



FRANK L. HADKINS

FRANK L. HADKINS, one of the well-known businessmen of Tottenville, was born in Perth Amboy, N. J., in 1863, and is the youngest child of the late John H. Hadkins.

The same year, Mr. Hadkins established with Chas. Low, the bottling business in Perth Amboy, but, owing to a lack of suitable supply of water, Mr. Hadkins purchased the interest of Mr. Low in 1867 and removed the plant to Tottenville where he continued the business until his death in 1872, when he was succeeded by his son Robert H., then seventeen years of age. The son carried on the business and largely increased it with the assistance of his brother, Frank, the subject of this sketch. The latter became a partner in the business in 1887, and the brothers built the large factory under the name of R. H. Hadkins & Bro.

Upon the death of Robert in 1889, Frank took charge of the business and has since conducted it under the name and style of the Hadkins Bottling Co., the firm consisting of Mrs. Mary H. and Frank L. Hadkins. The business has steadily increased until the establishment is now the largest for carbonated beverages on the Island, and Mr. Hadkins does the largest business of the kind on the Island or in the suburbs of New York.

In 1888, Mr. Hadkins was elected to the office of excise commissioner to fill a vacancy, and was re-elected in 1890 and held the office until it was abolished in 1892 and a board of county commissioners appointed.

In 1887, he married Annie L., only daughter of S. Webb Hopping. Mr. and Mrs. Hadkins have one child, Marion L., aged 4 years.