

seaport trade in clovers and grass seeds is carried on with the mother country, France and Germany, as also a general trade with the United States. Mr. Evans has always been known as a useful citizen of Hamilton, one who is ever ready to lend his aid and encouragement to any project calculated to benefit the community. Naturally he has a strong interest in agricultural affairs, and for many years he was one of the active workers in the great Central Fair Association, in which at different times he held the offices of treasurer and president, and his indefatigable exertions have contributed materially to the success of the exhibitions under its auspices. He has also been a liberal supporter of the township societies, looking upon them as feeders to the larger societies, and regarding their exhibitions as "at home" days for the various municipalities. Mr. Evans is a leading member of the Board of Trade, is one of the board arbitrators, and at different times has been on deputations to Toronto and Montreal, examining and making standards for various grades of grain, etc. He served the city one term as alderman, but for business reasons has not been able to maintain active connection with municipal affairs. For the same reasons he has not been much of a "soldiering" man, but in years gone by he was an active member of the 13th Battalion, joining it at the time of the Trent affair. During the Fenian Raid in 1866, he was at Ridgeway with the regiment as color-sergeant of No. 6 company, serving under Captain (afterward Lieut.-Colonel) Irving. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Evans retired from the volunteer force. Politically, Mr. Evans is a staunch Conservative, and has, until quite recently, taken an active part in party contests. In benevolent societies, he has occupied a somewhat prominent place. He belongs to the Masonic Order, and is a member of St. John's Chapter, R. A. M. He was one of the pioneers of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in Hamilton, passed through the chairs in a subordinate lodge, and also filled the office of Grand Chief Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Ontario. He was a charter member of Hamilton Lodge, No. 49, A.O.U.W., and was the first master workman of that lodge. He also established Regina Council of the Royal Arcanum, of which he was a charter member and the first regent. Of late years, however, for business reasons, he has not been able to give much time to society matters. In religion, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. On September 15, 1869, Mr. Evans married Agnes Mary, a member of a well-known and highly respected family in the township of Beverly. Her father, John Valens, was one of the pioneers of the section of the country in which he lives, and for many years

carried on an extensive lumbering business. When he became a settler in the region he was obliged to chop his way through the bush, a distance of four miles, to his own lot. He has always been known as an honest and trustworthy man, and during his long residence in Beverly has done much to further the interests of the community. The old gentleman is still hale and hearty at the age of eighty-two years. In private life, Mr. and Mrs. Evans have hosts of friends, among whom they are held in the highest esteem.

ROBERT LOTTRIDGE.

Hamilton, Ont.

AMONG the names of the pioneer settlers of a century ago in Western Canada, that of the Lottridge family bears a high and honourable place. Of this family the oldest living representative is Robert Lottridge, of Hamilton, now in his eighty-fourth year. A sketch of Mr. Lottridge's career, as well as that of his family, cannot but be of special interest to Canadians. A hundred years ago his ancestors, who had come from the old country, lived near Little Falls, in New York state, and they were among those who, during the Revolutionary War, stood by the king. Later on they, with the other U. E. loyalists who refused to live under any other flag than that of Great Britain, naturally found their way to Canada. They settled on land now occupied by the prosperous city of Hamilton, at that time little more than a wilderness. Trading with the Indians and making the clearing to form the nucleus of a home, were their principal occupations. Robert Lottridge, grandfather of the subject of our sketch, was one of the hard workers and earnest toilers of the time. The old gentleman's son, William, married Mary Showers, a descendent, likewise, of U. E. loyalist stock. The first fruits of this union was the now grand and good old man who is the present head of the family. He was born on the homestead at Burlington Beach, April 10, 1807. There was but little of Hamilton when he appeared on the scene—blazed paths through the forests, with here and there the primitive log house of the early settler—the Hesse family, the Beasleys, the Springers and the Millses being among the family homes of his earliest recollection. Then came the troublous times of the War of 1812, and Robert, though at the time only a lad five years of age, can still remember the sad parting between his father and mother when the former shouldered his musket and marched to the front with his company to meet the invader. He fought at Lundy's Lane and in other battles, and attained the rank of Lieut-