

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MILTON C. SCHOFIELD'S
PROFESSIONAL CAREER.

Guelph, 7th March, 1898.

I enter my 80th year to-day, being born on the 6th day of March, 1819, in the Township of Bastard, in the County of Leeds.

I was early placed in my father's general country store, in which he kept drugs and the post office. As I preferred a more active and outdoor life, I chose surveying, and licensed in September, 1843, after serving the then required apprenticeship of (6) six months with the late George Bruce. I soon discovered the apprenticeship was far too short, even if continuously employed, though I readily passed my examination under the late Andrew Russell, but principally theoretical.

In 1845 I was employed to re-survey the road from Owen Sound to within four miles of Guelph, a distance of over 80 miles, the Government having granted a large sum to be expended thereon. There were but 43 buildings then in Owen Sound, only four being frame.

I was employed most of 1846 in Fergus and neighborhood. In 1848 I opened a country store on the rocky Saugeen, in Bentinck, four miles north of present town of Durham.

In 1849 I was appointed postmaster. In 1850 I built a mill on the "Rocky." The following winter the late J. S. Dennis laid out part of Bentinck and Glenelg. Soon after the late David Gibson surveyed the Durham road from Mono Mills, also the town plot of Durham. The late Mr. Brough near about the same time surveyed the township of Brant. All three parties obtained their mail matter and some supplies at my store.

Mr. Brough was taken sick in camp while surveying township of Saugeen, and was carried through the woods a long distance to Kincardine, at which place or Goderich he died.

In 1853 I commenced sub-dividing six hundred (600) acres in Berlin for the late Sheriff Grange of Guelph, for whom, and others, I done much in Guelph, and continued laying out town sites between it and Stratford during building of the G. T. Railway, after which I re-surveyed many villages and prepared maps for registration in Waterloo and adjoining counties.

I had some fine long surveys in Stratford, Goderich, Chippewa and Queenston. I settled in Berlin in 1859, when just 40, quite young enough to marry. I moved to Guelph in 1880 and confined

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my practice to the city. In 1887 I was forced to relinquish practice
owing to loss of hearing, but sight remains good and I use no
glasses—have none.

In May, 1897, becoming free of sciatica, of 21 years' torture—
rheumatism, after effects of la grippe and other ailments, I ven-
tured in July to survey "Beauty Island," one and a quarter miles
from Little Current. I camped out a few nights, got wet three
times, and returned in September in far better condition in every
respect than when I left, first of July. I am endeavoring to get
survey of another island this summer. Want of hearing is not such
embarrassment on such work as where greater accuracy is required.

MILTON C. SCHOFIELD.