

WALTER BEATTY.**By David Beatty.**

Walter Beatty, the eldest son of William and Ella Beatty, was born in the Township of Yonge (Front), Leeds County, Ontario, Jan. 3rd, 1836. He received his education at Public School and the Brockville Grammar School. He served his apprenticeship to William Rath, P.L. S., at Mitchell, Ont., and passed his final examinations on July 19th, 1858. He returned to the County of Leeds shortly afterward and took up his residence at Beverley, the name of the village afterwards being changed to Delta, where he continued to live until his death.

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Mr. Walter Beatty was one of the pioneers in the work of surveying public lands in Western Canada. This work was commenced in 1869, but very little was accomplished until after the Indian outbreak known as the Red River Rebellion in 1869-70. The work was resumed in the spring of 1871.

Mr. Beatty and Major A. C. Webb were commissioned by the Dominion Government in this year to proceed to Winnipeg and the West, via Chicago, to take through supplies for the different surveying parties in the Western Provinces. These supplies were conveyed by rail as far as Moorehead, Minnesota, thence by steamer to Winnipeg. The trip from Moorehead to Winnipeg required three days by stage and a week by boat. From Winnipeg goods and supplies could be shipped by boat up the Assiniboine to Fort Ellice in the early summer months, and from Winnipeg down the Red River, Lake Winnipeg, and up the Saskatchewan to Carleton and Edmonton.

In 1871 Mr. Beatty surveyed about 400 miles of township outline in the Province of Manitoba.

For seven seasons between 1872 and 1881 Mr. Beatty was employed on subdivision contracts, block outline surveys, and road surveys in Manitoba. On most of the subdivision contracts he and his brother David were in partnership.

In 1876 Walter Beatty received instructions from the Government to lay out and superintend roads in the Icelandic settlements on Lake Winnipeg, and was quarantined with the settlement during a smallpox outbreak in the winter of 1876 and 1877.

In the spring of 1882 it was decided by the Dominion Government to commence subdivision surveys in the vicinity of Edmonton, and Mr. Beatty, his brother David, and George Simpson were the first surveyors employed. From Winnipeg their teams and horses travelled overland the entire distance to Edmonton, the time required being two months and two days. Mr. Beatty and others of the party, including Bryce J. Saunders, then a pupil, set out by boat via Lake Winnipeg and the Saskatchewan, taking sufficient supplies for two years. The survey work was prosecuted during the balance of the season of 1882. Early in the winter of 1883 Walter Beatty returned to Winnipeg, thence by railway to his home in Delta. He returned to Winnipeg in the spring, thence to Edmonton. During the winter David Beatty and Mr. Simpson continued subdivision work, upon which they were engaged to the north and north-east of Edmonton, the work extending beyond St. Albert. They surveyed between sixty and seventy townships in the Edmonton district, in 1882, 1883, and 1884. In 1885 Mr. Beatty was on active service in what is known as the second Riel Rebellion.

During 1887, 1890, 1903, and 1904 he was again employed on contract surveys in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, subdividing about two hundred townships. Frank Purvis, Charles Davis, Bryce J. Saunders, Hubert Dempster, and several other surveyors served under articles with Mr. Beatty, and acted as assistants on many Government surveys performed by him in Ontario and in the Western Provinces.

In the Province of Ontario he subdivided the Townships of Stisted, Chaffey, Armour, Strong, and Joly, and subdivided a number of additional townships in partnership with his brother David.

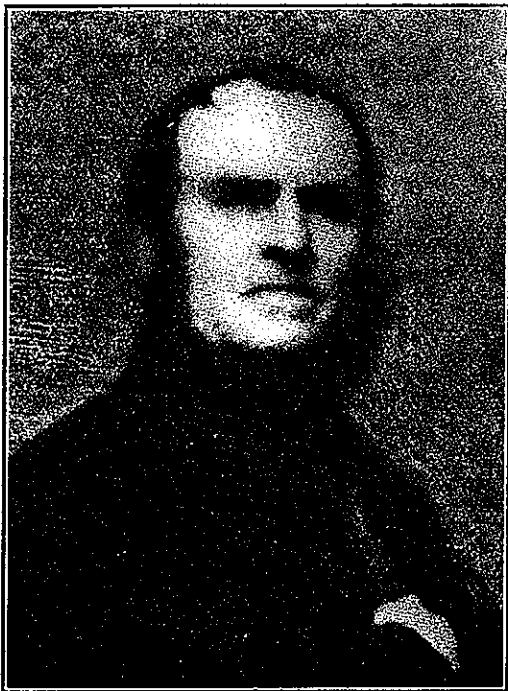
The last work he performed was a subdivision of the Township of Alexandra, near Chapleau. It should be stated that two younger brothers, George and Adam, were associated

with Walter in much of his Western work. George afterwards settled at Red Deer, and Adam on the homestead at Lansdowne.

Walter Beatty was elected a member of the Provincial Legislature in 1894, and represented the riding of South Leeds until 1904. Although a Conservative in politics, he had many friends among his political opponents, and was highly respected in the county.

Mr. Beatty died at Delta on January 5th, 1911.

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The subject of this sketch was born in Gloucestershire, England, Sept. 26, 1804. He received his education first at Bristol, and then at Reading Grammar School under the famous Dr. Valpy. Mr. Creswicke first came to America in 1830, spent three years in Michigan, then returned to England, and served as civil engineer on the Great Western Railway under some distinguished engineers. In 1841 he settled on N. 1/2 of Lot 15, Con. 13, Oro, County of Simcoe. At the suggestion of Capt. J. Æ. Irving, Warden of Simcoe District in 1843, he prepared for and passed his examination as County Surveyor, after walking from

his home in Oro to the City of Kingston, which was then the seat of Government. After residing in Oro for a number of years, he moved to Barrie. He qualified as a land surveyor on April 10th, 1854, and was afterwards County Surveyor of the County of Simcoe, and also served as auditor of the accounts for the administration of justice for many years. In June, 1881, he tendered his resignation, and at the end of the year the office of the County Surveyor was abolished. On the evening of his retirement the Council tendered to him their con-