

**EDGORTH R. USSHER**

The direct line of descent of the Ussher family to the subject of this sketch is as follows: Sir William Ussher, Senior, born 1553; Sir William Ussher, Junior, born, 1610; John Ussher, Minister in Chancery, born 1646; Christopher Ussher of Mount Ussher, County of Wicklow, Ire., born 1690; Christopher Ussher, Capt. Royal Navy, born 1732.

Captain Christopher was appointed Lieutenant in the Navy in 1757, Captain of H.M.S. "Prince" in 1761, died in 1772.

His son, Capt. John Ussher, of the British Army, was born in Ireland about 1771 and came to Canada in early life. He married Mary Street, daughter of Samuel Street, for many years speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada.

Captain John had three sons—Samuel, Edgorth and John, all born in Ireland. Samuel married Harriet Colclough of Ireland. Edgorth married Sarah Thomson, and John married Sarah Platt. Samuel had four sons—John, Henry, Frederick and Edgorth Richard, the subject of this sketch, who was born on June 14th, 1841.

He qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on July 2nd, 1860, when 19 years of age, if the date of his birth be as given above.

He was associated with Mr. Clement G. Hanning, of Uxbridge, who qualified on July 19th, 1858, and probably served his apprenticeship with him. They afterwards practiced at Bowmanville.

In 1861 he surveyed the Township of Glamorgan, for the Provincial Government.

Mr. Ussher left Canada for New Zealand early in 1863, arriv-

ing there the latter part of the year. He obtained employment as Surveyor to the Commissioner of Roads in the Province of Otago, South Island, and for a time was in private practice. He was then employed by the Provisional Government of Otago and Southland, and remained in this office until the Provincial Governments were merged in the General Government with seat at Wellington.

He continued in the Government service, first as Surveyor and Resident Assistant Engineer, then as District Engineer, Public Works Department, for the Provinces of Otago, South Canterbury and Southland. This position he held until he retired in 1909.

He had control of public works, including railways constructed in rough country, necessitating tunnels, bridges and viaducts.

In 1886 he was elected a Member of Institute of Civil Engineers.

He died on April 16th, 1916.

On Sept. 3rd, 1874, he married Jane Stuart, daughter of Alexander Stuart of Glasgow, Scotland. There were ten children: Edgworth Norwood, b. 1875, Stuart Beauchamp, b. 1877, John Henry, b. 1879, George Herbert, b. 1881, Elizabeth L. b. 1882, Frederick Percy, b. 1884, Samuel, b. 1886, Alexander P. b. 1888, Andrew Vincent, b. 1890, Brian Errol, b. 1892.

His widow and all of the foregoing children are living except Samuel.

The eldest son, Edgworth N., to whom we are indebted for the greater part of the foregoing information and the portrait, resides at Dunedin, N.Z.

Capt. Edgworth Ussher, who was assassinated at the door of his residence near Chippewa, on Nov. 16, 1838 (aged 34 years), was a brother of Samuel. His tragic death is an incident of the Upper Canada Rebellion that has been recorded by several historians. The residence is still standing on the banks of the Niagara River, a short distance above Chippewa Creek. He had one son, John F. C., and two daughters. The son married Miss Frances Emma Stanton of Berlin, Ont., who for many years was employed in the Registrar-General's office, Toronto.

One daughter named Emily married the late Charles A. Durand, and the other, named Edgworth, married the late Judge Millar of Milton.

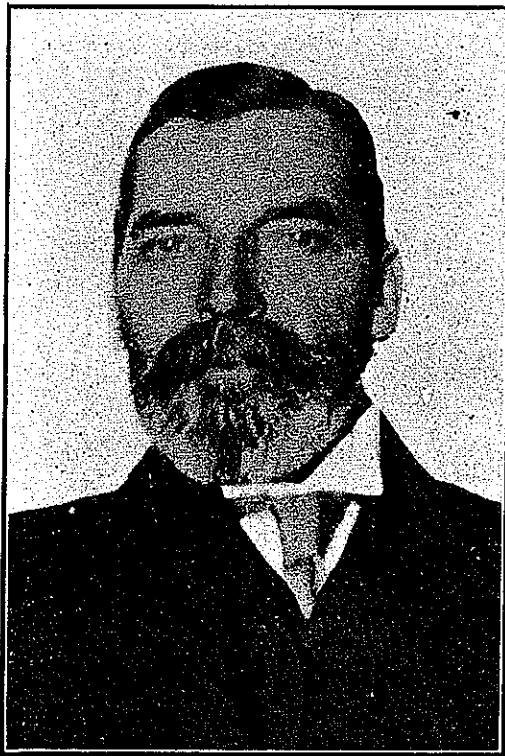
Harriet Ussher, sister of Capt. Edgworth, married Dr. George Mitchell of Penetanguishene, and their daughter Jessie, married C. G. Hanning of Toronto and Bowmanville.

Col. John F. H. Ussher of Toronto, who served both in South

Africa in 1900 and overseas in the great war, is a son of the late J. F. C. Ussher.

Charles Essex Edgworth Ussher, Passenger Traffic Manager of C.P.R., Montreal, is a son of John Ussher of Grove Farm, near Chippawa, and grandson of Capt. John Ussher, Royal Army. He was born at Grove Farm, near Chippawa.

### JOHN McLATCHIE.



John McLatchie was born on Jan. 18th, 1842, at West Templeton, Que. His father was William Richmond McLatchie, who died at West Templeton on Dec. 5th, 1885, at the age of 85 years, and his mother was Elizabeth Gillies, who died at the same place on May 21st, 1866, aged 67 years. They came to Canada from Ayr, Scotland, in 1819. There were three sons, all born in Canada—Hugh, born Feb. 15th, 1838, died Aug. 28th, 1891; William Richmond, born April 20th, 1840, died March 31st, 1912; John, the youngest and the subject of this sketch.

John McLatchie received his education at West Templeton and at the Grammar School at Ottawa. In the history of the Collegiate Institute he is spoken of as "sturdy, independent, masterful." He served under articles of apprenticeship both to J. A. Snow, as a P.L.S. for Quebec and Ontario as well as to Jos. M. O. Cromwell of Perth, Ontario, and qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on January 9th, 1864. He was engaged in the Survey of timber limits in the Ottawa Valley for Booth, the McLarens, Gillies and the McLachlins, the last of Arnprior.

John McLatchie received his commission as a Dominion Land