

she became a student of the Univ. of Chicago. Her early home was in London, Ont., and her earliest professional work was done on the *Advertiser* of that city, 1886, when she was 19 yrs. of age. She remained with the *Advertiser* for some time, getting a thorough journalistic training in all branches, editorial and reportorial. For 3 consecutive sessions she represented the paper in the parliamentary press gallery at Ottawa. Since then she has resided in Chicago, where she has been a special writer on the *Times* and the *Evening Post*. She is still with the latter. Her work varies from art and literary criticisms to descriptive work at the opera. She writes a good deal of verse and short stories for both newspapers and magazines. She is given to Cornish dialect sketches, of which she has made a special study. Contributions from her pen have appeared in *Frank Leslie's Monthly*, *Outing*, *Chautauquan*, *Lippincott's*, and other periodicals. In 1895 she wrote a novel, and in 1896 produced a play: "A Training School for Lovers." In 1897 she was elected Presdt. of the Chicago Press League. In the same year she represented her paper at the Queen's Jubilee in Eng. Although living in the U. S., Miss B. has a most lively faith in her own country. She is an anti-annexationist, and a believer in "Home Rule" for Can., with only more amicable commercial relations with the Republic.—*Evening Post Office, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.; Woman's Club; Press League.*

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BRONSON, Hon. Erskine Henry, manufacturer and legislator, is the eld. s. of the late Hy. Franklin Bronson, who came to Can. from Warren, N.Y., 1853, and was the pioneer of the sawn lumber trade subsequently established between Ottawa and the U. S., by his wife, Editha Pierce. B. at Bolton, Warren Co., N.Y., Sept. 12, 1844, he was ed. at the Ottawa Grammar

Sch. and at Sandy Hill, N.Y., and joining the Bronson & Weston Lumber Co., succeeded his father in the Presidency of the Co., on the death of the latter, 1889. This position he still holds. Mr. B. was for some yrs. on the Ottawa Sch. Bd., and was a mem. of the City Council 1871-77, being also Chairman of the Finance Comte. As such he prepared the Act consolidating the city's debt, and secured its passage by the Legislature. A Lib. in politics, he has represented the city of Ottawa, in that interest, in the Legislature since g. e., 1886. He was apptd. a mem. of the Mowat Admin., without office, Sept. 16, 1890, and retains that position under Mr. Hardy. He is a mem. of the Council of the Western Ont. Lib. Assn. In 1897 he introduced legislation in the direction of placing the unemployed on the unoccupied lands of the Province. He unsuccessfully contested Carleton for the Ho. of Commons, g. e., 1882. Mr. B. is one of the trustees of Queen's Univ., and is also Treas. of the Can. Accident Ins. Co., and V.-P. of the Ont. Mining Inst. and of the Associated Charities of Ottawa. In religion, he is a Presb., and was elected a del. to the Can. Presb. Conference held in Glasgow, 1896. He m., 1874, the only dau. of Prof. N. B. Webster, formerly of Ottawa, a lady who has displayed the warmest interest and zeal in local philanthropic objects. She is at present a V.-P. of the Ottawa Local Council of Women, and Presdt. of the Bd. of Trustees of the newly established Maternity Hospital.—75 *Concession St., Ottawa, Ont.*

BROOKS, Hon. Edward Towle, retired Judge, is the s. of the late Saml. Brooks, who represented Sherbrooke in the Provl. Parlt. for many yrs. B. at Sherbrooke, P.Q. July 6, 1830, he was ed. at Dartmouth Coll., N.H. (B.A., 1850; M.A., 1853) and was called to the Bar, 1854. He became Crown Prosecutor, Dist. of St. Francis, 1862, *Bâtonnier*, 1875, and was apptd. a Q. C. by the