

**WALTER S. DAVIDSON.**

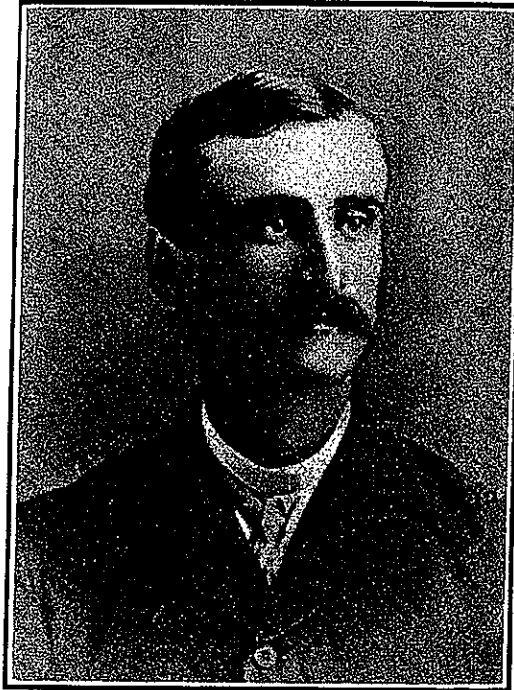
Walter Stanley Davidson, son of Alexander Davidson, P.L.S., was born on June 30th, 1860, at Arkona.

He attended Woodstock College, and the School of Practical Science, Toronto, afterwards serving his apprenticeship with his father and passed as a P. L. S., April 9th, 1884. At various times he filled the position of Township Engineer for every Township in the County of Lambton, except Euphemia.

In 1898, he subdivided the Township of Mather, in the Rainy River District, and in 1900 the Kettle and Stony Point Reserves (Lake Huron). In the same year he also made an exploratory survey in Algoma.

He died from typhoid fever at Arkona, on January 20th, 1901.

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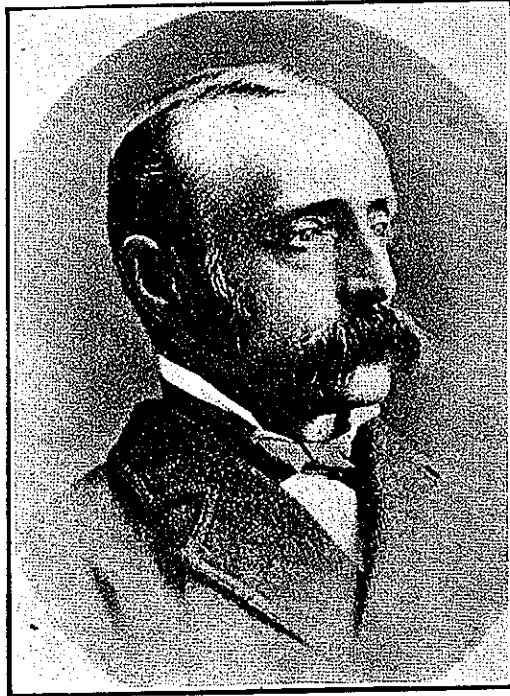


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**EDGAR BRAY.**

The late Edgar Bray was born near Oakville, Halton County, Ontario, on December 18th, 1843. After leaving the High School he served his apprenticeship of three years with George Brockett Abrey, passing his final examination qualifying him as Provincial Land Surveyor on October 6th, 1866. His first independent survey was on Manitoulin Island shortly afterwards.

By Act of Parliament passed in April, 1872, provision was made for admitting Provincial Land Surveyors to practice as Dominion Land Surveyors. Mr. Bray took advantage of this and shortly after the passage of the Act secured a contract



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for the survey of a number of townships in Southern Manitoba, under instructions from Lieut. Col. J. S. Dennis who was then Surveyor General of Dominion Lands.

Mr. Bray was one of the pioneer surveyors of the West, very few surveys having been made west of Lake Superior until the year before he began his career. He, along with the other surveyors of that time had to encounter many hardships and delays which are no longer incident to survey work in that section of the country. The trip from Ottawa to Winnipeg

which may now be accomplished in about two days, at that time took from two to four weeks. The nearest railway terminal was at Moorhead, Minnesota, a three day's trip by stage or a week's trip by Red River boat from Winnipeg. Beyond Winnipeg, practically the only means of transportation was a two-wheeled vehicle known as the Red River cart.

From 1872 till 1889 and again from 1902 till the time of his death in 1908, Mr. Bray was almost continuously employed on Dominion Land Surveys. This work included subdivision contracts, surveys of block and base lines, trail and river traverses and the surveys of Indian reserves. His operations extended from Eastern Manitoba to the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains, and as far north as Lesser Slave Lake.

The following is a list of the more important surveys performed by Mr. Bray in the north western Provinces:—

- 1873—Block Surveys in Manitoba.
- 1875-6—Block Survey, North Western Territory.
- 1878—Survey of Indian Reserves.
- 1880—Block Surveys, North Western Territory.
- 1882—Block Lines.

1883—Azimuth Observations, Block and Outline Surveys.

1902—Township Outlines.

1903—Subdivision Surveys.

1905—Re-Survey of Townships.

Mr. Bray died suddenly at Kamsack, Sask., after a few hours illness on August 20th, 1908, when engaged upon subdivision surveys in the vicinity.

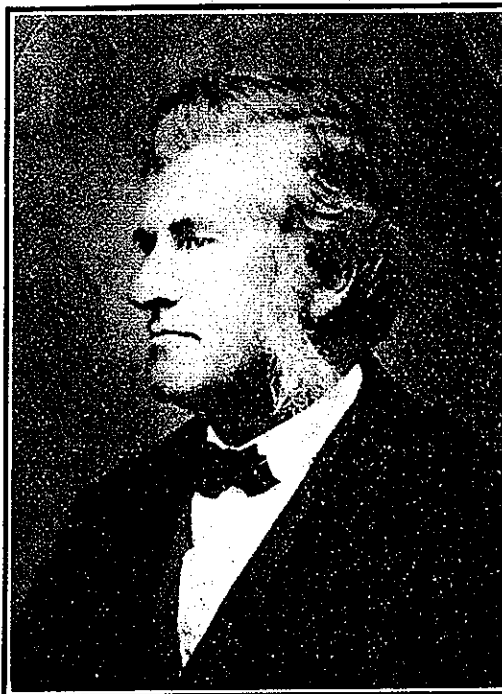
Mr. Bray was a careful and efficient surveyor, and his work gave satisfaction to the Department.

### ALEXANDER DAVIDSON.

The subject of this sketch was born in New Sarum, County of Elgin, Ontario, on February 24th, 1826. For several years he taught school in the Township of Dorchester, in the County of Middlesex, and Bosanquet, in the County of Lambton, and after a course of training at Woodstock College, passed his examination as a Provincial Land Surveyor on October 11th, 1858.

He surveyed large portions of the County of Lambton.

Mr. Davidson was a personal friend of the late Hon. George W. Ross, who often travelled with him throughout the country. Several municipal positions were held by Mr. Davidson, and he was an acknowledged authority on drainage.



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After an illness of several weeks, he died at his home at Arkona on September 16th, 1899.

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