

Latterly he was afflicted with heart disease, which at last carried him off a few years ago. His eldest son now conducts the paper. Another son is an Advocate of the Montreal Bar. They are born citizens of Montreal, and seem to have the ability of their father, and will yet make their mark.

WILLIAM CASSILS

“ WAS born at Denny, Stirlingshire, Scotland, on the 25th June, 1832, being the eldest son of John Cassils and Margaret Murray. The family removed in 1835 to Renton, a village in the vale of Leven, Dumbartonshire, where his boyhood was spent, and where in the parochial school he was educated in such branches as were then taught in that institution. Having relatives in Canada, who urged that he should proceed thither, he sailed from Glasgow in the barque *Euclid* on April 5th, 1851, arriving at Quebec in the first week of May. On reaching Montreal a couple of days later, and hearing that a young man was wanted to learn operating in the office of the Montreal Telegraph Company, he applied for the situation and was accepted. The Company was then in its infancy; it owned a single line extending along the highway from Toronto to Quebec, and had fourteen offices in all, between these two points. In November, 1853, Mr. Cassils took charge of the Quebec office, and three years later, the Company having acquired the lines of the British American Telegraph Company, was appointed Eastern Divisional Superintendent. On the 11th June, 1856, he married Agnes Simpson, daughter of the late William Hossack of Quebec. Resigning the position of Telegraph Superintendent in November, 1866, Mr. Cassils removed to Montreal, becoming a member of a commercial firm, from which he retired ten years later. While a resident of Quebec Mr. Cassils commanded the esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances, and in addition to active participation in church and charitable work, was chosen Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Protestant School Commissioners of that city, which position he held during several years. Shortly after retiring from the wholesale trade in Montreal, he became President of the Canada Central Railway Company, which position he retained for three or four years, until 1881, when the line became part of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's system. His careful methodical habits of business becoming known, his services were in request by other public companies. He subsequently became Receiver of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company, and now occupies the Presidency of the following: the Dominion Transport Company, limited (the cartage agents of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company), the Canadian District Telegraph Company, limited; and of the Electro-Mechanical Clock Company, limited. He is also, we believe, Vice-President of the British American Rancho Company, limited; and Director of the Montreal Herald Printing and Publishing Company, limited. By no means least in importance of the positions held by Mr. Cassils in connection with public companies is his directorship in the Montreal Telegraph Company, which has 1,680 offices and 30,000 miles of wire scattered over