

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY AND REPOSITORY

On April 14, 1966, Mr. Smith passed away, in his 90th year. In January of 1963, Mr. J. G. Pierce, O.L.S., then President of our Association, in writing to him, used the following paragraph:

"Our records show that you have been an Ontario Land Surveyor longer than any other active member and the Association would like to express its appreciation for the contribution you have made to the profession."

LIONEL DOUGLAS NOBLE STEWART, B.Sc., O.L.S., D.L.S.

1883 - 1966

by N. D. Bennett, O.L.S.

Born in Collingwood, Ontario, on September 15, 1883, he was the son of Elihu Stewart, O.L.S., D.L.S., grandson of Lionel Stewart and great-grandson of James Stewart who came to Canada with the Lord Selkirk settlers in 1804. His mother was Ellen Noble of Collingwood.

His early education was received in the schools of Collingwood following which he attended the University of Toronto where in 1905 he graduated from the School of Practical Science and in 1908 obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Following graduation and after receiving his degree he was employed as an engineer on the construction of the Algoma Central Railway and Transcontinental Railway.

On February 24, 1910, he obtained his commission and was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor. Later he qualified as a Dominion Land Surveyor, after which he was employed on surveys of dominion land in charge of a survey party. It must be assumed that he assisted in the widely diversified practice of surveying which the elder Mr. Stewart enjoyed.

On July 7, 1921, Mr. Stewart entered the service of the Ontario government as a land surveyor with the surveys branch of the Department of Lands and Forests. During his employment with that Department he carried out road surveys and acted as surveyor and engineer for the northern development branch of that Department.

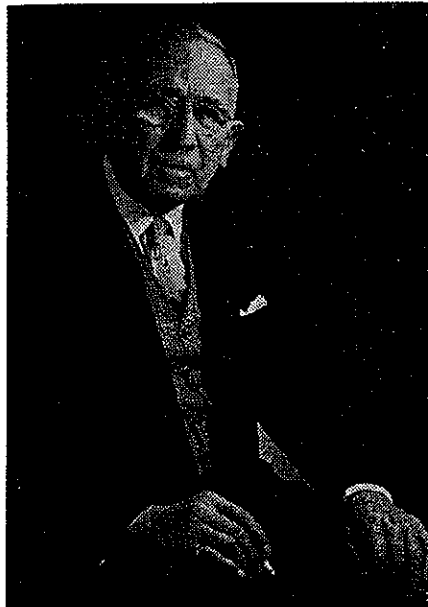
The Department of Northern Development was organized in 1926 and Mr. Stewart was appointed chief surveyor for the new Department in which capacity he continued until 1937 when the Department of Highways and the Department of Northern Development were amalgamated. Mr. Stewart was then transferred to the Department of Highways where he served as a surveyor and inspector of surveys with the Surveys Section of that Department until September 14, 1953, when he retired having attained the age of seventy years.

He was married in 1913 to Ann Marie Mickler of Collingwood, who pre-deceased him. The marriage was blessed by a daughter and son. Mrs. Helen Johnston of Toronto is now incumbent alderman for Ward 2 and Douglas Graham Stewart is also of Toronto. Mr. Stewart was Anglican by religion, as was his father.

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Doug as he was best known was one who enjoyed reading. Being bilingual his subjects were of a very diversified nature making him a well informed and most interesting conversationalist in social gatherings which he enjoyed. His first love was fishing, that is fly-fishing, and many a time it was said "he would rather fish than eat". After the first of February in any year it was not unusual to find him in a tackle shop dreaming of the days to come when the ice was out and the season open.

He returned to Collingwood after retirement enjoying thirteen years among old friends and acquaintances not forgetting the trout streams he had known since boyhood. He passed away September 26, 1966, aged 83 years.



JOHN VAN NOSTRAND, B.Sc., O.L.S.

1885 - 1965

by H. D. G. Currie, O.L.S.

John van Nostrand passed away September 18, 1965. He suffered a stroke in July while enjoying a holiday at his summer home in Muskoka and did not rally from it.

The Association has lost one of its most valuable members. Not only was John outstanding in his chosen profession, he also had a profound belief in the integrity and independence of the Ontario Land Surveyor. He maintained a high standard of performance and behaviour to the end of a long and honoured career.

The van Nostrand family came from Holland to Long Island in 1638 and with other United Empire Loyalists to Canada about 1792 settling in York County at Vandorf and at York Mills. There are family burials recorded as early as 1807 and the van Nostrand family plot in St. Johns Church at York Mills is still in use.