



FRANCIS HERBERT MUCKLESTONE
(1890-1983)

When I cast my mind's eye back to Frank Mucklestone I think of a kindly fine gentleman, an excellent surveyor and a wise Councillor in the affairs of the Association. I was privileged to serve with him on the Board of Examiners for seven or eight years in the 1960's and remember especially many conversations with him on the way home from our late evening meetings, of which we had many in those days. I liked him well as must anyone who came to know him. His concern for the profession and his interest and participation in the affairs of the Association will long be remembered.

Born June 22, 1890 in Bedfordshire, England at a time when our fledgling Association was but four years old, he grew up in the closing decade of the reign of Queen Victoria. He received his primary and secondary education in Bedfordshire, articulated with Tracy D. LeMay in Toronto, and was admitted to practice on 11 March 1914. From the time he became a member of the Association and for the next 54 years he never missed an Annual Meeting and I am sure there is not one Annual Report for that period which does not record his participation in some way.

He was an Auditor of the Association with D.D. James OLS from 1938-1941, and prepared and delivered several interesting papers at the Annual Meetings in the late 1930's. He was a member of the Board of Examiners from 1958 to 1970, an Instructor in Descriptions and Preparation of Field Notes during the OLS Lecture Course of the 1960's and an Auditor once again with Fred Weaver OLS from 1965 to 1970.

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Appointed Honorary Vice President in 1971 in recognition of his distinguished service, he held that honour until 1980 when he was appointed Honorary President, which honour he enjoyed until his passing on December 28, 1983.

Notwithstanding all his activity in the Association he still found time to run a busy practice in partnership with Wilmot J. Baird OLS, and to bring up a daughter Verna, a son Raymond (OLS) of Brockville who served as President of the Association in 1959 and another son Kenneth (OLS) who carries the banner for the firm of Baird and Mucklestone to the present time.

Frank was a member, an Organist and a Choirmaster of St. David's Anglican Church in Toronto and a member of Coronatti Masonic Lodge.

A remarkable man, a kindly gentleman and a tireless worker, he will long be remembered as a staunch pillar of our Association and a person with whom it was a privilege to serve.

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