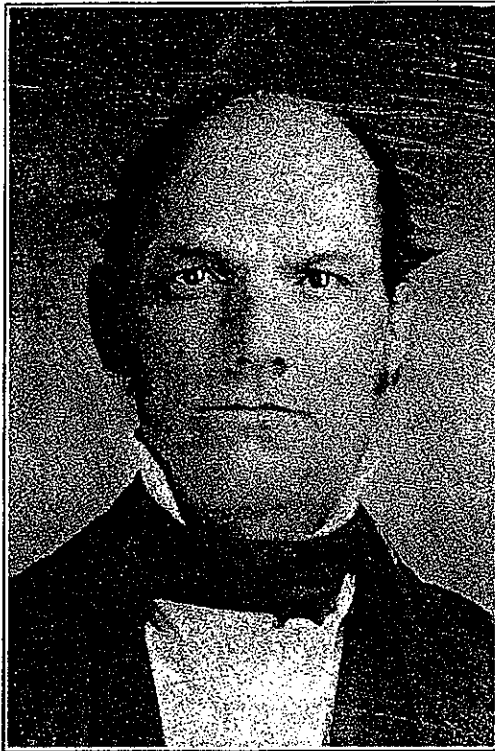


John J. was a merchant in Brantford, and took an active part in politics. For many years he was a member of the City Council, and opposed Hon. A. S. Hardy, but was defeated. He afterwards contested Bothwell against the Hon. David Mills, and was elected.

### JAMES WILKINS FELL.



James Wilkins Fell was the eldest son of Charles Kinsey Fell, and brother of Zenas Fell, both of whom are mentioned in the biographical sketches in this Annual Report. James Wilkins Fell was born in the Township of Pelham, in the County of Welland, the fifth of July, 1807, and died in Chippawa, Ont., the thirteenth of September, 1865. He was twice married, first to Rachael Skinner, of Niagara Falls, in 1834, and second to Eliza Ann Hoffman, of Niagara Falls, to whom he was married in 1841.

He received his commission as a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor on the fourteenth of November, 1835, and opened his office in the Village of Chippawa, Ont., where he continued to reside. He had an extensive practice on farm and subdivision surveys, and a large number of his plans are on file in the Welland County Registry Office. Many of his subdivision surveys are marked by large cut-stone monuments, which should be an example to those surveyors who follow him.

In addition to being a land surveyor, he was also a merchant, and was noted as being a kind, genial and free-hearted man.

By his first wife he had four children, as follows:—Maria Louisa Fell, born October 30, 1835, married Amos Chapman.

O'Reilly; Margaret Fell, born July 7, 1837, died June 21, 1865, school teacher; William Fell, born October 23, 1839, married Elizabeth E. Conklin; Charles Herbert Fell, died young.

By his second wife he had seven children, as follows:— Clara Evelyn Fell, born October 31, 1843, married Franklin M. Hagar; Henrietta Fell, born April 26, 1845, married John Harrison Mills; Marshall James Fell, born February, 1847, died young; George Edward Fell, born July 10, 1850, married Annie A. Duthie; Ida Jane Fell, born December 10, 1853, died young; Modora Fell, born December 30, 1855, died young; Charles Frederick Fell, born December 20, 1859, married Eva Gamble Seaman.

**J. D. SLATER.**

James Dyson Slater was the son of Robert Slater, M. D., and Martha (Dyson) Slater. He was born at Manchester, England, on September 10th, 1813. He came to Canada with his parents about 1832, and they took up their residence at Drummondville, Ont. He had one brother, Jonathan, and two sisters—Martha and Elizabeth, none of whom are now living.

Mr. Slater was Assistant Engineer in charge of location and construction of the Welland Canal from Port Dalhousie to Thorold, 1841-1845, and from 1846-1848 was Assistant Engineer on Ottawa River works, including slides, dams, roads, bridges, etc., and he also made a survey of part of the Ottawa River and its tributaries and prepared maps of the works which were accepted as authoritative.

