



MAURICE HEWETT
(1917 - 1984)

Past President Maurice Hewett passed away suddenly in Owen Sound, on October 9, 1984.

Maurice was born in London, England on September 30, 1917. He immigrated to London, Ontario with his father Albert and Mother Elsie (nee Burgess), in 1921. Maurice received his formal education in London and during the depression years of the late 1930's, he worked in the lumber and construction camps of North Western Ontario. Eventually he became a guide in the Quetico Park area, east of Fort Francis.

On September 8, 1939, when World War II broke out, he enlisted as a gunner in the 12th Battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Maurice went overseas with the 7th Army Field Regiment of the R.C.A. and soon returned to Canada for Officers training. He received his Commission in January 1943 and returned to England to attend the British Artillery Survey School at Larkhill and the Military College of Science at Bury.

Maurice then served as a Survey Instructor at the Canadian School of Artillery in Seaford. He eventually joined the 2nd Survey Regiment of the Canadian Artillery which was in

action in Holland in December 1944. He commanded a Survey Section with that Regiment until the war ended. Maurice continued his military career in the Grey and Simcoe Foresters Regiment (Reserve) in Owen Sound until his retirement in 1955 as a Captain. He remained a member of the Officers Mess until his death.

After being discharged from the active army, he decided to pursue the survey profession as a civilian career and entered into apprenticeship articles with S.W. Archibald, Ontario Land Surveyor of London, in November 1945. Maurice received his commission as an O.L.S. in February 1948 and immediately established private practice in Owen Sound. In 1954 Maurice formed a partnership with Ivan Dinsmore, known as Hewett & Dinsmore. In 1955, Jack Milne was added as a third partner. The company was then called Hewett, Dinsmore and Milne. In 1961, Ivan Dinsmore left the partnership and the business has been known since as Hewett and Milne. Maurice retired in September, 1982. Both Ivan Dinsmore and Jack Milne had been articled students of Maurice's, as was Gordon Harwood in the late fifties.

In 1958, Maurice was elected to the Council of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, and became Vice President in 1960 and served as President in 1961. He was also a long time member of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping.

Association matters which had high priority with Maurice were:

- (a) The Education Committee
- (b) Use of Parliamentary Procedure (Sturgis) at all Association Meetings
- (c) The formation of the Georgian Bay Regional Group
- (d) The formation of A.C.S.T.T.O.

Maurice received a Citation from the Association in 1975 and a Fellowship Award in 1979 for outstanding service to the Association and to his profession. His proudest achievement professionally, however, was to have served his Association as President.

Maurice's many interests outside his profession were canoeing, fishing, music, Little Theatre and in later years, he became an avid gardener. He had also served as a member of

the Owen Sound Planning Board, the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Toronto, as a Judge of the Assessment Review Court and was a Boy Scout Leader.

In 1939, Maurice married the former Margaret Frances and they had a son Lieutenant Colonel Maurice Edward, Jr. (Ottawa) and a daughter Suzanne Margaret (Kilsyth). They both survive him. He also has four grandchildren who survive him.

In 1980, Maurice married the former Doris Campbell who predeceased him in February, 1983 to his great sorrow.

Aptly described by Jim Dearden at the presentation of his Fellowship Award, "...Maurice Hewett is indeed a man amongst men - a surveyor amongst surveyors and a fitting candidate for any honor which this Association can bestow..."

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