

RODERICK McLENNAN

Roderick McLennan was born in Glengarry county in 1823, and was the third child of Donald and Annabella McLennan. His brothers and sister were Duncan, Sarah, Donald, Kenneth and Alexander. Roderick was educated at Williamstown and Montreal, teaching school for a time at Williamstown.

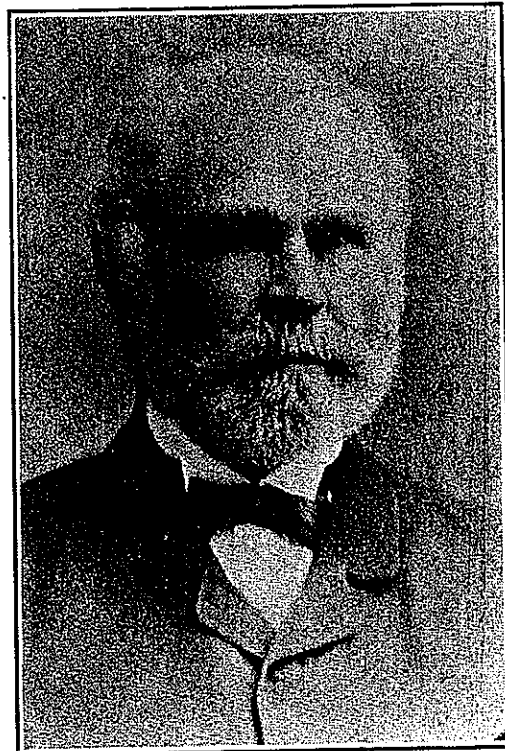
Then he apprenticed himself to J. M. O. Cromwell, and was appointed a Land Surveyor on the 20th June, 1846. After becoming a Surveyor he left for the State of Georgia, on the location of the Georgia Central Railway, and subsequent railway work.

During the American War he was sent to prison in a Fort at one of the Keys off the Florida coast. Through intercession from the British Minister at Washington he was released, and he returned to Canada.

Then he joined the staff of the Intercolonial Railway. In 1872-3-4 and 5, he was engaged at exploration work in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. And from 1875 to 1885 he was Engineer on construction of the C. P. Ry. on the Lake Superior Division. Then became Chief Engineer of Section "B".

From 1885 to 1900, he was engaged at private practice in Toronto, when he retired until his death at 115 Avenue Road, Toronto, in 1911.

He married first, Harriet McArthur, in Georgia, by whom one son, John Donald was born, and died in 1906 at the age of fifty.



Then he married Helen McLennan, who was a sister of Christopher McLennan, whose biography appears in this Report. Seven children were born to Roderick and Helen: Roderick, Christina, Annabella, Katharine, Donald, Livingstone and Colin. All residing in Toronto. Also five grandchildren.

The accompanying photo of Roderick was taken at the age of seventy-three.