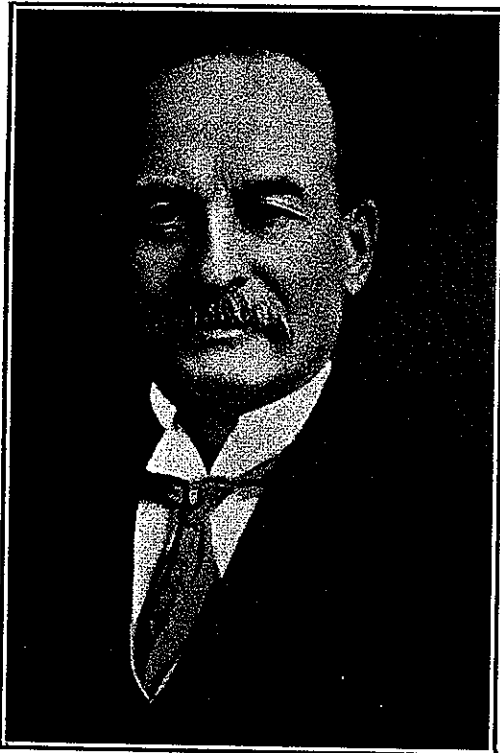


SAMUEL BRAY

Was born in the City of Quebec on the 5th November, 1846, and was the son of Richard Bray, and his wife, Catharine Williams. They were of English stock, but originally of French Protestant.



Samuel had several brothers and two sisters. Of these all are dead except Gilbert Bray, Merchant, retired, and Eliza Bray, unmarried, both of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and Dr. Reginald Bray of Niagara Falls, New York, Physician.

When only a baby of about six months Samuel was taken to British Honduras, and after to Mexico. He stayed in Mexico until he was about six years of age, when his mother died, when he and another brother were sent to Trevarth Boarding School in Cornwall, England, where he remained until he was fourteen years of age. His father was then appointed the manager of the old Bank of Elgin, at St. Thom-

as, Ont. Then the family came to Canada, but stayed only two years, when they returned again to Mexico, at which time the country was in the midst of the Maxmillian revolution, and he and his family had many stirring experiences over the head of the unsettled times.

When he was about twenty-eight years of age he returned to Canada and for a time worked as line chainman and so forth on several railroads in Essex, Kent and Elgin counties, and then articed himself to Mr. Elihu Stewart, and was appointed a Land Surveyor on the 6th January, 1877.

He practised surveying at Barrie, and married Miss Elizabeth Lount, daughter of the late Judge Charles Lount, of Bracebridge, Ont., at Barrie on the 20th February, 1878.

Eight children were born to them, but only four now survive. The surviving children are:—

Charles Bray, born Oct. 22nd, 1880, at St. Ignace, Michigan. He is now Registrar of the Surrogate Court, etc., Ottawa.

Sidney H. Bray, born at Ottawa 29th September, 1886, now with the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Montreal.

Vivian Marcom Bray, born 14th April, 1888, at Ottawa. Now Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Blyth, Ont.

Alice H. Abbott, born December 15th, 1894, at Ottawa. Now wife of George S. Abbott, Inspector of Civil Aviation Branch, Dept. of National Defence, Ottawa.

Charles L. Bray married Maude Errington of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., the following children being born to them:— Marion E. Bray, Dept. of Interior, Ottawa; Kathleen E. Bray, Teacher in Eastview Public School, Ottawa; Richard C. Bray, Mining Engineering Student, second year, Queen's University, Kingston; Marguerite E. Bray, Student at Lisgar Collegiate Institute, Ottawa.

Sidney H. Bray married Bessie Fox of Preston, Ont., and the following children were born to them: William T. Bray, Student of Electrical Engineering, Queen's University; Mary E. Bray, Student, St. Lambert High School, St. Lambert, Que.; John L. Bray, Student, St. Lambert Protestant School, St. Lambert, Que.; V. Marcom Bray married Nora Maingy of Ottawa, issue being Layton McC. Bray, Student, Blyth Public School, Blyth, Ont.; Phylis B. Bray, Student at School with Layton McC.; Lorna B. Bray, a small child two years old; Alice H. Abbott, issue, Robert L. Abbott, and Francis L. Abbott, both small boys attending the Ottawa Model School.

Shortly after his marriage the subject of this sketch was on railway survey work in Michigan on what is now the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Ry. He then came to Ottawa as a member of the contracting firm of McDonald, Bray and Jones, and had the unfulfilled contract for the construction of the original Gatineau Valley line, now part of the Can. Pac. Ry. in Quebec.

In 1884 he was appointed surveyor for the Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, under which he made surveys along the Saskatchewan River and at St. Agathe about twenty years ago. He retired from this service in about 1924.

His hobbies were gardening, and in his latter years he enjoyed chess.

He was an ardent adherent of St. George's Anglican Church, Metcalf St., Ottawa.

He died on the 23rd February, 1934, at Ottawa, and was buried in Beechwood Cemetery there.

JOHN McDONELL

Was a descendent of the United Empire Loyalists and of the historic clan of Fighting Roman Catholic Highlanders of Glengarry.

He was born in Williamstown in Glengarry county, and was appointed a Land Surveyor on the 3rd October, 1845.



He married Catharine MacDonell in Glengarry county in about 1850.

The children to them were: Catharine Mary, born 1852; Allan Ranald, contractor of the T.N.O., born 1856; Flora, born 1859; and three younger, all of whom died in early childhood.

Catharine Mary married Samuel Robert Thomson, Q.C. of St. John, N.B. Their children were Arthur Bayard; Leslie Clare, now consulting engineer, residing at 1116 Elgin Terrace, Montreal, Que., from whom the limited data for this biography was received; Amy Alberta, now residing at The

Grosvenor Apartments, Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, all born in Saint John, N.B.