

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

Mr. McCaw was in the field early last Summer, when he was taken ill and had to return to Victoria and was given sick leave. His passing was a great shock to all his friends, as it was thought that he was recovering.

He is survived, besides his wife, by two brothers, John, in Ontario, and L. Douglas McCaw, who is in Welland, carrying on the business established by his grandfather in the middle of the last century.

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**ROBERT McDOWALL**

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**By his son, James R. McDowall**

Robert McDowall, C.E., was born on June 8th, 1864, was educated at Chatsworth Public School and Owen Sound Collegiate Institute and entered the School of Practical Science, Toronto, as a student in Civil Engineering in 1885, having previously taught in a Public School from 1883 to 1885. He graduated in April, 1888, and for a year was employed as an engineer by the contractor for the construction of piers and abutments of the bridges for the Canadian Pacific Railway entrance to Toronto down the Don River Valley. In 1889 he entered upon private practice as a Civil Engineer in Owen Sound, putting in time under A. L. McCullough, Provincial Land Surveyor, for one year and receiving his commission as a Provincial Land Surveyor on November 11th, 1890.

During the period from 1890 to 1938 Mr. McDowall acted as Engineer for Owen Sound, Collingwood, Meaford, Wiarton, Chesley, the Counties of Grey and Bruce and many villages and townships. His engineering work included sewers, water-works, bridges, pavements, grading, harbour work, dams, tunnels and many minor works. Surveying activities embraced railways, subdivisions in cities, towns and water fronts, mining claims in Rainy River and many other assignments.

Mr. McDowall received his professional degree of C.E. from the University of Toronto in 1901. He was enrolled as a student member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers (now the Engineering Institute of Canada) one month after its inception in 1887, becoming an associate member in 1892. Later he was made a Life Member.

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In 1904 he married Mary Agnes Riddell of Owen Sound.  
On his retirement in October, 1941, they came to live in  
Toronto at 22 Tichester Road.

On March 29th, 1942, Mr. McDowall died in Toronto after  
a brief illness. He is survived by his widow and one son,  
James Riddell McDowall. He was buried in Greenwood  
Cemetery, Owen Sound.

## LOUIS VALENTINE RORKE

By N. A. Burwash

Louis Valentine Rorke was born on the ninth day of  
February, 1865, at Heathcote, in the Township of Colling-  
wood, County of Grey. His parents were Thomas Jacob  
Rorke born in Picton, Ontario, and Sarah Valentine Richard-  
son, born in Pickering, On-  
tario. Both his grand-  
fathers were born in Ire-  
land; on his father's side in  
Waterford and on his  
mother's side, in Belfast.

He was educated at the  
local public school, at Pick-  
ering College and Colling-  
wood Collegiate. He was af-  
terwards apprenticed to a  
druggist in Toronto, but did  
not find this business con-  
genial.

He then wrote the pre-  
liminary examination for  
Provincial Land Surveyors  
and was articled to the  
firm of Elihu Stewart and  
J. F. Whitson, P. L. Survey-  
ors, of Collingwood. While  
serving his apprenticeship  
he worked with Mr. Stewart

on the survey of the Township of Edgar (now Algonquin  
Park) in 1887; on the Township of Bronson in 1888, and on  
an inspection and survey of the lands outside the Townplot  
of Rat Portage in the Villages of Norman, Keewatin and ad-  
jacent territory.

