

MAJOR KENNETH GEORGE ROSS

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A man of many parts, soldier, surveyor, engineer and citizen, he was very active in welfare work in his chosen city. Our subject, so well known as "Genial K. G." died at his home in the city of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on December 26th, 1956, in his 72nd year.



He was born in Toronto on August 2nd, 1884, received his primary education at the Model School, his secondary education at Upper Canada College and took an engineering course at the School of Practical Science, Toronto. He graduated in 1909.

He then moved to Sault Ste. Marie, where he was to spend the balance of his civil life, and became apprenticed to John Leiper Lang, O.L.S. (See Lang's obituary in 1953 Report). On May 15th, 1909, he was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor. Thereupon was formed the partnership of Lang and Ross, that continued until the death of Mr. Lang in 1952.

For many years this partnership did considerable work for the Ontario Government, consisting of the surveying of base lines, meridians, and township subdivisions. They also conducted a private survey practice in the fast growing "Soo" area.

Kenneth Ross enlisted in 1915 in the 227th Battalion, went Overseas in 1916, and served until discharge in 1919. In France, he became a major attached to Headquarters, Royal Air Force, and in charge of forward area drome sites.

In religion he was a Presbyterian, fraternally a Mason, and was a member of the University Club (Toronto). In addition to being an O.L.S., he was also a member of The Association of Professional Engineerings of Ontario and of The Engineering Institute of Canada.

His welfare interests comprised activities in The Navy League of Canada, Hospital Board, Town Planning Board, Canadian Legion, Pipe Band, and Sea Cadets, all in his well loved "Soo." He was a member of the local Historical Society and was an authority on Ojibway folklore, history and habits.

In his early days, he was an athlete of no mean ability and specialized in rugby football and lacrosse; in later years he became an ardent golfer, hunter and fisherman.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow, the former Jessie Elise McMurrick, and three daughters, Mrs. Davis B. Beatty of Toronto, Mrs. Peter Rogers of Huntsville, and Mrs. Donald McEwen of Port Credit.

The remains were brought to Toronto and interred in beautiful Mount Pleasant Cemetery on December 29th, 1956.