

tion, vice-president of the Toronto Electric Light Company and a director of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, of the Canadian General Electric Company and the Toronto Street Railway Company. He is likewise president of the London Electric Company of London, Ontario, and moreover has done much to promote business interests as president of the Toronto Corn Exchange, to which position he was elected in 1871, and as president of the Toronto Board of Trade, serving in the latter capacity in 1887 and 1888. His business connections have continually broadened in their scope and importance and Mr. Matthews stands to-day as one whose force of character and well developed talents have made him a power in the field of commercial, industrial and financial activity.

In 1872 occurred the marriage of Wilmot D. Matthews and Miss Annie J. Love, a daughter of Neil C. Love of Toronto. They have four children, Wilmot L., Ethel R., Ina B., and Arnold C., the elder daughter being now the wife of J. K. L. Ross of Montreal.

In political affiliation Mr. Matthews is a Liberal. He belongs to the Church of England and has membership relations with the Toronto Club, Victoria Curling Club, Toronto Golf Club, Toronto Hunt Club, the St. James' Club of Montreal, the Mount Royal Club of Montreal, the City Club of New York and Grosvenor Club of London, England. From 1903 until 1905 inclusive he was a member of the license commission of Toronto. His social qualities have rendered him popular, while the strength and force of his business talents and energies have gained him a foremost place in connection with the great corporations which control the business life of Toronto and the province. Without special advantages at the outset of his career Mr. Matthews has made steady progress. He has attained brilliant success and the biographer is therefore justified in entering somewhat in detail concerning the plans and methods he has followed and the characteristics which he has manifested. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense, are his chief characteristics.