They were principally Scotch of sterling integrity shrewd and economical, who laid the foundation of Montreals present prosperity The word graft or duplicity was little known among this type of men - namely James Roy & Co Joseph Mackay, James A. Mathieson A Ramsay, Ogilvie Bro, David Torrance, Gilmour & Leyman, Clair, Linton & Cooper, Greenshields & Co, Wm Darling Wm McGibbon corner Notre Dame and St. Gabriel Alexander McGibbon Great St. James St. and others -

Armstrong was once in the employ of Henry Morgan & Co McGill St. founders of the present well known Colonial House on St. Catharine St. and assisted that firm to move their stock from McGill St to the corner of Victoria square and St. James St.

He had a liberal following of customers from the pioneer Scotch and Glengarry farmers to whom he could name and point out the different clan and family tartans so dear to their scottish hearts - More of which may be the substance of another story -

For about five years he had a profitable business and had married a successful Western farmers daughter, whom he met for the first time in her brothers Dry goods store on St. Paul St. city of St. Catharines out.