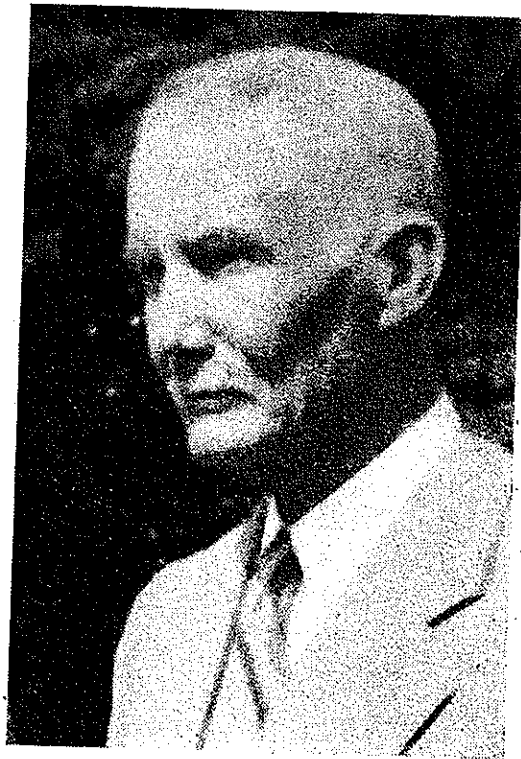


ABRAHAM J. B. HALFORD

Abraham Joseph Bartholomew Halford, O.L.S., was born at Maidstone, Ontario, on 18th August, 1861, being the youngest son of the late Abraham Halford. He received his early education at the College de l'Assumption in Sandwich, Ontario, and attended lectures at the old School of Practical Science in Toronto. After being articled to James S. Laird, P.L.S., of Essex, Mr. Halford received his Commission as a Provincial Land Surveyor on 10th April, 1885.



For some years thereafter he practised surveying in Essex, and later in Windsor, Ontario. In 1906, he joined the staff of the Public Works Department of Ontario, and was appointed Inspector of all Toll roads in Ontario, being the last official to hold that position. Six years later Mr. Halford was appointed Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, with Headquarters in Toronto, succeeding the late Richard P. Fairbairn, O.L.S. He held this position until 1934, when he retired, but continued to live in Toronto, where he died on 14th February, 1942, in his 81st year.

In 1889 Mr. Halford married Mary Sullivan, who predeceased him in 1937. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. T. P. McCarthy of Toronto, and Miss Kathleen Halford, a teacher in Orillia Collegiate Institute, and a son Dion of Toronto.

Mr. Halford was a member of St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church, Toronto, and his funeral service was held at Maidstone, Ontario, on 17th February, 1942, with Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church there.