

J. J. Bailey, Canada's foremost penman, was one of a group of seven who founded the International Association of Master Penmen and Teachers of Handwriting. He was one of the founders of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and one of the founders of the Teachers Superannuation.

As a teacher, he was tops. Tops, too, as a penman. In all the world he was unsurpassed in plain, rapid, business penmanship. He was E. C. Mills' foremost student. When he went to Columbus, Ohio in 1910 to attend the Zanerian College of Penmanship, Mr. C. P. Zaner, the greatest all-round penman in the world, told him that he couldn't show him anything better than his own (J.J.'s) plain, rapid script. His "Bailey Method of Penmanship" is superb for a business college, high school and adult use. His best work was probably done in 1925 after a summer spent in building a stone wall at his sister's cottage on Lake Simcoe where he worked alone and had to lift and place stones of up to 250 pounds. He designed the "Bailey Transparent Form Chart" made of transparent plastic with the letters and figures stamped on it in black, He was an excellent ornamental penman as well.

Few people could match him in wit. He and H. J. Walter kept us all in stitches during the whole week of our first convention. He was Hon. President of the Ontario Penmanship Association when it was an active part of the Ontario Education Association Commercial Section at the Easter meetings. J.J. like so many of the master penmen, liked motoring. In the early 1920's, he drove 25, 000 miles a year.

- Fred Richardson