

## SHEPPARD, Earle L. (1894 – 1957)

**E**arle Sheppard, a Toronto architect, was a tireless and devoted servant of the Ontario Association of Architects and its Toronto Chapter. He was secretary of the chapter from 1937 to 1941 and served on various committees until his death. He was President of the Association in 1951-1952.

Sheppard was a native of Montreal and received his education and his early architectural training there with the architectural firm Ross & Macdonald. From there he went to the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in architecture. For some time he worked in Detroit at Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Architects but decided to move to Toronto where he worked with Thomas Lamb, the Board of Education and Chapman and Oxley before opening his own firm. In Detroit he designed mostly industrial buildings; in Canada he worked with Lamb on Loew's theatres including the Uptown but continued his industrial designs

and expanded into residential work. He designed the stained glass windows of the Rosedale United Church which he attended and his last commission was the Knight Building, a 13-storey office block on Adelaide Street West between Yonge and Bay streets.

In 1930 he was given an award by the Society of the Plastics Industry for a new building material of light weight transparent blocks which he invented.

Always actively concerned about a profession he loved, Sheppard was a member of the Joint Committee of the OAA and APEO (Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario), Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Legislation and a Trustee of the OAA Trust fund. As well he served on various committees for the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

A veteran of the two world wars, Sheppard was married to Elsie Dawson.

### Important work:

Breay-Nash Auto Showroom, Bay Street, Toronto	1926
Burt Business Forms Co., Mount Dennis, Ont.	1930
"My Valet" Cleaners Co., Adelaide St. West, Toronto	1931
Residence for Harry T. Breay, Baby Point Cres., Toronto	1931
Office tower, 25 Adelaide St. W., Toronto	1954