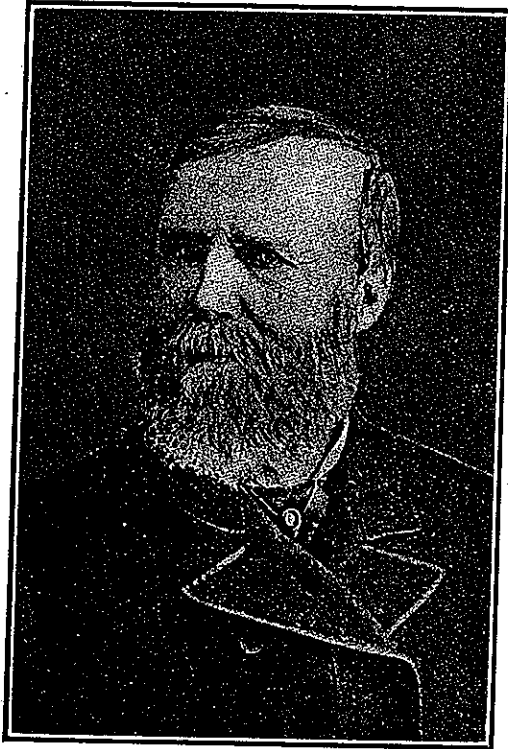


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John Allan Snow was born March 31st in the year 1824, and came from Woburn, in the State of Massachusetts, along with his father and mother, who were U. E. Loyalists. He was educated at Potsdam College. Subsequently, he studied his profession as a Provincial Land Surveyor with the late Lindsay Andrew Russell, who was engaged as engineer on the construction of what is known as the Rideau Canal. He became a Deputy Provincial Surveyor on Sept. 11th, 1847. Subsequently, he carried on a general land surveying business, and was married about the year 1851 to Emma Catherine Bradley, daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel Bradley, then of Bytown, (Ottawa). For

many years, he was in the employ of the Government of the Province of Canada, in that portion, thereof known as Upper Canada, constructing colonization roads. He constructed the Hastings Road and also a road known as "Snow Road" in the same County.

He made surveys for the Provincial Government of the Road Line from Mattawan to Deux Joachims in 1853; the Township of Sebastopol in 1856; the Road Line from Mississippi River to Hastings Road 1857; the Line of Road from Palmerston to Darling 1858; the Boundary Line between Nepean and March 1859, a verification survey of Palmerston 1860; a subdivision of residue of Clarendon 1861; the laying out of Frontenac Road, and the survey of residue of Wollaston 1863.

After Confederation in 1867, he was employed by the Dominion Government as Engineer in charge of the construction of the "Dawson" route, between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, and at the time of the Riel Rebellion in 1869, he and Colonel J. S. Dennis, who was employed in the same capacity, were called upon to help quell the rebellion. He assembled with the men who were employed on the works in Fort Garry, and they

were placed under the charge of Major Boulton. Major Boulton went down from Fort Garry to the lower Fort, where he found that Colonel Dennis had left to meet the Lieut. Governor, Hon. Wm. McDougall. As a consequence, he, with about sixty men armed with Spencer rifles and shot guns, occupied Dr. Schulz' brick-clad house as a fort, with bales of carpet on the windows as barriers, but was compelled along with Major Boulton, to surrender to Riel, and on behalf of himself and the sixty men, he signed the terms of capitulation. Subsequently the men were confined in Fort Garry and Scott was murdered, but Mr. Snow was allowed his liberty and tried to obtain the same for the men in his employment, but failed in his efforts.

In the winter of 1870, he returned to his home in the Township of Hull and subsequently made up his accounts with the Public Works Department, of which Sir George E. Carter was the Minister.

For several years after his return home, he was engaged in general land surveying and conducting arbitrations for the Occidental Railway (Ottawa to Quebec), which is now the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1875, he became City Engineer of the City of Hull, and with the assistance of his son, A. J. Russell Snow, laid out the boundaries of that City.

Mr. Snow made subdivisions for the Dominion Government South of Winnipeg in 1877, South of Riding Mountains in 1880-81, north of Regina in 1882, and East of Bassano in 1883.

Subsequently, in 1886 and 1887, he was engaged in general engineering and surveying. He contracted a severe cold from which pneumonia followed, and he died on the 13th of April 1888, his wife having predeceased him on the 20th of September 1887. He left surviving, four sons and three daughters, of whom three are now surviving: Rupert William, who is in Australia; Charles H., in the employ of the Government at Ottawa; A. J. Russell Snow, K.C., of Toronto, and Florence Augusta, wife of the late Dr. W. F. King, C.M.G., D.L.S., etc., of Ottawa.

The following land surveyors served under articles with Mr. J. A. Snow—John McLatchie, Robert Sparks and Allan P. Patrick.

Mr. Snow was a highly educated man and thoroughly competent to carry on his duties as an engineer and surveyor.

(The greater part of this sketch was prepared by A. J. Russell Snow, K.C.)