

The Jubilee Anniversary

1846 - 1856 - 1906



THOMAS BROWN the second, being seized with an adventurous spirit, decided to try his fortunes in the New World, that was then attracting so much attention in the Old, and in the year 1846, taking with him his seven sons and two daughters, voyaged across the broad Atlantic. He landed at New York, but did not tarry long in the Republic, at once making his way via Albany and the Erie Canal to Lewiston, and thence by steamer to Toronto.

The Queen City at that time was simply a promising town, with scarce a score of thousands of people, but Mr. Brown had no doubt as to its future, and having bought out the book and stationery business of Mr. Payne, on King Street, he laid the foundations of the present business.

He toiled and prospered for ten



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years, and was then succeeded by three of his sons, Thomas, John and Richard, who had all been thoroughly trained in every department of bookselling, book-binding and stationery. Of the three Richard alone survives, Thomas having died in 1867, and John in 1882.