

LOUIS A. KINNEAR

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Louis Arthur Kinnear, the eldest son of Louis Kinnear, M.A., Barrister, Port Colborne, and Elizabeth Eleanor Thomson, was born of Scottish descent in Cayuga, Ontario, on the 19th day of May, 1889. Ten years later the family moved to Port Colborne, where Arthur received his Public School education. In 1904 he entered Welland High School, matriculating in 1907 and taking Honor Matriculation work in 1908. He entered the School of Mines, Queen's University, in the fall of that year and, after an excellent course, graduated with the degree of B.Sc. in Mining Engineering in 1912, with the

distinction of a Douglas Tutorship in his final year.

During the summers of 1908 and 1909 he was assistant chemist with the Canadian Portland Cement Company (now the Canada Cement Company, Limited) at Port Colborne, Ontario. In the summer of 1910 he was with the resident engineer on construction, Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company, St. Catharines, Ontario. After graduation he was articled for a year to George Ross, C.E., O.L.S., D.L.S., Welland, Ontario, qualifying as an Ontario Land Surveyor on May 2nd, 1913. He opened an office in Welland in that year, but later transferred it to Port Colborne, which he maintained until 1918, during which period he did valuable municipal, township and county work.

In 1914 he was admitted as a Dominion Land Surveyor, and in 1915 was appointed as assistant to J. E. Jackson, D.L.S., on a survey party in Saskatchewan. In 1916 and 1917 he was assistant with the same survey party in northern Manitoba.

In 1918 he accepted a position with the Hydro Electric Power Commission at Nipigon, where he was promoted to the position of first field man on the 1st of May, 1919.

On May 12th, 1919, in his 30th year, he met his death by drowning when the canoe from which he and his party were taking soundings was overturned by an eddy in the treacherous currents of the Nipigon River. Through the efforts and kindly assistance of the Hydro Electric Power Commission, as directed by Mr. Norman Stanley, B.Sc., in charge of the Nipigon Development, his remains were recovered on June 6th, and interment took place on the 8th of June at the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery, Port Colborne.

Besides his parents, he left to mourn his loss, two sisters, Jennie A. Kinnear, B.A. (Queen's, '13), now Mathematical Teacher on the Dunnville High School staff, and Helen Kinnear, B.A. (Toronto, '17), Barrister, who is now practising law in partnership with her father under the name of Kinnear & Kinnear at Port Colborne, Ontario, and one brother, Robert A. Kinnear, who is employed on the office staff of the Government Elevator at Port Colborne.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, under whose auspices a very largely attended memorial service was held on the 20th day of May, 1919, in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Colborne.

In the death of Mr. Kinnear, engineering circles have lost a promising member and Canada an excellent citizen.