

Company, proprietors of one of the oldest and most reliable wholesale dry goods houses of Hamilton. After two years in that service he established business on his own account as a general merchant in the county of Norfolk, where he remained for some years, continuing in the same line thereafter at Port Rowan.

It was while residing there that Mr. Wyld was married to Miss M. L. Barrett, a daughter of H. M. Barrett of Port Royal, formerly of Sorel, in the Province of Quebec. About 1860 he removed to Hamilton, where he carried on business until 1872, when he came to Toronto, making the last move because of the advantages offered through railroad connections for the distribution of the goods sent out by the wholesale house. In this city he was joined in business by Henry W. Darling under the style of Wyld & Darling, and in 1878 their business was consolidated with that of W. R. Brock under the firm name of Wyld, Brock & Darling, exclusive wholesale dry goods merchants. This relationship existed for some years, when Mr. Darling retired from the business and ultimately associated himself with the late Senator McMaster under the name of McMaster, Darling & Company. After his withdrawal the firm of Wyld, Brock & Company continued in business at the corner of Bay and Wellington streets for some time, and later he purchased the opposite corner and erected a very handsome stone warehouse. There the business was successfully conducted under the style of Wyld, Grasett & Darling, and afterward as Wyld, Darling Company, Limited, up to the time of the great fire of 1904, when their establishment, like that of many others, was levelled to the ground. Mr. Wyld, having no sons to succeed him in business and having already traveled far on life's journey, determined that he would retire from active life. His losses occasioned by the fire were very heavy and yet in previous years he had been remarkably successful, so that he was enabled to retire with a comfortable competence. He is, moreover, financially interested in various corporations and business concerns, being connected with the board of directors of the Standard Bank of Canada, of which he is also vice-president, the Confederation Life Insurance Company of Canada, of which he is vice-president, the Canada Permanent Loan & Mortgage Company, the