

JOHN STEWART

John Stewart, O.L.S., D.L.S., was born near the City of Ottawa, Ontario, on 8th August, 1853. We have no record of his early life, but he secured his Commissions as a Provincial Land Surveyor for Ontario on 11th November, 1878, and as a Dominion Land Surveyor on 11th May, 1880. He was at once sent out by the Dominion Government to survey boundaries and subdivisions of Townships in what are now Saskatchewan and Alberta, at which work he was engaged for about three years. Later, he seems to have been employed in the Public Works Department of the Territorial Government, and on the 30th March, 1906, was appointed by the Dominion Government, Commissioner and Chief Engineer of Irrigation for the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, under the provisions of the North-West Irrigation Act of 1898, with Headquarters at Calgary.



This position he held until his resignation on 31st March, 1911, when he was succeeded by Mr. F. H. Peters the present Surveyor-General. Mr. Stewart continued to reside in Calgary until his death, in his 84th year, on 16th October, 1936. Apparently he did little or no surveying in Ontario.