

of Grenville, drawn or prepared by Wm. Fraser or Thomas Fraser.

William Fraser, the surveyor, died at his home on May 20th, 1852, aged 86 years. He was buried in the small cemetery near the banks of the St. Lawrence about three and one-half miles West of Cardinal on township lot known as "The Commons."

### RICHARD BIRDSALL

The subject of this short sketch was born near Malton in Yorkshire, England, in 1799. He was educated for the Navy, but after the death of his father he decided to come to Canada. He arrived about 1814, and for a short time taught school near Montreal. He then took up the study of land surveying and was admitted to practice in Upper Canada in 1819. He was then a resident of York. In the following year he was associated with Gabriel Lount and his son, George Lount, on the survey of the Township of Innisfil.

He appears to have gone into partnership with Hon. Zacheus Burnham as general contractors of Scott's Mills (now Peterboro) and in 1825 he laid out the Town of Peterboro. Some of the streets were named after Mr. Birdsall's daughters.

Mr. Birdsall made the following surveys for the Provincial Government:—

Township of Otonabee—July 29th, 1819.

Town of Peterboro—Oct. 18th, 1825.

Part Township of Smith—Jan. 15th, 1830.

Re-running boundary line Canada Co.—Sept. 24th, 1834.

In making surveys for the Crown he received one half his pay in land valued at one dollar per acre and the other half in money.

Although not an expert bushman when with the Lounts, he eventually became one. He was a powerful man and a hard worker. It is reported that when surveying townships he organized two parties, each working one day and moving camp the following day. To obtain flour it was then necessary to ship wheat from Cobourg by flat boat to Kingston, where the nearest mills were operated.

In 1837 Rebellion, he commanded a company of volunteers stationed at Peterboro.

At the time of his death in 1846 he was Lt.-Colonel in the Militia.

He was a conservative in politics, and a member of the Church of England. He was a candidate for parliamentary honours at one time, but was defeated by a small majority.

Richard Birdsall's father resided in England, his date of birth being 1754. Richard Birdsall was twice married, first in March, 1821, to Elizabeth Burnham, who died Jan. 30th, 1827. They had four daughters, as follows:—

Elizabeth—Born April 29th, 1822; died Sept. 20th, 1875. She married Robert David Rogers about March, 1840.

Sophia—Born Nov. 13th, 1823; died 1898.

Marn Ann—Born April 26th, 1825; died 1867.

Margaret A.—Born Dec. 29th, 1826, dead.

In March, 1837, he married Charlotte Everett, their children being:—

Richard Everett—Born December, 1837; died Sept. 27th, 1877.

Francis—Born Jan. 6th, 1838; died Dec. 26th, 1914.  
Charlotte.

Maria—Born June 6th, 1844; died May 18th, 1918.

Richard Everett was educated at Upper Canada College and studied Civil Engineering under the late Thomas C. Keefer. He was employed on the waterworks system at Montreal and was on the Desjardins Canal at the time when the skeleton of a Mastodon was found. He was a great athlete and chess player and held the championship of Canada. None of his children survived him.

Richard Birdsall Rogers, O.L.S., of Peterboro, is a son of Robert David Rogers.

The latter was one of the five men who crossed the Niagara River in 1838 and cut out the steamer "Caroline," the supply ship of the rebels, and sent her adrift over the horse-shoe falls.

Richard Birdsall settled on the North shore of Rice Lake below Peterboro at a point known as "Birdsall's Landing." The residence built by him is now occupied by his great grandson, Lt.-Col. Francis Everett Birdsall. His grandson, Lt.-Col. Richard Everett Birdsall, also resides on the original homestead in a separate residence.

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Lt.-Col. Francis E. Birdsall served in the original Second Battalion in the late War as Lieutenant. He was promoted to the rank of Captain, wounded on Dec. 15th, 1915, and was afterwards Demobilizing Officer for the third district, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Claude H. Rogers of the Peterboro Canoe Co. is a son of the late Lt.-Col. J. Z. Rogers, a brother of R. B. Rogers, O.L.S.

Alderman George Birdsall of Toronto is a son of William Birdsall and grandson of Col. William Birdsall, who was a brother of Richard Birdsall, the surveyor.

### WILLIAM CAMPBELL

By F. J. French, K.C.

It is "a labor of love" to write a short sketch of this well remembered Land Surveyor. He was born in Scotland in 1789, came to Canada about 1815, via the United States and settled at Brockville and served in a lawyer's office there. For some reason he discontinued law and took up surveying and was admitted to practice on Jan. 25th, 1823. He then settled permanently on Lot No. 3 in the first concession of the Township of Oxford and erected there a beautiful home on the South bank of the Rideau River about one mile above the Village of Burritt's Rapids.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace and was known throughout the countryside as "Squire Campbell."

