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HENRY BICKFORD.

MR. HENRY BICKFORD, Mayor of Dundas, Ont., died in that town on April 24th, in the forty-eighth year of his age.

In the issue of this journal of August 3rd, 1888, in our illustrations of "Captains of Canadian Industry," an excellent artotype portrait of Mr. Bickford was published, accompanied by a brief sketch of his life, from which we reproduce the following:

Henry Bickford, of the firm of Messrs. S. Lennard, Sons & Bickford, proprietors of the Dundas Knitting Mills, Dundas, Ont., was born in the City of London, England, March 2nd, 1842, and at an early age was taken by his parents to the town of Newton Abbot in the County of Devon, where he received his scholastic preparation for after-life under the tuition of the Rev. John N. Lightfoot, M.A., the present rector of Moreton-Hampstead, in that county. Having tried farming for some time, he thought to improve his fortunes by removing to London, but not being satisfied with intra mural life, determined to visit the Great Lakes region of Canada, and sailed for this country in 1867.

Arriving in Canada, Mr. Bickford soon found employment as "a white winged Angel of Commerce," and for a couple of years was a commercial traveller for a large wholesale grocery concern of Toronto. In 1869 he became head book-keeper and manager of the firm of Messrs. N. & F. Rooney, of Toronto, where he continued until the dissolution of that concern in 1879. At this time a fine business opportunity was presented to him in the town of Dundas, Ont., and to that place he went, and became a partner in the firm of Messrs. S. Lennard &

Sons, now so familiarly known to the wholesale dry goods trade of the whole Dominion as Messrs. S. Lennard, Sons & Bickford, probably the oldest and largest manufacturers of hosiery in Canada, the firm being the patentees of what is known to the trade as "Elysian" seamless hosiery.

Soon after his removal to Dundas Mr. Bickford was elected a member of the Board of Education of that town, on which he has served seven years, one year as chairman. He has also been a member of the Town Council as councillor; has been deputy-reeve and reeve; and at this time is mayor. In 1886 he received the nomination of the Liberal-Conservative party of North Wentworth for the Legislative Assembly, but considering that active participation in politics interfered injuriously with his business interests, retired from the contest.

By education and natural instincts Mr. Bickford is a gentleman well fitted to perform any and all civil and social duties that may devolve upon him, his experience in successfully conducting a large and important manufacturing industry, and his natural force of character, making him a most valuable citizen. For years a member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, his presence at all the important meetings thereof is signalized by his expressions of strong common-sense arguments and reasoning, and a comprehensive grasp of such important questions as may be presented. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association, and a member of the Textile Fabrics section of the Association's Tariff Committee.

"IN RELATION TO CANADA."

It is a noticeable fact that nearly all American newspapers, in discussing Canadian affairs, or the relations existing between Canada and the United States, base their arguments upon the assumed fact that at least a large minority of the people of Canada desire their country to be annexed to the United States. Doubtless with them the wish is father to the thought, in which they are strengthened by some papers published in Canada, and by the expressions that some persons who reside in Canada relieve themselves of. We would not impugn the motives of those who entertain such opinions, but we assure our misguided contemporaries that they are very much mistaken if they suppose that any respectable minority of Canadians desire to substitute the Stars and Stripes for the flag that now waves over us.

Among our most esteemed exchanges is *The Manufacturer*, of Philadelphia. Usually its editorials are able and well written, and command respectful attention. But we assure it that if its recent article, "In Relation to Canada," voices its true sentiments on the question, it is disseminating false facts, drawing unjust conclusions, and cultivating unneighborly sentiments against a people who would scorn to commit mean or unfriendly acts, and who would certainly not submit to imposition at the hands of the American people. There are matters of an international character in dispute between the United States and Canada, we admit, but our contemporary knows that both Canada and Great Britain promptly accepted the invitation of the United States Government and sent commissioners to Washington to formulate a settlement; and that in submitting the treaty thus and then drawn up to the Senate for ratification, President Cleveland declared that in his opinion it was fair,