

object. A man of big, strong physique, he has been able to stand the stress and strain of modern commercial endeavor, and, through his knowledge of men and affairs, cool judgment and perseverance, combined with a strong personality, he has succeeded in gaining a position in the first ranks of modern finance and industry.

EDWARD ROGERS WOOD.

One of the noticeable features of the era of prosperity that has come to the Dominion of Canada during the last quarter of a century is the number of comparatively youthful men who have attained to positions of prominence in industrial and financial progress that everywhere marks the commercial life of the Dominion. A half century ago it was the men who had reached or passed the prime of life who were in control of important business interests, but in this age of progress, rapid development and strenuous endeavor, the young man has become a force in the body politic and the markets of finance and commerce. Of this class Edward Rogers Wood of Toronto is a splendid representative.

A native of Peterboro, Ontario, he has but recently passed the fortieth milestone on life's journey, the date of his birth being May 14, 1866. His father, John Wood, who came from County Fermanagh, Ireland, to Canada, in 1847, was a public school teacher and in the schools of his native town the son pursued his education, putting aside his text-books to become a factor in business life as an operator with the G.N.W. Telegraph Company. Upon the organization of the Central Canada Land & Savings Company, in 1884, he entered the employ of that corporation, and his ready mastery of the duties entrusted to him and his unfaltering fidelity led to successive and rapid promotions until he became vice-president and managing director of the institution. The success of the company is attributable in no small degree to his efforts and his discrimination in the settlement of intricate financial problems and his broad outlook over the field of finance. Such a position as that to which he has attained would seem a sufficient measure of success to many a man of less resolute purpose and more limited abilities, but Mr. Wood has reached out into other fields and his name is now associ-