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Captains of Canadian Industry.

"The nation that manufactures for itself, prospers." In the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER of June 1 we began the publication of a series of illustrated biographical sketches of "Captains of Canadian Industry." It was an entirely new departure in journalism, either in this or in any other country; and the very excellent artotype portraits of leading Canadian manufacturers which have been displayed in each successive issue of this journal have made it valuable as a pictorial album which must of necessity become a part of the history of the Dominion. The publication of these portraits and the biographical sketches of their originals will be continued indefinitely; the object being that when the publication in this journal is finally discontinued, to assemble and reproduce them in book form, which arrangement will be all the more valuable in that the matter which is now being extended through many months in the CANADIAN MANUFACTURER will all be brought into the compass of one attractive and convenient volume. To assist our readers in keeping in mind the names of the "captains" of this grand army whose portraits have already been published, we reproduce them here. They are as follows:—

PLATE I.—June 1.

W. H. Storey, Acton, Ont. Bennett Rosamond, Almonte, Ont.
Samuel May, Toronto. George Booth, Toronto.

PLATE II.—June 15.

Thomas Cowan, Galt, Ont. James Watson, Hamilton, Ont.
R. W. Elliot, Toronto. John F. Ellis, Toronto.

PLATE III.—July 6.

William Bell, Guelph, Ont. John R. Barber, Georgetown, Ont.
John Bertram, Dundas, Ont. Wm. Chaplin, St. Catherines, Ont.

PLATE IV.—July 20.

William Doherty, Clinton, Ont. Alex. Gartshore, Hamilton, Ont.
John Fensom, Toronto. Charles Raymond, Guelph, Ont.

PLATE V.—August 3.

William Christie, Toronto. Henry Bickford, Dundas, Ont.
Robert Mitchell, Montreal. James Hendrey, Peterboro, Ont.

PLATE VI.—August 17.

John Abell, Toronto. George W. Sadler, Montreal.
H. A. Massey, Toronto. John Taylor, Toronto.

PLATE VII.—September 7.

James Crossen, Cobourg, Ont. Thomas G. Mason, Toronto.
Vincent M. Risch, Toronto. Wellington Boulter, Picton, Ont.

JAMES CROSSEN.

JAMES CROSSEN, proprietor of the Cobourg Car Works, Cobourg, Ont., was born in Comber, Ireland, about ten miles from the city of Belfast, on March 9, 1826. At an early age he came to Canada, and while yet a young man was a partner in a firm who operated a foundry in Cobourg. He was engaged in this business but about three years, and in 1870 he embarked in the enterprise which he now controls.

The Cobourg Car Works are the most extensive and complete works of the sort in Canada, and cover some fourteen acres of ground. The main building is an immense structure, but it contains only a very few of the departments represented in the enterprise, there being numerous other buildings, including foundry, shops, etc., in various parts of the grounds. These works are most completely equipped with the latest and most efficient tools, machinery, and labor-saving devices; and they give employment to over four hundred hands. In them are manufactured all kinds of railway cars, including sleepers, parlor, dining, passenger, post office, baggage, box, platform, and hand cars. The output is an average of six passenger coaches and one hundred and fifty freight cars per month, and every detail of their construction is done there.

The industry represented in the manufacture of railway passenger coaches has reached what might be claimed as the culminating point, nothing further seeming to remain for the suggestive ingenuity of the car-builder. The enterprise and skill represented by Mr. Crossen in these works, however, and in which all Canadians and all who travel in such conveyances feel a natural and proper pride, are to be traced and found in only a comparatively few and well known similar concerns; and ranking among the most prominent of these important industrial establishments is that of Mr. Crossen. The excellence of workmanship and finish, and the superior quality of the materials used in constructing the cars made in these works, make them first class in every particular; and this system has been studiously adhered to by Mr. Crossen during all his business life. He would prefer to lose money on a contract rather than to allow any inferior work to go out of his establishment. The value of this golden rule is appreciated by all reputable manufacturers.

Mr. Crossen has always devoted his entire time and attention to the details of his business, and has never sought or accepted either political or civic honors. Gentle and unassuming in manner, he is a man of unbounded energy and force of character, and his friendship is sought and valued by all who know him. Canada is fortunate in the possession of such men as James Crossen.