

HON. J. A. ROBB, M.P.

Among the municipal men who have taken their valuable experience into the Federal Parliament, and even still higher, into the Government itself, is the Hon. James Alexander Robb, now Minister of Trade and Commerce.

That Mr. Robb has the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens is seen in the fact that he represents the place where he was born and brought up; where he has resided all his life and carried on his business. And the latter fact proves his fitness for the position of Business Minister, for Mr. Robb is not a lawyer, taking up a new line of activity, but a merchant miller now looking after the interest of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Robb's history is briefly as follows: He is the son of Alexander Robb and Jenny Smith, both being Scotch; born August 10th, 1859, on the banks of the Trênt River at Huntingdon, Que.; educated at the District School and Huntingdon Academy; married September 11th, 1889 to Mary Alma Wattie, who died November 6th, 1902. On August 17th, he married Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wattie, formerly of Maple Bay, B.C. He has one child, Mrs. Hugh H. Donald, residing in Toronto.

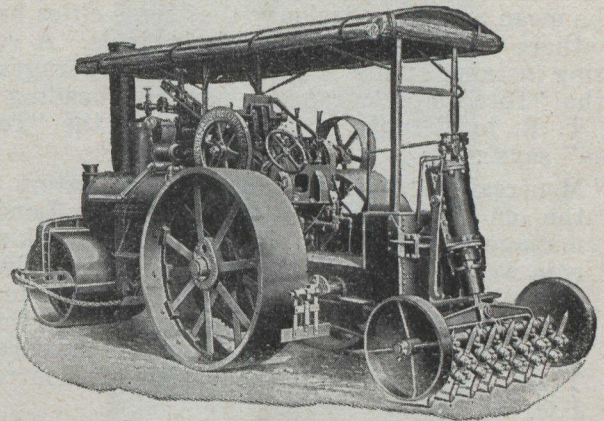
Mr. Robb entered public life in 1902, when he was elected an alderman in Valleyfield, and from 1906 to 1910, he was mayor. He was returned to the House of Commons in 1908, 1911, 1917 and 1921, being elected Chief Opposition Whip at the opening of Parliament, 1917. When the Hon. Mackenzie King was called on to form the Government, he wisely chose a business man, with municipal experience, as Minister of Trade and Commerce, and those who know Mr. Robb and have followed his history, are certain that the choice was a wise one.

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