

**Edward**, who was three years younger than Thomas, remained on the Brampton farm after the family removed to Toronto. Later he came to Toronto and went into the grocery and confectionary business. He was very successful and the Victoria Tea Warehouse on King street east on the present site of the Albany Club with the sign of the Queen over the door, was a well-known store in the 60's and 70's.<sup>12</sup> Edward was very fond of music and two of his sons were famous organists of Toronto churches.

**John** remained on the Brampton farm until his father removed to Hamilton and established the business of Lawson Brothers and Co. which later, when William Lawson retired became Lawson Brothers, (John and Joseph). The firm was dissolved and the business discontinued in 1873. John continued to live in Hamilton, but in a few years joined his son George in Chicago, Ill., where he died.

**Joseph**, my father, the youngest son, after his schooling at Boyd's Academy<sup>13</sup> was apprenticed to the well-known Toronto Dry-Goods firm of Bowes and Hall<sup>14</sup> to learn the business and upon the retirement of his father became the head of Lawson Brothers, Hamilton.<sup>15</sup> This store, on the north-east corner of King and James streets, was one of the leading mercantile houses of the ambitious city for nearly a quarter of a century. He married in 1851 Charlotte Davison, daughter of the Rev. John Davison.<sup>16</sup> Like his father, Joseph took a keen interest both in the church and public affairs. He was superintendent of the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school for many years and his house was always open to the traveling preacher. He was an aldermen of the city and his portrait hangs in the city hall. On the dissolution of Lawson Brothers he removed to Toronto and was appointed by the Ontario government an issuer of marriage licenses, also carrying on an insurance and real estate business. He was a leading official of the Carlton street Methodist church, a Justice of the Peace of the county of York and a York Pioneer. In the church he served so long is this tablet<sup>17</sup>.