

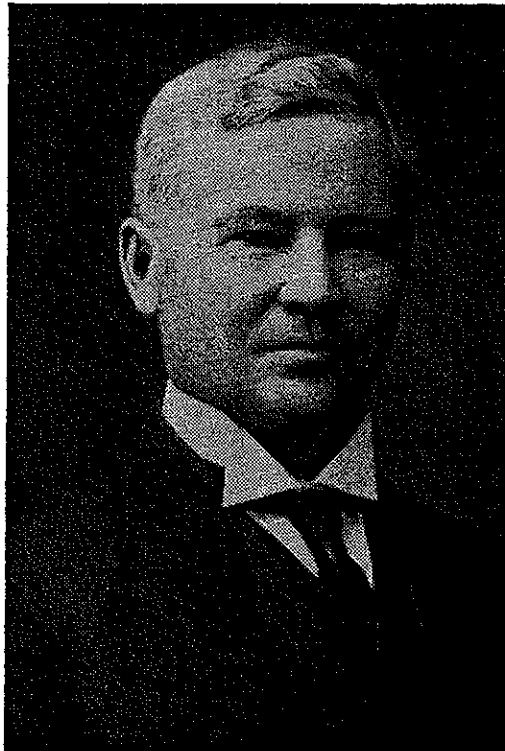
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death was sudden and occurred in his motor car just outside his office door, a heart seizure. His body was interred in Woodland Cemetery on May 25th, 1951.

Throughout his life he had been a devout Roman Catholic and the funeral ceremonies were attended and conducted by high ranking dignitaries of his beloved church. We of the Association will miss the quiet gentlemanly Pat we know so well and regarded so highly.

DR. JAMES LEWIS MORRIS, O.L.S., B.Sc., C.E., D.L.S.

With passing of Dr. Morris on February 21st, 1946 our Association lost one of its oldest members the School of Practical Science (Toronto University) its first graduate, and the engineering profession in Canada one of its most outstanding engineers.



Born in Greenlaw, near Renfrew, Dr. Morris graduated in civil engineering from the School of Practical Science, Toronto University, in 1881. Four years later, as a result of post graduate work, he obtained the degree of C. E. from the University and years later in 1927 as a token of his outstanding service to the profession he was given the honorary degree of D.E. Meanwhile he had been admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on July 7th, 1886 and subsequently obtained his D.L.S.

His experience in many fields was very extensive. In the construction field he was engaged for over 5 years with C. P. Ry. in the building of the line through the Rocky Mountain foot hills. Then he returned east and established a surveying and engineering practice in Pembroke, Ontario, a practice that was to continue for 43 years. Then back to construction work as a partner in the construction firm of Morris Mackie and Co. During the 43 years of professional practice he was particularly active in drainage work and was considered an outstanding authority on the laws applying thereto.

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The original townsite of Sudbury was by his hand, the Black River Power plant his designing.

Aside from his professional duties he found time to serve his adopted town of Pembroke and rose to the position of Mayor which office he served with great distinction. Aside again, he was a historian of note and was the author of "Indians of Ontario" a subject and a book recommended to all Ontarions to read.

After retirement from active participation in his professional practice and construction activities he entered the service of the Ontario Government in the Survey branch of the Department of Lands and Forests as an inspector of Surveys and on the side wrote the early histories of numerous towns and villages of Ontario. He was ever a student.

Left to mourn his passing were his widow, the former Mary Agnes Menzies, a son James R. of Leamington, Ontario, a daughter, Mrs. James H. Craig of Toronto. A son, Basil Menzies serving with the Royal Flying Corp was killed in action during the first world war, a loss that affected the doctor deeply but was never paraded.

Ever studious and well learned, Dr. Morris was known to the members of our Association as an authority on all subjects pertaining to the various phases of our profession. At the ripe age of 83 he passed along leaving behind him a reputation of considerable distinction. The funeral was held in Toronto where he had lived for some years prior to his death and his body interred in Pembroke.

JAMES WILLIAM TYRRELL, O.L.S., D.L.S., B.Sc., C.E.

Noted as an explorer, a surveyor, an author, and an engineer our subject was a man of extensive education, experience and attainment.

Born in Weston, Ontario on May 10th, 1863 educated in the public school there and in Collegiate in Toronto; he entered the School of Practical Science on an engineering course graduating therefrom with the degree of B. Sc., and through post graduate work the subsequent degree of C. E., was earned. He was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on April 8th, 1885 and then obtained his D. L. S. commission. He then entered on a very busy life professionally and otherwise.

Being ever a lover of the outdoor life he then joined the Gordon Expedition that in 1885-6 made a geographical and geological examination of a portion of North America's east coast. From Halifax outward and northward along the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador into Hudson Bay and to Fort Churchill. Returning, a different route was taken while within Hudson Bay. On this 18 month trip our subject acted as hydrographer and meteorologist.