

years of age, when he removed to Whitby and commenced business for himself as a builder. In 1857 he removed to New York and from there he returned to Hamilton; in each of these places he was engaged in his trade and acquired experience in the building art. In 1859, at the solicitation of Mr. Thomas Gallagher, builder, who offered him the position of foreman, he left Hamilton and came to Ottawa. He remained in that gentleman's service in the capacity named for ten years, during which the carpentry work on many of the best public and private buildings in Ottawa was performed under his supervision. In 1869 he commenced business for himself as a professional architect, an undertaking in which his natural aptitude, careful study, and practical knowledge amply justified his anticipating the success he has since attained. He has designed and superintended the erection of a number of the chief buildings in Ottawa, including amongst others, the Central Schools, East and West; Scottish Ontario Chambers, Bang's Block, Egan and Durie Block; Heney and Robinson Block, cut stone front; also Hunton Block, corner Metcalfe and Sparks-sts, and the Windsor Hotel. In addition to these, he manifested his business enterprise and foresight by designing and erecting on Metcalfe-street, a locality then little used for that purpose, several very fine private residences, which he afterwards disposed of. Among those who were his patrons may be mentioned John Gilmour, Esq., F. P. Bronson, Esq., Judge Gwynne of the Supreme Court, and the Hon. L. Tilley, who secured the property at present occupied by Mrs. White, widow of the late Hon. Thomas White. This experiment, besides being a profitable investment to Mr. Hodgson, was a valuable object lesson and did much to educate the public taste, and practically demonstrated that appearance and comfort were not incompatible with reasonable economy in the construction of private residences in the capital. Among other citizens who have favoured Mr. Hodgson with their patronage may be mentioned the late Sir John A. Macdonald, Messrs. E. D. Moore, C. B. Powell, G. Burn, J. R. Booth, and others. The volume of this business abundantly testifies to the success that has attended Mr. Hodgson's professional efforts, while the esteem in which he is held by all classes is a just tribute to his character, which is above reproach. Mr. Hodgson is a member of St. George's Society. In politics he is a Conservative. In 1876 he took a trip to the land of his birth, spending considerable time in his native county and also visiting the principal cities in England. He is a member of the Anglican communion and attends St. John's Church. In 1849 he married Esther, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Anderson, both of whom have since died. By

this union he has one son, Thomas, who was born in 1850, and is now a prominent manufacturer of sash, door and house finishings in the city of Ottawa. Notwithstanding his many years of arduous labour, Mr. Hodgson is at present in the enjoyment of excellent health, and is still engaged in the active discharge of his various duties in which he has earned the respect of the community.

CHAUNCEY W. BANGS,

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THE gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch has been known for upwards of forty years as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the Dominion capital, and one of her most enterprising and successful business men. Chauncey Ward Bangs is a Canadian by birth, having been born at Stanstead, Quebec, January 19th, 1814. His parents were Benjamin Bangs and his wife Deborah Smith, both of whom were New Englanders, the former a native of South Hadley, Mass., and the latter a native of Weathersfield, New Hampshire. The name of Bangs, though not a common one in Canada, is very familiar in the United States, where it has the distinction of ancient fame, for some of the progenitors of the family were among those who came out in the "Mayflower," and landed on Plymouth Rock early in the seventeenth century. It is a coincidence worth remembering that both the subject of our sketch and his wife each belonged to a family consisting of seven sons and three daughters. About the beginning of the present century, their parents went to Vermont, and settled near the border line between that state and Lower Canada. There they remained until shortly after the war of 1812 broke out, when, owing to the loss caused to their business interests, the greater portion of the two families moved into Canada, which at that time offered a much better field for their labours. Mr. Bangs' parents first settled in Stanstead, whence they removed to Montreal, afterwards to L'Orignal, and still later to Hawkesbury. There they settled finally, and remained until the father died. The old lady spent the closing years of her life with her son in Ottawa, and died at the advanced age of eighty-five. His sister, Mrs. Simeon Cass, is now a resident of San Francisco, Cal. Chauncey attended school until he was about fourteen, when he learned his father's business, that of a hatter and furrier. In due time he was admitted as partner, the firm name being B. & C. W. Bangs. This connection he maintained until he was thirty-seven years old, when he sold out his interest to his father. In the summer of 1847, he came to Bytown (now