

J. W. FITZGERALD, Sen.
By His Son, J. W. Fitzgerald, Jr.

The subject of this sketch was born in the City of Cork, Ireland, on the 28th day of December, 1828. At an early age he joined the staff of the Ordnance Survey of Ireland, on which he served for many years, under Sir Richard Griffith. On resigning that position he served under William Dargan, the great Irish Railway Engineer and Contractor, on the Dublin docks, the Irish Exhibition building and on the Dublin and Wicklow Railway.

Coming to Canada in 1853, Mr. Fitzgerald was articled to Col. J. S. Dennis, of Toronto, who was afterwards Surveyor General of the Dominion. He was admitted as P.L.S. on July 13th, 1857, and was at once appointed by Hon. Philip Vanonghuet, Commissioner of Crown Lands to survey Town-



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ship outlines in the northern part of the County of Peterborough. In 1858, he sub-divided the Township of Minden in the Haliburton District and the plans and field notes of that Township have since that date been adopted as the system for recording the returns of surveys in the Crown Lands Office.

Mr. Fitzgerald settled in Peterborough in 1858 where he practised his profession up to 1870, when he moved to Bathurst, New Brunswick—having been appointed Divisional Engineer in charge of Section 16 of the Intercolonial Railway, resigning that position in 1875, he returned to Peterborough.

Mr. Fitzgerald performed many outline and sub-division surveys for the Provincial Government in Northern Ontario, and for the Federal Government in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. While surveying Townships on the Great Manitoulin Island, for the Department of Indian Affairs in the winter of 1877-78 he contracted a bronchial trouble which never left him, and from the effects of which he died at Peterborough on the 11th of May, 1901.