

(8) Robert, died many years ago.

The widow of Daniel Hanvey died in Chicago.

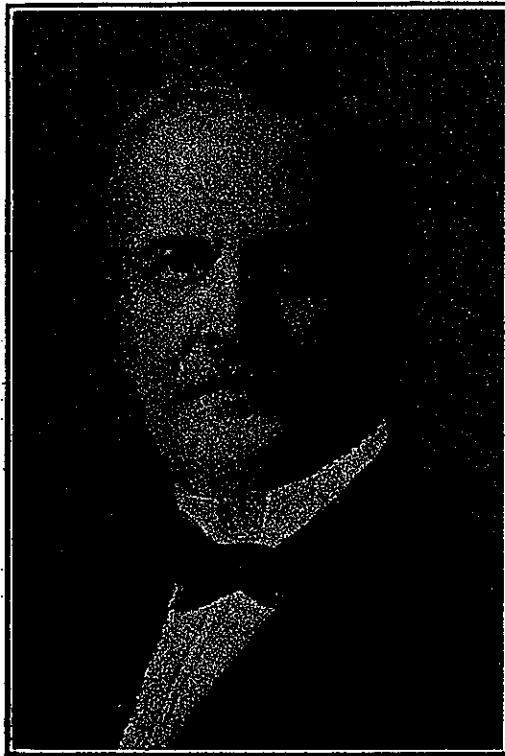
He belonged to the Society of Friends and the address at his funeral was given by Mrs. Minard, of that faith, in the old Presbyterian Church, which stood where the Post Office afterwards stood.

He was buried in the old cemetery across Wilson Bridge.

"His habits were most abstemious, his character of the highest order; he was very strict, but fair in all respects, being called upon many times to settle differences. He was a great student and particularly fond of Geology."

JOHN J. HASLETT

The late John James Haslett, Provincial Land Surveyor, was born on the Seventeenth day of June, 1811, at Sanfield House, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was the youngest son of Matthew Haslett, late of that place and his wife, Sarah McCrae.



He was educated in Ireland and was duly admitted to practice as a land Surveyor.

In or about the year 1834, he joined the Sappers and Miners, a branch of the Royal Engineers, and was with them in England for about two years. He then returned to Ireland and was engaged in the Survey of the South Coast for several years.

In or about the year 1842 he came to Canada, and after serving under the late Joseph S. Peterson, P.L.S., the necessary six months at that time required to obtain a license, he was duly admitted to practice as a Land Surveyor in Upper Canada. He located in

Belleville, and for some time carried on his practice in company with the late Messrs. Emerson and Peterson.

In the early days when he commenced his practice the roads were in an almost impassable condition for carriages and vehicles, and it was his customary practice to travel on horseback. He was a man of powerful physique, and the field telescope was strapped on his back, the theodolite in front of him on the saddle, the tripod on one side and the chain on the other side.

In the year 1847 he was employed by the Government to survey the Ottawa River north of what was then known as Bytown, but now Ottawa. Subsequently he surveyed Peterborough, Belleville, and nearly all the Towns and Villages in the County of Hastings and surrounding counties, and made maps of the same which are now on record in the respective Registry Offices for the districts in which the same are situated.

In the early fifties he was employed as an Engineer in the construction of what was then known as the Kingston and Montreal Highway, and subsequently in the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway in company with Messrs. Benson and Hutton, Civil Engineers, who came out from England expressly for that purpose, and the work was done under the supervision of Mr. Keefer, the Chief Engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway.

In 1854 he was employed by the Government to survey the Otonabee River, and was engaged in doing so until sometime in the latter part of 1855.

In the year 1861 he was employed by the Government to survey the Township of Monteaule, and in the year 1862 the Great Hastings Road, from the Tenth or Twelfth Concession of the Township of Tudor north to its present terminus. This road runs through a very hilly country, and the way in which it was constructed was deserving of the highest praise and commendation, and is evidence of his skill and ability as a Civil Engineer. He was also Engineer on the highway between Belleville and Trenton.

Subsequently he was employed by mining interests in laying out the mining districts in the neighborhood of Port Arthur.

To put the matter briefly he led a very active and strenuous life, and his professional career in Canada between the years 1842 and 1878 covered a growing time in Canada West, and the development and advancement in Hastings County was probably greater between the years 1840 and 1860 than in any other period in its history.

In February 1851 he was married to Frances Colhoun Woods, the youngest daughter of Andrew Woods, of Ardcame House, County Tyrone, Ireland, who was born about the 28th day of February, 1828.

He died at Belleville on the 21st day of January, 1878, leaving his wife, who is still living, and four sons and three daughters. Two sons are still living, namely Thomas Colhoun Haslett, K.C., of Hamilton, and William Woods Haslett, of Simcoe, late of the Royal North West Mounted Police. Two are dead, John James Haslett, late of the C.P.R. Emigration Agency, of London, England, and Harry Haslett, late of the Royal North West Mounted Police. The three daughters are still living with their mother, namely Frances H. Ferguson, widow of the late William Hamilton Ferguson, who died in 1894, Mary L. Haslett and Maude S. Haslett, Graduate Nurse.

The late Mr. Haslett was an Anglican in Religion and a Conservative in Politics. He was also a member of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, and took an active interest in all matters connected therewith.

Mr. Haslett made the following surveys in this Province, under instructions from the Government:—

- 1847—Exploration line in rear of Midland District.
- 1854—Islands in Trent and Otonabee Rivers.
- 1859—Subdivision of Ordnance Reserve, Cape Vesey.
- 1860—Lots 14 and 15 in 1st Concession, Seymour.
- 1861—Lots 1 to 6, Concessions 1 and 2, Rawdon.
- 1861—Residue Townships Monteagle.
- 1862—Reposting free grant lots Hastings Road.
- 1872—Line A and B, between 10th and 11th Concessions, Township Lake.