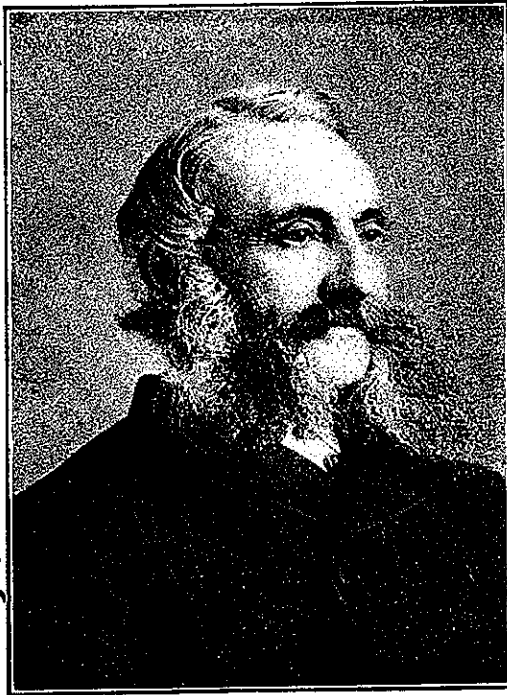


JAMES HUTCHISON ESTEN.

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The following is a short sketch of the life of James Hutchison Esten: He was born at Exeter, County of Devon, England, February 23rd, 1833, and was son of Hon J. C. P. Esten, Vice-Chancellor of Upper Canada, and grandson of Hon. J. C. Esten, Chief Justice of Bermuda.

His parents left England and settled in Canada in 1837, living at Toronto, where he was educated at Upper Canada College.

He was for a time on the Grand Trunk Railway survey, being with a party in charge of Thomas W. Herrick, and as soon as that work was over he entered the office of J. S. Dennis, P.L.S., as a pupil, being ar-

titled to Mr. Dennis, during which apprenticeship he was assistant to Mr. Herrick, who was also engaged upon Surveys in the Saugeen Peninsula, now Bruce County.

Mr. Esten became a P.L.S. 16th October, 1857, and practiced in Newmarket for some three years, but surveying at that time being very dull, he entered the Law Society as a student, being called to the Bar in Easter, 1865. A short time after becoming a barrister he was appointed special examiner to the Court of Chancery, which office has now been abolished, and in 1873 became Secretary of the Law Society, which office he held till his death, which occurred on June 13th, 1892. He was married to his cousin, Harriet Sybella Phillips, 11th September, 1858.

Three sons, J. P. Esten, of Toronto, G. H. Esten, barrister, of Barrie, and H. L. Esten, O.L.S., of Toronto, also two daughters, survive.