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Surveyed Murray Canal Re-visits Brighton

Frank P. Strong, Colborne, and Chas. Helman, Brighton, other Survivors of North West Survey Party, 1881.

From Brighton Ensign:

Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Van Nostrand of the Corps of Guides, Canada, was among the very interesting and interested visitors in town last week-end and was registered at the Clarendon Hotel while here. Col. Van Nostrand is at present visiting his daughter at Richmond Hill and has with him a young granddaughter of French birth, and with whom he plans to return to France to spend the winter with her parents.

Col. Van Nostrand's interest in Brighton dates as far back as 1881, when he was one of a surveying party of fourteen, under the late Major Adam Webb who surveyed what was then called The Northwest Territories, and blocked the land into 24-mile-square areas, which later were blocked into counties and townships and sections by other surveying parties. Of that old party of fourteen, only three are still living: Mr. Chas. Helman of Brighton, Mr. Frank P. Strong of Colborne, and Col. Van Nostrand, of Canada and France.

Again in 1883, he was engaged still under Major Webb, with the party from the Department of Railways and Canals, which surveyed and procured the needed lands for the Murray Canal. The changing and interesting life Col. Van Nostrand has led and his ability to express himself so well makes him an entertaining conversationalist and we enjoyed his visit to our office immensely.