

OBITUARY NOTICE.

COLONEL SIR CASIMIR STANISLAUS GZOWSKI, K.C.M.G., one of the foremost engineers in Canada died at his residence, "The Hall," Bathurst Street, Toronto, on August 24th, 1898.

Descended from an ancient Polish family, his father, Stanislaus, Count Gzowski, was an officer in the Imperial Guard of Russia, stationed at St. Petersburg, where Sir Casimir was born in 1813. He was educated in a military college at Kremnitz, and in 1830 received a commission in the engineering branch of the Russian army. In the same year an insurrection broke out in Poland, and Sir Casimir left the Russian service to fight for the liberty of his countrymen. He served with distinction throughout the war, and after the Poles were finally overpowered, he was imprisoned for some months, and then exiled to the United States of America.

He landed in New York in 1833 with very little money, and not the slightest knowledge of the English language. He managed to support himself by teaching French, German and Italian, while he devoted himself to the study of law with the idea that by this means he could best acquire a knowledge of English.

After practicing law in Pennsylvania for a few years, he came to Toronto in 1841 and was an engineer in the Department of Public Works until 1846, when he left the Government employ and engaged in private practice. From 1850 to 1853 he was engineer of the Harbour Works at Montreal, and consulting engineer of the ship canal improvement between Montreal and Quebec. He then became chief engineer of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway (now a portion of the Grand Trunk system), but soon resigned and entered into