haycock and Halkirk, and generally was a busy surveyor in Kenora and Thunder Bay districts.

Then 10 years later (1902) he decided to move to Winnipeg, and there he made his home for the balance of his days. But he was not inactive for he saw an opportunity for a heavy industry for the fast growing west and was one of the principal incorporators of the very successful Manitoba Bridge and Engineering Works, later the Manitoba Bridge Company of which he was President. Later in 1930 this

