

WILLIAM WAGNER, P.L.S., D.L.S.

Was one of the most colorful of the pioneers of Manitoba.

He was born on September the 15th, 1829, in Posen, Germany, and was educated there in Bon.

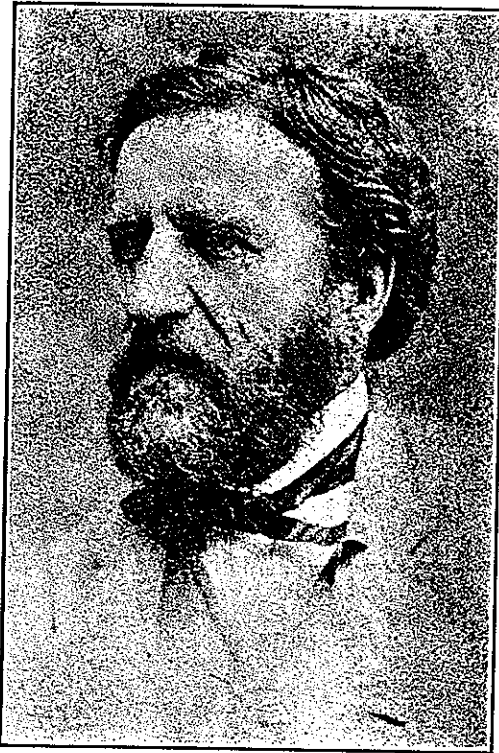
In 1855 he left Germany for Canada, owing to the military oppression. Arriving in Canada, he studied English, and articulated himself to J. L. P. O'Hanly, P.L.S., in Bytown (now Ottawa), and was appointed a Land Surveyor for Ontario on the 13th April, 1858.

He returned to Germany and married Miss Fumer, and returned to Canada. But he was sent back to Germany for two years to lecture on emigration, by the Government of the day. He returned to Montreal, and then on to Toronto, in 1857 or 1858, where he and our genial fellow member, Mr. V. B. Wadsworth, became personal friends.

Then in 1870, hearing that Manitoba was in need of Surveyors, he and his wife and three children, Frank, Annalus, and Margaret, went to Fort Garry, and settled at Ossowo, in Manitoba.

William had three sisters, Augusta, Lena and Othillier. Immediately upon arriving in Manitoba he was continually engaged as D. L. Surveyor, politician (being a robust Conservative), expert dairyman (being Hon. President of the Manitoba Agricultural College), and Swamp Lands Commissioner.

One of his daughters married Rev. A. W. Goulding, who had for fifteen years been Protestant Chaplain for Stony Mountain. He was Lutheran in religion.



He made the following D. L. Surveys:—

1871—White Mud River Settlement.

Subdivision of Tp. 12, R. 8.

South Bdy. of Tp. 12, R. 8.

N. Bdy. of Tp. 13, R. 9.

Subdivision of Tp. 13, R. 9. All West of P.M. And
subdivision of townships 11 and 12; R. 1, E. of P.M.

1872—Subdivision of Tps. 15, 16 and 17. Rs. 1-2-3 and 4.

Subdivision of part of 15, R. 5.

N. Bdy., Tp. 15, Ranges 1-2-3 and 4.

N. Bdy., Tp. 17, Ranges 1-2-3 and 4.

E. Bdy., Tp. 17, Ranges 1 (2 miles).

E. Bdy., Tp. 15-17, R. 1 (2 miles).

E. Bdy., Tp. 15-16-17, R. 4.

E. Bdy., Tp. 15, R. 5. All W. of P.M. Survey of E.
shore of Lake Manitoba from Province lines to the
Narrows.

Part of Oak Point Settlement.

Part of Settlement of St. Laurent.

1873—Subdivision of Tps. 19 and 20. R. 5.

Subdivision of Tp. 20. R. 6.

Subdivision pt. of Tp. 18. R. 5.

Subdivision pt. of Tp. 19. R. 6.

Subdivision pt. of Tp. 20. R. 7.

N. Bdys. of Tps. 19-20. Rs. 5 and 6.

N. Bdy. Pt. of Tp. 18. R. 5.

N. Bdy., Tp. 20. R. 7.

E. Bdy., Tps. 18-19-20. R. 5. Also survey of portions
of Lake Manitoba, and adjacent marshes from Pro-
vincial Bdy. to Manitoba House.

E. Bdy., Tp. 20. R. 7. E. Pt. Tp. 19. R. 6. Also
Survey for Indian Chief O-ja-we-Kevun, on the As-
siniboine River, Man. Also Indian Reserve at Crane
River, Man.

1874—Subdivision of E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Tp. 17, R. 1, and Pt. of N. Bdy.,
Tp. 17, R. 1. All West of P.M.

Survey of part of the Settlement of Oak Point, and St.
Laurent. S. Bdy. Tp. 19. R. 5. Survey of Fairford
River Reserve, Man. Survey of Parish of Baie, St.
Paul. Survey of Parish of Poplar Point. Survey of
Indian Reserves. Crane River Reserve, Lake Man.
Survey of Indian Reserves. Ebb and Flow Lake.

1875—Survey of rear lines of the Parishes of Poplar Point, and Baie St. Paul and N. Bdy. of Tp. 17, R. 5, W. of P.M.

Indian Reserves

Reserve for George Gordon's band at Little Touchwood Hills. Day Starr's Reserve at Big Touchwood Hills. N.W.T. Reserve for Lean Man's Band. N.W.T. Ready Bow's Reserve, Big Touchwood Hills. N.W.T. Reserve for Enoch's band at mouth of Bird Tail Creek, Man. Reserve for White Eagle's band at Oak River, Man. Reserve for Metis band at Riding Mountain House, Man.

Indian Reserves

1876—Reserve for Chacachases Band on Qu'Appelle River, N.W.T.
Reserve for Pasquak's Band, Upper Fishing Lake and Qu'Appelle, N.W.T.
Reserve at Okemis, or Little Rosebud, on Qu'Appelle River, N.W.T.
Reserve for Sikamay, or Mosquito's Band, on Qu'Appelle River, and Crooked Lake, N.W.T.
Reserve for Chief Loud Voice at Qu'Appelle River, and Pound Lake, N.W.T.
Reserve for Star Blanket's Band, N.W.T.
Survey of Qu'Appelle River to Upper Fishing Lake, from 102nd Meridian.

Indian Reserves

1877—Reserve for Gabriel Cote's Band, on the Assiniboine River.
Way-Way-see-cappo Reserve on the Birdtail Creek, Man.
Reserve of the Kay's Band, at Swan River, Man.
Reserve for the White Bear's Band at Moose Mountain, Man.
Reserve for Chief Kisch-i-Konce, Swan River, Man.

1879—Survey of Indian Reserve (Sioux), Pipestone Creek, Oak Lake, Man.

1880—Subdivision of Tps. 7 and 8. Rs. 27 and 28.
Subdivision of Tps. 7 and 8, Rs. 19 and 20.
N. Bdy. of Tps. 7 and 8, Rs. 19 and 20.
E. Bdy. of Tps. 7 and 8, R. 20.

N. Bdy. of Tps. 7, R. 27 and 28.
E. Bdy. of Tps. 7 and 8, R. 28. All West of P.M.

1881—Subdn. of Tps. 11 and 12, R. 28.
Subdn. of Tps. 11 and 12, R. 26 and 27.
N. Bdy. of Tps. 11, Rs. 26-27-28.
E. Bdy. of Tps. 11 and 12, Rs. 26-28.
Subdn. of Tps. 11, R. 25. All West of P.M.

1882—Subdn. of Tps. 24, Rs. 30-33.
Subdn. of Tps. 27-28, Rs. 31-32.
Subdn. of Tps. 21-22, Rs. 31.
Subdn. of Tps. 20-23-24-27-28, R. 33. All West of P.M.

1883—Survey of Big Island, Lake Manitoba.
Subdivision of Tps. 21-22-23-24, R. 3. E. of P.M.
Subdivision of Tps. 19-20-21, R. 3-4. W. of P.M.

1884—Subdn. Tps. 18, Rs. 1-2. W. of P.M.

1885—Subdn. Tp. 21, Rs. 5-6-7. W. of P.M.

William Wagner was a member of the Manitoba Legislature for about two terms. He always took a particular interest in dairying, and his knowledge of Prussian and Danish methods in this respect, enabled him to make valuable recommendations for the promotion of the butter and cheese industry in Manitoba. He was a thoroughly genuine old gentleman, and many sincere friends deplore his loss. His pithy and witty remarks upon matters before the Legislature were long remembered. He was in the West during the buffalo, grasshopper and Indian roaming days. As his daughter, Mrs. Goulding, writes: "During the grasshopper season my father came home like a tramp, as the grasshoppers ate everything except iron, even the case where his instruments fitted in." Again: "During his survey of the Blood Indian Reserve, he laid on his stomach with the Indian Chief smoking their pipes, and waiting to get the consent of the old fellow to allow father to survey the land, and at last he handed him his pipe of peace, which meant consent."

William Wagner died 28th February, 1901, and his wife died 15th October, 1902. Both are buried in St. James' Cemetery, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.