

DAVID ALEXANDER NIVEN



One of the younger members of the Association passed away suddenly at his home in Guelph on August 15th, 1923. He was born at Sutton, Ont., on September 30th, 1873, his father being the late Rev. D. P. Niven (Presbyterian), a brother of Alexander Niven, O.L.S., one of the best known Land Surveyors in the Province, and President of the Association 1888-1889.

The grandparents of David Alexander Niven were Robert Niven of Perthshire, Scotland, and his wife, Ann Morrison, of the same place, who came to Canada with their family in early life. Robert Niven died at Niagara-on-

the-Lake on December 28th, 1865, aged 71 years, and his wife died at the same place on July 28th, 1870, aged 77 years. Their children were as follows:

(1) Rev. D. P. Niven, born 1837, died Oct. 4th, 1902. He married Elizabeth McIntyre of Kingston, born Dec. 26th, 1839, died at Guelph, April 9th, 1923.

(2) Alexander, born at Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1836, died in Toronto on May 7th, 1911. Married Margaret McEvoy of St. Marys, Ont.

(3) Jonathan, married Isabella Bolton of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who is now living. They reside at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

(4) Isabella Shaw, born at Niagara, July 10th, 1832, died at Buffalo, June 27th, 1882. Unmarried.

(5) Annie, born at Niagara. Died at the age of three years.

The sons and daughters of the late Rev. D. P. Niven are as follows:

(1) Alice M., born June 27th, 1872. Married Fred Flanders at St. Catharines, Ont.

(2) David Alexander, born Sept. 30th, 1873.

(3) Robert, born March 9th, 1875, at Sutton, Ont.

(4) Jonathan, born November 9th, 1876, at Sutton, Ont.

(5) Huber L., born October 13th, 1878, at Toronto, Ont.

(6) Janet, born October 4th, 1880, at Mount Forest, Ont.

The late David A. Niven was married at Saskatoon on August 16th, 1922, to Miss Elsie Brownridge of Fielding, Sask. He attended the High School at Mount Forest, after which he taught school in the Niagara District. He spent two seasons with his uncle, Alexander Niven, on survey work in Northern Ontario, afterwards articling with George Ross, O.L.S., of Welland.

On Feb. 13th, 1913, he qualified as an Ontario Land Surveyor, and during the following season was employed with Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald of Peterboro in the vicinity of Hearst. He opened an office in St. Catharines in December, 1914, but removed to Guelph, where he built up a splendid practise. He was appointed Municipal Engineer for five townships.

He was a staunch Presbyterian and attended St. Andrew's Church.

Mr. Niven was tall, muscular and of sturdy build, and his sudden demise without any apparent illness was a great shock to his relatives and friends. He was a man of sterling integrity, in professional as well as private matters. In his professional work he was very painstaking and thorough, and exercised the greatest care to obtain all possible information in order to give his clients the best service.

He was a regular attendant at the annual meetings of the Association.