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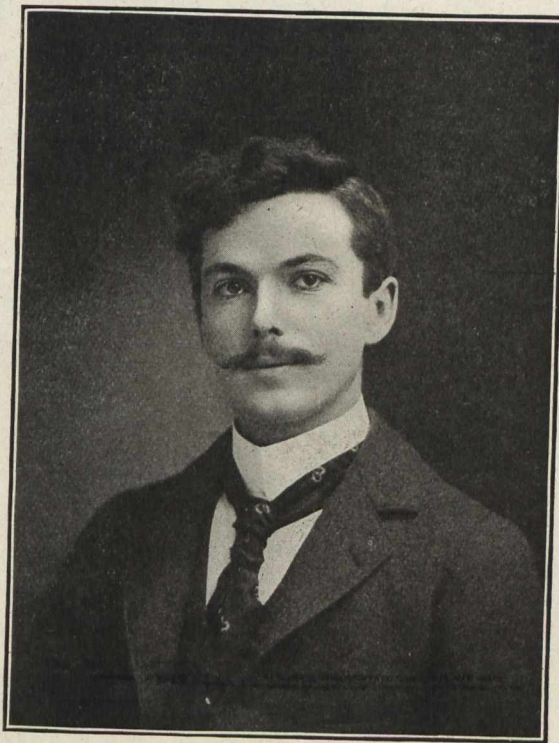
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"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; but the world judges us by what we have already done."

—Longfellow.



ALEXANDER R. GOLDIE.

A few years ago it was heralded to all parts of the world that this was the era of the "young man" in business; and the pages of popular magazines were filled with panegyrics of Schwab, President of the U.S. Steel Corporation; Hyde, President of the Equitable Life Insurance Co., and other youthful administrators of great industrial concerns. Alas, "time that treadeth down all things but truth" has been trying as by fire this system of energy and knowledge, minus wisdom; and the end is not yet.

Alexander R. Goldie, the subject of our sketch this month, was born in Galt, Ontario, in 1873—the same year that Sir John Macdonald and Sir Hugh Allan mixed up the negotiations for laying down the Canadian Pacific Railway. He is, therefore, a comparatively young man; but then, few mechanical engineers in the Dominion have had a better academic, technical and practical training for the responsible position he now fills as works manager of the Goldie & McCulloch Co.'s plant. He matriculated from Galt Collegiate Institute 1889; graduated from the Toronto School of Practical Science 1893; and from 1893 to 1895 worked in a number of different sections in the Galt works, includ-

ing Drafting-room, Cost Department, etc., in order to get a practical knowledge of shop work. Then for one year he served as assistant works manager under his father, John Goldie—a man of plain living and high thinking, but a sterling mechanic of the same school which produced men like Arkwright, Watt, Rennie, Nasmyth and George Stephenson. When his father died, in 1896, he straightway assumed the duties of Works Manager, and from that time until now has had charge of the mechanical engineering part of the business, with conspicuous success.

In a letter to the biographer recently, he says:

The careful way in which the business had been built up by Mr. McCulloch and my father has made it easier for the younger members of the company to carry it on.

This modest word is characteristic of the man.

If Mr. Goldie had done nothing else of note than lay out, design and equip the new boiler works at Galt—described and illustrated in our last issue—he would be entitled to a place of honor in our gallery of Canadian engineers who have "done things."