

in the '50's, settling in Durham county. The birth of the mother occurred in that county, her parents having settled there in the early '40's on coming to the New World from England. The father is a builder and contractor, being senior partner for the firm of Hoidge & Sons, of which John Robert Hoidge is now general manager, while his brother, Richard James, is also a member of the firm.

John R. Hoidge was reared to this business, becoming connected therewith in early life, and continuing an active factor in its conduct to the present time. His position as a representative of this line of industrial activity is indicated by the fact that in 1905 he was honored with the Presidency of the Builders' Exchange of Toronto. He has for a number of years been one of its most prominent members, and his election was an indication of the high regard which is entertained for him personally and professionally by the contractors and builders of the city. He has, moreover, extended his efforts into other lines of activity, being manager of the Hoidge Marble Company, manufacturers and workers of marble. This firm supplied the material for the Traders' Bank Building, which was the largest contract of its kind ever let in the city of Toronto, and in fact the structure is the most extensive office building in the British Empire, being eighteen stories in height, the framework being made of steel finished in marble, and the building is indeed one of the finest office structures on the continent. The trade of the Hoidge Marble Company has reached extensive proportions, and the patronage of the firm of Hoidge & Son is also large, rendering both lines of business very profitable.

In 1887 occurred the marriage of John Robert Hoidge and Miss Lovedy, a daughter of Stephen Cotton, of Durham county. They have two children, Reginald and Marjorie. Mr. Hoidge holds membership in the Methodist Church, is a Liberal in politics, and belongs to Zetland Lodge, A.F. & A.M. An analyzation of his life record shows that the enviable position which he to-day occupies in business circles is the result of his untiring labors, his ambition, his energy and his well directed efforts.