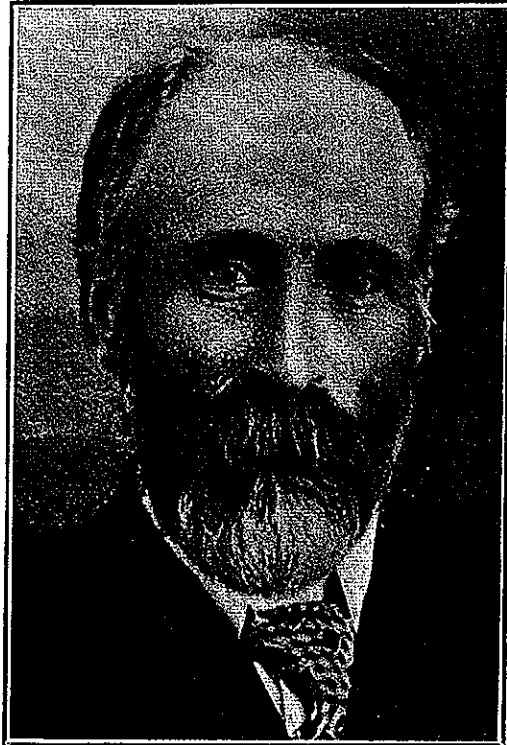


## EDMUND SEAGER

Edmund Seager, senior, was born in Hereford, England, in 1809. He married Maria Gapper, who was born in April, 1919, on the Island of Barbadoes, W.I., her father being a Captain in the British Army. They were married in Canada in 1836. In 1830 Mr. Seager appears to have settled in the Township of Vaughan, near Richmond Hill, and the family made their home there. He died in May, 1889, and his wife in March, 1895. Their family comprised fifteen children—five boys and ten girls, all of whom lived to be men and women. There are now living of this family:—Percy Seager of Edmonton; Miss Anna Seager and Mrs. Chadwick of Upland, Cal.; Miss Mary Seager of Edmonton; Miss Emma Seager of Carlisle, England; Mrs. Morris of Toronto and Mrs. Stewart of Winnipeg.



Edmund Seager, junior, was born on November 22nd, 1838. He attended the Whitby High School or Grammar School, and studied surveying under Henry Creswick, senior, of Barrie, Ont., and qualified as a P. L. S. on July 8th, 1861. Mr. Seager took up his residence in Toronto for a few years, but decided to follow dentistry. He attended the Dental College in Toronto, and, after receiving his diploma, he practised dentistry in Collingwood.

In 1879 he went to Port Arthur. This was before the C. P. R. was completed between Port Arthur and Winnipeg. He walked from Port Arthur to Duluth hauling his camp equipment, etc., on a toboggan. In 1880 he went to Kenora, then Rat Portage, and this became his home thereafter.

In 1883 he married the widow of the late C. C. Forneri, P. L. S. She had five children, of whom three are now living, as follows:— Stodhart Forneri, Mining Engineer of Haileybury; Felix Forneri, editor of Sydney Review, Sydney, B.C., and Muriel, Mrs. Jack Armstrong, Keewatin.

There were no children born to Mr. Seager, but he was a father to the stepchildren, who worshipped him.

The following surveys were performed by Mr. Seager for the Provincial Government:—

Coney Island, Lake of Woods, 1891.

Part Tunnel, Lake of Woods, 1892.

Twp. Revell, 1903.

Twp. Pettypiece, 1904.

Twp. Pellatt, 1905.

Twp. Redditt, 1906.

Timber berths Eagle Lake, 1907.

Timber berths Rainy River, 1909.

Town plot Mutrie, 1911.

One Timber berth, 1912.

Four timber berths, 1913.

One timber berth, 1914.

Twp. Colenso, 1915.

Seager and Deacon in 1893 surveyed a block of land on the East side of Winnipeg River at Rat Portage and also a block of land at Norman.

In the Western Provinces he was employed about 1892, in which year he walked from Edmonton to Winnipeg.

David W. Forneri and A. McMeekin studied surveying under Mr. Seager. The former did not qualify, but the latter is now practising at Kenora.

In the early years of his life at Port Arthur, Mr. Seager underwent many hardships. His family report that on one of his Winter surveys one of his dogs was frozen and he found it difficult to avoid sinking into a slumber, which would have been fatal. On another occasion he was obliged to remain in a tree all night for safety from wolves. At another time he was marooned alone on an island for nine days without food, excepting blueberries.

He was a noted walker and would leave men ten or twenty years his junior behind. When 79 years of age he was on a

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Government survey, returning in November, hale and hearty, to celebrate his 80th birthday, with his daughter Muriel. A few weeks afterwards he fell and broke his collar bone, but it knit and he was apparently all right afterwards.

It was reported that he never had difficulty in securing men for a survey trip. He made his last survey in November, 1921, for Dr. Scovil and Capt. Kendall of Kenora.

In March, 1921, he and Mrs. Seager visited her son at Sydney, B.C., where they remained for six months.

His home in later life was on Lot 11, in the 4th concession of the Township of Pellatt, distant about ten miles from Keewatin and thirteen miles from Kenora. This farm was a productive one and was located due South from Kenora. He frequently walked from his farm to Keewatin and continued to do so until the eighty-second year of his life. For his amusement, and for timing his walking, he erected a cairn of rocks along the roadside from his farm to Keewatin to mark each mile.

On Sunday, July 9th, 1922, his daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, and her husband motored down to visit Mr. and Mrs. Seager and Mr. Seager decided to return to town with them. Suddenly he became weak and when nearing Keewatin, he passed away in the arms of his daughter.

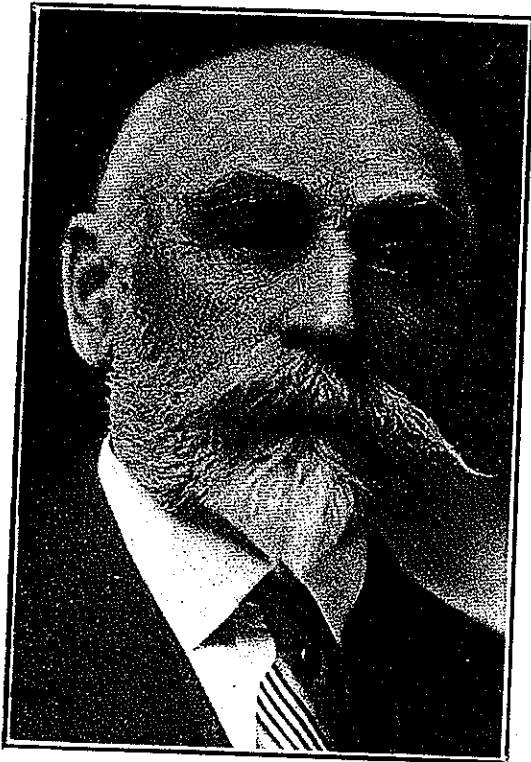
The following extract is taken from the local newspaper at the time of his death:—

Edmund Seager was a man of sterling integrity, and while of a vigorous nature had an unassuming and most kindly disposition. Many a prospector, who thought he had discovered a mining claim had but to ask him to make his survey, which was done without raising the question "Who will pay?" Many of them were never paid for. On the maps of the Lake of the Woods and Manitou districts where the letters "P", and "S", appear, they indicate that Edmund Seager had been there doing the job and they were frequently conveniently "tie" posts for other surveyors. He used the letter "P" first and when there was a probability of the number running into four figures, he adopted the letter "S". With such a disposition he had many friends who are deeply grieved at his demise, and their sympathy goes strongly to the bereaved widow and family.

While he was a member of both the Free Masons and Odd-fellows, the latter took charge of the funeral services, which were conducted by the Rev. E. Diamond of Kenora, and Rev.

P. C. Rays, of Keewatin. Interment took place on Tuesday afternoon in Lake of the Woods cemetery. Many floral tributes were placed on his casket, evidencing the high esteem in which he was held.

### CHARLES FALCONER MILES (Autobiography.)



Mr. Miles' great grandfather's name was Edward. His two family estates, Rochestown and Bally-dafin, were both near Clonmel, County of Tipperary. The arms of his family are the most ancient borne by a Commoner, being those of Milo Miles, and having been formerly those of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. A Baronetcy was attached but is now extinct and his grandfather was the only existing branch of that family. Mr. Miles' grandfather was Colonel Edward Miles, K.C.B., K.T.S. (Portugal, Peninsular War).

Charles F. Miles, the youngest son of the late Lawford Edward Miles and his wife, Anna Miles, was born on the Island of Heligoland, under the British flag on the 30th of January, 1838. He received his earlier education on the Island under tutors, one of whom was a Polish refugee,—until his twelfth year, when he was sent to school in Altona in the Duchy of Holstein, the then reigning King of Denmark being the Duke of Holstein. Altona was a city containing a population of about 40,000 and was divided by iron gates from St. Paul's, a suburb of the Free Hanseatic Republic, the City of Hamburg, Germany. Here, he wrestled with the rudiments of

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