

All of the more prominent club rooms and billiard halls from Halifax to Vancouver are equipped with billiard tables manufactured by Messrs. Samuel May & Co., of Toronto; and the split pulleys manufactured by the Dodge Wood Split Pulley Company, of Toronto, are in high favor in very many of the flouring and lumber mills, factories and industrial establishments generally throughout the Dominion.

Mr. May was born near Hamilton, Ont., in 1836, and is a typical Canadian. In the prime of life, he is full of vim and energy; always busy, but never too busy to exchange kind words with friends, or to listen to any who may desire to approach him. Through industry, economy and good management he has amassed a moderate fortune, and is considered one of Toronto's most solid and reliable citizens. He has always been a strong supporter of the National Policy; and, ever since its organization, a member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, of which he is now the First Vice-President.

#### BENNETT ROSAMOND.

BENNETT ROSAMOND, president and managing director of the Rosamond Woolen Company, Almonte, Ont., and second vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association, was born in Carleton Place, Lanark County, Ontario, in 1833. His father, James Rosamond, is a native of Ireland who, previous to the birth of his son, Bennett, had settled at Carleton Place where he became largely interested in several manufacturing industries. He owned the control of the valuable water power privileges there, which were used for operating flour and oatmeal mills on one side of the river, and a sawmill and a wool carding mill on the other. In this latter mill machinery for spinning woolen yarns, and weaving woolen cloths was introduced, and this was really the foundation and beginning of the extensive business in which Mr. Rosamond is now engaged.

In 1857 the lease of these water powers expired, and Mr. James Rosamond and his family moved to Almonte, Mr. Rosamond having bought the site and ruins of the Ramsay Woolen Cloth Manufacturing Company's mill there. In 1862 Bennett Rosamond and his brother William, (now doing business in Coburg, Ont.) leased this property on which a substantial four-story two-sett mill had been built. They formed a copartnership under the firm name of B. & W. Rosamond, and during the ensuing three years the capacity of their mill was doubled, it having been increased to a four-sett mill. In 1866 Sir George Stephen became a member of the firm, the name being changed to B. & W. Rosamond & Co., and another water power was bought, upon which the large mill, now known as the "No. 1," was built. The firm also leased a water power on the upper falls of the Mississippi river upon which they built a two-sett mill for the manufacture of blankets, this being the third mill operated by them; and from which circumstance the present local popular names Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were given these mills. No. 1 is the large new mill; No. 2 the old mill, which was sold, and is now owned by Messrs. Elliott & Co., and No. 3 is the blanket mill, which was also sold, and which was afterwards destroyed by fire. This mill, however, has been rebuilt, and is now worked as a flannel mill by Mr. William Thoburn.

In 1870 the firm of B. & W. Rosamond & Co., became a joint stock company with Bennett Rosamond as president and managing director, which responsible position he has held continuously ever since.

Starting with six sets of machinery the capacity of the Rosamond Mills has been increased from time to time until they now contain twelve sets of woolen and the equivalent of three sets of worsted machinery. The mill buildings are all of the most substantial character, and are equipped throughout with the best and most improved machinery.

When the Rosamond family settled in Almonte that town was not celebrated for its manufacturing industries, and its population numbered only about 250 persons, but the establishment and putting into operation of the Rosamond mills was the beginning of a prosperity for the town that has increased its inhabitants to about 3,500 souls. When Almonte was a village, emerging from its chrysalis state, Mr. Rosamond was its reeve, and when it became a town, he was its first mayor, and it is to his excellent executive and administrative ability the place owes much for the rapid and material advancement it has made.

Besides being president and manager of the Rosamond Woolen Company, Mr. Rosamond is managing director of the Almonte Knitting Company and a director in the Coburg Woolen Company. He has been chairman of the Almonte Board of Education. At its last annual meeting Mr. Rosamond was elected second vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

#### GEORGE BOOTH.

GEORGE BOOTH, of Toronto, Treasurer of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, was born in Cranbrooke, Kent County, England, in 1838. When but a child he was brought to Canada, his father selecting St. Catharines as a place of residence. Later the family removed to Toronto, and in 1861 George Booth, together with his brother Henry Wood, were admitted to partnership with their father, H. G. Booth, in the coppersmith business, under the firm name of H. G. Booth & Sons. The Booth family possessed that peculiarly British characteristic of continuing a chosen line of business from generation to generation. George Booth learned the coppersmith trade, and is a proficient at it. His father was an expert coppersmith; and the grandfather was also an experienced workman at that trade. Mr. Booth was the founder of what was the largest and most important sheet metal manufacturing establishment in Canada, in which business his inventive genius found active employment; and in the present business is included the manufacture of quite a number of sanitary and culinary articles which were invented and patented by him, and which are of acknowledged value and merit.

Mr. Booth has always been an active participant in all civic affairs that have tended to the advancement of the material interests of Toronto, and this was particularly the fact when he occupied an aldermanic seat in the City Council. He was an active promoter in the formation of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association; was a charter member thereof, and has always been a member of the Board of Directors of that Association; and to his earnest efforts and intelligent advice