

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

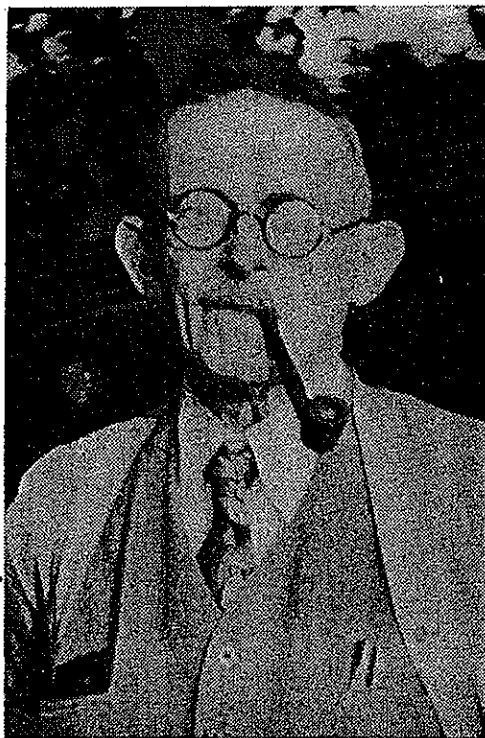
In Ontario he was Consulting Engineer on numerous municipal projects, zoning, building by-laws and designs for subdivisions. He was Consultant on Town Planning for the cities of Kitchener and London, and the towns of Waterloo, Preston and Weston. During 1939 he was working with the Commissions of Fort 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.



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He published, with J. M. Dent & Son, London, several Nature Study books for use in schools; "Mother Nature Stories," "Wild Folk and Their Ways," and numerous others. When he died he was working on a book, "Nature Strolls in Stanley Park." While in Ontario, he was engineer in charge of the Brantford Water Works and a separate sewerage system, and also engineer for several townships in the County of Brant.

After passing his examination as a P.L.S. in April, 1893, he opened an office in New Westminster and later in Vancouver, becoming associated with John Strathern, P.L.S., and later with K. L. Burnett, P.L.S. During this time his work took him up the Coast and into the Interior, as well as the country around Vancouver and the Fraser River, Powell Lake, Agamemnon Channel, Hotham Sound, the West Coast of Vancouver Island, to the Upper Nitinat River, where he found one of the finest stands of timber on the Coast. Later he travelled to Douglas, at the head of Harrison Lake, and made surveys up the old Cariboo Trail and Pemberton Meadows. While surveying the Grizzly Mine for Sam Tretheway he had the misfortune to lose a finger, cut off by an axeman who was working near him. A difficult trip was made in a bad storm down Harrison Lake and by a wagon to Agassiz in search of a doctor. Before the wound was healed he went back to the Birkenhead River and on to Lillooet, where he received a letter addressed to R. S. Sherman, Tepella, or Douglas, or elsewhere, which shows there were very few men in that part of the province at that time.

In the year 1898, family considerations took him East, where he intended to settle down, but the call of British Columbia was too strong, and he returned after a year and a half to this Coast. As he crossed the Great Divide on his way West he resolved that never again would he cross the Rockies without a return ticket in his pocket. The next years were spent mostly in teaching school, with periods of surveying, and all the time he was devoted to the study of Nature. His last position was as principal of the Seymour School in Vancouver.

He never gave up the hope of going back to surveying, and only a week before his death, which occurred March 30th, 1941, he discussed a plan to find some town where no Surveyor was located and start afresh. All who knew him were glad that to the last he never felt that he had travelled his last trail or said good-bye to the woods.

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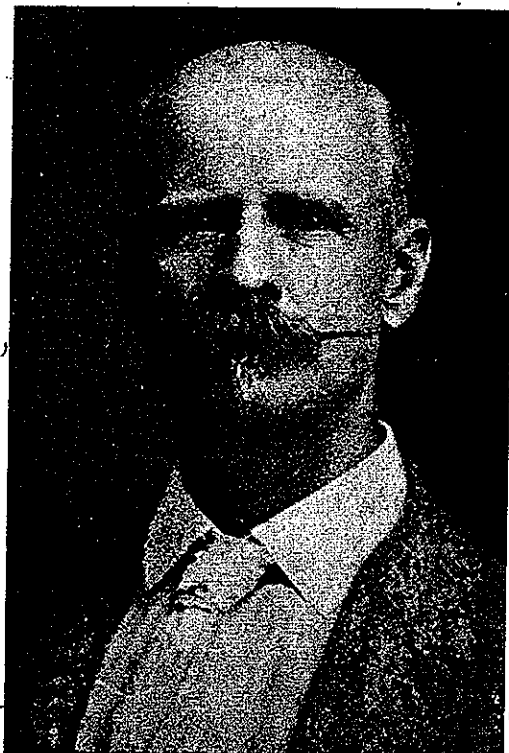
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His military service was with the 38th Dufferin Rifles from 1884 to 1889, serving as private, corporal and sergeant. His marriage took place on the 3rd of March, 1892, the bride coming out to British Columbia to join him here. Mr Sherman left, besides his wife, one son, Camdon, North Vancouver; one daughter, Maud, Vancouver; two grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. W. Hardwicke; two brothers, T. S. H. Sherman and E. B. S. Sherman, Vancouver.

LEWIS REDMAN ORD

Lewis Redman Ord was the son of Capt. L. W. Ord, of the 71st Highland Light Infantry, who came to Canada with his Regiment in 1840. His mother was a daughter of the late Sheriff Jarvis, of Toronto. He was born on October 17th, 1856, at Old Rosedale House, in that city. Part of his boyhood was spent in Goderich, of which he had many happy recollections. He was educated at Goderich Grammar School under "Old Johnny Haldane." His first field service was in 1872 as a picketman on the survey of revision of the Welland Canal. In 1873 he went with Mr. Selwyn, Director of Geological Survey, across the plains, Winnipeg to Edmonton, and returned by York boats down the Saskatchewan and across Lake Winnipeg to Winnipeg; thence on foot to Pembina and stage to Moorhead, there being no C.P.R. then.



In 1874-75 he was on special survey under Lindsay Russell, assistant Surveyor-General, Manitoba; in 1876-80, on geological survey of Canada; 1881 on special survey; in 1882, as Dominion Land Surveyor, on Township Outline of the Plains; in 1882-3-4, as Dominion Land Surveyor in N.W.T., plains, Battle River and