

THE LATE WM. DICKINSON.

The late Deputy Inspector-General was born in 1811. He entered the public service as book-keeper in the office of the Inspector General of Canada, in April 1842; was appointed acting Deputy Inspector-General, 1st October, 1856; Deputy Inspector-General of Canada, 15th of August, 1863; and to the same office for the Dominion, 30th May, 1868. He was a member of the Civil Service Board and of the Board of Audit. He was Superannuated, 1st January 1875. He died a few weeks ago at Balham, near London, England, in the 65th year of his age, of congestion of the lungs, after a short illness of three weeks.

DRUMMONDVILLE.

The village of Drummondville, Que., is on the South Eastern Railway, 37 miles from Sorel, and 17 miles from Acton, on the G. T. R. The depot is situated about one mile to the west of Mr. Bonnell's tannery and J. V. Cooke's mill, a sketch of which was given in the 11th of December number of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

Drummondville will soon be a place of some importance, as it is situated in the centre of a great lumbering district. The unrivalled water power on "Lord Falls" on the St. Francis river some few hundred yards east of the depot, will shortly be made desirable for manufacturing purposes. Communication with the waters of the St. Lawrence on the one side and the system of railways on the other—which happily now are complete—will give an opportunity of exporting the riches of the forests and mines to market, at a much less cost than hitherto has been the case.

PORT DOVER AND LAKE HURON RAILWAY.

A sketch of which will be seen elsewhere, was proposed to cross, 20 years ago, the Grand Trunk and Great Western, and connect Lakes Erie and Huron by an iron band. The scheme was, however, thought too far ahead of the times, in those days, and was abandoned as chimerical and impracticable. For long years it lay dormant, till in March, 1872, a charter was obtained to construct a road from Port Dover to Stratford, the Company assuming the road bed and harbor of the old Woodstock and Lake Erie railway, which had been abandoned many years before. The value of the work done on the old road was estimated at \$175,000, and assisted the directors materially in building what they claim to be one of the cheapest roads in Canada. The capital stock of the Company was fixed at \$250,000, about half of which was taken up in the municipalities through which the road passes, thus ensuring that it will be locally controlled, a matter of no

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No. 273.—LATE WM. DICKINSON, Esq., DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE.

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small importance. In December, 1872, a permanent board of directors was appointed.

Arrangements were then made for a system of bonuses, and in March, 1873, the sum of \$30,000 was granted to the Company by Stratford. In April a by-law for \$15,000 was submitted to the township of Downie, but was voted down. In December, 1873, a joint bonus of \$120,000—\$40,000 to the southern road, and \$80,000 to the Stratford and Huron—was carried in the county of Perth by an overwhelming majority. Bonuses to a large amount were granted by other municipalities along the line, amounting in all, including the Government subsidy, to \$329,000. The length of the road from Port Dover, on Lake Erie, to Stratford is 62 miles. The line passes through the townships of Woodhouse, Windham, South and North Norwich, East Oxford, East Zorra, South Easthope, and also through the town of Woodstock. The present directors are:—Mr. G. Moore, President; Mr. H. Parker, Vice-President; Dr. Cook, Dr. Walker, and Messrs. Clarke, S. S. Fuller and W. Marshall. Mr. R. W. Sawtell has filled the onerous position of Secretary since the organization of the Company.

THE AMERICAN INVASION OF CANADA—1775.

The Quebec subscribers to the Buriand-Desbarats English and French Montreal illustrated journals—the *Canadian Illustrated News* and *L'Opinion Publique*, have noticed with pleasure the increased space recently allotted in their columns to chronicle incidents relating to the past history of the "Ancient Capital," Quebec.

A well executed portrait of the saviour of Quebec, Lord Dorchester, graces the frontispiece of a recent number of the *Canadian Illustrated*, whilst it devotes several columns in successive numbers to a "Story of the War of 1775."

Noted improvements can be seen in the French journal, *L'Opinion Publique*, since it has been placed under the immediate editorial management of its enterprising founder, George Desbarats, Esq. Quite a number of spicy articles in it hail from Quebec, and its recent issues particularly recommend themselves to the student of history, by a lengthy critical review of "Sanguinet's Narrative of the Events of 1775," lately edited by the Abbé Vereault. This review, accompanied with copious extracts and some very appropriate notes, is contributed by an accomplished *littérateur* of our city, Hon. P. Chauveau, and bears his initials, "P. C." I think it right to draw attention to the fact, lest some readers should fail to attach due importance to these notes and commentaries, from not knowing who the initials "P. C." represent.—*Quebec Chronicle*. L. M. J.



DRUMMONDVILLE, P. Q.—FROM A SKETCH BY MRS. J. V. COOKE.