

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY
DUNCAN MACPHERSON

By A. P. Walker

A Member of the first class of graduates of the Royal Military College, and for four years assistant to the chief of the Canadian Internment camps during the First Great War, Lieut.-Colonel Duncan Macpherson, M.I.C.E., M.E.I.C., O.L.S., passed away at his home, 256 Heath Street East, Toronto, on 2nd January, 1940, in his 82nd year.

Of U.E.L. stock, he was born on a farm near Bath, Ontario, on 2nd February, 1858. He was educated at Napanee High School, and the Royal Military College, Kingston, where he was awarded the Silver Medal for proficiency, and graduated in 1880.

Immediately on graduation he was employed by the old Canada Central Railway Company, and on that railway being taken over by The Canadian Pacific Railway Company in 1881, continued with that company as Assistant Engineer of Construction. In 1882, he was appointed Resident Engineer of the Eastern Division at Montreal, and in 1884, Division Engineer, which position he held for over 20 years until 15th July, 1905, when he resigned to accept the position of Assistant Chief Engineer of The National Transcontinental Railway, then being surveyed and constructed under the late Hugh D. Lumsden, O.L.S., with Headquarters in Ottawa.

In 1916, he offered his services to the Government, and was appointed Second in Command of the 21 Camps of Enemy Aliens in Canada. He held this position until the close of the First Great War in 1920, when he retired from both civil and military life.

Lieut.-Colonel Macpherson qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor for Ontario on 9th January, 1884, and as a Member of the Engineering Institute of Canada in 1887.



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He is survived by his widow, Rose Macpherson, and a daughter, Marjory. A son, Major Huntly W. Macpherson was killed in action during the First Great War.

JOHN HERBERT JACKSON

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The subject of our sketch was born at Windsor, Ontario, on 30th January, 1878, the only son of Josiah Jackson and his wife Emma Newey. He attended Public School and Collegiate Institute at Windsor, and prior to going to the School of Practical Science at Toronto, served his apprenticeship with William Newman, O.L.S., of Windsor, and received his diploma as an Ontario Land Surveyor on 16th February, 1901.



In the same year he became associated with the late Brigadier-General Charles H. Mitchell, C.B., M.E.I.C., in a general Engineering and Surveying practice at Niagara Falls, Ontario, and when General Mitchell became Engineer of the Ontario Power Company, Mr. Jackson continued the general practice alone. He was at this time also City Engineer of Niagara Falls.

In 1908, Mr. Jackson was appointed Superintendent of the Queen Victoria Park System, and under his direction an extensive scheme of road building and improvements was undertaken and completed, including roadways the whole length of the Niagara River, the marking of historic spots, and the general beautification of the vicinity of the Falls.

In 1924, the name of the Commission was changed to "Niagara Parks Commission", and Mr. Jackson appointed