

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				

1928, Jan. 19-September	Apprentice Clerk	Pine Ridge	Lake Superior	RG3/40C/2
1928, 2 September	Drowned			RG3/40C/2

Education: Intermediate Certificate, Peterhead Academy, 1924. A.102/197

Marital Status: Single

Mother: Annie Mitchell, Peterhead, Scotland

Previous Work Experience: Clerking (three years in a Scottish law office) under W.L. Scott, Solicitor, and
Subsequently, Scott & McIntyre, Solicitors. A.102/197

One reference noted that Mr. Mitchell was a “good swimmer...” and “In view of last year’s fatalities among apprentices we have insisted on swimming as a qualification for apprentices to the Fur Trade.” [Feb. 1, 1928] A.102/197

Ironically, Mr. Mitchell drowned on Sunday morning, September 2, 1928 in the Wenesaga River near Pine Ridge, Northwestern Ontario, when he and a friend, in their canoe, attempted to cross a stream over a waterfall. When the current capsized the canoe, the friend reached shore, but Mr. Mitchell drowned. After extensive dragging of the river, Mr. Mitchell’s body was located, and his mother arranged for the body to be returned home to Peterhead, Scotland.

PHOTOGRAPH:

John Mitchell, Scotland, c. 1927 (A.102/197-4)

