

example of physical vigor and vitality, one of the secrets being his almost life-long abstention from alcoholic drinks and tobacco, and his love of the open air—for he is an enthusiastic motorist. Like Gladstone, he is the happy possessor of the power of compelling sleep at will. As a mechanic, there is probably no man better known in industrial Canada. His pupils are holding responsible positions in almost every workshop in the country."

He has thorough understanding of the business in every detail, having steadily worked his way upward from a humble position as apprentice in this line of business activity until he stands to-day as one of its foremost representatives in Ontario.

As stated, Mr. Main was married in 1874, in which year he wedded Mary Hill Spry, a daughter of Frank Spry, of Island Jersey. He is prominent in Masonry, having taken the higher degrees, and filling various offices in its different branches, and to-day he is one of the leading members of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is a Conservative, but while social and fraternal interests receive from him due attention, his time and energies are largely concentrated upon business interests, and his course has been marked by consecutive progress since he started out in a humble capacity at the age of thirteen years. Each step that he has made has been a forward one, enlarging the scope of his business vision and the field of his activity, and aside from the interests already mentioned he is President of the Cuban Realty Company, Vice-President of the Canadian Oil Company, and director of the Dominion Radiator Company, President of the Aluminum Seal Company and Vice-President of the Temagami Navigation Company; his wise counsel and sound business judgment promoting the success of these various interests.

JOHN ROBERT HOIDGE.

John Robert Hoidge, well known in industrial and commercial circles in Toronto, was born in Tyrone, in County Durham, Ontario, September 12, 1862, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Calieutt) Hoidge. The father, a native of Devonshire, England, came to Ontario