

WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK McNAUGHT.

William Kirkpatrick McNaught, whose efforts have been so discerningly directed along well defined lines of labor that he seems to have accomplished at any one point in his career the possibilities for successful accomplishment at that point, is well known as the president of the American Watch Case Company, Limited, of Toronto. His birth occurred at Fergus, Ontario, September 6, 1845, his parents being John and Sarah McNaught, natives of Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He can boast of some of the oldest Scottish blood in his veins, his mother having been one of the Kirkpatricks of Closeburn, Dumfriesshire, a family ranking among the oldest landed proprietors in Scotland. His father came to Canada about 1835, and rented a large farm near the village of Fergus, which he operated until 1850. He then removed to Brantford, Ontario, where he engaged in the manufacture of carriages, developing an industry of extensive proportions. He became a captain of the Canada militia (Thirteenth corps) and took part on the Loyalist side, in the Rebellion of 1837. A student in the Brantford public and grammar schools between the ages of six and fourteen years, William K. McNaught then accompanied his parents on their removal to the county of Huron, Ontario, where his father had purchased a tract of bush land. Here the manner of his life was altogether changed. He was in the midst of pioneer environments and there devolved upon him the arduous task of clearing and developing the new land. He resolutely undertook the work which awaited him and continued upon the farm until he had attained his majority, when in 1866, he started for Buffalo, intending to become a student in a commercial college of that city and thus prepare for a business career. While en route, however, a report came that the Fenians were again about to invade Canada and Mr. McNaught therefore made his way to Toronto in order to join the Queen's Own Rifles to aid in repelling the threatened invasion. He served for six years with that regiment as color sergeant.

His plans for an education being changed, Mr. McNaught adapted himself to the altered circumstances and became a student in the Toronto