

officer in the 36th Battalion Volunteer Militia, and now holds the rank of Lieut.-Colonel of the 6th Battalion, Peel Militia.

His wife is Anna Sophia, daughter of William Furby of Port Hope, many years editor and publisher of the *Telegraph*, and later of the *Guide* of that town, his sketch appearing elsewhere in this volume ; they were married May 26, 1858, and have had five children, four of them still surviving.

WILLIAM BUCK

BRANTFORD.

WILLIAM BUCK, one of the leading manufacturers in Brantford, and President of the Board of Trade of this city, dates his birth at the old town of Ancaster, August 22, 1828, his parents being Peter and Hannah (Yager) Buck. Both are still living, and they reside in Brantford, the father in his 88th year, and the mother in her 76th. Mrs. Buck, as her name would indicate, is of German pedigree. Peter Buck was a soldier in the rebellion of 1837, '38, and was wounded at the battle of Chippawa, still carrying a ball received on that occasion. Both parents of our subject are descendants of United Empire Loyalists.

In 1833 the family settled in the little village of Brantford, then containing perhaps 500 inhabitants, and here William received such mental drill as an ordinary common school could furnish. At an early age he became an apprentice to the tinsmith trade; learned it thoroughly, and worked for his old master as a journeyman, until twenty-four years of age, at which time the savings of his earnings amounted to one thousand dollars. With that capital, in 1852, Mr. Buck started in the tin ware and stove business for himself; in 1856, purchased a foundry and commenced the manufacture of stoves and farming implements, since making stoves a more especial article, and enlarging his premises from time to time, until they cover about three acres of ground. He employs from 100 to 125 men, and is doing a business usually from \$150,000 to \$175,000 a year.

A writer in the *Commercial Review*, Montreal, of May 10, 1879, thus speaks of the Victoria foundry:—

“ Brantford has through its leading representative establishment, the Victoria foundry, William Buck, proprietor, won a reputation in the manufacture of stoves which has made the reputation of his products in this line familiar as household words from the extreme east to the far west portion of the Dominion ; and for this result it is but just to give credit to his enterprise. Perfection is hard to reach, and perhaps in no direction has the struggle towards that end been more earnestly contested than that of stoves. Season after season our leading manufacturers have brought out new improvements, both in point of convenience and in matter of artistic taste, each vying with the other for the first place ; while the progress has been most creditable to many, yet none have been able to combine all these qualities which are requisite to make a perfect stove. The desired points to secure in every stove are thorough ventilation, perfect combustion by means of properly constructed flues and