

In July, 1875, our subject was appointed to the Bench, as already mentioned. During the few years he has filled the position of judge he has earned an enviable reputation both with the legal profession and the general public. His judgments show him to be not only gifted with excellent natural abilities and thoroughly well read in case law, but to be possessed as well of an invaluable fund of strong common sense. Of a genial temperament and never failing urbanity to all who come into contact with him, exceedingly conscientious and painstaking in the discharge of his duties he has well merited the respect and esteem in which he is universally held.

June 17, 1862, he married Miss Emma Watts, daughter of Charles Watts, of Brantford, and they have eight children.

THOMAS WILSON,

DUNDAS.

THOMAS WILSON, late mayor of Dundas, and one of the leading machinists and manufacturers of the town, was born in Dumbartonshire, Scotland, May 27, 1828. His grandfather was a manufacturer in Glasgow, and his father, Charles Wilson, was a distiller in the old country, and a farmer in Canada. His mother was Margaret McGregor, a descendant of the McGregors and Grahams of Stirlingshire.

In the early youth of our subject the family moved to Lanarkshire, where he received a parish school education, and in 1843 they all came to Canada West. Thomas learned the trade of a machinist with John Gartshore, of Dundas, commencing at sixteen years of age, working twenty-five years for the same man, and managing the machinery department of his shops for sixteen years. Mr. Wilson then purchased the foundry and machine works, and for thirty-six years he has been working in the same buildings, with some enlargement and alterations from time to time.

Business in their line is a little depressed just now, but ordinarily they give employment to seventy-five skilled mechanics, and do a business of about \$125,000 annually, their specialties being steam engines, boilers and mill machinery, though they make all kinds of machinery. Their market is mainly in Ontario and Manitoba. They do a great deal of marine work for the latter Province, and the firm of Thomas Wilson and Co., is nearly as well known in the valley of the Red River of the North, as in almost any part of Ontario. The old "Dundas Foundry and Engine Works," established more than forty years ago (1838), were never in better hands or turned out more excellent work.

Mr. Wilson was connected, many years ago, with an artillery force, being Sergeant-Major of the same, and was Captain of a company of home-guards during the Fenian raids, but has never had occasion to deal in a serious manner with "villainous saltpetre." Some of his most useful