

THOMAS KIRK

(A special tribute of appreciation to his worthy memory.)

Was born in East Dunham, in the County of Missisquoi in the Province of Quebec on the 2nd of March, 1856. He was a son of Terence Kirk and his wife Rose Murphy.

He commenced his career at an early age, as a school teacher, and was employed on land surveys during the summer months.

In 1877 he entered into apprenticeship to study land surveying with Mr. Felix Farnan, P.L.S., of Sweetsburg, Missisquoi, Que., and was admitted as a land surveyor for the Province of Quebec on July 16th, 1887.

He practised his profession in those prosperous Eastern Townships of the Province of Quebec. And he also made surveys in Northern Quebec and Ontario at Cobalt and up the Gatineau, such as:

Verification Inspection of the:

Village of Chapleau,
Co. Wright.

Township of Low,
Co. Wright.

Township of Hicks,
Co. Wright.

Township of Egan, Co. Wright.

Township of Northfield, Co. Wright.

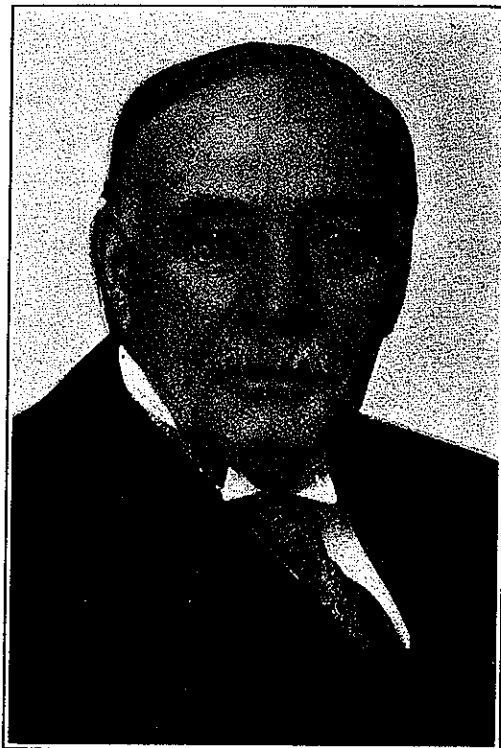
Township of Wright, Co. Wright.

Township of Bouchette, Co. Wright.

Township of Marchand, Co. Wright.

Survey of Rock Island.

For his first wife he married Miss Ida Farnan, daughter of Felix Farnan and his wife Sarah Brown, who died 23rd March, 1926. And on the 25th July, 1928, he married Miss Marion Lynch, daughter of Walter Lynch and his wife Char-



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lotte M. Tarbell, of the Eastern townships, and St. John, Que. And she survives him.

The brother and sister of Thomas are John Kirk, farmer; Mrs. Elizabeth Closs, farmer's wife.

Thomas died at Montreal on the 8th April, 1936. He was an Anglican, and a member of Trinity Memorial Church. He was buried at Sweetsburg, where a tombstone marks his grave. We are reliably informed that the "Lines of Thomas fell in very pleasant places".

When we told Mrs. Kirk the object of the desired data about him, she wrote:

"I wish to thank you for your letter to the Quebec Land Surveyors, and for your very kind message to myself. Am deeply touched by the wonderful tribute the Ontario Land Surveyors are paying to the memory of my dear husband. I know how much it would mean to him.

"Mr. Kirk always looked forward to your meetings with so much pleasure. He had a personal affection and a very kind regard for each member of your Association.

"Will you please convey to your Association of Ontario Land Surveyors my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation of the honor they are conferring on Mr. Kirk.

"With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

MARION L. KIRK,

(Mrs. Thomas Kirk)."

February 10, 1937.

418 Claremount Ave., Westmount, Que.

His nephew, Mr. Ed. W. Kirk, Quebec Land Surveyor, of Montreal, attended our last Annual Meeting.