

**GEORGE ROSS, O.L.S.**

Geo. Ross, O.L.S., B.A.Sc., A.M. Can. Soc. C.E., was born at Beaverton, Ontario, on June 12th, 1854, and died November 1st, 1929, at Kamloops, B.C.

Mr. Ross Graduated from McGill University in 1875 and then served his apprenticeship with Messrs. Wadsworth, Unwin & Brown, P.L. Surveyors, Toronto, receiving his commission as a P.L. Surveyor in 1879 and as a D.L.S. in 1881.



Opening an office in Welland in 1885, Mr. Ross was responsible for much of the most important work in his line in the district, and he also superintended the installation of drainage in both Welland and Haldimand counties. He also superintended considerable construction work on county bridges and sewer systems.

He was for some years engineer for the townships of Wainfleet, Humberstone, Crowland, Bertie, Sher-

brooke, Canboro, Gainsboro, North Cayuga and Louth. He was president of the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association in 1900.

At one time during his many years in his chosen profession Mr. Ross took R. D. McCaw, son of John McCaw of Welland, into partnership, and in his later years J. Russell Scott, his son-in-law, became his partner.

Mr. Ross was closely identified with Welland's civic interests and for more than 20 years was a member of the Welland high school board, serving as chairman of the board for some time. He was also president of the board of management of the public library for many years.

The father of Geo. Ross was John Ross, of Balsam Grove Farm, Beaverton, and his mother, Mary MacDougall Ross. They had four sons and four daughters.

His eldest brother, Angus, died in February, 1929, at his home, Broadview Farm, Beaverton. Another, John, lives at Wainwright, Alberta, and the remaining, Robert, on the old family homestead at Beaverton.

His four sisters pre-deceased him. They were, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Broad and Mrs. Liberty.

Mr. Ross married on April 28th, 1886, Miss M. Williams, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Williams, of Orillia.

The following tribute was sent to Mrs. Ross by L. C. Charlesworth, O.L.S., director of Surveys, Alberta.

"Almost thirty years have passed since I was closely associated with George Ross; over twenty since I last saw him; yet his death is a real bereavement to me. He was my first employer and his strong sense of truth and right, his clever and well stored mind, his sterling character, his quiet humour and his never-failing kindness compelled a respect and affection which endured through the succeeding years. Though it was only through intermittent correspondence that we later kept in touch I always counted him as one of my real friends. Big in soul, competent in his work, yet wholly modest and self effacing, those who knew him best appreciated most his worth. His passing is a real loss to the profession."

In 1883, Mr. Ross was engaged upon subdivision surveys west of the fourth Meridian, north of Lethbridge.

In 1884, township subdivision west of the fifth meridian, west of Calgary.

In 1899, Subdivision of part of Ordinance Reserve, township of Bertie, and village of Fort Erie, Ontario.

In 1903, township subdivision, Tps. 41 and 42, ranges 21, 22 and 23, west of the second meridian.

In 1904, township subdivision, townships 27 to 34, ranges 22 and 23, west of the third.

In 1905, Traverse of lake in Tp. 43-23-3, and retracement, west of the second.

In 1907, Survey of Base line, north of township 52, ranges 13 to 28, west of the fifth, P.M.

Survey of Ordinance Lands, Port Maitland, Haldimand, Ontario, Survey of Naval Reserve, Mohawk, Ontario. Survey of lots 4 and 5, township of Sherbrooke, Ontario. Survey of Military Reserve lots 10 and 11, Haldimand, Ontario, and survey of Naval Reserve, Port Maitland, Ontario.