

JAMES ALEXANDER SEELY, O.L.S.

At an age much too young for a life so promising Mr. Seely died in his home city of Toronto on August 5th, 1956; had he lived to September 30th, he would have attained his 27th birthday.

Too young at the time of World War II for service in the armed forces, he was nevertheless attracted to military service and when age permitted he enlisted in Canada's Reserve Army and at the time of his death was completing his cadet officer training and about to be commissioned. He was considered to be of real officer calibre.

He was born in Toronto on September 30th, 1929, the son of Roff and Kathleen Seely; in his juvenile years the family moved to Consec-on, near Trenton, Ontario and there his public school days were spent; his later education was received at the Central High School of Commerce in Toronto.

Following his student days, he entered the employ of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. In September 1951, he became a member of the staff of the Ontario Department of Highways.

Here he showed promise and application in his duties and decided that he would like to be an Ontario Land Surveyor. He therefore

became apprenticed to H. S. Howden, O.L.S., Superintendent of Surveys, successfully passed the examinations and was commissioned as an O.L.S., on July 19th, 1956. During the five years of service with the Department, he had shown himself as an employee of great promise.

Just prior to his death he had been given the duty of looking after a group in the Lands Survey Section which prepares a specialized type of plans. So ended a most promising career.

Surviving his passing are his widow, the former Glenn Mann, his sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Goddard) and his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Balsdon, to whom he was attached and who, in turn, were particularly attached to him and in whose home he had spent a very great deal of his time.

His body was interred in York Cemetery.

GEORGE RICHARDS

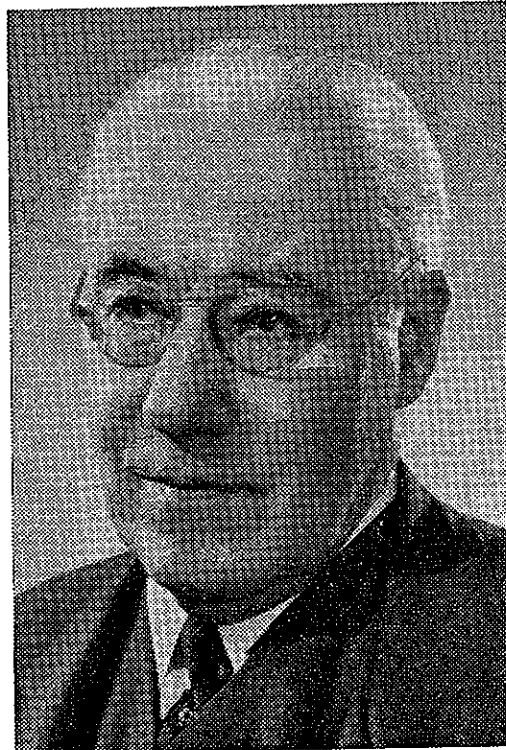
O.L.S., B.Sc. (Forestry), Prof. Eng. (Ont.)

In the prime of manhood, George Richards passed away November 11th, 1956, at his home in Oshawa, Ontario, in which city he had lived for the last ten years of his life.

He was born in Renfrew, Ontario, on May 9th, 1909. He received his

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public school education at nearby Dacre, and his secondary education at Renfrew Collegiate Institute. Graduating in 1929, and being now fully qualified to enter university, he enrolled in a Forestry Course at the Uni-



versity of New Brunswick. In 1933, he graduated with the degree of B.Sc. (F). This year 1933 is a memorable one in that it marked the height of the depression years — then named and since remembered as the “hungry thirties.” For a time he was an engineer on unemployment relief road construction.

By 1936, it became clear that the revival of the gold mining industry was opening the Timmins and Kirkland mining areas of Northern Ontario.

So, in 1936, George entered Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, in the Mining Course and graduated in 1939 with the degree of B.Sc. For the succeeding years from 1939 to 1946, he was employed as an engineer at various mines, his last appointment being that of Chief Engineer at the Delnite Gold Mine at Timmins, Ontario.

He was commissioned an Ontario Land Surveyor June 17th, 1949, and became a partner of Frederick James Donevan, O.L.S., who

was also a Queen's graduate. This partnership continued until his death in 1956. He was just over 47 years of age.

He enjoyed a wide circle of professional, business and social friends.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow, the former Thelma McCartney of Kingston, Ontario, his son Harry age 13, and three brothers; one of these, William is a lumberman in Dacre, Dr. A. R., is a surgeon at the Ontario Hospital in Whitby and the third brother, L. S., a pharmacist in Ottawa.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We shall now ask Mr. R. G. Code to present the report of the Committee on Geodetic Surveys.

Mr. Code explained that it had been found impossible to arrange for a meeting of the entire committee and suggested that Mr. C. W. Lloyd, Special Projects Surveyor of the Ontario Hydro be asked to present a paper he had prepared on Geodetic Control on the St. Lawrence. This was quite satisfactory to the meeting and Mr. Lloyd was asked to present his paper, which was illustrated by slides.