

On the 8th of June, 1898, Mr. Whitson married Miss Annie M. McAlpine, daughter of the Rev. John McAlpine. Mrs. Whitson, one son and daughter survive him, as do also two brothers and three sisters.

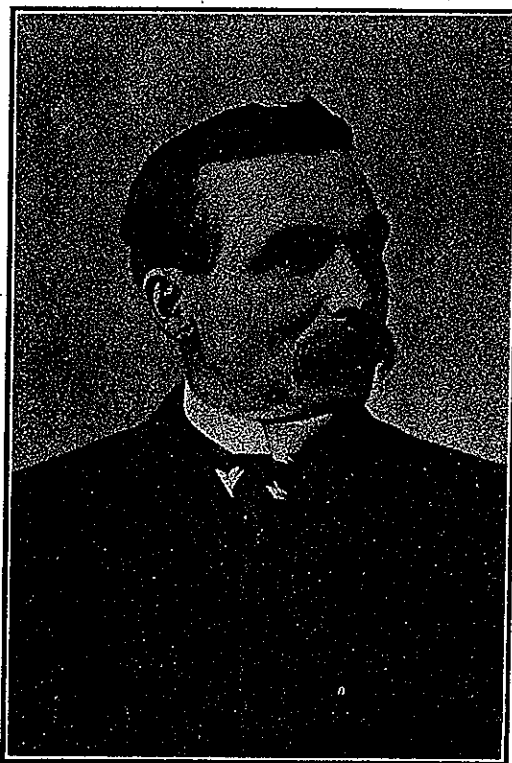
He held the position of President of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, 1911-1912, and was at one time President of the Association of Old Boys for Grey County, and was for a time an officer in the corps of Guides, Canadian Militia.

It was in the midst of his multifarious duties as Commissioner of the Northern Development Branch at his headquarters in Sudbury, that the call came, and he passed away suddenly on June 12th, 1920.

#### OWEN MCKAY.

In 1840 Owen McKay, Sr., emigrated to Canada from Ireland, and settled on a farm five miles from Forester's Falls, in the County of Renfrew, in the District now known as Grant's Ridge, where he continued to live until his death. He was married in Dundalk, County of Louth, Ireland, in 1837, to Ann Dolighan. They had five sons and one daughter, as follows: — Patrick, born Jan. 24th, 1838, died March 5th, 1853; James, born Dec. 31st, 1840, died Feb. 7th, 1915; John, born May 24th, 1842, died Feb. 27th, 1918; Thomas, born Feb. 5th, 1844, now living at Beamsville, Ont.; Owen, born March 5th, 1847, died Dec. 8th, 1920; Margaret, born Aug. 26th, 1850, now living, married Wm. Black, of Forester's Falls, in April, 1871.

Owen McKay, Jr., was educated at the public schools, but



he was eight years of age before a school house was built or a teacher employed. Notwithstanding this handicap he passed the examinations for teacher's certificate when fifteen years of age, and for several years taught public schools in the Township of Ross and at Forester's Falls. In 1870-71 he attended the Normal School at Toronto, where he successfully passed the examinations for a First Class Certificate, Grade B, and continued his vocation as school teacher for about twelve years thereafter.

He then studied Engineering at the S. P. S., Toronto, graduating in May, 1885, after which he became articled to Speight and vanNostrand and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on January 7th, 1887. He then became associated with Mr. Joseph De Gurse in general practice at Walkerville, and remained with him until the death of the latter in 1898.

In February, 1890, he qualified as a Dominion Land Surveyor.

Upon the death of Mr. De Gurse he was appointed Chief Engineer of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, also of the Pere Marquette Railway when the former was absorbed. He was Chief Engineer of the Essex Terminal Railway and Municipal Engineer for Walkerville for many years. In addition he was Engineer for several Townships and for the new Town of Ford.

He was elected member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers on April 23rd, 1903, and was for some years a member of the Board of Examiners of this Association.

He died at Guelph on December 7th, 1920, after an illness of about six months. He was unmarried.