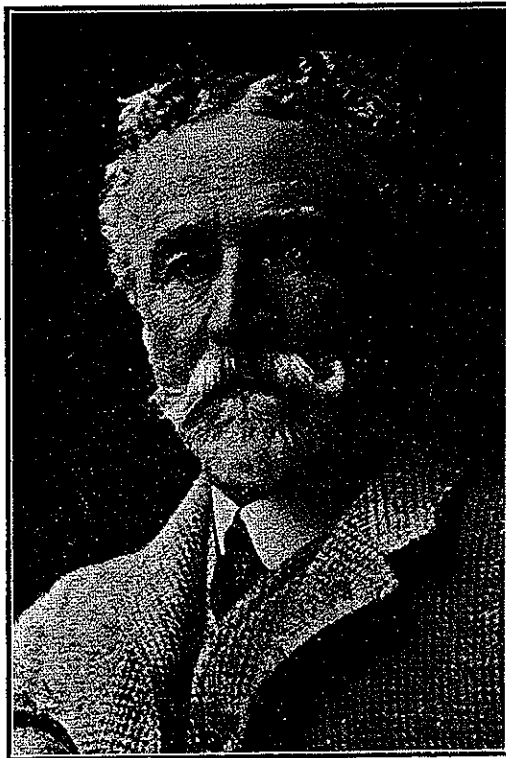


W. S. GORE.

William Sinclair Gore was born in London, Upper Canada, on the 29th of June, 1842.



He was a great-great grandson of Sir Henry Gore, Bart., of Manor Gore, and grandson of William Gore, Esq., of Gore Mount, County Antrim, Ireland. His father, William Sinclair Gore, came to Canada, with his bride, in 1841, and after practising his profession of civil engineer for about two years in the Western part of Ontario, he purchased Government land on Rice Lake, twelve miles North of Cobourg, and settled there to farm while it was still unbroken forest, and where is now the village and post office of Gore's Landing.

Mr. W. S. Gore, the subject of this sketch, was sent

to a public school in Ireland for several years and afterwards attended the Grammar School at Barrie where Mr. Checkley was the principal. He took a course in Civil Engineering at the Toronto University, and served under articles with Mr. C. G. Hanning, P.L.S. of Bowmanville, Ont.

After obtaining his commission as P.L.S. on July 9th, 1864, he went to the Western States where for some years he was engaged on surveys and construction of extensions of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway. While in Iowa he met and married Miss Jennie Blodget.

Mr. Gore never practiced land surveying in the Province of Ontario.

At the time the control of the N.W. Territory was taken over from the Hudson's Bay Co., 1869-1870, by the Dominion Government, Mr. Gore was employed to survey all the H.B. Co's land reservations surrounding their different posts lying westward of Fort Garry.

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Surveys were made at the following places:—Ellice, Pelly, Qu'Appelle, Touchwood Hills, Fairford Mission, Carleton House, Prince Albert, Fort la Corne, Moose Woods, Battle River, Pitt, St. Paul, Victoria, Edmonton, Lac la Biche, Pigeon Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Assiniboine, Old White Mud Fort, Lac la Nonne, Lac Ste Anne, Cumberland House, Moose Lake, Grand Rapids West, Grand Rapids East, Shoal River and St. Albert.

It would puzzle surveyors of to-day to locate many of the above mentioned posts. Some developed into cities, while others of equal importance in 1873 have reverted to the wilderness.

After some minor work done in the United States, he moved to Victoria, B.C., in 1875, and on the 3rd of May in that year he was commissioned by the B.C. Government to make some surveys at the North end of Vancouver Island, and on the completion of that he was employed for the rest of the season on the North Thompson River. He returned from this work to Victoria and in December of the same year he was appointed chief draughtsman in the Department of Lands and Works.

He was gazetted Surveyor-General of B. C. on the 7th of Dec., 1878, and in April, 1891, he was promoted to be Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works. This position he held until he retired in October, 1905.

He was also Gold Commissioner and Water Commissioner for B.C.

It was under Mr. Gore's supervision and direction that the specifications for competitive plans for the present beautiful Government Buildings in Victoria were prepared and the construction carried on to a successful completion. Plans were submitted by many of the best Architects of Canada, England and the United States, but the choice fell upon those of Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, a talented young British Columbia architect.

After his retirement from Government service, Mr. Gore did not practise his profession, but he still retained an interest in it, and for some years and up to the time of his last illness he was Secretary for the Corporation of B.C. Land Surveyors.

He never lost the open air habits of a land surveyor and was an enthusiast in sailing, canoeing, bicycling and golf. He was Commodore of the Victoria Yacht Club; and he, himself, designed and had built two yachts that were winners in their class.

He died the 11th of April, 1919, after three years confinement to his bed from a stroke of paralysis.

He is survived by his widow and two sons—Thos. S. Gore, an Architect, living in the City of Mexico, born in 1869, and Arthur S. Gore, Draughtsman and Mathematical instrument dealer at

Victoria, B.C., born 1879. His widow lives with her son in Mexico.

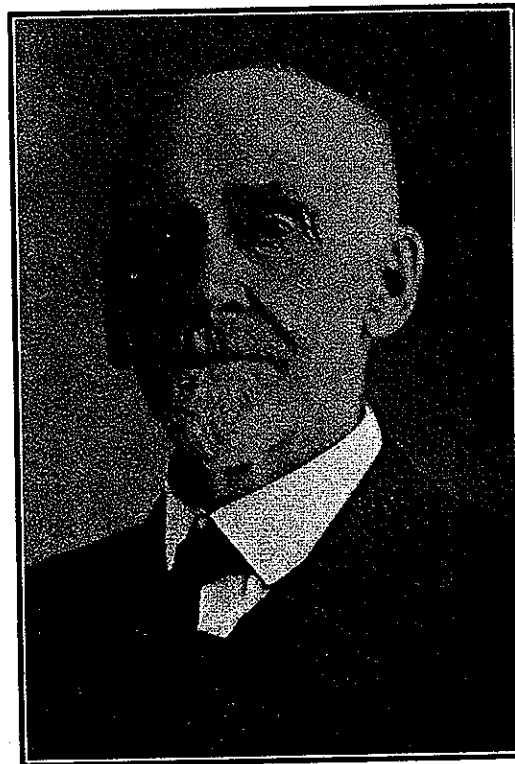
His brothers and sisters were as follows: Mrs. Harriet Hunt, born 1844, died 1918; Mrs. Anna Alexander, born 1846, died 1913; James Henry Gore, born in 1849, died 1885; Thomas Sinclair Gore, born 1851, P.L.S. and B.C. L.S., living in Victoria, B.C., who has contributed the material for this sketch, and Mrs. Mary Griffin born 1853, living in Portland, Oregon.

GEORGE EDWARDS.

In 1820 William Edwards of Portsea, Hants, England, emigrated to Canada with his parents, John and Margaret Edwards. They resided at Kingston for two years, then removed to the Township of Clarence on the Ottawa River. In 1837 he married Ann Cameron. He was a farmer and Justice of the Peace and took a prominent part in public affairs. He died on April 4th, 1881.

His children were as follows: John C., born 1838, now living in Ottawa; James, farmer (deceased); George (deceased); Alex. H., late of Carleton Place, now of Ottawa; Oliver C. (M.D.) of MacLeod, Alta. (deceased); William C., Senator, of Ottawa (deceased); Charles Fraser, merchant, (deceased); Mrs. M. E. Cole of Ottawa, widow; Mrs. (Dr.) Charles Jamieson, Winnipeg; and Miss Effie (deceased).

George Edwards, the subject of this sketch, was born on June 13th, 1842. He obtained his primary education at Ottawa and Peterboro, afterwards graduating at McGill University in Engineering in 1863. He served under articles with Lindsay A. Rus-



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