

SEPTIMUS R. PRINCE.

In 1832 John Prince arrived in York, Canada, from England, on his way to Kentucky for shooting, but was prevailed upon by friends whom he met in York, to inspect the territory around Sandwich, and eventually selected this location for his future home. The farm is now within the limits of the Town of Sandwich. It was occupied continuously by the Prince family from 1833 until 1912, when because of heavy taxation and the small revenue due to its original lay-out, it was sold. It was designed on the lines of the Colonel's estate in England, with a comparatively small area of tillable land, but replete with shrubs, groves, etc., hence its name of Park

Farm. The greater part with the old house was sold to the Essex County Golf and Country Club and the remainder to various individuals. The residence situated about half a mile back from the River Detroit was originally designed as a shooting box, but later wings and servants' quarters were added.

In 1823 he married Mary Anne Millington, daughter of a Church of England Clergyman, at Cheltenham, England. The following were the children of this marriage:

- (1) William Stratton, born April 18th, 1824, died in Toronto when holding position of Governor of Central Prison, Nov. 15, 1881. No issue.
- (2) Albert, born Nov. 7th, 1825. Practised law in Windsor. Resided at the "Firs," Sandwich. Member of Provincial House for two Parliaments. Died July 8, 1875. Two sons, one daughter.
- (3) Charles, born July 10th, 1827. Bachelor. Lived at Park Farm. Died Jan. 6, 1896.
- (4) Arabella Delancy, only daughter, born April 9th, 1829. Died at Park Farm July 12, 1908. Spinster.

(5) Henry, born Aug. 9th, 1833. Broker in Chicago (Childs & Prince). Bachelor. Died Oct. 6, 1878.

(6) Septimus Rudyerd, born May 20th, 1838. Land Surveyor. Septimus was a bachelor. He was educated at a private academy in Toronto, and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on July 29th, 1859, and practiced his profession at Sandwich, and at Sault Ste Marie.

He returned to the Park Farm in ill health in 1865, and died there Aug. 6th, 1867. He was buried in the family plot in St. John's Anglican Churchyard, Sandwich.

During the rebellion in 1837-38 Col. John Prince was on active service, and for a time was in command of the troops and militia at Sandwich. In March, 1838, Col. Prince single handed captured General Sutherland, Commander of the patriots. When Windsor was attacked by the Patriots on Dec. 4th, 1838, four prisoners were taken and ordered shot by Col. Prince who reported "and it was done accordingly."

Col. Prince continued to reside at the Park Farm until 1860, when he was appointed First Judge of the District of Algoma. He built a residence on the bank of St. Mary's River about two miles below Sault Ste Marie, where he continued to reside until his death. He was buried on a small island about three hundred yards to the West of his home and upon the monument to his memory is inscribed "The mortal remains of Colonel John Prince, first Judge of the District of Algoma, born March 12th, 1796 at Hereford, England; died November 30th, 1870, at his residence on the mainland opposite the Island, were at his own request here deposited."

The property was subsequently acquired by the City of Sault Ste Marie as a Park, and the old house demolished in 1912.

Col. Prince was a member of the Provincial Legislature from 1836 to 1840 and of Parliament 1841-1848. From 1848 to 1860 he was Legislative Councillor for the Western District.

The family history in this sketch was contributed by Alan C. Prince, President of United Forge & Machine Co., Detroit, who resides at Windsor, Ont., a grandson of Albert Prince. He also furnished the photograph from which the cut has been made.