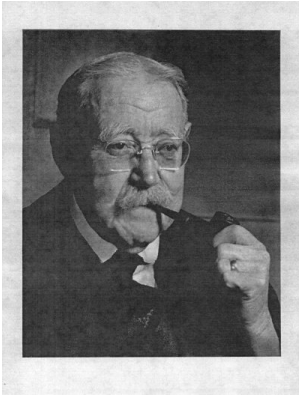




Ross-on-Wye Town Council

John Henry Hart 1869-1953



Mr John Henry Hart was a business man of wide interests springing from a deep love of the town.

Born at Strangford, Sellack, and after qualifying as a Pharmacist, he returned to Ross in 1913 to take over the business at The Man of Ross House.

He was a member of Ross Urban Council from 1924 to 1948 and Chairman from 1931-38. One of his great ambitions was to see Ross provided with a town hall, though this was never fulfilled, he gave the project many years service as Chairman of the New Town Committee.

From 1942 Mr Hart was a magistrate. He was a keen promoter of the business interests of the town - he was a director of Ross Laundry - and in 1930 he was president of the Ross Traders Association. Two years before his death, he was made a life member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Education was another of his great interests. He was chairman of Ross Grammar School and a manager of the council schools.

Any organisation serving the general well being of the town could always be assured of Mr Hart's support.

His wife died in 1946. His only son, Mr J F Hart, was secretary of the British Legion for many years and his grandson, Mr J P Hart was a county councillor for the town and still lives in Ross.