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ALBERT McMEEKIN, O.L.S., D.L.S., B.Sc. (McGill)

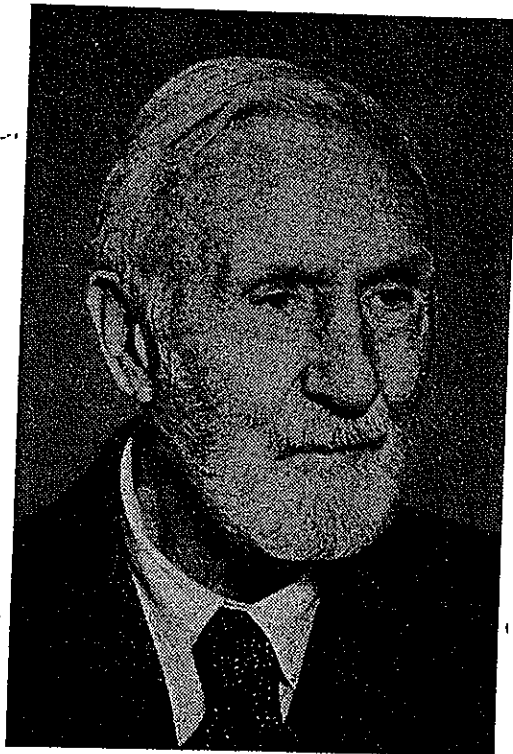
This member of our Association, died at his home in Fort Frances, Ont., on September 27th, 1952, at the age of 80 years, after a lengthy illness. For some time prior to his death he had not been active in his profession and resided in Fort Frances.

He was born in Bright, Ontario on January 27th, 1872, the son of Douglas and Elizabeth McMeekin and received his pre-university education at Bright public school, Woodstock high school and Ottawa Normal School; Then entered on a mining engineering course at McGill University from whence he graduated in 1906 with the degree of B.Sc.

He then went to Kenora in December of that year as manager of the Golden Horn Mine, a position that he held for a number of years. In 1910 he married Lila Kathleen Wydeman of Kenora, who survived his passing as did his only child (Robert Ellison), an accountant in Fort Frances. On February 22nd, 1911 he was admitted to practice as an O.L.S. and spent the balance of his working life in general practice in the Kenora District, an area that was becoming famous as a tourist resort and made many, very many surveys of summer cottage sites for Americans as well as Canadians. The township of McMeekin on No. 70 highway, joining Kenora to Fort Frances was given his name.

Mr. McMeekin was a Protestant, a Past District Deputy President of the I.O.O.F.; and officer of Grand Lodge of the A.F. & A.M., and a Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

CHARLES AENEAS SHAW, O.L.S., D.L.S., M.L.S., B.C.L.S.



Mr. Shaw was born at Toronto, Ontario, on the 16th of November, 1853, the son of Major A. Shaw and Margaret McQueen, daughter of Colonel McQueen. He was educated by private tutor. He was then articled to the late William Murdock, Ontario Land Surveyor, and received his Commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor 6th October, 1877, his Dominion Land Surveyor Commission in April, 1881, his Manitoba Commission on the 9th of August, 1893, and his British Columbia Commission is dated 15th April, 1896.

He did considerable railway work before being articled to an Ontario Land Surveyor, among which was the extension of railway from Orillia to Bracebridge in 1869 and 1870, survey of the Nipissing Railway under H. D. Lumsden in 1870 and 1871, survey of the C.P.R. from Prince Arthur's Landing from 1871 to 1874, then private work till 1876. From then to 1878 he was on

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the survey from Georgian Bay to Mattawa; he surveyed and built the Central Ontario Railway from Picton to Trenton in 1878; survey of the C.P.R. from Selkirk, Manitoba, to the western boundary of Manitoba from 1879 to 1881, then the location and construction of the C.P.R. from Brandon to Virden. He made the first survey of the C.P.R. from Saskatchewan to Calgary in 1881, then the final location of the C.P.R. from Medicine Hat to the summit of the Rockies, a distance of 300 miles. He was subdividing townships for the Dominion Government from 1882 to 1884, and in private practice from 1884 to 1892.

Mr. Shaw practised his profession at Keremeos and Greenwood from 1896 to 1932; he was then off the list for some years and then had an office in Vancouver. Later he moved to Saanich, where he passed away May 9th, 1942.

He was a cadet in the Toronto Military School in 1870, and a corporal in the Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, from 1869 to 1874. Instructor of Engineer officers in 1915; officers' class at Work Point, 1915 and 1916, and in charge of the Internment Camp at Morissey, with the rank of Major, from 1916 to 1918.

Mr. Shaw left to mourn his loss, besides his wife, one son, N. Æ. Shaw, Powell River; two daughters, Mrs. Cochrane, of Vancouver, and Mrs. Fleming, of Victoria.

This biographical sketch was obtained from the 1943 B.C.L.S. Annual Report.