

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

JOHN JAMES MacKAY, O.L.S., P.ENG.

J. J. MacKAY, or Jim, as he was familiarly known, was born at Zorra, near Woodstock, in 1876.

Following completion of his High School education at Woodstock Collegiate Institute, he served his apprenticeship with William M. Davis, O.L.S., at Woodstock, and received his certificate in February, 1899. He continued to practise in Woodstock and moved to Hamilton in 1902 and formed a partnership with the late J. W. Tyrrell, O.L.S. This partnership was dissolved in 1912, and later with his brother the, late Col. E. G. MacKAY, he formed the partnership of MacKAY and MacKAY at Hamilton.

Mr. MacKAY was appointed Chairman of the Hamilton Suburban Roads Commission in 1913, and was also engineer for the Commission for several years. He was associated with Messrs. Ford, Paulin and McGhee as contractors for the construction of roads, pavements and bridges. While his brother, Col. E. G. MacKAY was overseas during the First World War, Mr. MacKAY managed both the contracting company and the surveying firm. John E. Jackson, O.L.S., was associated with the firm of MacKAY and MacKAY from 1920 to 1924.

Mr. MacKAY was engineer on the first concrete pavement laid in Ontario, being part of the Toronto-Hamilton Highway between Oakville and Hamilton.

Mr. MacKAY took an active interest in the Association, having been a member of Council, Vice-President, and President in 1917. He attended the Annual Meetings regularly, and prepared papers on "Good Roads" and "Town Planning". Following a slight stroke he with difficulty attended the Veterans' Luncheons.

He married Miss Birge of Hamilton, who predeceased him. One daughter, living in New York, survived him.

Mr. MacKAY died at Bronte on July 28th, 1959, and was buried at Hamilton.