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## Captains of Canadian Industry.

WILLIAM DOHERTY.

THE accompanying portrait is a good likeness of Mr. William Doherty, head of the Doherty Organ Manufacturing Company, Clinton, Ont. He was born near Bradford, Simcoe County, Ont., in 1841, his father, John T. Doherty, being Irish and his mother Scotch. While yet a child his parents settled at St. Vincent, in the County of Grey, that particular part of the country being celebrated for its wealth of rocks and poverty of soil. His education was first under the superintendence of the (now) Rev. W. Dwyer, a Methodist minister, who aided largely in laying the foundations of Mr. Doherty's successful career. While but a youth he was thrown upon his own resources—in fact it devolved upon him to do much towards the support of his mother and a large family of younger children. At this time, and while living at Claude, in the County of Peel, he received instructions from Professor Standing in the science of music which was to form so important a factor in his future career. Under this tuition he soon acquired a local reputation as a good musician, and he frequently assisted his tutor in giving musical instruction to his classes. In 1864 young Doherty obtained employment at Petrolea, Ont., which place was then alive with excitement over the discovery of petroleum oil. In 1868 he removed from Petrolea to Bay City, Michigan, and from there to Clinton, Ont., where he has since resided. It was then he commenced business as a cabinet maker, in which he was fairly prosperous. At this time Mr. J. N. Depew was conducting an agency in Clinton for the sale of musical instruments, and the two interests were consolidated, Mr. Doherty soon becoming the sole owner by purchase; the sales

department of the musical instrument portion of the business being transferred to Mr. T. C. Doherty, a brother. In 1873 Mr. William Doherty and Mr. D. R. Menzies formed a co partnership under the firm name of Doherty & Menzies, for the manufacture of organs, which continued until 1886, when Mr. Menzies retired.

In the handling of the various styles and makes of Canadian and American organs, Mr. Doherty discovered where valuable improvements could be made, and he utilized his musical education and inventive genius in this direction—with what success the now well-known Doherty organ, with world-wide reputation, attests. His inventions and improvements proving to be eminently successful, Mr. Doherty embarked very extensively in the manufacture of these instruments; and the history and growth of the business from that time on is to a great extent the history of Clinton. From a very small and unpretentious beginning, the increase has been such as to require the erection of three immense factory buildings, which are all equipped with the best and most approved machinery and appliances, all of which is taxed to the utmost capacity in the manufacture of these excellent instruments. It was in 1882, in the earlier days of this successful business, that Mr. John Gibbings, a gentleman of financial ability and artistic skill, was associated with Mr. Doherty in the manufacture of these organs, and then it was that agencies for their sale were successfully established in London and Glasgow, and in the Maritime Provinces; and later in Australia and New Zealand. Without entering into details, the output of organs now being manufactured by the Doherty Organ Manufacturing Company averages from eight to ten instruments per day, from eighty to one hundred hands being employed.

In 1870 Mr. Doherty married Miss Depew, of Seaforth, Ont., and they are now the parents of a most interesting family—three sons and three daughters, his residence in Clinton being surrounded by beautiful and well arranged grounds that are probably the finest in that part of the country. Mr. Doherty takes a lively interest in both church and municipal affairs, his fine musical talent making him a great acquisition to society; his tastes leading him to active participation in church, Sunday school and choir work. Having amassed a comfortable fortune, he is now in the prime of life with a future of great usefulness before him. In politics he has always been a Conservative and a firm believer in Canada's National Policy; and as a member of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association his influence in supporting that policy is widened and solidified.

JOHN FENSOM.

JOHN FENSOM, proprietor of the Fensom Elevator Works, Toronto, was born in England. When but a child he was carried to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, at which place he received his education. His father, being mechanically inclined, placed young Fensom in a large machine works in Massachusetts, where he became master of the machinist trade. He came to Canada about thirty-five years ago, and has resided chiefly in Toronto ever since. For many years he conducted a general machinist, millwright, and engineering business in this city but about twelve years ago he began the manufacture of elevators, establishing the Fensom Elevator Works, and has confined