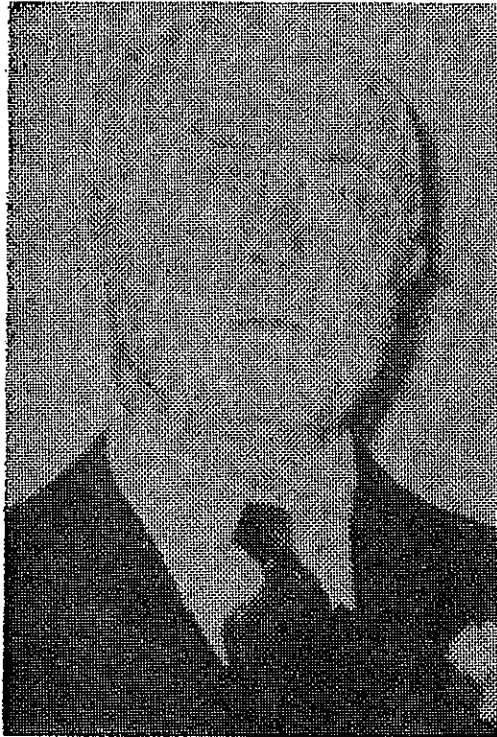


BIOGRAPHIES

**JOHN PARNELL HOWE**

O.L.S., D.L.S., B.Sc., McGill, P.Eng.

John Parnell Howe was born at Pembroke, Ontario, on February 15th, 1884 to Michael Howe of the Village of Birr in Tipperary, Ireland and Marie deLandrecie Howe of Jossim, Cedars, Quebec.



He received his early education at the Separate School and the High School in Pembroke and graduated from McGill University with his B.Sc. (Civil) in 1908.

After graduation from McGill, he worked on the preliminary location of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway followed by some years as Resident Engineer on construction of the National Trans-Continental Railway, west of Hearst. From 1910 to 1915 he was with the Engineering Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway working between Sudbury, Schreiber and White River.

The next five years, 1915 to 1919 he was engaged in D.L.S. work in the Peace River District and in Manitoba. During this time he served apprenticeship to Mr. L. Brenot, D.L.S. and obtained his Dominion Land Surveyor's certificate.

Mr. Howe was appointed Town Engineer of Pembroke in September 1919. He found time to study for his Ontario Land Surveyor's examina-

tions and was granted his commission on 3rd May, 1921. He did some land survey work in the town but carried on as Town Engineer until retirement in July 1957 after which he continued in a consultant capacity.

Professionally he stood high and enjoyed the esteem and affection of his contemporaries. He had an exceptional memory which was of great value to him in his work and gave him distinction as an authority on the history of Pembroke.

In 1914 he married Lilian Catherine Bourke of North Bay who predeceased him in 1944. Surviving his passing are a sister, Mrs. J. Bourke of North Bay; five sons, William J., Long Sault; David J., Kitchener; Gerald M., Ottawa; Myles A., Pembroke; J. Parnell, North Bay; and a daughter Catherine (Mrs. P. J. Walsh), Stratford.

Mr. Howe died at his home in Pembroke on March 8th, 1958 and his remains were interred in St. Columba Cemetery on March 11th.