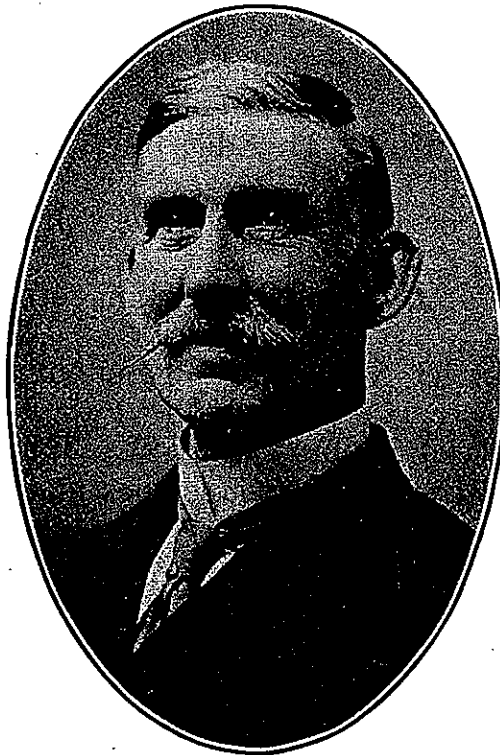


HENRY DE QUINCY SEWELL

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Henry De Quincy Sewell, O.L.S., D.L.S., A.M.I.C.E., born 1848, died 1933, was the eldest son of Rev. Henry Doyle Sewell, Vicar at Headcorn, Kent, England and grandson of Jonathan Sewell, first Chief Justice of Lower Canada.



He was educated at Dr. Murray's School in Kent and at Queen's College, London. He served his articles under the late Sir Joseph Bassilgate of London, England, famous sewage and irrigation engineer. Later, on completion of his articles, he received an appointment from the Nizam of Hyderabad as engineer in charge of that district. After 8 years' service he was forced to resign owing to ill health. Returning to England he entered the employ of the Metropolitan board of works as Divisional Engineer and on Jan. 13th, 1880, was appointed Associate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Later coming to Canada he received his Dominion Land Surveyor's commission in 1884, followed by his Ontario Land Surveyor's in 1885. He entered private practice at Port Arthur, later moving to Rat Portage (now Kenora).

He did extensive government work in the Rainy River and Lake of the Woods' district including numerous townships and Sewell's base line in 1888 extending from longitude 91° to 92° in latitude 48 degrees 15 minutes and the meridian line extending south from Lake Conmee to Bass Wood Lake. He also surveyed several townships in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

He entered private practice at Toronto in 1903, which he carried on until his retirement in 1916.