

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF
ANDREW RUSSELL, ESQ.

THE following obituary notice of the late Mr. Russell from the *Evening Journal*, of Ottawa, and the sketch of his life and career, taken from Rose's *Cyclopedia of Canadian Biography*, make up a concise history of this eminent public servant, whose name is respected and beloved throughout the length and breadth of our Dominion, by all who had the privilege of knowing or coming in contact with him.

To make the sketch complete, it is only necessary to add that since Mr. Russell's withdrawal from the public service in 1883, he has lived in quiet retirement at his home in Ottawa, and was on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. A. K. Roy, in Toronto, when he received the summons to depart this life.

(*From the Evening Journal, Ottawa, Feb. 25, 1888.*)

Andrew Russell, of Glasgow, Scotland, whose name was well known throughout Ontario and Quebec, as Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, and who served his adopted country faithfully from the time of his first appointment as Superintendent of Government Roads in June, 1829, to the time of his well-earned retirement from the Department of the Interior in January, 1885, died last night at the residence of his son-in-law, 40 Cecil Street, Toronto, aged eighty-five years. His exemplary, unswerving constancy to the cause of Temperance has been fruitful of much good, and the following testimonial (see address from Association of Dominion Land Surveyors, below) is a monument of which a large number of relatives are justly proud: A consistent Christian. His end was peace.

(*From Rose's Cyclopedia of Canadian Biography.*)

Andrew Russell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on the 29th June, 1804. He is a son of Alexander Russell and Janet Jamieson. He received his education at Glasgow, in the Common and Grammar Schools, leaving Glasgow with his parents, sister and brother for Quebec in May, 1822. The family settled in the Township of Leeds, County of Megantic, in June, 1822. Our subject was appointed Superintendent of Colonization Roads and Settlements in Megantic by the Governor General, Sir James Kempt, in June, 1829. On the union of Upper and Lower Canada he was placed in charge of the Surveys