Henry Wickenden.

An appreciation by Ellwood Wilson.

The forestry profession in Canada has lost one of its best members in the death of Henry Wickenden. He had a wide experience; he had an excellent mind, and a great deal of initiative, and not only knew a great deal about forestry, but was essentially a practical forester, thoroughly familiar with the woods and with all sorts of field work. His contributions to forestry knowledge were very creditable, and he was one of the few men who were willing to branch out and to develop new methods. He was never tied down by precedent, and was an independent thinker.

Mr. Wickenden started his forestry work as inspector for the St. Maurice Forest Protective Association, where his work was of a very high order. The Wayagamack Company then sent him to Sweden, where he was trained and where he acquired a thorough knowledge of the Swedish language. On his return he took charge of the forestry work of the Wayagamack Company, and carried out a thorough investigation and estimate of their forests. He developed many new methods and short cuts in cruising and mapping. In his work in this country he was sensible enough to build on the information acquired in Sweden, but did not attempt to put it slavishly into practice.

About three years ago, he became very much interested in aerial photographic maps for making plans and estimates of forests, and here again his active mind showed him new ways of utilizing aerial photographs and of getting information from them. He developed a machine for rapidly making maps from the photographs at any scale desired, and was one of the first to take advantage of the stereoscopic properties of the photographs, for obtaining contours and elevations and for the laying out of logging and supply roads.

About a year ago he was transferred to Anticosti Island, where he worked very hard in attempting to get a rapid estimate of the amount of timber and the developing of means of extracting it. Physically he was never very strong, but had an indomitable will which kept him at his work when he was in no condition physically to stand it.

His interest in forestry, both in this country and abroad, was very keen, and he kept himself in touch with all new developments. He was very tactful and did a great deal to educate

executors and operators with whom he came into contact. He was of a singularly sweet and attractive disposition, and his loss will be keenly felt by all those who knew him.