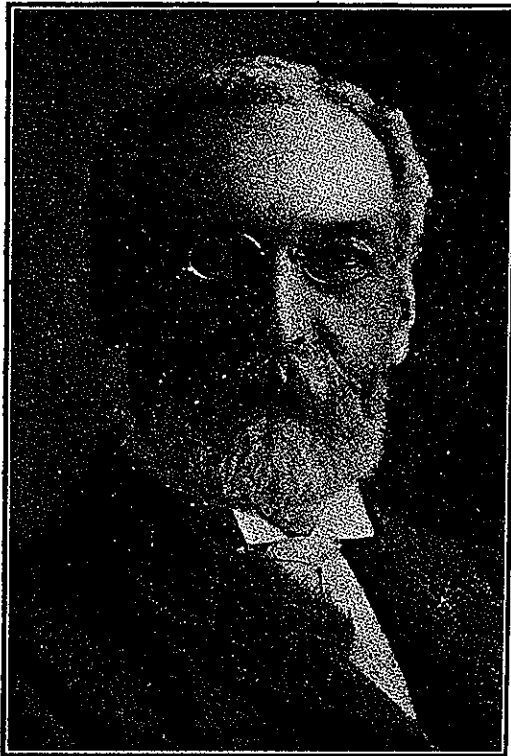


ROBERT GILMOUR.

Robert Gilmour was born on Sept. 29th, 1833, in Glasgow, his parents being Gilbert Gilmour and Sarah Wauchope. His father was a Civil Engineer and Surveyor, and lived in Scotland, England and France before coming to Canada, where he ultimately made his home at Listowel, Ontario. During his boyhood Robert lived the greater part of his time with his uncle, Robert Wauchope, in Bradford, England, where he had studied Engineering and Surveying. He came to Canada in 1854 when 21 years of age, and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor in this Province on April 11th, 1856.

He practised his profession at Paisley, County of Bruce, where he made his home until he removed to Toronto. For a short time he was in partnership with Mr. F. Lynch-Stanton, who was then practising at Southampton. His local practise included gravel road construction, railway surveys, farm surveys, etc.

Mr. Gilmour made surveys for the Provincial Government of part of Town Plot of Southampton in 1860, Townships of Patton and Thompson in 1860, and Township of Stephenson in 1861.

Upon the Government maps of Northern Ontario there have been prominently shown for over half a century two East and West lines, one from Michipocoten Easterly, designated P.L.S. Gilmour's line 1867, the other on the same latitude running West-erly from the Montreal River designated P.L.S. Sinclair's line. Mr. Gilmour's instructions were dated Sept. 15th, 1866, and Mr. Sinclair's Sept. 18th, 1866. They were to run their exploratory lines on Latitude N. 47° 56', and they expected to meet near the headwaters of the Mississaga River. Mr. Gilmour left his home at Paisley and went to Chatham via Port Elgin, Goderich and London, where he conferred with Mr. A. P. Salter, with whom

he was to co-operate. He then proceeded to Michipocoten, via Toronto and Owen Sound, arriving on October 6th. He commenced his survey on October 17th and continued the work during the Winter, which was a severe one. On April 13th the work was stopped at the 84th mile post. The party was then without tea, salt, beans and pork, and as a thaw had set in, it was decided to return. On April 27th the advance party reached Michipocoten and provisions were sent back on the line. Some of the men had been attacked by scurvey and two were carried in. Practically the entire party was suffering from rheumatism, dysentery and scurvey, and it was not until May 14th they left for Sault Ste. Marie, from which place they left for home on the steamer "Algoma" on May 18th.

Duncan Sinclair's adventures and hardships were equal to those of Gilmour's. He left Ottawa on Sept. 20th, one of his men was drowned in "tracking" up the Ottawa at Deux Riviere, others refused to proceed, but on Oct. 23rd he took an observation at his point of commencement and began his line on Oct. 24th.

He stopped work on Lake Kapiskatacmug (now Pishkano-gami) on the Ground Hog River on Jan. 11th, after running 104½ miles, and began his return on Jan. 14th. The balance of the Winter he spent on surveys on Montreal River. For some reason there are several jogs in Sinclair's line, and if he had continued another week Gilmour would probably have connected with his line.

The Gilmour line crosses the C.P.R. in the N.W. corner of the Township of Strathearn, and ends on Lot 6 in the first concession of Chewett. The West end of Sinclair's line is ten miles to the East of the end of Gilmour's and about two miles further South.

A. P. Salter left Detroit on Oct. 7th, 1866, arriving at Michipocoten on Oct. 14th. He remained on the survey with Gilmour until Jan. 17th, when they were at the 32nd mile post. He then returned to the Sault and on Feb. 8th left there for Mississaga. On Feb. 14th he was at Lacloche, and on the 19th commenced packing supplies up the Mississaga. On March 8th he reached the Hudson Bay Co. post on Green Lake, but could not obtain provisions. He pushed Northward for a few days, but his men, becoming frightened, he was forced to return South on March 15th, and was back at Green Lake on the 18th. For several days his men lived on gruel, tallow and flour. They were without bread and pork for eleven days and, with men suffering from famine and snow blindness, the mouth of the Mississaga was reached on March 24th. Salter replenished his supplies at the Sault and was back on the Mississaga on April 12th, but ice was becoming unsafe. Notwithstanding the dangers, their canoes

reached Green Lake on May 12th. For five or six days with a small party he pushed up the Amikeegan River and Lake (probably Wenebegan), where he met Indians, who informed him that Gilmour and Sinclair had completed their surveys and returned. Salter then went back to Green Lake, thence to mouth of Mississaga, which he reached on May 24th. Four days later he ascended the river again and reached Green Lake on May 31st. Not being able to secure a guide he abandoned the attempt and arrived home on June 17th. Whether Salter passed over the height of land is uncertain, but from the time taken it is probable that his farthest North was not far from the main line of C. P. R. near Kenogami Station, and practically due south of the east end of Gilmour's line.

In 1871 Mr. Gilmour was appointed Inspector for the Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., of Toronto, which position he held until he retired in 1896 or 1897. He resided in Toronto during these twenty-five years, his last residence being at 15 Albany Avenue, where he died on Dec. 29th, 1903. He was buried in St. James Cemetery.

In 1862 he married Jane Elizabeth Fetherstonhaugh (sister of Fred B. Fetherstonhaugh of Toronto), who now resides in Dublin, Ireland, and to whom we are indebted for the greater part of the material for this sketch.

The following are the names of the children: Katherine Hamilton Mary, born 1863, died 1875; Charles Wauchope, born March 28th, 1865; Frederick Fetherstonhaugh, born 1866, died 1875; Jane Caroline, born 1869, died 1875; Maude Elizabeth, born 1871, married W. T. Cuffe Quin, at Barnet, Eng., in 1897, now living in Ottawa; Robert Hugh Lovat, born 1877, now living in St. Louis, Mo.; Frances Edith Verney, born 1888, unmarried, living in Dublin, Ireland.