

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

EDWARD HAMILTON LOW, O.L.S., Grad. R.M.C.

Known to his family, his friends, and to all who really knew him, the genial Low was known as "Ham" and we of the Ontario Land Surveyors will always remember him under that respected abbreviation.

He was born in Nanticoke, Ontario, on October 16th, 1879, the son of Edward John and Dorothea Low. In the public and high schools of Port Dover,



on the shore of Lake Erie, he received his primary education that fitted him for the very restrictive entrance to the Royal Military College at Kingston, from whence he graduated in 1900.

From then on his history is a romance of experience and advancement, a brief summary being:-

1900-1902—General survey work with Messrs. DeMorest & Silvester, Ontario Land Surveyors with whom he served his O.L.S. apprenticeship and was commissioned on February 17th, 1902 as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

1902-1905—British Government Geodetic Survey in Federated Malay States.

1905-1914—In general practice at Sudbury in the firm of DeMorest, Stull, and Low.

1914-1916—In general practice at Sudbury in the firm of Low and Lane.

1916-1919—With Imperial Munitions Board as inspector of shell components.

1918-1921—General practice at Sudbury.

1921—Joined the Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Company as engineer in charge of water power examinations, general engineering, and land surveying.

The above company became amalgamated with a number of other companies and became the Great Ontario and Minnesota Power and Paper Company with mills at Fort Frances and Kenora. With this expansion came greater promotion and responsibility for Ham which he filled with great satisfaction to the company—was indeed rated indispensable. However, death very suddenly claimed him on New Years morning, 1954. His passing was a matter of great loss to his family, his company, and the community of Kenora where he latterly made his home and was so well known and so popular.

His surviving widow, whom he married in 1907, was the former Helen M. Hatch of Sudbury and his three surviving children are Jean, Kenneth, and Albert.

Ham was essentially an outdoor man and a nature lover to a marked degree, was an ardent golfer, and in religion an Anglican. His funeral was held on January 4th, and he was laid to rest in the Kenora cemetery which overlooks the beautiful Lake of The Woods.

BIOGRAPHIES

ROYAL HARP MONTGOMERY
O.L.S., D.L.S., S.L.S., A.L.S., D.T.S., B.A.Sc.

In the Ontario city of Brantford on May 20th, 1882, this subject was born and in the public and high schools there received the grounding that fitted him for higher education and much advancement in very many phases of survey work that stretched clear across Canada.

At the age of 18 he entered Toronto University in an engineering course and graduated therefrom in 1903. Further prosecution in his past graduate studies resulted in the degree of B.A.Sc. (Toronto) in civil engineering in 1905. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor on May 6th, 1905, whereupon he proceeded to further surveying commissions as Dominion Land Surveyor in 1905, as later Saskatchewan Land Surveyor, still later in 1919 as Alberta Land Surveyor, and finally as Dominion Topographical Surveyor in 1920.

His work as an O.L.S. was not so extensive as was the case under his other degrees. After graduation from Toronto University he did considerable work for the Dominion Government's Topographical Surveys Branch of the Department of Interior, and about 1910 he located in private practice in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan from whence he performed many township surveys in addition to his considerable private practice. As a side line he was a wheat farmer on quite a large scale.

In 1922 he joined the Geodetic Survey of Canada and remained with it to the date of his death on October 7th, 1947. This death was a tragic accident between his automobile and a C.P.R. train near Whitewood, Sask., while he was returning from re-establishing some bench marks he had set some 20 years previously.

In 1923 he was appointed chief of the Levelling Division of the Geodetic Survey and in that capacity was responsible for all field operations of that division and its reports of altitudes in Canada at large. His death occurred while occupying this position—two years before his superannuation.

As a mathematician his ability was outstanding and thus for some years he was on the Board of Examiners of the S.L. Surveyors and also of the D.L. Surveyors. A report of his death may be found in the October, 1947, issue of *The Canadian Surveyor*.

Of a kindly and distinctly humorous disposition he had many friends, was high in Masonic Circles, a lover of flowers and a keen bridge player.

Left to mourn his most untimely passing were his wife, Gertrude—who soon followed him, sons R. Campbell of Ottawa and Dr. Donald C. of New York, and daughter, Mrs. Vincent Smith, of Victoria, B.C. Additionally also were two brothers, Dr. Andrew H. of New York City and W. H. of Wapella, Sask.

MURDOCH J. McLENNAN, O.L.S., B.Sc. (McGill), D.L.S.

From the highlands of Scotland there were many who in the late 1870's migrated to Canada and settled in an area of Ontario that was named after and reminiscent of their old homestead—Glengarry County. Amongst these came the forebears and as were the grandfathers and the father of the above subject so was he and his brothers—all massive men.

Murdoch was born in Williamstown in 1867 and there received his public