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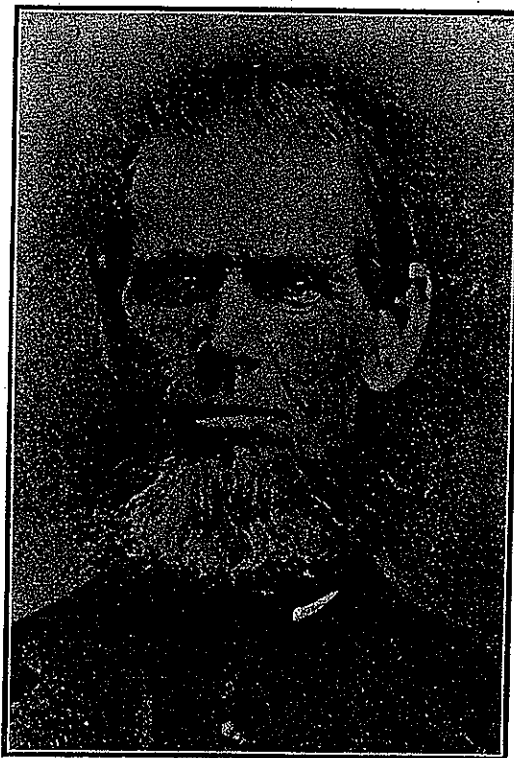
WILLIAM BELL

The late William Bell was the oldest child of Catharine Wallace and Robert Bell. He was born in Strabane, Ireland, on January 1st, 1819, and was eleven years of age when he came to New York with his father and mother. His brothers, Robert and John, were born in Belfast, Ireland.

His father, Robert Bell, came to New York with the intention of establishing a branch of the linen business, in which he and his brother were engaged in Belfast, Ireland, but owing to failing health he was forced to give this up. During their residence in New York their son James was born.

Sometime during the early part of 1832 the family left New York and settled on a farm in Oxford Township, County of Grenville, Upper Canada, about three miles South of the town of Kemptville, where the remaining members of the family were born, namely Joseph, Mary, Samuel, Elizabeth and Charles.

In 1852 William Bell married Eliza Rutherford. By this wife there were four children—Margaret, Martha, Mary and Elizabeth. The two older ones died when quite young, but Mary and Elizabeth are still living and reside at Oxford Sta-



tion, a village on the Ottawa and Prescott Railway, about six miles South of Kemptville.

During his first wife's lifetime, the late William Bell resided on a farm adjoining the homestead, at the same time continuing studies to qualify for a land surveyor. He went to Pembroke in the Fall of 1860 and passed his qualifying examination on Jan. 14th, 1861. He then opened an office at Pembroke and continued to reside there until his death on Jan. 23rd, 1890.

He was again married in 1863 to Miss Christina Wight of Pembroke, who died in 1865. There were no children by this marriage.

William Bell had six brothers and two sisters, as follows:

Robert, born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1823. He took up his residence in Bytown, the present City of Ottawa, when a very young man and lived there until his death in May, 1873. He left two daughters—Catharine, who married the late J. W. McRae of Ottawa in 1872, and with whom Robert afterwards lived, his wife having predeceased him; and Margaret, his youngest daughter, who married Mr. Adam Buell, the senior member of the Buell, Orde & Hurdman Lumber Company. They lived in Burlington, Vermont. Mrs. McRae and Mrs. Buell are both dead. During his lifetime, the late Robert Bell represented the County of Russell in the Federal House, and also was Member for the City of Ottawa for a time. He was instrumental in promoting the construction of the Ottawa and Prescott Railway and was President of the Company. He qualified as a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor on June 16th, 1843.

John, born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1825. He studied law and after graduating was connected with a firm in Toronto for a short time. He then went to Belleville, where he entered into practice with the then Solicitor for the Grand Trunk. On the position becoming vacant by the death of his partner, he was appointed Solicitor, which position he held until his death some fourteen years ago.

He had a large family, of which only four are now living, namely: Mrs. (Dr.) Gibson of Belleville; Mrs. Robert Lazier of Belleville; Miss Alice Bell of Belleville and Mrs. Wm. Chisholm of Wellington, Prince Edward Co.

James, born in New York, a graduate of Victoria College, Cobourg, and followed the profession of Mining Engineer. He married Catharine Meredith and had two children—Robert,

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now of Toronto, and Lydia, now Mrs. W. A. Morris of Ottawa. He died in February, 1910, at his home in Arnprior, his wife having predeceased him.

Joseph, was also a graduate of Victoria College, Cobourg. He entered the office of his brother, John, with the intention of studying law, but his health failing he removed to Florida, where he died some twenty-five years ago.

Mary, the oldest sister of William Bell, was born in June, 1834. She was the wife of James Evans, who for a time was associated with Wm. Bell in his profession in Pembroke. She died some years ago, leaving no family.

Samuel, was also associated for a number of years with his brother, William, as land surveyor, but owing to failing health he was forced to give up his profession and lived retired for a number of years in Ottawa. He died in 1909. Miss Clara Bell, who now resides in Wellington, Prince Edward Co., is his only child.

Elizabeth, the youngest sister of William Bell, was born in Oxford Township on Jan. 3rd, 1841. In Jan., 1862, she was married to the late C. F. Ferguson, M.D., of Kemptville, who followed his profession there for fifty years. He also represented the riding of North Leeds and Grenville in the Federal House from 1874 to 1896, when he resigned. He died in September, 1909. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Ferguson resided with her daughter and son-in-law, who removed to Kemptville at that time and with whom she died in September, 1916. The late Mrs. Ferguson is survived by three children—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson of Kemptville, Mrs. (Dr.) W. E. Storey of Kemptville and Mrs. J. C. Jeffery of Ottawa.

Charles, the youngest of the Bell family, was a member of the firm of Bell, Biggar & Bell of Belleville. He died some years ago. He had one son, Mr. Guy Bell, who is at present Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Portage la Prairie, Man.

About 1861 Mr. Bell ran an exploratory line from the Hastings Road, or from Bark Lake, South Westward to the Muskoka River at Bracebridge. This line formed the South boundary of the townships of Sabine, Clide, Eyre, Havelock, Sherbourne, etc., and is shown on the Crown Land's map of 1862-63 as "Bell's Exploration Line."

Hon. Wm. McDougall was then Commissioner of Crown Lands and Thomas Devine was head of Surveyors' Branch. This map shows the colonization roads then surveyed, also a number of exploration lines in the Muskoka District. Mr.

V. B. Wadsworth, who was employed on the survey of portions of the Muskoka Road, Parry Sound Road and on subdivisions in Guilford and other townships in that district, states that Bell's exploration line was well cut out, but was not blazed. He further states that many lines surveyed about that time were not blazed.

In 1862 William Bell received instructions from the Government to inspect and replant posts on the Opeongo Road. In 1870 he surveyed Heenan timber limits in 1870; Perley and Pattie's timber limits in 1873. When the C. P. R. was being built he laid out the town plot of Mattawa. In 1885 he surveyed residues of the Townships of Fraser and Head.

In 1882 he was employed by the Dominion Government on Township outline work, as follows:—

East outlines of townships 21 to 24, range 28; north outlines of townships 21 to 24, ranges 17 to 19; all west of the second meridian.

East, north and south outlines of township 19, and east outline of township 20, range 8; north outline of township 17, north and east outlines of townships 19, and east outline of township 20, range 15; north and east outlines of township 17, and east outlines of townships 18 and 20, range 16; north outline of township 18, range 15; north outline of township 18 and north and east outlines of township 19, range 16; north outline of township 18, range 22; east outlines of townships 19 and 20, range 23; all west of the fourth meridian.

Mr. Bell's death was due to exposure. He was engaged on a survey on the Schyan River when he became seriously ill. He was brought home on Wednesday and died on the Friday following, probably from influenza.

During his twenty-eight years in practice in Pembroke, he made many surveys for private parties. He was held in the highest regard by the community and as a surveyor his work was accurate.

The "Pembroke Observer" of Jan. 24th, 1890, in referring to the death of Mr. Bell, stated:—

"Mr. Bell was a man of deep thought and wide information and of such equable temperament that he probably never made a personal enemy in all the course of his long life."

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