


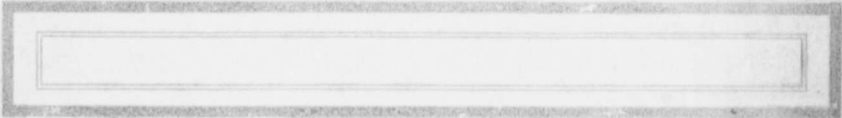
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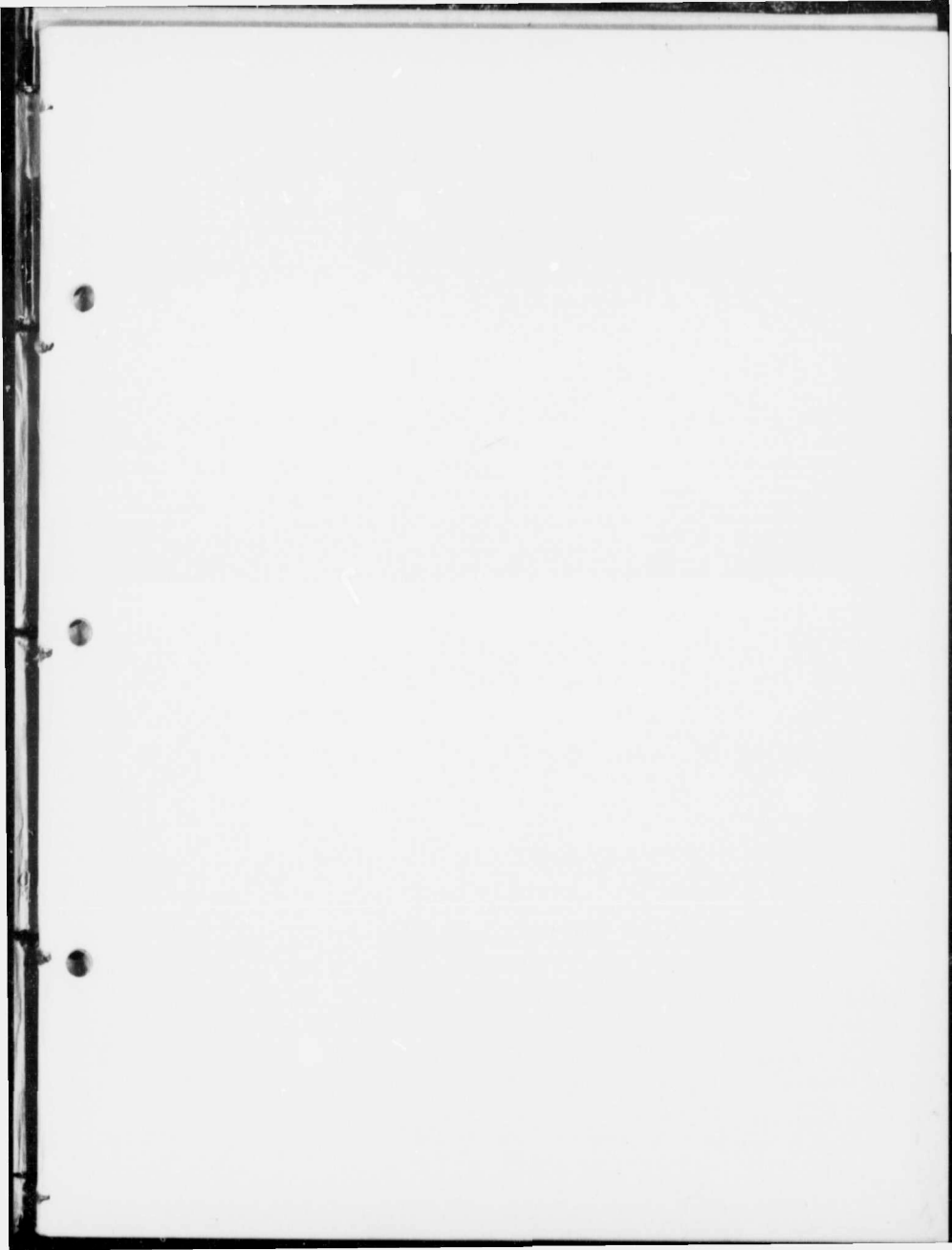
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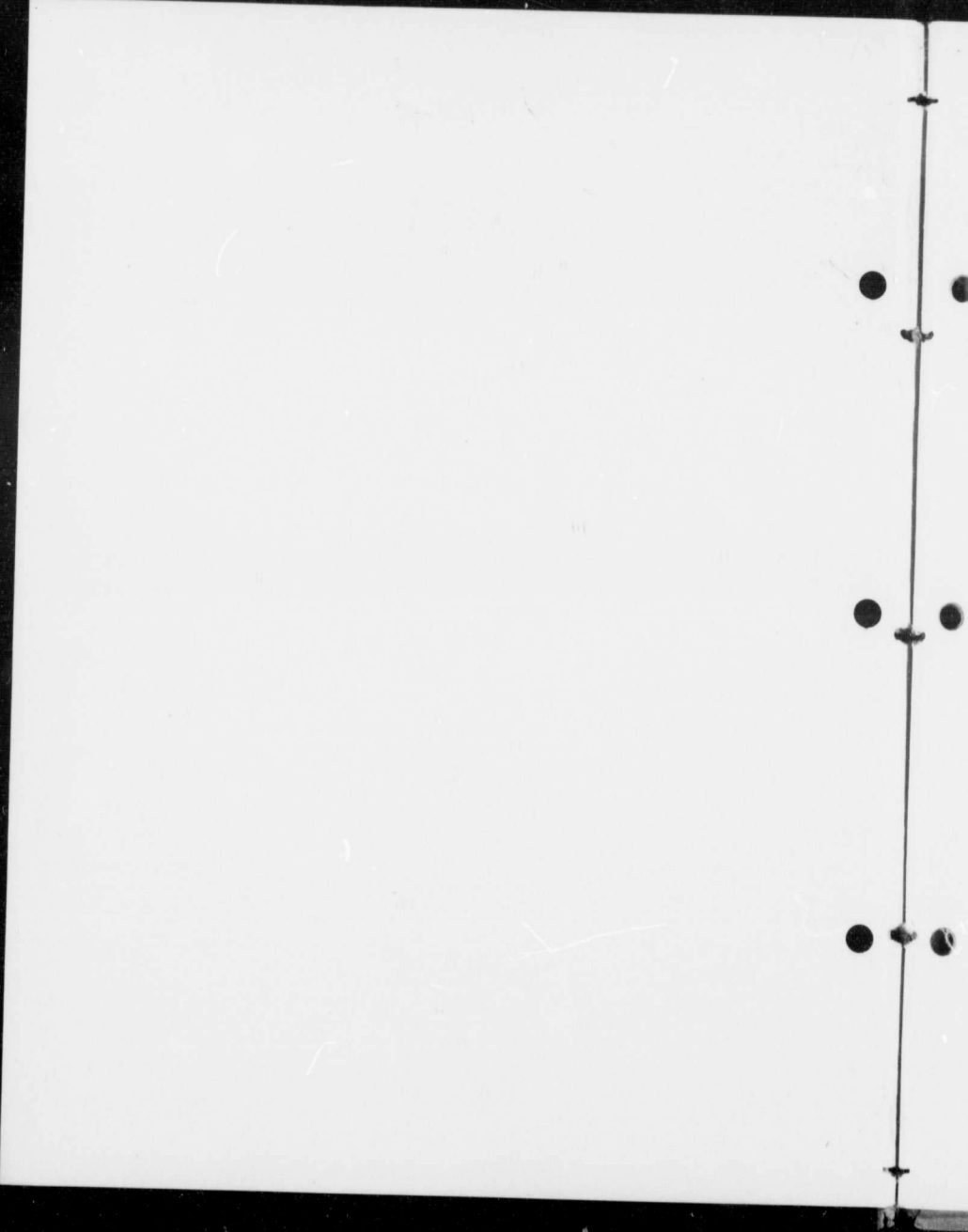
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Brown Brothers  
Wellington Street West Limited  
Toronto Canada



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Thomas, Robert, John and Richard

**BROWN BROTHERS, 1836**

From a painting in possession of the family.

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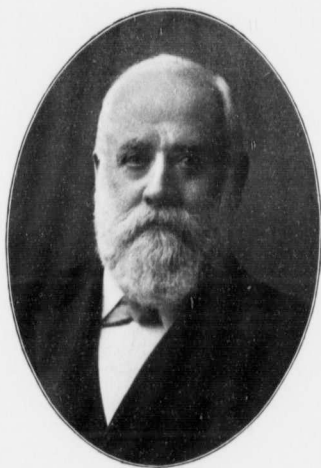
HE completion of an honourable and successful business career, covering a full half-century, is an event sufficiently rare in this young country of ours to excite no ordinary interest. But when there lies behind that again a family reputation in precisely the same line of business in the Mother Country, extending back three-quarters of a century farther, the record becomes practically unique.

Brown Brothers, to the present generation, seems as much one of the institutions of Toronto as the Cathedral spire. In the realm of book-making, book-binding, and all that pertains to stationery, the firm has ever held a foremost place, and now, at the close of fifty years of continuous activity, stands as strong, as progressive, as highly esteemed in the commercial world as ever.

It was in the latter part of the eighteenth century that one Thomas Brown, a worthy apprentice, having completed his service with William Charnley, the famous bookseller of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, was admitted a member of the Stationers' Company, and set up in business for himself.

So thoroughly did he understand his trade, and so upright and enterprising was he in the practice of it, that as Robert Robinson, the well-known author of "The Life and Times of Thomas Bewick," the renowned wood engraver, testifies therein, he was called "the father of the trade in the North of England."

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RICHARD BROWN  
President

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N interesting memorial of Mr. Thomas Brown, carefully cherished by the family, is an indenture setting forth his admission as a free burgess of the town of Newcastle, which concludes as follows :

"Thomas Brown, apprentice to William Charnley, stationer, was this 22nd day of August, in the year of our Lord God 1774, admitted a free burgess of this Corporation, and stands charged with a musket for the defence thereof."

In the year 1822 this Thomas Brown was succeeded by a son of the same name, who inherited his father's understanding of books, and the way to handle them. Mr. Robinson, in the work already cited, has this reference to him:

"Thomas Brown, bookbinder, removed from Nun's Gate to the Royal Arcade soon after it was built, where he commenced business as a bookseller in connection with binding."

The writer's special interest in the house of Brown is in part explained by a paragraph quoted by a correspondent of the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* to the following effect :

"I have been for fifty-three years a bookseller in Newcastle, and am a native of the town. My apprenticeship to the mystery and craft of a bookbinder and bookseller was served with Mr. Thomas Brown of the Royal Arcade. Mr. Brown's father, who was a well-known personage, had kept a bookbinder's shop in the Nun's Gate."



Business Card, 1830





T. ALBERT BROWN  
Vice-President

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THOMAS BROWN the second, being seized with an adventurous spirit, decided to try his fortunes in the New World, that was then attracting so much attention in the Old, and in the year 1846, taking with him his seven sons and two daughters, voyaged across the broad Atlantic. He landed at New York, but did not tarry long in the Republic, at once making his way via Albany and the Erie Canal to Lewiston, and thence by steamer to Toronto.

The Queen City at that time was simply a promising town, with scarce a score of thousands of people, but Mr. Brown had no doubt as to its future, and having bought out the book and stationery business of Mr. Payne, on King Street, he laid the foundations of the present business.

He toiled and prospered for ten

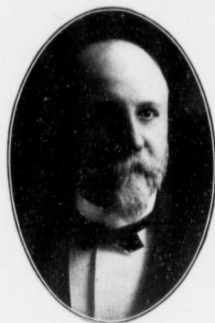


Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1838

years, and was then succeeded by three of his sons, Thomas, John and Richard, who had all been thoroughly trained in every department of bookselling, book-binding and stationery. Of the three Richard alone survives, Thomas having died in 1867, and John in 1882.



ROBT. T. BROWN  
Director (Retired)



JOHN T. HORNBROOK  
Secretary-Treasurer  
II



JOHN HENRY BROWN  
Director



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**R**ICHARD, who, still hale and hearty, continues at the head of affairs with unabated vigour, got his first lessons in the book business with Thomas Maclear, who had a book store on Yonge Street, and whose employ he entered in 1848. Maclear was something of a publisher, too. He brought out the first Canadian editions of Smith's "Canada, Past, Present and Future"; "Kirwan's Letters"; "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and other books. But his chief claim to our remembrance is the enterprise he showed in undertaking the publication of the *Anglo-American Magazine*, perhaps the most important literary periodical of its day in Canada, of which some seven volumes appeared ere it shared the fate of so many similar ventures.



THOMAS BROWN  
Died 1867

that time to the present his interest and activity have been unbroken.

It was in the year 1856 that Richard Brown, now well versed in all the details of the craft, joined his brothers in business, and from



JOHN BROWN  
Died 1882



JAMES A. COOK  
Superintendent Manufacturing  
Department



R. NORMAN BROWN  
Special Account Book Order  
Department



GEO. E. RODEN  
Manager Stationery Department



THOMAS H. CRAMP  
Account Book and Office Supply  
Department

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**F**ROM 1856 to 1900 the Brown Brothers occupied at first premises on King Street East, where the King Edward Hotel now stands, shortly moving to larger premises on the north side of King Street. At first one store sufficed, then another had to be added. Then a large factory was required, and so the business grew until, in the year 1900, a splendid five-story structure was erected on Wellington Street West, and filled with machinery and goods, being about one of the largest establishments of its kind in the country.



1860



1880



CHARLES E. BROWN  
City Representative



GEO. E. JAOUETH  
Representative, North-West, Etc.

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JAMES E. MOIR  
Representative, East, Etc.

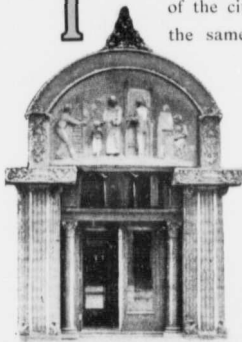


FRED W. HALLS  
City Representative, Paper  
Department

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**I**N the destructive conflagration of 1904, which ravaged the business part of the city, this building, although deemed to be fire-proof, suffered the same fate as so many others, and in its place there now stands a structure of reinforced concrete and expanded metal that may safely bid defiance to fire if any human edifice can.



Entrance of Building Destroyed  
April, 1904.

The fire fiend dealt very hardly with Brown Brothers that year. While awaiting the construction of their new premises they made use of the Queen City Curling Rink as a warehouse and shipping-room, and one night in August this also went up in flames.

Two such disasters within the compass of a year might well have proved overwhelming, but Brown Brothers were not to be thus put out of business. Other premises were promptly secured, and, with comparatively little interruption, the operations of the firm continued until the present building was completed and ready to receive them.



1906





E. W. FOSTER  
Representative, West and North



JAMES P. COOK  
Leather Goods Department



JAMES BENNETT  
Superintendent Leather Goods  
Maunfactory



WILLIAM BEATTY  
Bookkeeper



WALTER BENDERSON  
Paper and Printers' Supply  
Department



Brown Brothers' Ruins, Wellington Street West, April 20th, 1904.



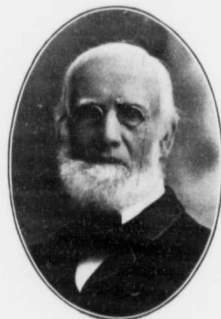
Warehouse, Queen City Rink.



HERBERT H. BROWN  
Manager Shipping Department



CHARLES E. MCHARDY  
Stationery Department



GEORGE SMALE  
Recently deceased; over fifty years  
in the house



J. I. ISAAC  
Recently deceased; nearly fifty  
years connected with the house



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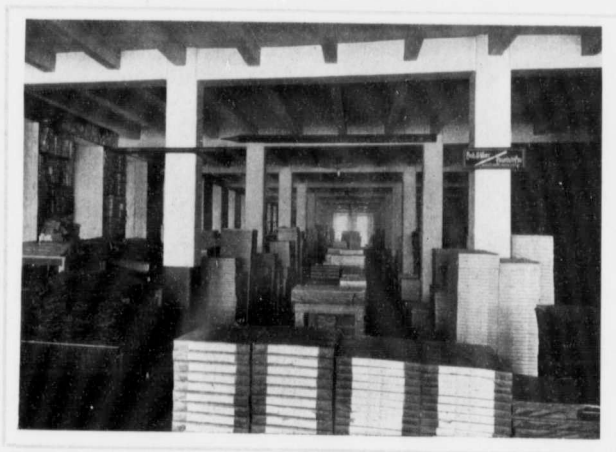
Brown Brothers' present warehouse and factory. Constructed of reinforced concrete and expanded metal and entirely fireproof.



HE original partnership was some years ago converted into a joint stock company, whose present officers are: Richard Brown, President; T. A. Brown, Vice-President; J. T. Hornibrook, Secretary; Robert S. Brown, and H. J. Brown, Directors. Mr. T. A. Brown is the eldest son of Mr. Richard Brown, whose second son, Mr. R. N. Brown, is also in the business, so that the fourth generation is now represented in the management.



Ground Floor - Entrance and Order Department. W.



Ground Floor - Paper Department.

## Brown Brothers, Limited

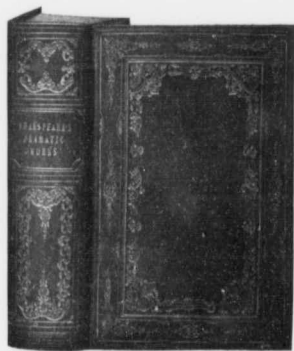
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SO high has been the standard of work executed by Brown Brothers that they have had remarkable success in the winning of diplomas, medals, and other honours at numerous Exhibitions. They have still in their possession the book with which Thomas Brown the second won the first prize at the first Exhibition ever held in Toronto (1846), and from that date to this they have never failed in taking the prize at the Annual Exhibition. They won a medal at the Exhibition held in Montreal in connection with the opening of the Victoria Bridge in 1860.

At the Philadelphia Centennial they won high honours. They received three diplomas at the Paris Exhibitions (France). They gained a medal and diploma at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition in London in 1886, and had the same success at the World's Fair in 1893. In this latter exhibit were some beautiful examples of inlaid work, of full morocco, and antique, and of half morocco, Russia leather, and calf.

A special feature of the firm's product has been an ever-lengthening line of daily journals and pocket diaries for business and private use. "The Canadian Diary" is the trade-mark of these goods, the different varieties of which number more than two hundred, so that every need and fancy may be satisfied.





Second Floor. Stationery Department and Sample Room.



Entering and Shipping Room.

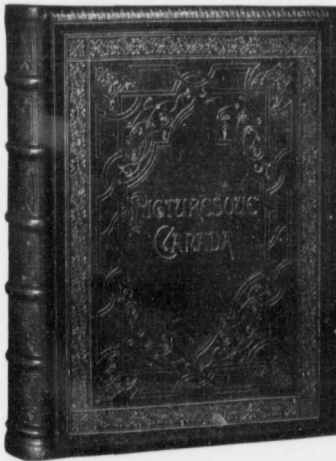
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NOTHER very important department is the manufacture of fine leather goods, comprising an exceedingly large range of ladies' bags, wallets, purses, portfolios, letter and card cases, bankers' cases, pocket and memorandum books.

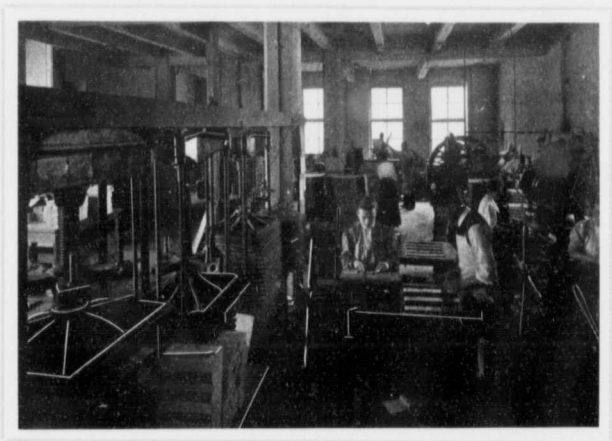
The huge heavy ledgers and other account books required by banks and joint stock companies are another important specialty. For these the paper must be of the very best, the intricate ruling most carefully done, the binding firm and strong, and the whole appearance, when finished, in due harmony with the dignity of the establishment where they are to be used. As makers of such books Brown Brothers are unrivalled in Canada. They also prepare a line of flat-opening account books, and of Patent Removable - Leaf Perpetual Ledger.







Fourth Floor. Section Binding and Forwarding Department.



Gilding and Finishing Department.

# Brown Brothers, Limited

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HROUGHOUT its whole career the house of Brown Brothers has been notable for the harmonious relations existing between employer and employees. "Good wages for good work" has been the motto of the establishment, and many an employee has grown gray in its service, working constantly year after year. The same spirit still prevails, and with the two sons of Richard Brown, and assisted by other members of the staff who have been long connected with the establishment, grown up in its service and greatly contributed to its success, possessing a thorough understanding of every detail of the business, and ready to maintain the high traditions of the house in every particular, Brown Brothers will, doubtless, continue long to be what it so long has been, an institution of Toronto.





Fifth Floor. Rolling Department—40 Machines of the Latic-Messing.



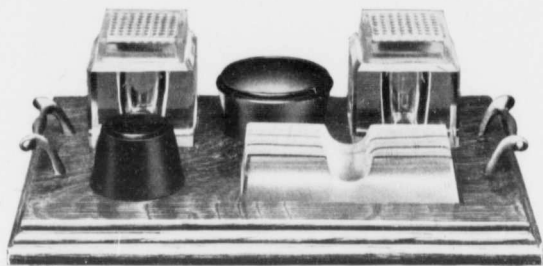
Fifth Floor. Folding and Booksewing Department.

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Pocket Book and Leather Goods Manufacturing Department.



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### Paper . .

All Kinds, Makes, Weights and Qualities.

### Stationery, Office Supplies . .

Every Requirement for Bank, Office, Warehouse,  
Factory or Home.

### Account Books . .

Every Style, or Made to Order.

### Memorandum Books . .

New, Complete Stock.

### Loose-Leaf Ledgers, Binders and Specialties . .

### Fine Leather Goods . .

Hand Bags, Wallets, Purses, Letter and Card Cases,  
Bankers' Cases, Portfolios, Etc.

### Canadian Diaries . .

Office and Pocket. Over 250 varieties.

### Inkstands—Wood Base . .

Brown Brothers' Exclusive—"Made in Canada."

### Fountain Pens . . The Best.

### Esterbrook Steel Pens . . Exclusive Agency.

### Steel Pens . . All Popular Makes.

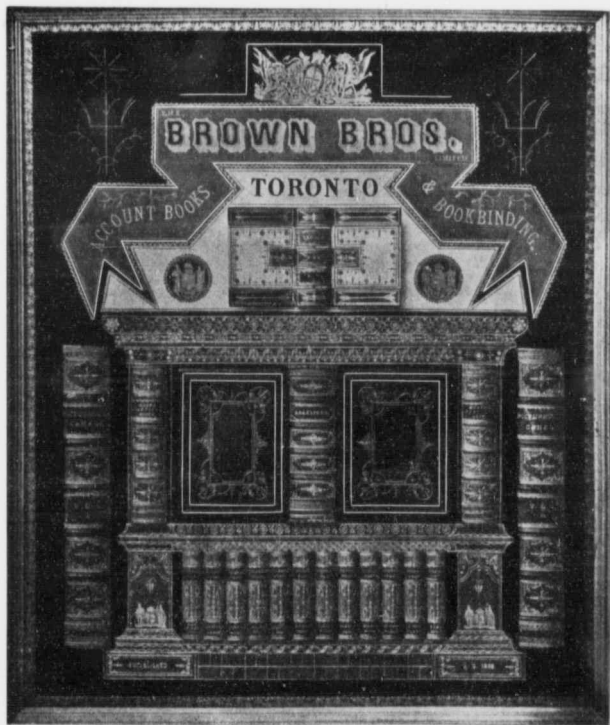
### Bookbinding . .

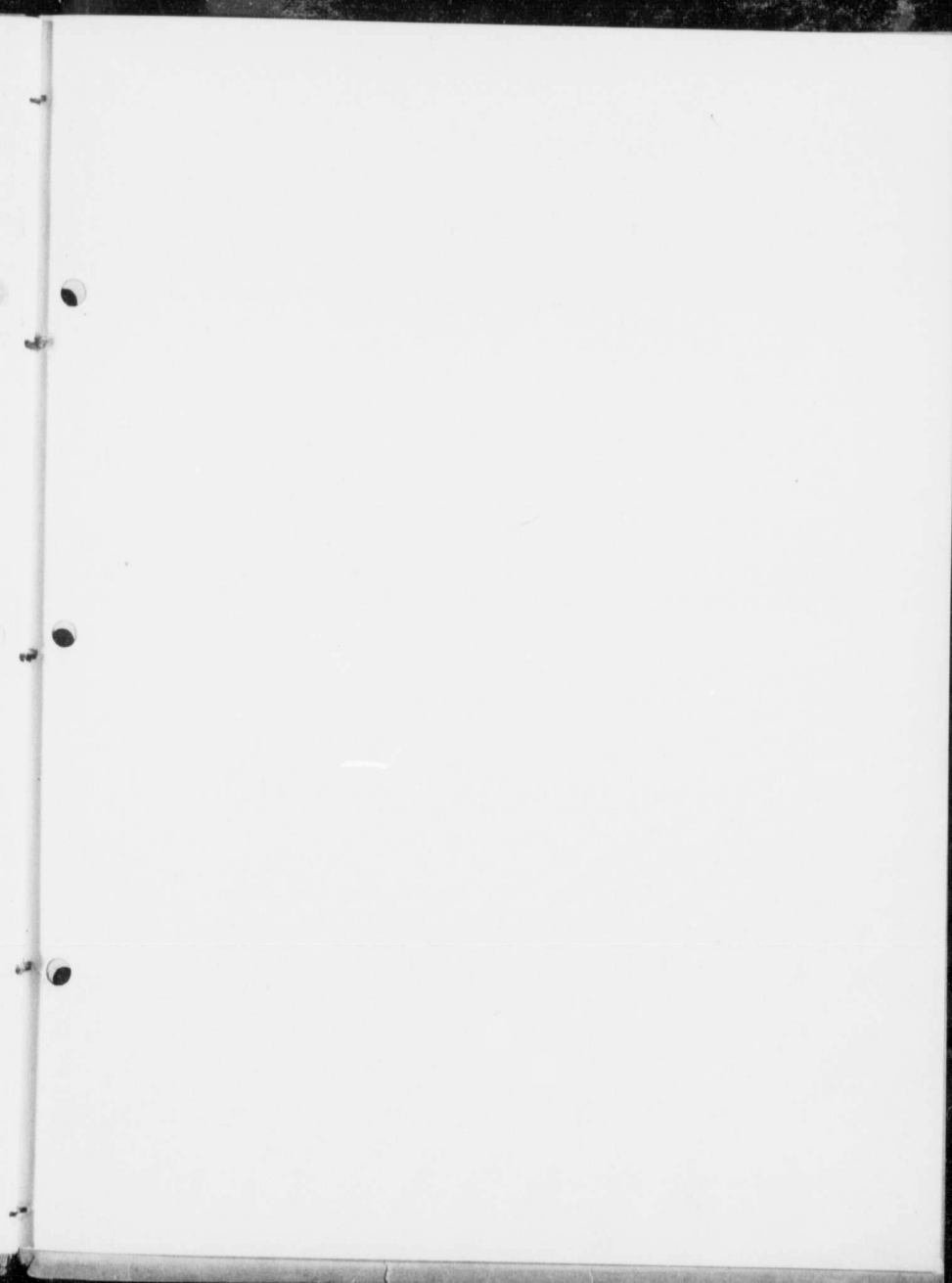
Every Style of the Art—Unsurpassed.

### Printers' Supplies . .

### Bookbinders' Material . .

Leather, Cloth, Board, Thread, Marble Paper, Etc.







BROWN-SEARLE PRINTING COMPANY  
TORONTO

