

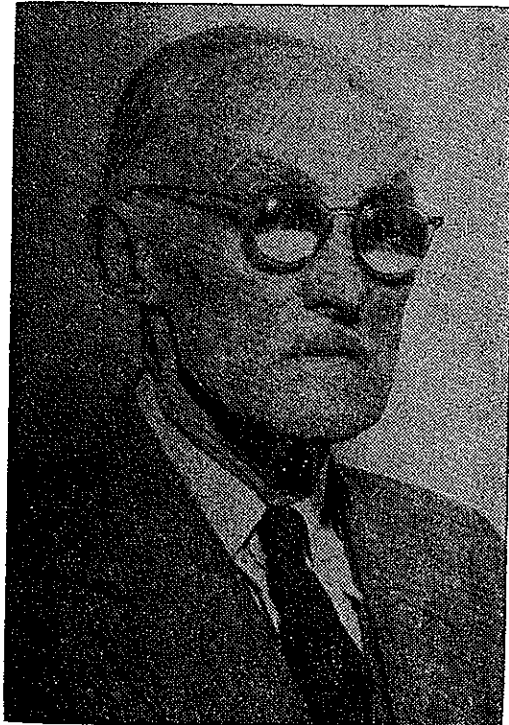
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

The Report of the Committee on Biography contains sketches of the following deceased members of the Association: E. L. Burgess, T. R. Deacon, J. B. Dugas, W. J. Fletcher, W. S. Gibson, R. S. Kirkup, O. Rolfson, T. D. leMay, G. F. Summers.

TRACY DEAVIN leMAY

O.L.S., Member of Prof. Engineers (Ont.)

As a ship which has lost its helmsman is still a ship so, in the passing of our "Tracy," other hands will carry on but our Association will for a time miss the guidance that he for so many years gave its welfare. It was his hand that through the years of succeeding Presidents and changing Councils kept our Association forward looking and forward achieving in service and in ethics. In him England gave us of her best.



President Ure's most able and feel-the resumé of Mr. leMay's service to our Association should be read jointly with this biographical report as should also the resolution passed in open convention last February. Little is left to be added.

Upon his coming to Canada he decided to locate in Toronto and was for a time, before joining the City of Toronto staff, with Ontario Land Surveyors Speight and Van Nostrand.

He was commissioned as an O.L.S. on May 11th 1909.

In addition to his degree of O.L.S. he was a member of: The Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, The Association of The American Institute of Planning, The Town Planning Institute of Canada, The Institute of Traffic Engineers. Also he was a member of and past President of The Engineers Club of Toronto.

The man had an enormous capacity for work and, in connection with the re-zoning of Toronto when Metropolitan Toronto was being set up, had to address scores of public meetings to explain to the citizens what the re-zoning actually meant.

The mourning family consists of his widow, the former Florence M. F. Paget-Payne; daughters Florence (Mrs. Harold Cooper), Phyllis (Mrs. John Alderson), Patricia (Mrs. Martin McNaughton), and sons Roderick and James — all 5 children living in Toronto. His body rests in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto.

A sister Association — The Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry — in its publication "The Canadian Surveyor" paid Mr. Tracy justly earned credit when it said (in part):

As an administrator and head of his department, Mr. leMay's qualifications

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were unique. He had a most profound technical knowledge in all fields connected with the planning, growth and development of a community. As a speaker he could always immediately gain the attention of his audience by his initial witty approach or by his direct and forceful attack on his subject. His ability to review, analyze and recommend in regard to some technical matter, while on his feet and without the slightest preparation, was uncanny. He had a most direct and engaging frankness of approach, a keen and fertile sense of humor and complete fairness of mind. All of the foregoing are reasons why he enjoyed a most unusual loyalty among members of his staff.

EDWARD LeROY BURGESS

O.L.S., D.L.S., B.C.L.S., M.L.S., Prof. Eng. (Ont.)

Grad. S.P.S. (Toronto)

Born on a farm in the Township of North Norwich in South Oxford County near Burgessville, Ontario, on May 7th 1878. Mr. Burgess passed away after many weeks of hospitalization, on May 1st, 1955—almost on his 77th birthday. His parents were of pioneer stock, Richard Leonard and Ella Manson Burgess.

His early education was received in Burgessville Public School and Woodstock Collegiate Institute. Upon leaving the collegiate he taught in a country school until he entered the School of Practical Science at Toronto University from whence he graduated with the 1903 class in Civil Engineering.

Upon graduation from the School of Practical Science he entered the service of the Topographical Surveys Branch of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, where he remained till 1912. Meanwhile he served Dominion Land Surveyors apprenticeship under Surveyor General Dr. E. G. D. Derville, D.T.S. and was in 1905 commissioned as a D.L.S. Subsequently on May 6th, 1907 he secured his O.L.S. degree.

In 1912 he moved to British Columbia and settled in Kamloops, and became commissioned as a B.C.L.S. in 1913. His practice there was extensive and as well as land surveying included highway and irrigation engineering.

The years 1928 - 1930, were spent in mining claim surveys on Dominion lands in Northern Saskatchewan as a D.L.S. and in Northern Manitoba as a M.L.S., which degree he had also received. In late 1930 he returned to Ontario, purchased the practice of O.L.S. William Galbraith at Bracebridge and made that place his home till his death.

