Biographical sketch: John Dunlop Evans (1843-1930), son of John H.W. Evans was born in Goderich Ontario. He was educated at Upper Canada College.

In 1867, he moved from Toronto to Belleville where he first advertised as ‘Provincial Land Surveyor, civil engineer and draughtsman. Three years later (1870) he started to offer his services as an architect, and in 1871 was commissioned for the Belleville City Hall. In 1881, Evans moved to Trenton and was appointed Chief Engineer of the Central Ontario Railway(COR). It is in 1886 that he is appointed the First Engineer and Surveyor of the Canadian Copper Company, in Copper Cliff, ON. In 1888 he moved permanently to Copper Cliff when he was put on the CCC payroll because the COR could not afford his services. He then became Manager of the CCC site in Copper Cliff, position he held until June 1893.

John D. Evans was not only working for the CCC but was involved in many aspects of the community development. He did participate in the drawing and construction of the first school in Copper Cliff and in 1890 he draw a plan for the proposed building of the Church of the Epiphany, Anglican Church, in downtown Sudbury. His proposal was accepted.

Interested in entomology, Evans held the directorship of the Entomological Society of Ontario in 1891-92. He also organized visits of the Sudbury region for members of the Society. He was a life member of the Entomological Society of Ontario and an insect was named after him as he discovered a tiny insect that have never been known before. It was named: Evansi.

Evans left Copper Cliff in 1893 and went back to Trenton where he worked for the COR until his retirement in 1925. He moved to Toronto and died in 1930.

Scope and content note: the transcript of the John D. Evans’ 1890 diary (January 1st-December 31st) informs us on his daily activities in Trenton but also in Copper Cliff at the Canadian Copper Company. Not only the notes report on his activities as engineer and manager at the CCC and the development of the mining sites in the area, but it also documents his interest and findings on insects, and his involvement in the development of the city.

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Notes: For more information on John Dunlop Evans: Copper Cliff Museum: [https://www.coppercliffnotes.com/the-evans-mine-settlement.html](https://www.coppercliffnotes.com/the-evans-mine-settlement.html)
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