

ties in which he has property. In politics, Mr. Flatt has always been a consistent supporter of the Reform party, and is a Liberal in the highest sense of the term. In religion he is a Protestant, and from his youth up has been connected with the Methodist church. For thirty-two years he has been a leader or assistant leader in the church at Millgrove, and he has also been a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist body. In 1853, Mr. Flatt married Rachel, a daughter of the late Jacob Cummings, of East Flamboro', by whom he has had six children - three boys and three girls. Of his sons, William is, as has already been stated, a member of the firm of J. & W. Flatt; another, Jacob, is connected with the same firm at the Toledo branch; and Daniel carries on a general store at Millgrove. In his private life, as well as in his whole business career, Mr. Flatt has been distinctively a man among men, and his record is one upon which his family, as well as his thousands of friends, may look with pride.

#### JOHN DOTY,

*Toronto, Ont.*

**A**MONGST the many men who have made a success in life, few perhaps have had less chances, and have acquired more, than the subject of this sketch. Born on a farm, he, like most country lads, had to assist his father in the cultivation of that farm, and, while yet a small boy, he worked at times from sunrise to sunset. The natural thrift thus early inculcated, has led to the prominent position he holds to-day as one of Ontario's leading manufacturers. Mr. Doty was born in the township of Lewiston, Niagara county, New York, on the first day of July, 1822. His parents were Pharis and Rachel (Squares) Doty. The elder Mr. Doty was born in Massachusetts, and in his younger days was a tanner, but on his removal to Western New York, he became a farmer. Of the antecedents of the family, on his father's side, Mr. Doty has learned that the original head of the family, in this country, Edward Doty, came over in the Mayflower in 1620 and located at Plymouth, Massachusetts, where his descendants remained for several generations. In the family of Pharis Doty there were seven children, five boys and two girls, and of this number John was the second youngest. Albert and Julia, the two eldest, were born in Connecticut; the other members of the family in Niagara county, New York. The last years of the father's life were spent with his son, John, in Oakville, Ont., where he died in 1861, aged seventy-nine years. In 1872, while on a visit to her son Albert, in St. Clair county, Michigan, the mother died, aged eighty-

three years. The only members of the family now living are the two brothers, Pharis Doty, of Oakville, and John Doty, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Doty received his education at the district school in his native town, and at the age of fourteen he left school and engaged in any kind of work he could get to do among the neighbouring farmers. In fact he was simply a hired boy, and continued as such for two years. At the end of that time he went to Rochester, N. Y., where he commenced to learn the trade of a machinist with Mr. Lewis Kenyon, a manufacturer of steam engines, boilers, and general machinery. After remaining here four years he removed to Niagara Falls, N. Y., where he worked as a journeyman machinist for about a year and a half with the firm of Hand & Wilcox. At the expiration of that time, the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Hand withdrew. A new firm was then organized under the title of Doty & Wilcox. This partnership continued until 1850, when the business was sold out and both members retired. From there Mr. Doty came to Toronto, where he became superintendent of the mechanical department of the Phoenix foundry, then located on the east side of Yonge-street, a few doors above King. He remained in this position about eighteen months, when he resigned and went to Oakville, Ont., where he again went into business with a Mr. Hibbard, under the firm name of Doty & Hibbard. About the year 1856 Mr. Hibbard was bought out by Mr. Chisholm, and the business was continued under the title of John Doty & Co. This partnership existed until 1864, when Mr. Doty sold out to Mr. Chisholm. In 1865, during the great oil excitement, he went to Hamilton and started business in the machinery line. This he carried on until 1872, when he sold out. In 1875 he removed to Toronto, and resolved to make that city his permanent abiding-place. Soon after locating here, he established the business which has since grown to such enormous proportions. The shops at that time were at the foot of Yonge-street, on the west side of the slip, and Mr. Doty was sole proprietor. His business having outgrown the capacity of the premises, he purchased about an acre of ground, with some buildings thereon, at the foot of Bathurst-street, on the west side, and removed his works to that place in 1881. Since then a number of other buildings have been added. These in turn were found inadequate for the requirements of the business, and new property was purchased on the east side of the street. On this site substantial brick buildings have been erected which cover 60,000 square feet of ground. A side track from the Grand Trunk Railway running into the premises, enables the company to receive