

his native city. In 1880 he went into the lumber business, in Toronto, in which he continued for six years, in 1886 embarking in the real estate, insurance and loan business, in which he has continued until the present time. His commodious and well-kept office at No. 26 Victoria street, in which he employs fifteen people, is one of the noted places of Toronto. The selection of Mr. Williams as one of the representatives of the realty world in this work is but a just compliment to him and the interests he so ably represents.

Mr. Williams is prominent fraternally, being a Mason of high rank; he is a past master of the order, member of Ionic and Doric lodges, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory. He is a past master of the Order of Orangemen, member of the Queen City lodge, a member of St. George's Society, and of the United Religious and Military Order of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, under the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Mr. Williams married Miss Eliza Brice, who was born in Scotland, daughter of John Brice. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.

GEORGE SPARROW (deceased) was a prominent business man in Toronto for many years before his death in that city, in 1884. He was born in 1835 in Ireland, son of Joseph and Hannah (Clark) Sparrow, the latter of whom died in Ireland, but the former emigrated to Canada.

George Sparrow grew to manhood in his native land and there served an apprenticeship to the drapery business. After coming to Toronto he was engaged with Robert Walker, of the Golden Lion, and spent some time in the clothing department of that store. Then Mr. Sparrow embarked in the shoe business at No. 108 Yonge street, where he remained in business for about thirty years. He was one of the first merchants in Toronto to sell ready-made boots and shoes. Later he removed to No. 353 Yonge street continuing there until his death.

Mr. Sparrow was united in marriage with Mary Ann Bond, daughter of John and Sarah (Pratt) Bond. In 1835 Mr. and Mrs. Bond came to Toronto, where Mr. Bond was coachman for Bishop Stewart for a time. Before the advent of railroads in this section he engaged in the carrying business, conveying goods to Goderich and other places remote from Toronto. The goods were shipped to Toronto by water and Mr. Bond hauled them to merchants at the outlying places. Later he went into the livery business on Sheppard street, in which he continued during the remainder of his active life. The chil-

dren born to Mr. and Mrs. Bond were: Harriet; Mary Ann, Mrs. Sparrow; Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Briggs, of Toronto; John P., V.S., of Toronto; and Robert, in the livery business in Toronto. Mr. Sparrow was a member of the Carlton Street Methodist Church, to which his widow also belongs. In politics he was a Reformer.

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PATRICK FOGARTY, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest florist now in business in Toronto, is a native of that city, and belongs to a family that settled there just after the Rebellion of 1837-38. He was born in 1840, son of Patrick and Mary (Dunn) Fogarty.

Patrick Fogarty, Sr., and his wife were natives of Ireland. They came to Canada before the Rebellion and settled first at Brockville. When the McKenzie insurrection broke out Mr. Fogarty shouldered his gun and took part in the struggle, and after the trouble was over he made his home in Toronto, following his trade of tailor. Both he and his wife died there.

Patrick Fogarty for a time attended school in his home city, but when only ten years old he was put to work. He began on the very piece of property he now owns, receiving the sum of six dollars a month for his services. As he grew older he mastered the business of a gardener and florist and in 1866 engaged in business for himself on Pape avenue, where he continued uninterruptedly until 1904. In that year he sold out the market gardening business, and settling on the corner of Pape avenue and Gerrard street east, continues there as a florist.

Mr. Fogarty married Miss Mary Ann Pape, who was born in England, daughter of Joseph Pape. The latter brought his family to Toronto in the early days, and made his home on Pape avenue, which was named for him, only three families being older settlers there than he. To Mr. and Mrs. Fogarty seven children were born, as follows: John, of Minneapolis, who married Miss Eliza Norton, and has two children, William and Florence; Joseph, of Toronto (he and his wife Eliza have three sons, Howard, Clarence and Alfred); Patrick and Vernard, both in business with their father; Kate; Laura, wife of John Larkin, and mother of one son, James; and Mary. The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, while in his political views Mr. Fogarty is a Reformer. He is a man thoroughly versed in his vocation, of good business ability, and in his long career as a florist has not only won the respect of his associates but has also made many friends.