

STILL MORE ABOUT SURVEY TECHNICIANS

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In considering standards, it is the intention of the Association to have five or six grades each for both office and field staff, that will be acceptable to all concerned. The basic requirements of these classifications will be education, examination, and time on the job. Each Technician will receive a card or certificate showing pertinent data in relation to the grade in which he is qualified. The first grading will be done at the request of the Association by the employer himself. All necessary data will be sent along with the request. This will not only speed up registration but it will also then be unnecessary for the prospective member to pass tests, etc. However, once registered in a grade, the Technician must qualify by the set standards, that is, by examination, etc., to gain registry in a higher grade.

Along with the classification comes education, and it is our intention to set up each grade on all the subjects pertaining thereto. Because of our function in the realm of surveying, it is necessary for these courses to be of the correspondence nature. However, it may be possible to arrange night school study at a local high school, etc., through the Board of Education. It is worthy of note here that the Board of Education has a night school class presently in operation in Toronto. Mr. Andrew Gibson, O. L. S. mentioned this course in an article in the April issue of this publication.

As can be seen by the foregoing, by having a recognized organization certify and train Technicians, such an organization should be of infinite value to the surveyor as well as to the profession of surveying.

REPORT OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee met in the office of the Association in the afternoon, on the 28th day of August, to enquire into and report on information submitted to the Association by the Director of Titles that one of the members of the Association practising in the eastern part of the Province, had been guilty of professional misconduct or conduct apt to bring the profession into disrepute within the meaning of Section 36 of the Land Surveyors Act.

All members of the Committee were present and the Association's solicitor directed the enquiry.

It was alleged that the surveyor had made a plan of a survey which was not acceptable and that when asked to prepare a proper plan, it was not acceptable, and a third plan was prepared. Each plan was inconsistent with the others.

An officer from the office of the Director of Titles was examined and the surveyor was given an opportunity to

question the evidence given by this officer and to explain the differences in the plans.

The surveyor stated that the first plan had been prepared on instructions by his client and with a minimum amount of field work. The second plan had been prepared after more field work but the position of the lot boundary or the allowance for road on the concession had not been established properly. The third plan had been prepared following the proper establishment of the lot boundary but an error had been made by a draughtsman when adjusting bearings of the boundaries of the parcel to a reference meridian.

The Committee recommended to Council that the surveyor be censured for his negligence in the manner this work had been performed and that he be required to pay the cost of the proceedings and failing the payment of these costs, within thirty days, he be suspended from practice.

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Discipline Committee.