

and Historical Society of Quebec in January, 1909, from which we glean the following facts regarding Admiral Bayfield's life and career. Some of these particulars appear also in the shorter biography in Morgan's Sketches of Celebrated Canadians (1862):

Admiral Henry Wolsey Bayfield was born in the County of Norfolk, England, on the 21st of January, 1795, being descended from a very ancient family, the Bayfields of Bayfield Hall in the village of that name in the same county. He received an ordinary education and in 1806, at the early age of eleven years, entered the navy as a supernumerary volunteer, on board H.M.S. Pompey, 80 guns, bearing the flag of Sir William Sidney Smith, and was in action with a French privateer six hours after leaving Portsmouth. Young Bayfield was transferred to H.M.S. Queen, 98 guns, Collingwood's flag ship. From her he went to the "Duchess of Bedford," Lieut. Spillsbury, and was slightly wounded in a severe action off Gibraltar in which that vessel beat off two Spanish felluccas with double her crew. For gallant conduct he was made first-class volunteer and in 1806 was appointed to H.M.S. "Beagle," called the "Golden Beagle," from the number of prizes she captured, commanded by Capt. Newcombe, in which they compelled the enemy to abandon an English vessel laden with naval stores stranded on the Spanish coast, and captured the "Hazard," "Fortune," and "Vengeur," privateers, and participated in Lord Cochrane's action in Basque Roads in April, 1809. In the autumn of that year Bayfield accompanied the Walcheren expedition and in 1811 was Midshipman on H.M.S. "Wanderer," 21 guns, Capt. Newcombe, and served in Spain, Portugal, the West Indies and North America. He was promoted to the rank of Lieut. in 1815 and that summer, while his ship was in Quebec, was appointed assistant to Commander Owen and later made Admiralty Surveyor on the Canadian lakes as already noted, having his headquarters at Penetanguishene. Bayfield learned the rudiments of naval surveying during his spare moments from the books of two young officers who were his messmates on board the "Beagle." In 1825 Lieut. Bayfield met Capt. (afterwards Sir) John Franklin, R.N., and his party of 33 on his way to the Arctic coast of Canada from England via Penetanguishene, also Lieut. Back of his party whom he met again in Quebec in 1833 on his way to the Great Fish River, as commander, for tidings of Capt. (Sir) John Ross, R.N. Bayfield returned to England in 1825 to prepare his charts after ten years of incessant toil