

**HORACE LLEWELLYN SEYMOUR**

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By H. G. Barber

By the death of Mr. H. L. Seymour, Canada has lost one of her outstanding Town Planners.

Mr. Seymour was born at Burford, Ontario, in 1882, but later moved with his family to Toronto where he attended High School and University.

In 1903 he graduated from the S.P.S., Toronto University and in June of that same year he joined the staff of the Topographical Survey, Department of the Interior at Ottawa, where he remained till May, 1907.

In 1906 Mr. Seymour qualified as a Dominion Land Surveyor and in that capacity he was in charge of survey parties engaged in the subdivision of townships in the western provinces during the years 1907 to 1910 inclusive.

In 1908 he qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor for Ontario. Later he similarly qualified for Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia.

In 1912 he returned to Toronto University for post-graduate work and received the degrees of B.A.Sc. (Honours) and C.E.

During the last war he was Assistant to Mr. Thomas Adams, Federal Town Planning Adviser, and was engaged under his direction in the replanning of the devastated area in Halifax. Following this he was three years in Vancouver as Resident Engineer for the Town Planning Commission. It is interesting to note that the report prepared on this work was used as a text book in Canada on the subject of Town Planning.

In 1925 and 1926 he was in South America surveying for an oil company, and while there was engaged by the city of Maracaibo, Venezuela, to prepare a plan for the proper development of that city.

From 1929 to 1932 he was Director of Town Planning for the province of Alberta. He was also one of the founders of the Town Planning Institute of Canada and was one of its first Presidents.

In recent years he was engaged in a general consulting practice. He drafted the New Brunswick Town Planning Act in 1936 and a similar Act for Nova Scotia in 1939. He had in fact practised as engineer, surveyor or town planner in all the provinces in Canada except Prince Edward Island.

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In Ontario he was Consulting Engineer on numerous municipal projects, zoning, building by-laws and designs for subdivisions. He was Consultant on Town Planning for the cities of Kitchener and London, and the towns of Waterloo, Preston and Weston. During 1939 he was working with the Commissions of Fort William and Port Arthur, and had succeeded in having ratified a Town Planning scheme to be undertaken jointly by both cities. This work was interrupted by his sudden death in April, 1940.

RUTER STINSON SHERMAN

The late Mr. R. S. Sherman was born April 19, 1865, at Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Thomas Stinson Sherman, of Birmingham, England, and Jane Rees Sherman, of Chester, England.

He was educated at Brantford, Ontario, Central School and the Collegiate Institute; after that, two years at Queens University. He then went to England with the intention of pursuing a course of medicine, but he decided that he was not suited for the medical profession, so returned to Canada and entered the office of Major T. Harry Jones as an articled pupil in 1886.

After passing his examination as an O.L.S. in April, 1890, he remained with Mr. Jones as partner until he came to British Columbia in 1891. He received his P.L.S. Commission in April, 1893. He was also a member of several scientific societies: Entomologist, Field Naturalist, the British Columbia Mountaineering Club, and the Vancouver Pioneers' Association. He was also the first Vice-President of the Art and Historical Association of Vancouver and a director of the Vancouver City Museum.

