

MEN WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED.

HENRY DALE, FLORIST, BRAMPTON.



FIG. 2272. MR. HENRY DALE.

FOR the inspiration of our young men who have in our fair Canada so many avenues open before them, but who so often lack that ambition which leads them to seek after advancement, we have undertaken to write a few sketches of men who have succeeded.

Of the long list of such worthy men, we may well speak with pride of Mr. Henry Dale of Brampton, who began at the very bottom and rose to the top of the ladder of success.

Some years ago he came from England to

Brampton with his father, Mr. Edward Dale. At first the lad was apprenticed to a shoemaker, but this was not to his mind, and he persuaded his father to start a small truck garden for Brampton market. Then, about 1870, he induced him to buy a small greenhouse, which they operated in partnership, utilizing the experience which the latter had gained in England as a market gardener. In this greenhouse, which was only twenty-five feet long, and was heated with the old fashioned flues, they grew vegetables and pot plants; it is still standing and may be seen in our engraving, just next the Dale home.

From the very first the demand for their roses exceeded the supply, and enlargements were necessary. After two or three years, two houses were added, fifty feet long, for spring stock and bedding plants, in which they also planted some Marechal Neil and Lamarque roses. On these they budded Sunset and Pearl, and took the bloom in boxes to Toronto, selling it to Mr.

Fleming, who was so long a prominent florist on Yonge Street.

In about 1880 Mr. Edward Dale gave the cut flower business up to his son Henry, who had always been the life of it; rose and carnation houses were added from time to time, indeed, of late almost every year, until now about seven acres of ground are under glass.

The greenhouses require 30 boilers of fifteen horse power each for heating them, and have automatic machinery for furnishing the coal so as to economize the labor as much as possible.