

linson Metcalfe, who resides in East York, and is married to a daughter of the late Rev. H. W. Wilkinson. He is a Minister of the Methodist Church of Canada, but has retired from active pastoral duties.

In the foregoing sketch we have given a brief notice of the career of one eminently worthy of being classed among the self-made men of Ontario, and one who by honest industry, integrity and uprightness, has won his way from a small beginning to a recognised position among the solid and respected citizens of Canada.

ROBERT BEATY,

TORONTO.

THE subject of this brief sketch is truly one of the representatives of the self-made and successful business men of Toronto, and an eminent example of the rewards of industry and perseverance, when supported by upright and manly qualities.

Robert Beaty, banker, broker, and real estate dealer, is a native Canadian of Irish descent, and was born at Ashdale Farm, township of Trafalgar, county of Halton, Ontario, on the 25th of July, 1824. His ancestors, parents, and items of interest relating thereto, will be found in the sketch of his brother, Mayor James Beaty, jr., Q.C., D.C.L., which appears elsewhere in this volume.

The early life of Robert was spent upon the old homestead, and the influence of his home was eminently fitted to prepare him for a prosperous and honorable career. As stated previously in his brother's sketch, habits of industry and strict morality were rigorously enforced, and a continued and careful educational training was kept up by well directed reading and conversation.

When of suitable age, Robert attended the common schools in Trafalgar, and in 1842 he entered Upper Canada College, where he spent three years in acquiring a good business education. On leaving college in 1845, he entered commercial life in the employ of his uncle, James Beaty, ex-M. P. for Toronto, who at that time was engaged in the leather business. In 1852, the *Toronto Leader* was started by his uncle. The arduous task of managing and conducting the paper devolved upon our subject, and the success which crowned the enterprise during his management, attested the faithfulness and assiduity with which he performed his responsible duties. In 1867 Mr. Beaty severed his connection with the *Leader*, and established the present firm of Robert Beaty and Co., doing a banking and brokerage business. To this Mr. Beaty has added a real-estate business which has grown to be the most important branch of the transactions, carried on principally upon his own responsibility, buying and selling for himself. He gives to his business personal supervision directed with energy and integrity, and has therefore