

W. J. MACDONALD.

In the Report of 1914, a brief biographical sketch of Wm. John Macdonald appeared, but without portrait. Recently a photo was secured and the Committee decided to publish this year with the portrait additional information respecting him.

He was born in the Township of Bathurst, County of Lanark, Ontario, on January 17th, 1836, and attended the Perth Grammar School. After serving an apprenticeship with John Morris, he qualified as a P.L.S. on April 11th, 1857. He took up his residence at Arnprior, where he lived until the Autumn of 1862, when he removed to Bayfield, County of Huron, entering into partnership with John Denison, P.L.S.

He remained there a year, then returned to Arnprior, where he continued to reside until 1882.

In 1882 he was appointed Crown Timber Agent by the Ontario Government, a position he held until his death, and removed to Ottawa.

In 1885 he was commissioned by the Bronson Lumber Company to explore their Redwood lands in Northern California.

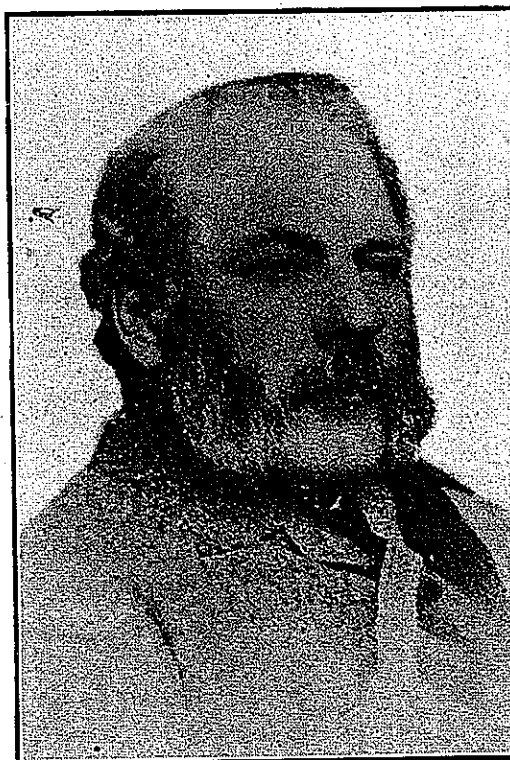
He was a careful Surveyor, and an excellent draughtsman. He was employed on timber limit surveys, and in 1863 he surveyed for the Provincial Government the Township of Wylie, in the County of Renfrew.

Mr. Macdonald married Isabella Richey (a daughter of Josias Richey, P.L.S., of Perth), who died in 1862, leaving one daughter, the wife of John McDiarmid of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In 1864 he married Sarah Smith, the daughter of Ralph Smith of the Township of Elmsley, by whom he had four children.

After a short illness from pneumonia, he passed away on January 5th, 1892.

His surviving children are: G. Smith Macdonald, Barrister,



of Port Colborne, born the 9th of October, 1865; Mrs. R. G. Davis, of Port Hope (widow), born the 25th of December, 1871; Mrs. W. J. Christie of Ottawa, born the 28th of March, 1864, and the Rev. (Dr.) W. J. Macdonald of Springfield Gardens, Long Island, N.Y., born the 15th of June, 1876.

Mr. Macdonald was prominent in church circles, taking a special interest in the Sunday School, and in all philanthropic and evangelical work.

JOHN DECEW.



John DeCew was the eldest son of Edmund DeCew, a biographical sketch of whom is published in this Report. He was born at his father's farm near DeCewsville in September 27th, 1835. His preliminary education was obtained at the DeCewsville Public School and the Cayuga High School. He then took a course at Victoria University, Cobourg.

He became apprenticed to his father and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on July 13th, 1857, and shortly afterwards opened an office in Cayuga, the County Town of Haldimand, where he enjoyed a lucrative practice including farm and municipal surveys,

chiefly in the counties of Haldimand and Welland. He was also well and favorably known as a competent drainage engineer, and was frequently employed by municipal councils to design different kinds of municipal works, as well as to superintend their construction. The large number of subdivision and municipal plans filed in the registry offices at Welland and Cayuga by John DeCew and by E. and J. DeCew, show the extent of their practice.