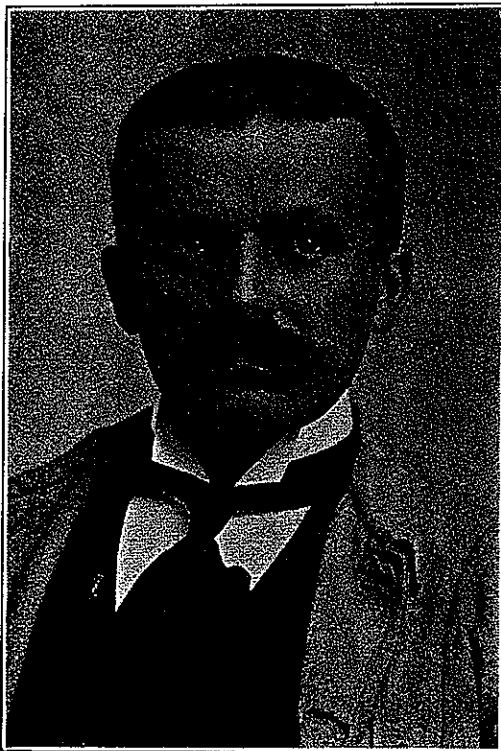


WILLIAM FRASER VANBUSKIRK

The subject of this sketch was born in St. Thomas on the 2nd of September, 1862, and died in Stratford on the 15th January, 1905, and was a member of the Anglican Church.

On April 7th, 1883, he was appointed a Land Surveyor. In 1885 he graduated from the Royal Military College, Kingston, with honors.



He took a post-graduate course in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before practising, as he appreciated the necessity in Canada at that time of expert knowledge in drainage, waterworks and sewage, so he specialized in those departments.

He then went into an Engineering partnership in Woodstock with W. Mahlon Davis, and did considerable work in Oxford and Perth Counties.

On the 16th December, 1897, he married Caroline Anne Woods, daughter of Judge Woods of Stratford. To them one child, W. F.

VanBuskirk, now manager of the Bank of Montreal, Vancouver, was born on the 19th October, 1898.

In 1897 he accepted the appointment of City Engineer to the City of Stratford, being the first incumbent to that office.

In 1900 he moved to Rossland, B.C., in a similar capacity and became experienced in his line in the Mountain country.

By 1904 he was recognized as an authority in his specialized profession, and was appointed an assistant City Engineer of Winnipeg, in charge of waterworks and sewage.

At this juncture he was taken ill, after but a few months'

work, with a malady from which he did not recover, and his promising career was cut short at the age of forty-three.

Of a strong, quiet personality, he made many staunch friends who never fail to recall the admiration and respect in which they held his sterling character.

He had no brothers. Of his four sisters, Fanny and Mary are deceased, and Anne and Caroline still survive.

His hobbies were fine carpentering and good reading.