

A VETERAN CIVIL ENGINEER.

The late Colonel Henry Strange, who recently died at Rockwood, Ont., in his 92nd year, was probably the oldest civil engineer in America. He was born in Demerara, West Indies, September 16, 1815, and educated in England, coming to Canada in 1834. He built and occupied for many years the historic building in Guelph known as "The Priory," and for some years past used as the C.P.R. station. He surveyed the G.T.R. from Toronto to Sarnia, and was chief engineer in surveying the



THÉ LATE HENRY STRANGE.

Great Western division of the G. T. R. He also surveyed the first railway laid in Michigan, and even since his nineteenth birthday surveyed quite a large property in Rockwood for Mr. Harvey of Guelph.

RAPID SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

The Taylor Construction Company's big trenching machine, leased from the Municipal Trenching Company, Montreal, J. W. Harris, President, is working on the Fifth avenue sewer, breaking all previous records for sewer construction in Edmonton at least if not in Canada.

Yesterday they trenched and lay-

ed tile for 312 feet of sewer, and today the machine was put on to the high speed and made 330 feet, notwithstanding that over two hours was lost in the morning half of the shift, on account of a delay waiting for fuel. In the five hours from 1 o'clock until 6 p.m. 200 feet of sewer was laid. This figures out to 40 feet an hour or one foot in every 90 seconds. The ground on Second street is standing up beautifully and that part of the contract will be finished by Friday afternoon.

The Taylor Company intends to move the machine over to the First street section of the contract and commence work there on Monday. According to the work that the machine is now doing, they figure that they will do 100 feet of work a day, making a trench five feet wide by twenty feet deep. Two shifts will be kept on the concreting work in order to keep up with

the machine. Sixty men will be employed on the machine and concrete work.—Edmonton Daily Bulletin.

Mr. John Aldridge, retired builder, Toronto, will be an Aldermanic candidate at the next municipal election.

The death occurred recently at Barre Plains, Mass., of John Reid, a native of Mount Thom, Pictou County, N.S. The late Mr. Reid was for many years in the construction department of the Ware River Railway.

Word comes from Kankakee, Ill., of the death of Mr. W. McGillis. Deceased was born in Glengarry, Ont., 68 years ago, and was at one time connected with the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1858 he moved to Kankakee, where he has carried on a very extensive railway contracting business.

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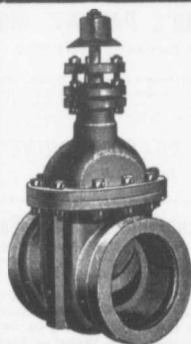
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