

DAVID BEATTY.

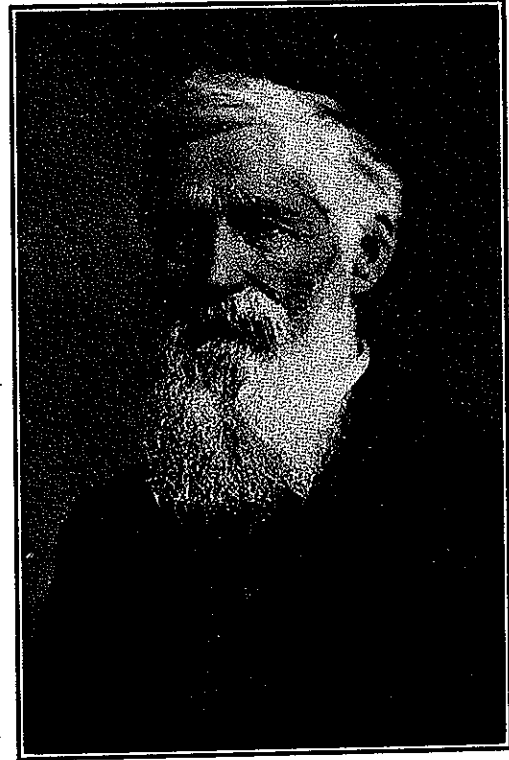
William Beatty and his wife, Ella, resided in the Township of Lansdowne, Leeds County, between Brockville and Gananoque. There were six sons:—Walter, of Delta, Ont.; John; David, of Parry Sound; Adam, of Lansdowne; William R., of Parry Sound, and George, of Red Deer, Alta., and six daughters.

David was born on Dec. 22nd, 1842, was educated at the public schools, and Farmersville High School, after which he taught school for a few years. In 1866 he became articled to his brother, Walter, and qualified as a P.L.S. on July 12th, 1869. He was immediately employed by the Government on Colonization Road Surveys, and in 1870 was engaged on exploratory work north of Lake Superior for the C. P. R.

The record of Township Surveys made by Mr. David Beatty for the Provincial Government is a lengthy one. The list is as follows:—Wilson, 1877; Wallbridge, 1879; Conger and Cowper, 1880; Biggar, 1882; Gould, 1885; Harley, 1887; Armstrong, 1888; Foley, 1889; Rathbun, 1893; part Freeman, 1895-96; London, 1897; McCarthy, 1898; Waldie, 1899; Exploration in Northern Ontario, 1900; Islands in Georgian Bay, 1910-11; Township Lowther, 1913; Foleyet, 1916; Re-survey O'Brien, 1917; Williamson, 1918; Timagami Reserve, 1919.

The survey of the Township of Biggar was transferred to Willis Chipman and completed by him.

For the Department of Interior, Ottawa, Mr. Beatty made many surveys in partnership with his brother Walter. In 1872 and 1873 they were on township subdivisions in Manitoba and Southern Saskatchewan. In 1880 and 1881 they were similarly employed, and in these two years subdivided over



fifty townships. In 1882 and 1883 and from 1902 to 1907 inclusive, they were employed on subdivision contracts in various parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. In 1908 and 1909 they were employed on retracement surveys and traverses north of Medicine Hat, and in the later year on the survey of the south and east boundaries of the Porcupine Forest Reserve in Manitoba.

(See O.L.S. Report, 1916, p. 49, for biographical sketch of Walter Beatty and further details of surveys by Walter and David).

In December, 1872, he married Miss Elvira L. Heacock, of Delta, daughter of Philo Heacock, and four years later took up his residence at Parry Sound, where he continued to reside until the end of his long and busy career.

His brother, Wm. R. Beatty, represented the District of Parry Sound in the Provincial House of Assembly continuously from 1894 to 1904. He lost his life in a fire near Revelstoke, B. C.

David Beatty died at his residence on River Street, Parry Sound, on April 18th, 1920.

His widow, one son, Oscar, of Neelin, Man., and Mrs. Dr. Collinson, of Red Deer, Alta., survived him. One daughter, Etta, drowned July 28th, 1902, at Parry Sound, aged 28 years. His brother, Adam, and three sisters, Nurses Janet and Elizabeth, of Lansdowne, and Mrs. Jas. D. Dickson, of Niagara Falls, Ont., also survive him.

The funeral was Masonic and was one of the largest in the town for many years.

The following "appreciation" appeared in the "Northern Star" of April 22nd, 1920:—

"With the death of David Beatty, the life career of one of Canada's great sons comes to a close. His life is not one of those which can be spoken of as local. He belonged to the whole of Canada, and his long career of unselfish devotion to duty was one that was spent for the benefit of the Dominion which he loved. Long before almost anyone now living in this town of ours, with paved streets and electricity, knew of the north country, David Beatty was chopping his lines through our forests, and laying out our pioneer colonization roads so that prosperity might settle and replenish the land.

"That was over half a century ago, and since then he has been a blazer of trails throughout the entire West of Canada, and even into its extremest north. These were the lays when there were no C. P. R.'s and no other way of going west of the

Great Lakes except by way of the States Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas, and thence north by way of the Red River, to where Winnipeg now stands, but which was then only Fort Garry, a Hudson's Bay Post. Those were the days when with his band of helpers he went to work one year and returned the next. And so on with the gradual western flow the pioneers went further and further to the foot of the everlasting mountains, and always ahead of them David Beatty and his fellow surveyors, blazing and staking out that others might reap the fruit of their knowledge. It is a noted fact that there never has been known such an anomaly as a "wealthy" surveyor. They were told to go west and locate for others, and they did so, unselfishly and without favor. Many times they might have been tempted to select something choice for themselves, but it was not professional to do so, and it was not done. And of such as these was our townsman, David Beatty, who we have laid to rest to-day.

"Like most of those who have spent the best of themselves amid the great solitudes, Mr. Beatty was a man of few words, and what he had to say was said in a fine, soft, modulated tone that mingled diffidence with the confidence of knowledge of his subject. It has been the privilege of the writer to live in the tented camp with him for months at a time, and of an evening after perhaps an hour of silence, save for the puff of our pipes, a question might bring out a story that would last from five minutes to an hour, but no matter how long, it was always a story, tense, dramatic, that spoke of truth and of things that were a revelation regarding the old pioneer history of Canada. Would that he had writ a book—it would have been such a book.

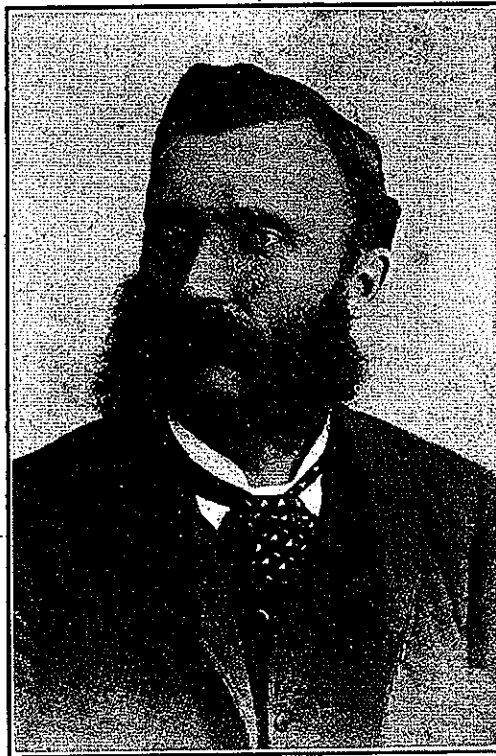
"Again, like the dweller amidst silences, he was a man of religion. His religion was not confined within the four walls of any church, nor bound within the leaves of any book of creed or orthodoxy. To those of us who knew him he was a believer in the God of Humanity, the God of Love, and to him all men were brothers, until they proved themselves otherwise—after that he did not want them.

"Staunch to his friends, kind to those who needed help, I do not think David Beatty has left behind him one single person but must say: 'He was a man's man.'

"His name will go down in the archives of Canada's history as one of the hardy pioneers when pioneering meant hard work and but little pay. It was a grand life and it required

grand men to live it. Of such was David Beatty, and it is one of the greatest privileges of the writer's life to have been in touch with him."

C. E. WOLFF.



Charles Everard Wolff was born on June 29th, 1846, in the City of Quebec. He was the son of Dr. James Fitzgerald Wolff, a grandson of Col. Wolff. His mother's name was Elizabeth Dodds Taylor, of the Isle of Wight, England.

At Quebec he attended Mr. Thom's School and the Brothers' Seminary. At an early age he became indentured to an East Indian Sea merchant, and took his Captain's certificate, which training afterwards enabled him to sail a relief boat across Lake Winnipegosis during the North-West Rebellion of 1885.

In 1872 he commenced the study of Land Surveying under Robert Sparks, of Ottawa, and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor for Ontario on April 16th, 1873, and for Quebec in 1875. On April 18th, 1879, he received his commission as Dominion Land Surveyor.

From 1873 to 1881 he was employed on local work in Ottawa and vicinity. He laid out the old race track opposite Lansdowne Park, subdivided the Hickey and Tremblay properties and surveyed timber limits on the Gatineau for Sir Henry Egan.

For a time he was member of the firm of Sparks, Wolff and Patrick.