

ONTARIO HYDRO REORGANIZES SURVEY DEPARTMENT

The organization of Ontario Hydro's Survey Department was revised, effective May 19 last, to provide for a Project Section in charge of a Senior Project Surveyor, responsible for the planning, co-ordinating and performing of requisitioned services. Mr. C. E. Stauffer, O. L. S. is in charge of the Project Section. Three Project Surveyors divide responsibility for survey work in the Province, as follows:

Mr. D. H. Richardson, O. L. S., Project Surveyor, Toronto; Central, Northeastern and Northwestern Regions.

Mr. F. V. Deconkey, O. L. S., Project Surveyor, Belleville; Eastern and East Central Regions.

Mr. J. A. Copeland, O. L. S., Project Surveyor, Niagara Falls; Niagara, Western and West Central Regions.

Messrs. Deconkey and Copeland

shown presently headquartered at Belleville and Niagara Falls respectively, will eventually be headquartered in Toronto. The survey work required in the Georgian Bay Region will be divided among the Project Surveyors according to workload and proximity to the Central, East Central or West Central Regions.

Other organizational changes are the creation of a Titles Section, in charge of the Titles Surveyor, Mr. R. J. Topham, O. L. S. responsible for descriptions and Title Studies; and an Estimating and Reports Section, in charge of Mr. T. W. Kelly, O. L. S., responsible for estimates, workload forecasts, reports and special studies.

The Drawing Production Section in charge of Mr. I. K. Chalmers, O. L. S., and the Clerical Section under Mr. R. C. Wyllie are unchanged.

SURVEY POST NUMBER ONE

by D. W. Baird, O. L. S.

An ultimate goal of the Land Surveyor is establishing permanent monuments to mark original surveys. We have heard of many different kinds being tried, including radio-active deposits, but with one notable exception the profession has been unsuccessful in coping with the ravages of time, the elements, and bulldozers.

Due to the efforts of Fraser Aylsworth, a land surveyor who practiced in Madoc for 40 years until his death in 1939, there was erected in MacDonald Park in the city of Kingston one monument which appears to be permanent.

In 1929, Aylsworth recommended to our association that there should be built a monument commemorating the planting of the first survey post in Ontario. After nine years of campaigning, the monument was built.

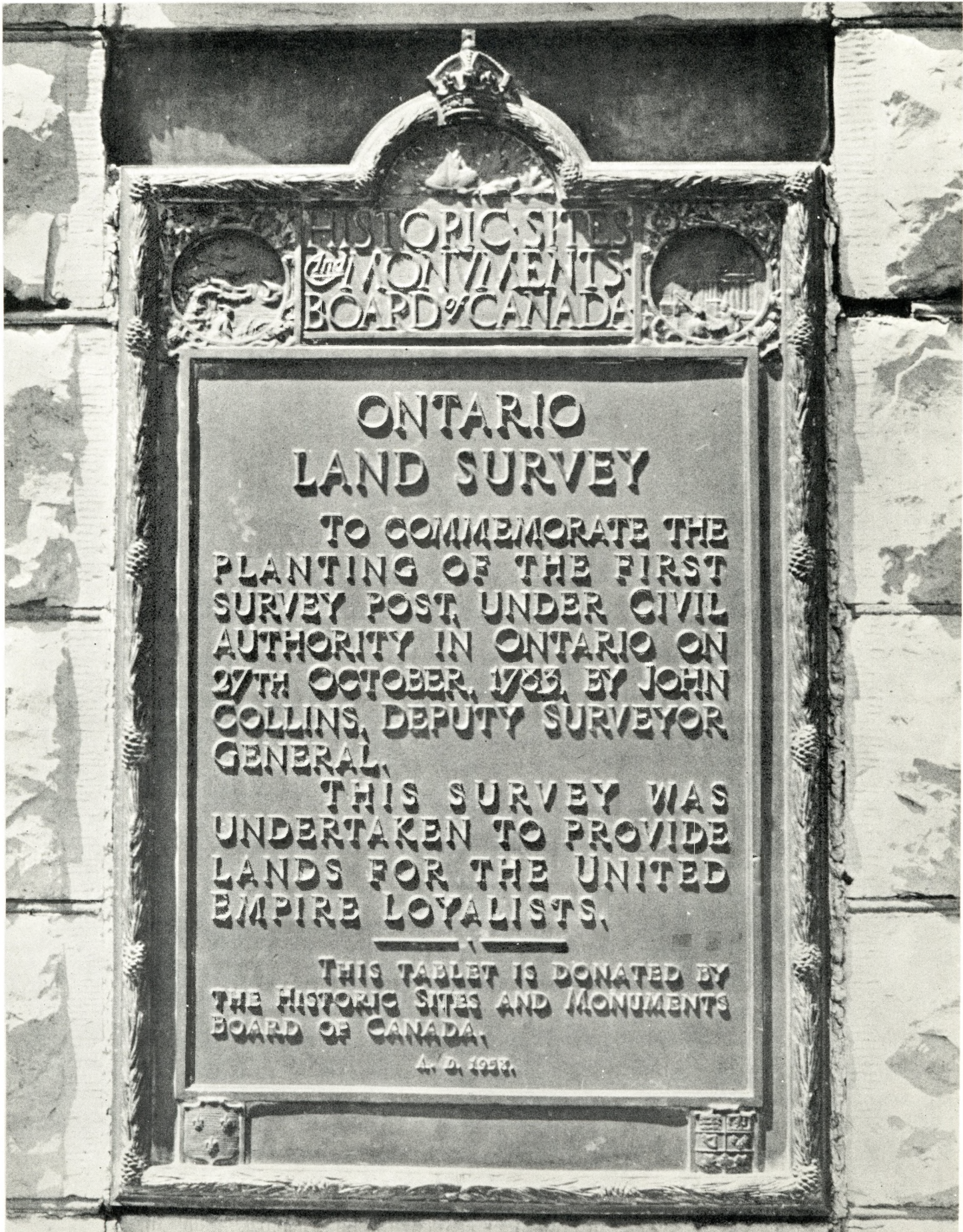
The first survey post was planted in 1783 by John Collins, then Deputy

Surveyor-General, at the southeast corner of Seignior No. One, now the Township of Kingston.

Mr. Aylsworth in his report to the association in 1931 rather optimistically stated that "this post has not been found yet." Its position can readily be located, and a cursory inspection made today indicated that the chances of finding the post are less likely now than they were in 1931.

It is interesting to note that the first survey line ran from here, set the pattern for many surveys in Ontario in that it was hotly disputed and re-run several times before a boundary was established that suited everyone concerned.

As the position of this original post was not a suitable one for a monument, it was decided to erect it in MacDonald Park on the north side of King St., a short distance west of the original run line.



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ONTARIO LAND SURVEY

TO COMMEMORATE THE
PLANTING OF THE FIRST
SURVEY POST UNDER CIVIL
AUTHORITY IN ONTARIO ON
27TH OCTOBER, 1783, BY JOHN
COLLINS, DEPUTY SURVEYOR
GENERAL.

THIS SURVEY WAS
UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE
LANDS FOR THE UNITED
EMPIRE LOYALISTS.

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Subsequent reports on progress toward constructing the monument make interesting reading. Everyone, of course, was in favour of it, but like so many similar projects the difficult

question was - who is going to pay for it. With the advance of the depression few in the association felt they could undertake the project. Mr. Aylsworth prevailed on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board to present a suitable plaque, but they would not pay for the monument. Some in our association felt it would suffice to have the plaque mounted on a large boulder, others thought local historical societies might pay for the monument.

A monument was finally built of cut limestone nine and a half feet high and five and a half feet wide at the base. Using this monument, any surveyor can readily tie in a job to the original point from which the whole of the survey system in Ontario was begun.

Thanks to Fraser Aylsworth there is standing a physical reminder of the first survey made in our province - the laying out of township No. One, and a reminder of the first land surveyor working in Ontario, John Collins, who might well be called Mr. O. L. S. No. One.