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Captains of Canadian Industry.

WE take pleasure in presenting to our readers another group of representative Canadian manufacturers. The likenesses of them are remarkably good and truthful, and the faces are familiar throughout the Dominion. The sketches of the lives of these men are valuable studies, and will prove strong incentives to the youths of the land to emulate them. The group will add a valuable page to our album. Mr. James Watson was one of the earlier presidents of the Manufacturers' Association, which honorable position he held for some three years. Mr. Elliot was president of the Association for the year 1885, and was succeeded by Mr. Cowan; and Mr. Ellis is a member of the executive committee.

JAMES WATSON.

JAMES WATSON, of Hamilton, Ont., President of the Strathroy Knitting Company, whose mills are at Strathroy, Ont., was born in Glasgow, Scotland, December 18, 1831, his father being cashier of the Union Bank of Scotland, of that city. He received his education at a collegiate school in Glasgow and at Glasgow College, after which he received a commercial education in the well-known mercantile house of Messrs. William Connal & Co., Glasgow, where he was employed for five years.

Ambition and a desire to better his fortunes led this young man to Canada, and soon after his arrival here James Wat-

son found employment in the mercantile house of Messrs. Buchanan, Harris & Co., of Hamilton, where he remained many years. His sterling integrity and business energy were so well appreciated in Hamilton that he was made president of the Hamilton Powder Company, one of the most important manufacturing industries in Canada, and he held this position for ten years. As president of the Ancaster Knitting Company he became prominently identified with the manufacture of knitted goods, and his usefulness and influence in that field became greatly enlarged when he became a large stockholder in and president of the Strathroy Knitting Company, which position he now occupies.

At a meeting of delegates from various Boards of Trade in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, held in Montreal October 5, 1870, for the purpose of organizing a Dominion Board of Trade, Mr. Watson was present as a representative of the Hamilton Board, of which he was then president, and took an active and influential part in such organization; and was made a member of its Executive Council. The chief object of this body was to secure unity and harmony of action in reference to commercial usages, customs and laws throughout the Dominion; and especially that a united opinion should be obtained so as to secure a proper and careful consideration in Parliament of questions pertaining to the financial, commercial and industrial interests of the country; and the efforts made by Mr. Watson, as a member of the Dominion Board of Trade, specially in creating a wide and influential sentiment favorable to protection to Canadian manufactures, against the efforts of foreign manufacturers to monopolize and assimilate our home markets, are felt to this day.

Mr. Watson, too, was an active spirit in the organization of the Manufacturers' Association of Ontario, composed, as the name indicates, of the leading manufacturers of this Province; and he was the president of it for some three consecutive years, and until 1878, when he was succeeded by Mr. W. H. Howland. The name of this association was, during the incumbency of Mr. Watson, changed to Ontario Manufacturers' Association; and later, again changed to the more enlarged and comprehensive one of Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Watson is indeed a "Captain of Canadian Industry;" and nothing that affects the prosperity of Canada and the welfare of Canadian manufacturers is a matter of indifference to him. One of the pioneers of Protection, he is always zealous in upholding that National Policy which has lifted Canada to the high plane of prosperity and importance which she now holds as a result of that policy. Gentle and unobtrusive in manner and deportment, he is loved and respected by all who know him; and no manifestation of the esteem of his fellows is more pleasantly remembered by him than that for years he was president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Hamilton.

R. W. ELLIOT.

ROBERT WATT ELLIOT, was born July 26th, 1835 in the township of Eramosa, County of Wellington, Ontario. His father, William Elliot, was born in Hammersmith, London, England, from which place he came to Canada in 1827. His mother, Mary Oliphant, was born in the University City and