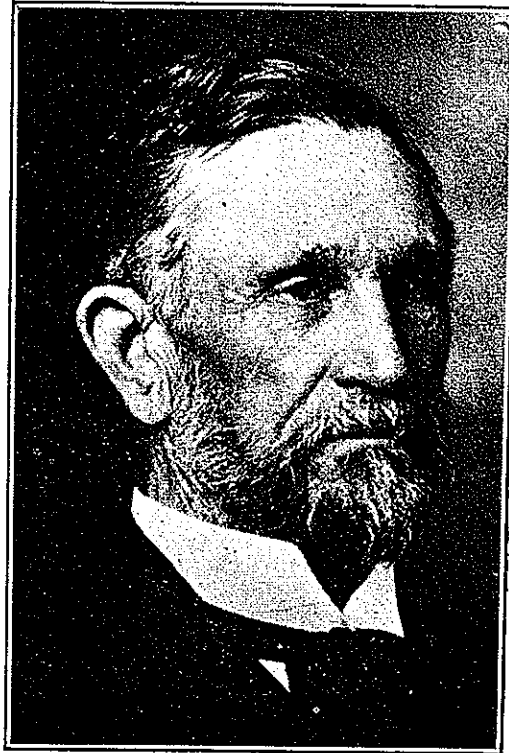


EDWARD GARDINER

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There passed away on 26th June, 1929, one of the few remaining Provincial Land Surveyors, who qualified prior to the Confederation of the Canadian Provinces in 1867. Mr. Edward Gardiner was born at Ste. Catharines, Ontario, on 8th August, 1843, and he was therefore in his 86th year when he died, beloved by all who knew him. He was the second son of Captain Henry Gardiner, a retired sea-captain, who after the troublous times of the war of 1812, came to Canada with his wife in 1814, and bought a large tract of land in what is now the Northern part of the City of Ste. Catharines, on Geneva Street, where he resided until his death. Capt. Gardiner's home was previously in the Parish of Whitchurch, Herefordshire, England, when the family held landed estates. The subject of this sketch was educated at Grantham Academy, Ste. Catharines, served his apprenticeship with the late F.



F. Passmore, P.L.S., of Toronto, and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on 6th January, 1866. He at once began to practice his profession in Ste. Catharines, and the greater part of his professional work was performed in the Counties of Lincoln and Welland. He spent one summer in Manitoba on Government work there, and established the line between the Townships of Gainsborough and Pelham in 1863, and the allowance for road between Lots 2 and 3, Concession 3, Township of Grimsby West in 1891 under Government instructions. His last work (after passing his 70th year) was connected with the finding of a route for the new Welland Ship Canal, and he made the necessary surveys for expropri-

ation proceedings. In early life he laid out his father's property, and gave wide streets or avenues for the use of the public. One of these streets with a cathedral aisle of trees with sidewalk between is especially fine.

Edward Gardiner married Amelia E. Cook of Ste. Catharines in November, 1877, and his children are:

- (1) Henry C. Gardiner, B.S.A., of Anaconda, Montana.
- (2) Miss Ann J. Gardiner of Ste. Catharines, who has kindly furnished most of the material for this sketch.