

CHARLES FRASER.

The subject of this sketch was born on February 14th, 1825, at Tamworth, England; his father being Donald Fraser, a Church of England minister. The family came to Canada in 1833, and lived temporarily in York (Toronto), then moved to Westminster Township near London, thence to Port Elgin, Bruce County.

In 1844 he married Jane Campbell, daughter of Isaac Campbell, a member of the first District Council in the country.

He qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on August 5th, 1847.

Mr. Fraser was employed on the Great Western Railway between London and Sarnia during construction, and practised his profession of Land Surveying in the Counties of Middlesex, Lambton, Elgin and Kent.

In 1856 he was appointed Collector of Customs at Port Bruce, and in 1862 he was appointed Customs Officer at Wallaceburg, where he continued to reside. He filled this office until he was incapacitated by a stroke of apoplexy in 1885 and was then superannuated.

Mr. Fraser was a Conservative in politics, a consistent Methodist and took an intense interest in educational matters. For thirty-four years Mr. Fraser was Secretary-Treasurer of the Public School Board in Wallaceburg.

He died at Wallaceburg on June 10th, 1897. His wife had died on Jan. 1st, 1880.

His family comprised eleven children, of whom six sons were living in 1897—Anson (M.D.), Sarnia; John S. (Barrister), Wallaceburg; Rev. Charles, Chicago; W. A. (Merchant), Detroit; Alexander (M.D.), Wisconsin, and Thomas (Merchant), Detroit. Of the five daughters three were then living—Miss C. Fraser, Texas; Mrs. Dr. Knight, Colborne, and Mrs. Kennedy, Wallaceburg.

