

it is not too much to say that a share of the credit may be attributed to him, as the canal was finally excavated.

The Pioneer had nine children; six sons and three daughters. Thomas Webb, one of his sons—at the time of writing—lives practically retired in Brighton, on Main Street, in a large modern residence, which is perhaps the most imposing private edifice of the town. He was born in 1835 on the old homestead near Salem, and attended the public school there and afterwards for a term at Jordan's private school in Colborne. At the age of seventeen, in company with his brother Wilson, he came to Brighton. Wilson had purchased the business of Hodge & Proctor, general storekeepers, and for four years Thomas assisted his brother in the business. He then went to Brampton, in the employ of W. T. Todd, in whose service he remained until 1858. In that year he settled at Northfield, Dakota County, Minnesota, and first entered into business on his own account as a storekeeper, and later engaged in wheat farming. The low prices ruling at the time for wheat, and the absence of railroads, which rendered markets inaccessible, combined to make prairie farming undesirable, and Thomas Webb returned to Brighton and purchased the business established by his brother at the outset of his career, and carried it on successfully for over thirty years. He eventually sold it to the present owner, Mr. J. B. Smith.

During this time he was much in evidence in a public capacity, being a member of the municipal council for thirteen years in succession, the last seven of which he was Reeve of the town of Brighton. He has also for many years held a commission as Justice of the Peace, and two years after leaving the store he again occupied a seat in the council. Since ceasing to be a merchant he has devoted his attention to operations in grain—a large warehouse for the uses of this branch being alongside the railway in Brighton—and to real estate in which he is largely interested. He, moreover, represents the many steamboat companies that have business interests with the port of Brighton.

After his father's death he took up the subject of the Murray Canal and advocated it in season and at all times, and did much in keeping the public interest alive until that much desired and required waterway was brought to a successful completion.

In 1869 he married Miss Charlotte Bulkley, a daughter of

Hiram Bulkley, whose maternal grandfather was Peter Vallean. See Vallean family.

Thomas Webb and his wife, Charlotte Bulkley, have five children, four daughters and one son, in the following order: Jennie Aurilla Webb, unmarried, and resides at home in Brighton; Hiram Thomas Webb, unmarried, and settled in Winnipeg, in the employ of the R. J. Whitla Company, wholesale dry goods; Flora Mabel, who is a graduate of the Toronto University, obtaining the degree of B.A., and who since married William C. Kip, Esq., financier in Brooklyn, N.Y.; Annie, who married the Rev. Charles W. DeMille, B.A., (see DeMille family), and Charlotte C. Webb, the youngest of the family, unmarried, who resides at home in Brighton.

Major Adam Clark Webb, son of the Pioneer, and brother of Thomas Webb, Esq., of Brighton, was born on the old homestead at Salem, near Colborne, in 1840. He received his early education in the public and grammar schools of Colborne. At about the age of eighteen he entered Victoria College, where he remained for two years. He then attended the Royal Military College for a similar term, from which he obtained the qualification of Lieutenant-Colonel of the 40th Battalion. He himself organized the 40th and 41st Battalion in Northumberland County. He afterwards served the required term in field and technical work with Provincial Surveyor Richard P. C. Brown, of Cobourg, and soon after obtained his degrees in Toronto and Ottawa, as Provincial and Dominion Land Surveyor. This profession he followed during all the rest of his active life, being employed the greater part of the time by the Dominion Government, in making territorial surveys and defining boundaries, after the cession of Prince Rupert's Land by the Hudson Bay Company to the Dominion of Canada.

He threw the very first surveyor's chain after the event was brought about, and his duties required him to traverse the country from Winnipeg to the Rockies. Being out in that part during 1869, and in the period of the first uprising headed by Riel, he as a matter of course, came into contact several times with the leader of that rebellion. About this time the Hon. William McDougall was appointed Governor, and Major Webb formed two companies of volunteers at Portage la Prairie for the purpose of escorting the new Governor through to Fort Garry, one of which was commanded by Colonel Boulton and the other, by Major Webb. Just at this time Riel's first serious outbreak against the Government took the