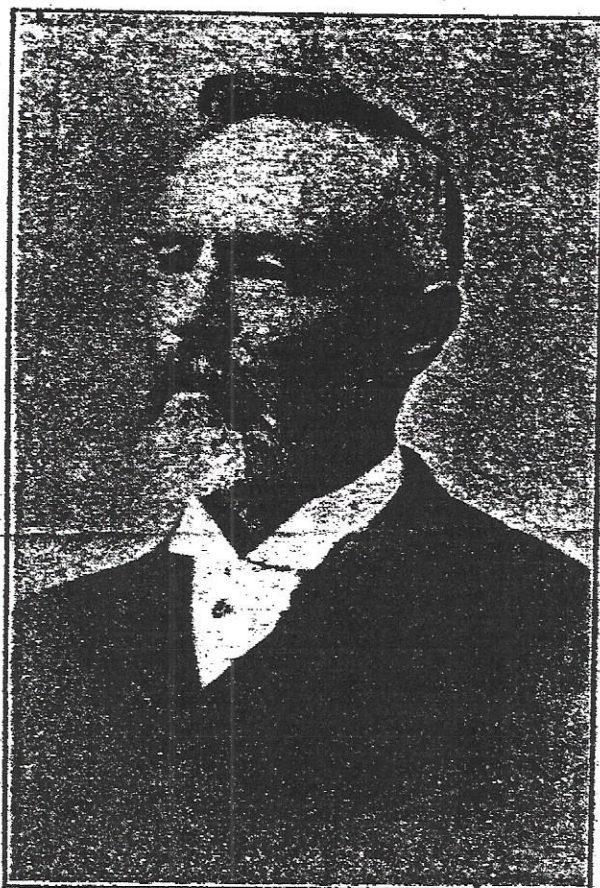


**THOMAS WEATHERALD.**

Thomas Weatherald was the eldest son of the late Thomas Weatherald, Banker, of Mickleley, a few miles from Leeds, England. He was born in England on March 1st, 1834. His parents came to Canada in 1843 and settled at Hamilton, where Thomas Jr. received his education under the tutorship of Professor Osborne.

He studied as a Provincial Land Surveyor under Thomas Nepean Molesworth, and passed his final examination on January 12th, 1856, after which he entered into partnership with Mr. Molesworth. They were employed upon the survey of the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, the survey of lands on St. Joseph's

Island, and laying out of the town of Goderich for the Canada Company. Mr. Weatherald relates the following incident in connection with the surveys made by Mr. Molesworth on St. Joseph's Island:

On their second trip to the Island they observed two wrecked vessels, one loaded with railway iron and the other with apples. Each member of Mr. Molesworth's party secured a bag of apples, but this so overloaded their sail boat, which was only eighteen feet long and thirteen in the party, that they were obliged to throw their apples overboard and bail out the boat with their hats when passing through the gap between Cove Island and Fitzwilliam Island.

The following information respecting the town of Goderich may be of interest: Two brothers by the name of Dunlop, from Dumbartonshire, Scotland, settled in the township of Colborne, within two miles of the mouth of the Maitland River. Dr. Dunlop, one of the brothers, was manager for the Canada Company, the Chief Commissioner being Mr. Galt. The latter was the father of the late Registrar of the County of Huron and of Judge Galt. The Company decided to lay out a town at the mouth of the Maitland River, which provided a harbor for small vessels.



The officials of the Company, with their surveyors and assistants, commenced operations where the Court House now stands, by cutting down a large maple tree, and as there was no water convenient, Dr. Dunlop poured part of the contents of a flask from his pocket on the maple stump and went through the form of christening the Town Goderich, after Lord Goderich, then Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Weatherald was married in Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, by Rev. Dean Geddes, on Sept. 5th, 1860, to Miss Maria Simpson, second youngest daughter of Contractor Simpson, of Hamilton, Ont. He made his home at Goderich from 1860 until 1907, when he and his wife removed to Woodstock, making their home with their daughter, Mrs. H. J. Rex. During his residence of forty-seven years in Goderich he practiced his profession, giving special attention to farm surveys, town surveys and drainage works.

During his residence in Woodstock, from 1907 to 1915, Mr. Weatherald enjoyed good health, during which time he practically retired from active practice.

In the Spring of 1915 he had a severe illness, but recovered sufficiently to visit his sons at Wawota, Sask., where he recovered his health until his final illness in 1917. He died at Wawoto on May 16th, 1917.

His widow and the following children survive: Thomas Marwood, Charles Edwards, George Langdale Marwood, all of Wawoto; Harry Molesworth, London; Mrs. Herbert James Rex, Mrs. John C. West, and Mrs. Andrew W. Irving, of Hamilton.

Mr. Weatherald was a man of genial, courteous manner, and was held in high regard by a large circle of friends. He was a member of St. George's Anglican Church, Goderich, and was Church Warden for several years.