MR. ROBERT BARR SMITH.

PIONEER, MERCHANT, PRINCE, PUBLIC BENEFACTOR.

By Fred. Johns, in the "Sydney Mail."

On Wednesday next Mr. Robert Barr Smith, of Ashland, will attain his ninetieth birthday. He has been a remarkable man. Much as the community has been interested in his doings, it has not been so much in his business career as in his philanthropy. He has always been a patron of literature and education, and has made large contributions to the advancement of science and art.

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