JAMES ALEXANDER Mc MILLAN, O.L.S., D.L.S.

James Alexander McMillan, Dominion Land Surveyor, was born at Hyde Park, Ontario, April 20th, 1855. He was the sixth son of William McMillan, P.L.S., and his wife, Anne MacKenzie, and a grandson of Major Duncan MacKenzie, who served throughout the Peninsula War, and on the reduction of the army, came to Western Canada in 1817, where he continued to reside up to his death in August, 1875.

Mr. McMillan attended London High School and started his chosen profession under his father, surveying in Middlesex County. He received his licence to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on the 6th of January, 1877.

In the early eighties he sold his London practice to Mr. C. A. Jones, P.L.S., of Petrolia, and went to the Northwest as a Dominion Land Surveyor. He assisted in opening up the Moose Jaw District and later located and practiced in Calgary, Alberta, helping to construct irrigation systems for ranching companies.

He was appointed a Provincial Engineer for Southern Alberta. He took part in the construction of the Crow’s Nest Railway, contracting typhoid fever during an epidemic at that time which caused his death, November 24th, 1898. He was unmarried.

James McMillan, as a D.L.S., made, in 1881, a subdivision of tp. 9, ranges 1-2-5-6 and 7, west 2nd P.M.

In 1882 he made tp. subdn. tps. 16 to 18, ranges 28 and 30, and tp. 15, range 28, W. 2nd P.M.

In 1888, survey of H. B. Co.’s land at Athabaska Landing.

In 1889, survey pt. sec. 33-20-3-5.

In 1890 tp. subdivision tps. 28 and 30, R. 27; tp. 29-30, R. 29, W. 4th; tps. 29-30, R. 1, W. 5th. Correction surveys, tp. 19.
In 1890, 9. 28, tps. 19 and 20, R. 29, W. 4th; tp. 24, R. 1, W. 5th.

In 1891, Survey roads tp. 21, R. 28, W. 4th; tp. 24, R. 1, W. 5th, and miscellaneous surveys in tps. 19-20, R. 29, W. 4th; tp. 24, R. 2, W. 5th, P.M.

In 1893, Resurvey of Boulevard, tp. 24, R. 1, W. 5th.

In 1894, Survey of Island, tp. 23-1-5.

In 1895, Survey Irrigation ditches, Tp. 18, R. 29, W. 4th; tps. 22-23, R. 1, W. 5th, and tp. 22, R. 3, W. 5th.

In 1896, Survey of road divisions, tp. 33, R. 2, W. 5th and various surveys in tp. 21, R. 2, W. 5th; tp. 22, R. 3, W. 5th, and tp. 12, R. 29, W. 4th.


In 1898, Survey of Irrigation ditch: Tp. 27, R. 24, W. 4th, P.M.