

business experience he was an employee in the Birkbeck Bank and shipping office at Hull. The year 1876 witnessed his arrival in Canada and the following year he made his way westward to Manitoba, settling on a ranch near Minnedosa. After a few years he became connected with the Hudson Bay Land Company, acting as inspector until 1880. In 1886 he organized the Manitoba Assurance Company, of which he remained the chief executive officer until 1904, when he sold out to the London & Liverpool & Globe. On the 15th of November, 1905, he re-organized the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Company and has succeeded in placing its business on a sound financial basis. He is general manager and as such has developed the business along progressive lines until within the short space of two years he has made the enterprise a very successful one. Mr. Beck has thorough and intimate knowledge of the insurance business, has made a close study of the possibilities and therefore his views upon insurance are sane and serviceable. He is now vice-president of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company and a director of the Montreal Fire Insurance Company of Canada.

Mr. Beck is a man of domestic tastes, finding his keenest enjoyment at his own fireside. He was happily married in 1885 to Miss Florence, a daughter of the late John Hall of Roundhay Park, Leeds, Yorkshire, England, and their children are now six in number: Dorothy, Marjory, Hazel Marian, Anthony Russell, Phyllis and Herbert Hugh.

Mr. Beck has no politics, but is an ardent Imperialist. He is a member of the National Club and is a gentleman of affable disposition and courteous manner, who wins friends wherever he goes through the recognition of his genuine personal worth.

WILLIAM JAMES HILL.

William James Hill, registrar of York county, was born December 21, 1854, at Toronto, a son of William and Mary (McClure) Hill, the former a native of Yorkshire, England, and the latter of county Fermanagh, Ireland. Both the paternal and maternal grandfather of Mr. Hill served in the British army at the battle of Waterloo and through the Peninsular war.