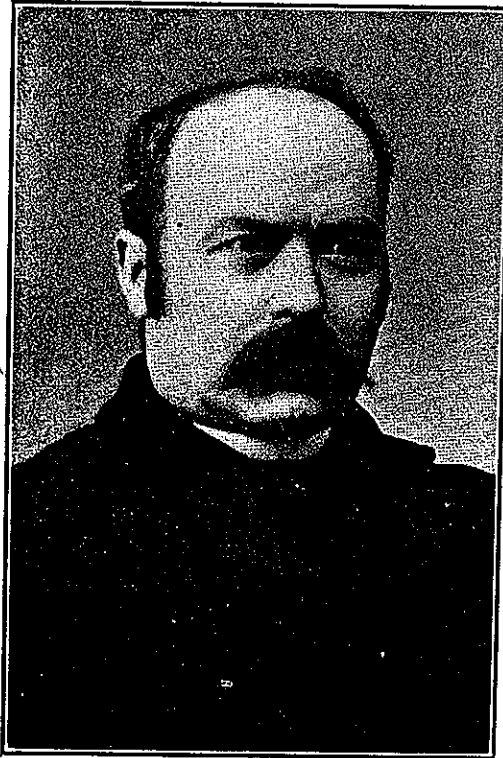


JAMES FORD GARDEN.



James Ford Garden was born at Woodstock, N.B., on February 19th, 1847. He was the son of H. M. G. and E. Jane (Gale) Garden, representatives of old United Empire Loyalist families.

When a boy he left home and went to Portland, Maine, where he was employed in an oil refinery for some time.

Leaving this job, he took up railroad work and served in various capacities on some of the Ontario roads. He was on service with the surveyors' corps during the Riel Rebellion in 1885, and was wounded at the battle of Batoche.

Mr. Garden served his apprenticeship to Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden and qualified

as a Provincial Land Surveyor on January 6th, 1877, at which time he resided at Woodville, Ont. He also served under Mr. Lumsden on railway location work in this Province, and for a short time practiced as a Provincial Land Surveyor. Mr. Garden made no surveys for the Provincial Government.

From 1880 to 1888 inclusive he was employed almost continuously on surveys for the Department of Interior. In 1880 he made subdivisions in Manitoba, and during the following four years was on outline work in Saskatchewan and Alberta. From 1885 to 1888 inclusive he was employed on subdivision surveys in the railway belt in British Columbia.

He came to British Columbia in the year 1886 to carry on governmental survey work in the neighborhood of Ashcroft and Lytton, and in the same year opened an office in Vancouver, B.C., to carry on a general surveying and engineering practice under the name of Garden & Hermon—this office was enlarged the next year (1887) and became the firm of Garden, Hermon and Burwell.

This was the first firm of surveyors and engineers established in Vancouver, and under this name carried on business up to the year 1902, when Mr. Garden resigned from the firm.

He was elected as an alderman to the City Council in the years 1890 and 1891, representing the chief business ward in the City. In the year 1898 he was elected Mayor of Vancouver and served a three-year term as such.

He was a Conservative in politics and was a member representing the City of Vancouver in the Provincial Legislature from the year 1900 until the year 1909. After a few years devoted almost exclusively to public matters, he again engaged in his profession, carrying on business under the name of Garden, Taylor, Roberts and Hawkins.

He was one of the original members of the Vancouver Club, also a member of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and took much interest in sport. In religion he was an Anglican.

He was a bachelor and a Mason. His death occurred on December 9th, 1914, from a hemorrhage, after having attended the theatre, when he appeared to be in good health.