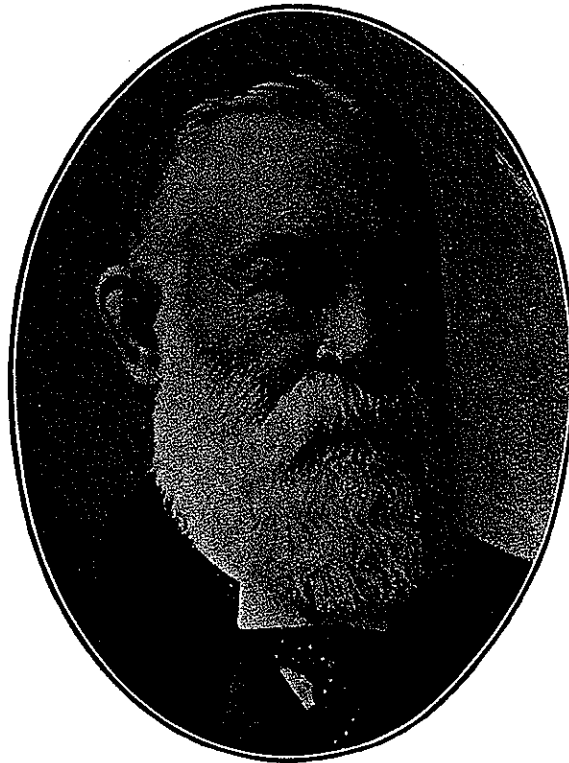


JOHN DUNLAP EVANS, O.L.S.

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Mr. Evans was born in Goderich, Ontario, in 1843. The eldest son of Mr. John Henry Walter Evans and his wife, Emma Susannah (Steward), who had come out from London, England, with their respective parents a few years previously. Two years later Mr. and Mrs. Evans, with their son, John Dunlop, moved to Toronto, and when old enough he attended the old Toronto Grammar School and later Upper Canada College in 1857-58-59. Upon graduating from the College, he studied Land Surveying under the late Mr. Charles Unwin and went to Belleville where he practised for several years and then entered into partnership with the late Mr. Thomas Bolger. After a number of years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Evans went to Trenton to live, 1882, having accepted the position as Chief Engineer of the Central Ontario Railway. He had complete charge of the buildings of the railway from Trenton to Picton. In 1883-84 it was extended North to Cae Hill. In 1886 he had charge of the extension of the railway from Cae Hill to Bancroft, and in 1895 from Ormsby Junction to Bancroft. Mr. Evans made all the plans of the Trenton Dam, being assisted by Mr. Henry Carre of Belleville. When the Central Ontario Railway was sold to the Canadian National Railway Mr. Evans was retained as Resident Engineer, and held that position until his retirement in 1925, when he returned to Toronto to live. He died on the 7th of November last in his 87th year.



Besides being an O.L.S., he was also a Civil Engineer and Architect. He had many hobbies, chief of which was entomology, and he was a past president of the Ontario Entomological Society. His collection of insects, numbering some sixty thousand specimens, are now in the Victoria Museum in Ottawa. He had the honour of having an insect named after him, as he discovered a tiny insect which had never been known before, and it was named "Evansi" after him. The mine in Copper Cliff, Ontario, was also named after him, he being General Manager of the mines at the time.

Mr. Evans kept a daily dairy from the time he was on his first survey (then a boy of 18) until shortly before his death.

A number of the Public Buildings in Belleville, as well as many residences, claim him as architect.

He was a godson and namesake of the late well-known Dr. Wm. Dunlop, better known as "Tiger" Dunlop.

Another of his hobbies was work with the microscope and he made many hundreds of slides (especially of different minerals) for the microscope.

He was a life member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, also of the Entomological Society of Ontario and the Ontario Land Surveyors, and also of the Masons.

He married the youngest daughter, Mary Ellen, of the late Dr. Walter Henry (Surgeon of the 66th Berkshire Regiment), who was stationed at Chatham, Kent, where several of his children were born. When Dr. and Mrs. Henry came out to Canada with their nine children and five servants, the journey took six weeks.

After being stationed in Halifax for several years where Dr. Henry's friendship with Judge Haliburton ("Sam Slick") began and continued until his death, the regiment was ordered to Quebec and shortly afterwards Dr. Henry was appointed Inspector General of hospitals for Upper and Lower Canada. While a young man, his regiment was stationed at St. Helena while Napoleon was in exile there, and a very interesting account of Napoleon's life is to be found in "Henry's Military Life" published by Dr. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans were married in 1869 and had six children, John Walter, Evan Henry, Alice Leah (Mrs. Henry Codd), Maud (Mrs. Milloner) and Miss Annie. Mr. Evans was an Anglican and a staunch Conservative. His grandfather was Land-Steward to Lord Oxford.