

The parents settled in Toronto about 1840. For more than sixty years the father was a local minister of the Methodist Church and put forth earnest and far reaching effort to advance its cause. He died in the year 1897.

Having acquired his education in the public schools of Toronto, William James Hill learned and followed the bricklayer's trade and after a few years engaged in the contracting business on his own account. He has made steady progress in his chosen field of labor and the position which he occupies as a leading and successful contractor is indicated by the fact that he built the aluminum plant for the Pittsburg Reduction Company, the plant of the Belgo Canadian Pulp Company at Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, the sulphide plant for the Sault Ste. Marie Pulp & Paper Company, also the concrete foundations for the blast furnace at Sault Ste. Marie. All these are important structures, demanding the utmost care and ability in their erection, and are monuments to the enterprise, skill and handiwork of the builder.

Mr. Hill, in matters of citizenship, exemplifies the same progressive spirit which he manifests in his business life. He served for five years as school trustee and for six years as alderman of the City of Toronto, and in 1894 was elected reeve of York township, in which capacity he served for four years. In 1898 he was elected a member of the Provincial Parliament, representing West York in the Liberal interests. His appointment to his present position as registrar of York county followed upon the death of James Massey, the former incumbent, in 1904. Methodical and accurate in administering the affairs of the office, actuated by a spirit of fidelity to all public trusts, he has made a most creditable record in official circles.

In 1891 Mr. Hill was married to Miss Hannah Bloor, a daughter of James Bloor of county Bruce, and they are now parents of five children: Effie, Agnes, Ruth, Winnifred and Gordon. Mr. Hill is a life member of Ashlen lodge, A. F. & A. M., and also of York lodge of Masons and the York lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

JOHN FLETT.

John Flett, of Toronto, who is closely identified with the mercantile and financial life of the province, is a representative of that Scotch spirit