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Mr. John Simpson at this time held a unique position, with power to make or mar the fortunes of many a settler. He had an iron will, and the whole tendency of his position was to increase this marked natural characteristic. He could not brook opposition. His whole nature was strenuous. He never turned his back on a friend nor his face from a foe. While strictly just and upright in all his dealings he was generous to a fault, and many an old timer knew by experience that he did not carry his sympathy merely on his sleeve. For years his influence was felt in every walk of life. He was an active politician. Although bred a Presbyterian he became indented with, and was one of the founders of the Disciples' church retaining his connection with that body until his death. One marked trait, was his loyal attachment to his friends. He would go any length to do them a service. Personally, I received a great deal of kindness at his hands, which I can never forget. Proving his high standing not only locally but in a wider field at Confederation he was elected a member of the Legislative Council and later appointed to the high and honored position of Senator. At Ottawa for many years he rendered valuable service to the country at large. He became associated with Mr Chas Bowman as a partner in the business which was carried on under the name of Bowman & Co. He was for a long time agent of the Bank of Montreal and afterwards organized the Ontario Bank of which he was President. After retiring from active service at the Bank he remained a director to the end. In May 1844 he married, Ann, eldest

daughter of the late David Burk, already referred to. Their married life was short, as she died a year or so after she became a bride. Some time afterwards he married a younger sister, Sarah. There were born to them five sons and three daughters, and of this large family there remains only one representative in this the town of their nativity.

It would not be in good taste in a paper of this kind to refer to those still living, yet I cannot refrain from stating this of our prominent townsman, Mr. D. B. Simpson, K. C. He has inherited the wide mental gifts of his father and through tense application has become one of the ablest barristers in the district. Now in the prime of life, it is to be hoped that he may have many years of active usefulness before him.

In colonial empire-building Scotland has played an all important part. Her sons have been found in every colony under the British flag, among the leading citizens both in political life and in the business world. Take our fair Dominion as a sample. From the highest office of State to the lowest municipal position, you will see numbers of those hard-headed, shrewd, persevering natives of that far-famed land of Scotland steadily climbing the ladder leading to financial success and honorable fame. If a careful computation were made throughout Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific it would be found that a large proportion of those at the head of our banking establishments and manufacturing industries, Cabinet ministers in Dominion and Provincial governments, and of members of Parliament in the various Legislatures have Scottish blood in their veins. I confess that, although a native of Bowmanville and therefore a Canadian the Scottish strain in my nature ever warms my heart especially to the land of the heather.

Some seventy years ago the Beiths, a family in Campbelltown, in the county of Argyleshire, Scotland, decided upon leaving the land of their fathers, severing the ties that bound them to that country so rich in great achievements, and to start for the new world then the Mecca of thousands who were dissatisfied with their condition and ambitious to improve it. After a comparatively speedy voyage of six weeks, the whole household, consisting of father, mother, three sons and three daughters, arrived in what is now the city of Toronto. They had determined to acquire land and follow the most honorable of all occupations—that