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years, suffering from arthritic and heart ailments he passed along and was interred in Oakland cemetery at Brockville on February 21st, honored by a funeral attendance unusually large and representative.

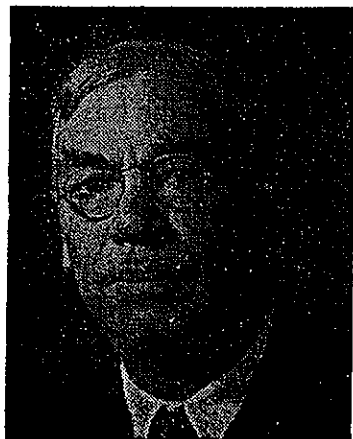
It may be difficult for one who did not know him to understand how one man could be so active and prominent in so many lines of endeavour. For those however who did know him and felt the force of his personality it is easy to understand. For all of us there is a feeling of regret at the loss of another of our diminishing number of natural born leaders.

MAJOR JOHN LEIPER LANG

O.L.S., D.L.S., B.A.Sc., M.E.I.C., P.Eng. (Ontario)

While in Toronto, attending a meeting of Council of The Professional Engineers of Ontario, Major Lang took suddenly ill and died in Toronto Western Hospital three days later on April 28th, 1952. His body was interred at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, where he had made his home since 1908.

He was born in Hyde, England, in 1884; at the childhood age of 4 years came, with his parents, to Toronto where he lived till 1907. After graduating from Parkdale Collegiate Institute he entered on an honor mathematics course in Toronto University in 1902 and in 1903, switched to civil engineering course at the School of Practical Science (Toronto Univ.) In 1907 he graduated with the degree of B.A.Sc. He served his O.L.S. apprenticeship with Messrs Demorest, Stull, and Low of Sudbury and was commissioned as an O.L.S. on May 2nd, 1908, and thereupon established a practice in Sault Ste. Marie. A college chum—Kenneth George Ross now joined him as an O.L.S. apprentice and was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor, May 15th, 1909. Thereupon was formed the partnership of Lang & Ross, Engineers and Surveyors, a partnership only dissolved by Major Lang's demise.



Major Lang later became a D.L.S. and upon its formation, a charter member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (Civil Engineering Branch). He was elected a councillor in the Branch in 1944 and continually served as such till his death with the additional honors of Vice-President of the Association in 1944 and President in 1945.

The Lang and Ross partnership practice developed very extensively both in Surveying and in Engineering, the latter particularly applied to Hydro electric dams, power plants, and power transmission lines, design and construction. For the Ontario Government the partnership surveyed many township outlines as well as base meridian lines in Sudbury and Algoma Districts.

During the 1st World War he saw extensive service in France as a Major in the 242nd Battalion C.E.F., and upon return from active service, became Hon. Lt. Col. of the Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury Regiment. During the Second World War he organized and managed a very successful blood clinic supplying blood plasma for wounded servicemen.

Aside from his profession duties, he was active in work of any nature that

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benefitted his adopted city or was in any way for the good of Canada. In business life he was a director of Algoma Steel Corporation, Great Lakes Power Co., Canada Steamship Lines, and Algoma Ore Properties Ltd. In social life a member of Sault Ste. Marie Country Club, University Clubs of Toronto and of Montreal, and of the Engineers Club of Toronto. In religion he was a staunch supporter of the Roman Catholic faith.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow the former Kathleen McAlister, three sons, Major James Lang, Kingston, H. M. Lang, Toronto, and P. J. Lang, Antikokan; two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Scott, Toronto and Mrs. H. M. Martin, Montreal.

CAPTAIN JOHN LANNING, O.L.S., B.A.Sc., Prof. Eng. (Ont.)

Surveyor, Engineer, Sailor and Airman; Mr. Lanning contributed greatly to the Empire's welfare and to the opening up of Canada's Natural Resources. His experiences were widespread and varied.

Born in Exploits, Newfoundland, February 11th, 1884. He received his childhood schooling there, his intermediate and advanced education at the College of Preceptors in London England. He then taught school for some time in Newfoundland and then entered on an Engineering course at Toronto University, graduating therefrom in 1911 with the degree of B.A.Sc. Then followed a period of service with the Canadian Geological Survey, including four field seasons in British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon. He also was employed by the Mond Nickle Company at Sudbury and by the Hudson Bay Mining Company at Cobalt.

Upon the outbreak of World War I he enlisted in and served with the R.N.V.R., from 1915 to 1917 with the rank of Lieutenant. Then he transferred to the R.A.F. and served till 1919—his rank being Captain. Succeeding this service he was in charge of a Geographical and Topographical survey in Greece for the British and Greek Governments, seeking oil. Before the close of 1939 he returned to Canada became an O.L.S. and established his practice at Cochrane.

The practice, maintained here until his death, was broken for a period when in World War II he served in the R.C.A.F. with the rank of Flight Lieut.

The practice was a general one in Northern Ontario including surveys of mining claims, farms, subdivisions and timber limits, work for the Ontario Government and Municipal Engineering.

In Cochrane he served on Public and High School Boards, the Hospital Board, Utilities Commission and the local branch of the Canadian Legion of which he was president for 5 years.

In May 1952 he came to Toronto for hospital treatment and died on June 1st at the home of his daughter (Molly) in Mount Dennis. His wife having predeceased him there remained to mourn his passing two sons, John Maitland and Eric Keith, and one daughter (Molly) Mrs. K. Morton of Mount Dennis.

Mr. Lanning served his apprenticeship with Gordon F. Summers O.L.S. and was commissioned to practice April 8th, 1920.

Surveys performed for the Ontario Government Department of Lands and

Forests:

Hearst Townsite.....	part of in 1921
Island Falls Townsite.....	in 1924
Gogama Townsite.....	in 1947
Cogama Townsite Extension.....	in 1949
Alexandra Townsite.....	in 1946
Traverse of Abitibi River.....	in 1930