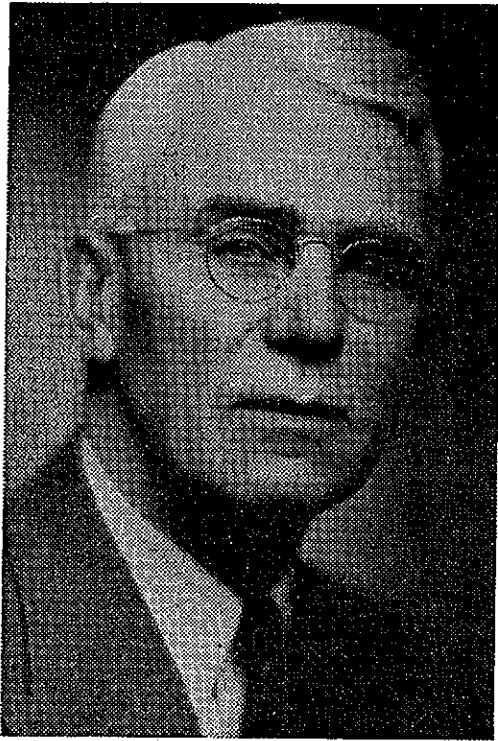


ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

HOMER WILSON SUTCLIFFE
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Homer Wilson Sutcliffe was born near Forest, Ontario, on April 27th, 1884, to Joseph Ephrian Sutcliffe and his wife, Matilda Switzer.

After graduating from the Forest High School, he attended the University of Toronto obtaining his B.A.Sc. (Civil) in 1907. He then apprenticed himself to J. H. Smith of Messrs. Sinclair & Smith, New Liskeard, Ontario, and was granted his Ontario Land Surveyor's certificate on the 11th of May, 1908.



In the same year, he formed a partnership with the late E. W. Neelands under the firm name of Sutcliffe & Neelands. The firm carried on an extensive Land Survey practice in Northern Ontario. Mr. Sutcliffe said a few years ago in writing to the Secretary of the Association, "Nearly all development north of New Liskeard has happened since 1907 when I arrived at New Liskeard. This north country, since then, has been what might be properly termed 'A Surveyors and Engineers Paradise'. To me, it has been a romance." The partnership carried on until 1925. From that time, the engineering work in particular, which was very extensive, especially in Municipal services, power installations and

transmission, was done under a Company name, Sutcliffe Company Limited.

Mr. Sutcliffe was always very much interested in the work of the Ontario Land Surveyors Association and served as President in 1927. Mr. Sutcliffe had a broad field of interests and for recreation sought fishing and travelling over the North American continent. He served several years on the Council of the Town of New Liskeard, and as Mayor from 1930 to 1933. He was on the Hospital Board for 29 years and had been a member of the Kiwanis Club since its organization in 1927. Mr. Sutcliffe was also an active Mason being a member of The Royal Arch, A.F. and A.M. When the Town Planning Board was formed in 1946, he was its first President. In politics, he belonged to the Progressive Conservative Party, and in Religion, was a Presbyterian being a member of St. Andrew's Church, New Liskeard.

Mr. Sutcliffe married Miss Sadie MacCallum, daughter of the late Archibald MacCallum, of Ailsa Craig, in 1911, and there were two children: Dorothy Ruth (Mrs. J. K. Ronson) of Windsor, Ontario, and Robert J., of Montreal, Quebec. Mrs. Sutcliffe died in 1934, and in 1937 Mr. Sutcliffe married Elizabeth Mellish, daughter of the late A. W. Mellish of Toronto.

One of the many distinctions which fell to Mr. Sutcliffe, was the appointment by the Ontario Government to the Royal Mining Commission which sat from 1943-1944.

Mr. Sutcliffe died on March 10th, 1958, and was interred in the New Liskeard Cemetery on March 12th, after a service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.