

came to Canada early in the fifties of the last century, and, until the time of his death, was one of the greatest merchantmen of his day.

The son James was educated at St. Michael's College, Toronto, and St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, and when fourteen years of age he entered his father's business on King street and remained in it for twenty-seven years.

In 1891 Mr. Murray formed the Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Company, capitalized at \$50,000, commencing with three looms and nine hands. The company has increased in capitalization to \$500,000, and the number of hands to between six hundred and fifty and seven hundred. The Toronto Carpet Company manufacture the celebrated Maple Leaf brand of woollen ingrain carpets and squares, Smyrna rugs and whole carpets; also Axminster body and border carpets, mats, rugs, Brussels and Wilton, employ six salesmen, and are sellers to all the principal jobbing and large retail traders throughout the Dominion of Canada. The company also exports to South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, the West Indies and Great Britain, and has branch offices in the Board of Trade Building, Montreal, and in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. James P. Murray is a thoroughly representative business man—a man of wide book knowledge, has an intuitive knowledge of art and love of everything that is beautiful; is a humane man and delightfully human, too, with gifts both of writing and of oratory—and, as is natural with a man of such versatile talents, has a host of real friends both in social and business life.

Mr. Murray has been vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and chairman of several of the committees of that body. In 1899 he was instrumental in reorganizing the Association and making it an important factor in the manufacturing interests of Canada. He is a member of its Executive Council and has been at the head of the carpet section since 1892. He is a director of the New Ontario Town Site Syndicate—organized to induce immigration and manufacturing in New Ontario—and was founder and first president of the Employers' Association of Toronto—organized for the adjustment of questions arising between members and employees, and for the encouragement of the enactment of just laws to that end.