

Branch of the Crown Lands Department for Canada West ; and in 1857 he was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Ontario. In 1870 he returned to the Capital to assist in the Census service. In 1874 he received the appointment of Chief Clerk in the Department of the Interior ; and in 1883 retired, after fifty-four years of public service.

Confining his attention purely to official duties, our subject never meddled in politics. He married in May, 1834, Lucy Chandler Lord, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel P. C. Lord, senior J.P. for the County of Megantic. During Mr. Russell's term of office he faithfully devoted his professional abilities to raising the standard of the surveying profession, and what he accomplished may be gathered somewhat from the following copy of an address presented to him by the Dominion Land Surveyors :—

*To Andrew Russell, Esq. :*

The Surveyors throughout the Dominion of Canada embrace this opportune time, on your retirement from active service, of presenting you with this Address, expressing, as it does, in but a feeble manner the esteem in which you are held by the profession.

During your fifty-four years of public service in the departments of the old Province of Canada and of the Dominion of Canada, you have preserved throughout that high standard of public morality, integrity and faultless character so worthy of emulation.

In the Crown Lands Department, as well as in the Department of the Interior, you have left your ineffaceable mark ; ever prompted by the sense of duty, regardless of personal ends.

A generation has seen you in harness, unassuming, but treading the path of honour.

But our gratitude centres especially upon your professional career. It was you who introduced into Canada the use of the transit theodolite upon public surveys, displacing the less accurate and variable compass. It was you who pointed to the stars for a sure guide, instead of the fickle magnetic pole.

Through your unceasing efforts surveying has attained its present high standard, ever aiming higher, and now is an honourable profession. Rightly may we style you the father of astronomic surveying in Canada, and proud are we of so worthy a progenitor.

May the laurel wreath you have won, resting on its snowy bed, brighten your remaining days in your quiet retreat.

And posterity will record, " His work is well done."

Signed, on behalf of the Surveyors, by

OTTO J. KLOTZ,

*President of Association Dominion Land Surveyors.*

A. F. COTTON,

*Secretary-Treasurer.*

*Ottawa, March 20, 1884.*