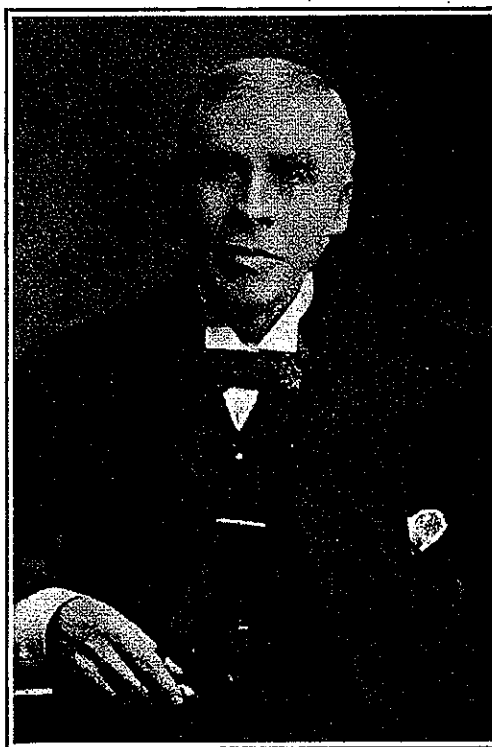


LACHLAN KENNEDY

Lachlan Kennedy, who died at Winnipeg on Saturday, November 17th, 1906, was born at the family residence, first line, Esquesing, adjacent to Acton, October 8th, 1834, a year or so after the arrival of his parents from Scotland. He was a son of the late Duncan Kennedy, Sr. The Kennedy family were among the early settlers of this community and were held in high esteem.

After a course at Public School, Lachlan, the subject of this sketch, studied Civil Engineering and Land Surveying, the latter in the office of J. S. Dennis, P.L.S. About the year 1870 he went to the Northwest as a government surveyor, and his ten years of pioneer work there, up to 1881, did much to open up this fertile region of Canada to settlement. In its obituary of this sterling man, the Winnipeg Free Press called him one of the pathfinders of the West, and



says: "We have almost forgotten the men who, with infinite pains and hardships, opened up the way for the emigrant, mapped out his lands, pointed him to the trails, and gave accurate information as to the nature, possibilities and prospects of any district or locality. They were the surveyors or engineers. They were brave men, self-denying men, and generally competent men."

In conversation with the Free Press on one of his last visits to the home here, Mr. Kennedy related that in 1881, the last year of his surveying work, while on his way down the trail from the Rockies to Winnipeg, he found the silver match box of the Marquis of Lorne, with the name "Lorne" engraved on it. The Marquis had taken a drive by waggon over the plains to Calgary during the summer. He afterwards called

upon the Governor-General at Ottawa with the box and restoring it to the Marquis, received very cordial thanks.

Since he discontinued surveying, Mr. Kennedy spent most of his time in the west with his headquarters at Winnipeg. Occasionally he would take a trip home to Acton and remain for a month or so. He was always interested in the old home town, and in the early settlers of the community.

Several months ago Mr. Kennedy was taken seriously ill and went to the hospital in Winnipeg where he received the very best of medical treatment and nursing, and was frequently visited by relatives and kind friends of the Prairie Metropolis.

Lachlan Kennedy was a man of exceedingly honorable character and of noble gentility. He was highly esteemed for his kindly disposition and was universally respected by those who knew him. He was never married. He was a member of Knox Church, Winnipeg, and Rev. Dr. Lavell, his pastor, officiated at his burial services.

On the 13th April, 1863, he was appointed a Land Surveyor for Ontario.

In about 1865 he and C. C. Forneri formed a partnership in Madoc, Ont., during the gold excitement days. And this firm surveyed the Township of Faraday, in Hastings county.

As a Dominion Land Surveyor, Mr. Kennedy was engaged upon township subdivision and outlines, east of the Principal Meridian, in 1872.

In 1873, he was engaged upon township outlines, east of the Principal Meridian, northeast of Emerson, Manitoba.

In 1874, engaged on subdivision and outlines east of the Principal Meridian, west of Emerson.

In 1875, township subdivision and outlines west of the Principal Meridian, east of Emerson. Survey of timber limits on Lake of the Woods. Traverse of Big Island, Lake Winnipeg.

In 1876, township subdivision and outlines, west of the Principal Meridian, east of Emerson.

In 1881, township outlines, west of the Fifth Principal Meridian, southwest of Calgary.