

splendid works still in operation within sound of the galloping thunder of the falls. The mills having been erected, Mr. Bronson removed his family to Ottawa, and there they were established permanently. The relation of Mr. Bronson to the sawn lumber trade of the Dominion of Canada will be better understood when it is learned that his was the first movement in the Ottawa district for the manufacture of sawn lumber for the United States market. The original mill embodied all the modern improvements of the times, including iron gates of novel model, a contrivance planned by Mr. Bronson himself, and afterwards used in most of the gang saw mills on the Ottawa river. Several other gentlemen, stimulated by the enterprise and success of Mr. Bronson and his partner, likewise set out for Ottawa; and, after a time, chiefly owing to the persistency of Mr. Bronson, a series of costly river improvements were effected, which made the driving of logs upon the Ottawa a matter of greater convenience than upon many a smaller stream, which has no large lakes to act as a reservoir for checking the fury of the spring freshets. In 1864, Mr. Harris retired from the business, Mr. Bronson still continuing in extensive manufacture of sawn lumber, and owing to his splendid abilities as a manager, his operations not alone maintained their ground, but gradually increased. The present firm at Ottawa, of which our distinguished subject is the head, is known as Bronsons & Weston, and comprises, besides the senior partner, Erskine H. Bronson, son of H. F. Bronson, and Abijah Weston, of Painted Post, New York. The latter gentleman is one of the most extensive lumber merchants in the United States, having business connections in no less than nine or ten different points in the states of Michigan, New York and Vermont. Our subject's firm own two mills at Ottawa, running ten gates, and having a capacity for producing sixty million feet of lumber per season; nor can it be believed that the day is near when these great and busy wheels shall stop, for the company are proprietors of extensive and excellently timbered tracts of pine upon the upper Ottawa and its tributaries. This firm is likewise connected with John W. Dunham, of Albany, New York, and Hermon K. Weaver, of Burlington, Vermont, and through these gentlemen operate at Burlington the second largest, and in many respects the finest mills, in the New England states, for the dressing and resawing of lumber. They have a yard at Albany for the sale of lum-

ber in the rough, and this, the *Northwestern Lumberman* says, gives them, with their Ottawa mills, the necessary facilities for converting the standing timber into all the varieties of manufactured lumber required for the builder's use, and placing it directly in the consumer's hands, without the interference of middlemen. The Burlington firm is known as Bronsons, Weston, Dunham & Co. Mr. Bronson married, on November 5th, 1840, Editha E. Pierce, of Bolton, N. Y., and has had four children. Gertrude, the only daughter, is the wife of Levi Crannell, confidential clerk for Bronsons & Weston. The sons are Erskine Henry, Frank P., and Walter G. The family are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bronson, like another great prince of business men, Sir Hugh Allan, has not cared for political life, and held himself aloof from parties, but he has been connected with several benevolent institutions and business enterprises. He likewise is president of the board of managers of the Ottawa Ladies' College. If his business career has been marked by great ability, by enterprise, by honour, and by great achievement, his private and social relations have won for him everywhere good will and the highest regard. To men like Henry Franklin Bronson, Canada, and in particular the business life of her capital, must ever remain in debt.

MacNab, Hon. Sir Allan, Baronet, of Dundurn, Hamilton, was born at Niagara, on the 19th of February, 1798. His grandfather, Major Robert MacNab, of the 42nd regiment, or "Black Watch," held the post of Royal Forester in Scotland, and resided on a small estate called Dundurn, at the head of Loch Hearn, Perthshire, Scotland. His father, Lieutenant Allan MacNab, entered the army in Her Majesty's 71st regiment, and was subsequently promoted to a Dragoon regiment. He was attached to the staff of General Simcoe during the American revolutionary war, and after the close of that war, he accompanied General Simcoe to Canada, and settled in the western part of the province. His wife was the youngest daughter of Captain William Napier, commissioner of the port of Quebec, who was the mother of the subject of our sketch. When Allan was a lad going to school, Toronto was attacked by the Americans; and full of a desire at this early time of life to do something for the Crown, he was, at his own earnest request, put on board Sir James Yeo's ship, where he was rated as a midshipman. This ship showed herself at Sackett's harbour, Genesee

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