

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF
THE LATE THOMAS DEVINE, F.R.G.S.

MR. DEVINE entered the Department of Crown Lands July 11th, 1846, and was attached to the Upper Canada Surveys Branch, as Surveyor and Draughtsman. He had previously been admitted on June 11th, 1846, a Provincial Land Surveyor. In 1857, on the appointment of the late Andrew Russell to be Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mr. Devine was made Head of Surveys for Upper Canada. About the same time, on the resignation by Mr. Russell of his seat on the Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors, Mr. Devine was appointed to the vacant seat, which he held until his resignation in 1879. On the eve of his departure, the Board of Examiners passed the following resolution:—

OFFICE OF BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
LAND SURVEYORS FOR ONTARIO,

TORONTO, October 7th, 1879.

The members of the Board, in session assembled, desire to express to their Chairman, Thomas Devine, Esq., F.R.G.S., on the eve of his departure for Europe, their cordial good wishes for himself and family; they cannot but feel, that their labours have been lightened by his uniform urbanity, and the ability and zeal displayed by him in promoting the best interests of the profession, and in co-operating with them in the desire to elevate the standard of scientific acquirements.

(Signed) F. F. PASSMORE,
Chairman pro tem.
HUGH WILSON,
P. S. GIBSON,
GEO. B. KIRKPATRICK,
Secretary of Board.

Mr. Devine was a native of the County Westmeath, Ireland, studied his profession under the Royal Engineers, and was employed on the Ordnance Survey of Ireland. He then came to Canada, and, in 1846, was appointed to a position in the Survey Branch of the Crown Lands Department. In 1872, the Ontario Government conferred upon him the title of Deputy Surveyor-General, which position he held until the end of 1879, when, feeling the necessity of rest and