

## SAMUEL J. RUTHERFORD.

Samuel J. Rutherford, manufacturer and importer of Toronto, handling a general glass business of all description, was born in Millbank, Perth county, Ontario, March 12, 1870. His parents, William and Eleanor (Freeborn) Rutherford, were natives of Ireland, and in the early '30's came to Canada, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Perth county. The father was postmaster of Millbank for forty years, being the first incumbent in that office and continuing through four successive decades. He rendered military service to his country in the rebellion of 1837. He died in 1886.

A Public School education was supplemented by study in the Stratford Collegiate Institute, and on leaving school at the age of fifteen years, Samuel J. Rutherford came to Toronto. He afterward prepared more especially for business life by a course in the British America Business College, and then entered the field of merchandizing in a clerical capacity. He afterward became an employee of the Toronto Plate Glass Company, and from a clerkship gradually worked his way upward, winning promotion in recognition of ability, tireless energy and fidelity until he is now a partner of Edwin Hill in the ownership of the business, which is the manufacture and sale of art glass and mirrors and the importation of all kinds of glass. The continuity of development in business has made this an enterprise of importance, the sales being large and profitable, and the factory is one of the model and well equipped industrial concerns of the city, being supplied with all of the latest improved machinery for the facilitation of the work.

In 1902 Mr. Rutherford was married to Miss Bessie, a daughter of John MacLaren, of Dublin, Perth county, and a sister of A. F. MacLaren, member of parliament of North Perth, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. They have one daughter, Helen. Mr. Rutherford is a member of the Methodist Church and of the Canadian Club, and his political views accord with the principles of the Conservative party. He stands as a type of that class of men who secure their advancement through their own efforts and ready adaptability of circumstances, combined with a recognition and utilization of opportunity.