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BIOGRAPHICAL

GEORGE STEPHENS, M. P., a prominent citizen of Chatham, and a leading politician of the County of Kent, belongs to one of the old established families of the county, whose ancestors date from England.

The earliest member of the family to leave the mother country was Daniel Stephens, the great-grandfather of George Stephens, who settled in the western colonies, now the United States, some time prior to the Revolutionary war. Daniel Stephens served in that struggle, in the Colonial army, and on one occasion was wounded most seriously by a musket ball, and while lying helpless was scalped by a prowling Indian. Friends came to his rescue, and he was nursed back to health, settled in the State of New York, and reared a family of five sons, namely: Henry, Chauncy, Miron, Alva and Richard.

Richard Stephens, grandfather of George, and the youngest of the five sons, removed to Ontario. He served in the British army during the war of 1812, holding a commission as captain. He married Eleanor Lillie, and they had seven children: Alva, Ezra, William Henry, Calvin, Daniel, James and Ellen Jane, of whom Calvin, an honored resident of Chatham, born Feb. 22, 1825, is the only survivor.

William Henry Stephens, son of Richard, was born in 1820, in the County of Northumberland, Ont., and married Mary Ann Thorn, who was of English birth. In early life he followed the profession of teaching, but in 1851 he settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1872. The children of William H. and Mary Ann (Thorn) Stephens were: Emily, who married J. Carpenter, of Chatham township; William Henry, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Chatham; George; Victoria, who married C. Campbell; James L.; Annie and Nellie, deceased; Hattie, of the city of Chatham, and Albert, of Harwich township.

George Stephens was born Oct. 2, 1846, in the County of Northumberland, Ont., and was ten years of age when his parents located in the County of Kent. Here he grew to manhood, in Harwich township, attended school and assisted on the farm, remaining there until he was twenty-six years of age. For some six years he was in partnership with his older brother, William Henry Stephens, of Chatham. In 1872 he established his present general hardware business in Chatham, carrying in addition to the usual stock a large line of carriages, bicycles and also farm machinery. His extensive business in these lines has brought him into personal contact with almost all the farmers of the County of Kent, and the honorable nature of his business dealings has won for him universal esteem.

In 1899 and again in 1900 Mr. Stephens was elected a member of the city council of Chatham, and on Nov. 7, 1900, was honored by election to Parliament from the County of Kent, his opponent being T. A. Smith, a very popular citizen of Chatham. In his public career as well as in his private life Mr. Stephens has shown himself a man of integrity and both political and personal honor.

Mr. Stephens has been twice married. In 1874 he was united to Miss Katie Lyell Stringer, who passed out of this life July 1, 1879. To this union were born no children. The second marriage of Mr. Stephens was to Miss Jean Mather Stringer, a sister of his former wife. One son, William Lyell, was born to this marriage July 6, 1884. This promising youth was removed by death Aug. 16, 1899, at

the age of fifteen years, one month and ten days.

Mr. Stephens has long been a leading member of the Liberal party and exerts a wide influence. His religious preference is for the Presbyterian Church. He is a man of high character, and a most useful, public-spirited citizen of Chatham.

VENERABLE FRANCIS WILLIAM SANDYS, deceased. Probably no man has done more toward the moral and spiritual uplifting of Chatham and the surrounding country for many a mile than did Dr. Sandys, the revered prelate whose death occurred in 1894.

Dr. Sandys was born in Ireland, and in July, 1845, was sent as a traveling missionary to Ontario. The same year he was ordained by the Bishop of Toronto, Dr. John Strachan, receiving deacon's orders, and then entered upon his duties, in the townships of Howard, Mersea, Raleigh, and parts adjoining. At the expiration of the customary three years Dr. Sandys was specially requested by his bishop to continue his good work for another year, and this the excellent man consented to do, knowing that he was of service to his Master. During this year, however, the Rev. Mr. Hobson, rector of Chatham, died, and Dr. Sandys was chosen by the people of Chatham rector of St. Paul's Church of that place, assuming his duties in 1849. Some years later, this church being destroyed by fire, Christ Church was erected, and Dr. Sandys continued in charge until his death, endearing himself to all. In 1860 Dr. Sandys was created Rural Dean by the Right Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, first Bishop of Huron. On Jan. 27, of the same year, the degree of Doctor in Divinity was conferred upon him by the Archbishop of Canterbury, John Bird, Primate of all England. On June 21, 1866, Dr. Sandys was made Archdeacon of Huron by the Right Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, Bishop of Huron. The counties comprised in his archdeaconry were those of Huron, Bruce, Lambton, Kent, Essex, Elgin and a part of Middlesex. During all the years that he labored in Ontario Dr. Sandys made himself universally beloved and venerated for his piety and great erudition, and when he died the people to whom he had ministered, as well as those outside his flock, felt a personal loss, and his memory is kept green by them in grateful remembrance of the truly good and great man who never hesitated to sacrifice self to work good to a fellow creature.

On Nov. 16, 1852, Dr. Sandys was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Moeran, fourth daughter of Edward Moeran, of Cork, Ireland. Mrs. Sandys was born Feb. 24, 1821, and is still living, a lady of great piety and charity, very well preserved for her years. She resides in her pleasant home on Stanley avenue, Chatham.

PARDO. The Pardo family, a very prominent family of Western Ontario, has been known in that Province ever since pioneer days. It originated in England, where the name is variously spelled Pardoe, Pardo and even Pardow, but the residents of Raleigh township use the shortest orthography.

John Pardo, the founder of the family in Raleigh township, was born in Worcestershire, England, and served ten years in the British army, the greater part of the time in connection with the forces engaged in the American Revolutionary struggle. He was present at the battle of Bunker Hill. At the close of the war he was mustered out and received a soldier's grant of land in Colchester township, County of Essex, Ont., Lot 75, Concession I, upon which he located. At that time, however, many of these grants were not regarded as very valuable, as this same John Pardo purchased another grant for a barrel of cider. John Pardo married Lois Loomis, a native of Connecticut, who, with her sister, was captured by Indians after her father had been slain. The sisters were brought to Detroit, being obliged to walk the greater part of the way, and here they were purchased by the British and set free. Lois became the wife of John Pardo, and her sister married a Mr. Butler. Notwithstanding her troubles, Mrs. Pardo became a most excellent wife and the mother of a large family, whose descendants are among the best known residents of this country. Her death is not noted, but John Pardo died on his farm in Colchester township, and his will, dated Sept. 17, 1818, is still preserved. This sturdy old pioneer lived to the age of eighty-six, surviving his wife a number of years. Their children were: John, who was burned to death in infancy; Mary, who married first a Mr. Story, and second a Mr. Roach;

John, who is represented by descendants in Raleigh township; Samuel, who served in the War of 1812, and took up land on Talbot Road, Raleigh; Richard, who went to the State of Kentucky during the commencement of the war of 1812-15, and was not heard from until the close of the American Civil War in 1866; William, who took part in the battle of Lundy's Lane; Thomas; Nancy, who married John Hughson; Nathaniel, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who moved East and married; and Lois, who married first a Mr. Draper, and (second) James Little.

Thomas Pardo, father of Thomas Letson Pardo, was born March 28, 1799, in Colchester township, County of Essex. In the fall of 1816, when not yet eighteen years of age, he drew government land in Lot 141, township of Raleigh, 200 acres, of Col. Talbot, and the deed therefor is in the family's possession, and bears the date of May, 1834, having been issued in that year. With only an ax to assist him on his way to home and fortune, Thomas Pardo began the clearing of his land, and the residents of the County of Kent know how well he succeeded. At the time of his death he owned 1,575 acres of land in Raleigh township. He first built a small house of black walnut logs, some rods nearer the lake than the present home, and in this little cot all but the youngest members of his family were born. The present homestead he built in about 1846, and it is as substantial as on the day it was completed. He conducted a store for a number of years, and during 1837-38 he kept a tavern. At this time little money was in circulation, and he accepted tobacco in pay for his goods, making trips to Montreal, where he exchanged the tobacco for supplies of goods. Farming, however, mainly occupied his attention, and he was very successful in this as in other enterprises. In 1847 he erected a grist and saw mill on the rear of his farm, and continued to operate same until 1868, when the mill on the lake was erected and his sons took up the business. Thomas Pardo served in the 1st Regiment of Kent, was made a lieutenant on July 19, 1841, and later a captain. In politics he was a Reformer, and he served for many years in municipal affairs. In 1855 he was very prominent in local matters.

On April 1, 1823, Thomas Pardo was married to Rachel Hughson, who was born Feb. 13, 1804, in Carmel, Putnam county, New York, a daughter of George Hughson, a U. E. Loyalist who left the State of New York shortly prior to the breaking out of the second war with Great Britain, in 1812. Thomas Pardo died Nov. 15, 1874, after a long, useful and eventful life, and his widow passed away Sept. 12, 1890. Both are buried in the Union cemetery near the old homestead, where the Hughsons also found burial. The father was a Methodist in religious belief, and on his property a church was erected in 1866. It was largely through his efforts that it was made a union church. To Thomas Pardo and wife came the following children: (1) Matilda, born June 30, 1824, married Joseph Hetherington, of Blenheim, and died July 22, 1877. (2) Hannah, born Sept. 12, 1826, died May 19, 1893; she married Thomas Simpson, and their children live in this township, James, Milton, and Mrs. Wesley Elliott. (3) Drucilla, born March 17, 1829, married William H. Taylor, and he left at death four children. (4) William Henry, born June 29, 1831, died March 16, 1902, lived on Lot 137; he married Sarah Benedict, and they died leaving five sons and two daughters. (5) Mary Jane, born July 3, 1834, married Philander Crawford, of Harwich, and they have two sons and three daughters. (6) Lois Louisa, born May 6, 1837, is the widow of Charles Benedict; she resides on the Talbot Road and has a son and a daughter. (7) Thomas Letson was born Nov. 21, 1840. (8) Samuel James was born Aug. 4, 1843. (9) Rachel Salome, born Nov. 4, 1846, married Elisha Benedict, who died leaving five daughters and a son; she married (second) William Morgan, of Romney, Ont. (10) Emeline, born Aug. 24, 1849, is the widow of James Terrill, resides on the Talbot Road, and has a son and a daughter.

THOMAS LETSON PARDO is an extensive farmer of Raleigh township and is the Liberal member of the Provincial Parliament for the West Riding of the County of Kent. He was born on the homestead farm in Raleigh township, Nov. 21, 1840, and attended in his youth the log school house in the vicinity of his home. Later he attended the winter sessions of R. J. Morrison's school, on the Middle Road. In March, 1862, he went to British Columbia, where he was engaged for three years,

and upon his return he entered his father's grist and saw mill business, and also carried on farming. In 1868, in company with his brothers, William and Samuel James, he erected a sawmill on the lake shore. Several years later Samuel retired, and in 1890 William sold his interest, since which time Thomas L. Pardo has carried on the business alone. For a number of years barrel making was also one of the industries, and in 1884 stave making machinery was put in, giving employment, during the running seasons, to thirty-five or forty hands. Besides this, Mr. Pardo has extensive milling interests at Blenheim. He received from his father a farm of 300 acres, on which he resides, and he has added much real estate, owning probably as much as 1,000 acres in Raleigh township. He purchased the Hughson farm, his mother's childhood home, which place of 200 acres he has converted into a "model farm," and as such it is generally known. His handsome brick residence he built in 1899.

Mr. Pardo is one of the leaders of the Liberal party in Western Ontario, and since 1894 he has represented that party from the West Riding of Kent. Since 1873 he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has been through the various degrees, including those of the Scottish Rite, being a member of Wellington Chapter, of Chatham, and of the London Lodge of Perfection. He is also a member of the United Workmen.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Pardo married Ellen Jane Price, a native of Raleigh township, a daughter of Capt. James and Elizabeth (Brush) Price, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and came in young manhood to Ontario, and the latter a native of Colchester township, County of Essex. The following named children have come to this marriage: Amelia Jane, born Nov. 18, 1867, is the wife of John V. Mills, a large farmer of Raleigh township. Almeda Bertha, born Dec. 19, 1868, is the wife of Freeman Wilkie, of Harwich township. Gilbert Letson, born Sept. 24, 1871, married Elsie Bump, and is engaged largely in farming on his father's land. Almina Helena, born Dec. 9, 1875, and Maurice Hilton, born in June, 1880, are at home. Mrs. Pardo is an Episcopalian in religious belief, while Mr. Pardo was reared in the Methodist faith.

ALEXANDER DOLSEN, who has resided on his present farm, located one mile west of Chatham, for a period covering eighty-five years, is one of the oldest as well as most highly respected citizens of the County of Kent.

The Dolsens are of English, Scotch and German extraction, and it is not too much to say that Alexander Dolsen inherits not only the robustness of these hardy races, but very many of their best characteristics. Isaac Dolsen, his grandfather, was of German birth, and at a very early day settled in Sandwich, County of Essex, Ont., later moving into the County of Kent, where he died about the middle of the Eighteenth century. Of his children we have mention of Isaac, Jacob, Matthew, Peter, Daniel, Hannah and Betsey. Of these, Jacob was the father of Alexander.

Jacob Dolsen was born in Sandwich in 1785, and on June 21, 1809, married Jennette Laird. They became prosperous farming people of the township of Raleigh, in Kent, where both died, she on Jan. 17, 1849, and he on Dec. 31, 1856. They were the parents of a large family of children, who became well-known and respected residents of the various communities in which they settled. They were as follows: Eliza, born May 16, 1810; Oscar, May 10, 1812; George, July 21, 1814 (died in the same year); Mary, Feb. 16, 1816; Alexander, May 27, 1818; John Laird, April 12, 1820; Sarah A., May 4, 1822 (died March 20, 1900); Agnes, Oct. 1, 1824; Jane, March 16, 1827 (died in the same year); Catherine Ellen, July 27, 1828 (died July 19, 1829); Isaac, Aug. 27, 1831 (died Sept. 7, 1842). Of this large family all have passed away except Agnes and Alexander.

Alexander Dolsen was born on the farm where he now resides, on May 27, 1818, and lacked three days only of being one year older than Her late beloved Majesty, Queen Victoria. The changes which have transformed the County of Kent into its present state, making it among the most desirable farming country on the American continent, have been under the eye of Mr. Dolsen, to a great extent, for it is during his lifetime that machinery has been invented and transportation facilities introduced which have so wonderfully assisted farmers in their struggles with wild Nature. When Mr. Dolsen settled at his present loca-



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tion there was not a cleared spot of land large enough upon which to build a barn. This beautiful home, which is now known as the model farm of Canada, has, in large measure, been rescued from the forest by Mr. Dolsen himself. It is located in a most beautiful section of the country, about one mile from Chatham, and its appearance shows the taste as well as the energy and industry which has been put into it by its venerable owner, who has occupied it for almost a century. When the Dolsen family first settled there a bushel of wheat was given in exchange for a pound of shingle nails, and Mr. Dolsen can remember that in 1828 his father gave Duncan McGregor, a merchant of Chatham, four bushels of wheat for four pounds of shingle nails. Those were days that are recalled to the present generation by pictures of the pioneer huts with tiny paths leading into the forests, a time when there was use for none of the superfluous things of life, only its necessities, and still more vividly are those days brought to notice when an actual participant recalls them. Mr. Dolsen is a fine conversationalist, and despite advancing years retains his memory of the early days to a very remarkable degree. His reminiscences are both interesting and instructive.

Mr. Dolsen has been twice married, his first union, in 1853, being to Mary Ann Dobbyn, who was born in 1829. To this union came children as follows: Maria Arletta, born March 22, 1854, is the wife of Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross; Francis Jacob, born April 1, 1855, graduated from the medical department of McGill University, practiced in Michigan and Oregon, and died Jan. 19, 1885, leaving no family; Richard Perry, born April 23, 1856, who is a farmer of Raleigh township, married Janet Robinson, and they have three children, Irene, Marjory and Franklin Alexander; Waltema, born March 15, 1858, died the following June; Alexander, born May 18, 1859, died the following January; Robert Bruce, born March 13, 1861, died the following June; and William James, born May 6, 1863, is a farmer in Dover township. The mother of these children died July 9, 1863, and on Oct. 17, 1879, Mr. Dolsen married Ann Jane Jackson, who was born June 15, 1836, fifth daughter of Col. Thomas and Elizabeth (Crofts) Jackson, of Romney township, County of Kent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dolsen are valued members of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Reformer, and keeps well posted in all the leading topics of the day. He is widely known and universally respected.

ALEXANDER MACFARLANE, one of the most distinguished citizens of Ontario, a leader in scientific thought and author of the highest merit, and a savant in whom both his native land and his adopted country take pride, was born at Blairgowrie, Scotland, April 21, 1851. His education was obtained in the public school, and his selection as a pupil-teacher as early as the age of thirteen years gives testimony to the quick ripening of his powers. His ambition was to reach the University of Edinburgh, and in 1869 he entered that great educational institution. Mr. Macfarlane first entered the Junior classes in Latin and Greek, and at the end of the session stood fourth in the former and fifth in the latter, in classes of 200, largely composed of high school graduates. At the beginning of his second year he won the Miller scholarship, worth $400, in open competition, and at the beginning of the third year he won, in open competition, the Spence scholarship, worth $1,000. His third year of study was given to Senior Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Logic. It was the custom of Prof. Kelland to introduce Quaternions to his Senior students. The addition of vectors was intelligible, but the product of vectors seemed to be a universal difficulty, and to assist in his understanding young Macfarlane purchased a copy of Tait's "Treatise on Quaternions." This was the beginning of his special work as a mathematician. Prior to entering the class of Logic Mr. Macfarlane had already become familiar with the works of Hamilton and Mill, and while a member of the class he read, at the invitation of the professor, a paper which criticised the statement of the law of Excluded Middle, given by Jevons in his "Lessons on Logic," a paper which displayed unusual merit for so young a mind. It was his first intention to study for honors in Logic and Philosophy, but, perceiving how much they depended upon the principles of science, he took up the advanced classes in Mathematics and Physics, and in Mathematical Physics he not only gained the highest honors but also the appreciation and the personal friendship of Prof. Tait, the head of the Physical Department of

the University. In 1874 he was appointed Neil Arnott instructor in Physics, and in 1875 finished an unusually extensive course of undergraduate study by taking the degree of M. A. with honors in Mathematics and Physics.

Having, after graduation, won in a competitive examination the Maclaren fellowship, worth $1,500, he proceeded to study for the recently instituted degree of Doctor of Science, and, after one year spent on Chemistry, Botany and Natural History, and two years on Mathematics and Physics, he obtained the doctorate in 1878. His remarkable thesis was an experimental research on the conditions governing the electric spark, and it was subsequently published in the "Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh." It also brought him under the notice of the celebrated electrician and philosopher, Clerk Maxwell. In 1878 Dr. Macfarlane was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and the first contribution which he read personally was a memoir on the Algebra of Logic. In 1879 he enlarged its scope and published it under the title of "Principles of the Algebra of Logic." This volume was received with favor and brought the author into correspondence with many of the leading scientists and savants of the world. In 1879 he was able to meet many of them at the meeting of the British Association at Sheffield. During 1880 Dr. Macfarlane was interim Professor of Physics at the University of St. Andrews, and in 1881 he was appointed, for the usual period of three years, Examiner in Mathematics in the University of Edinburgh. During these years he contributed to the Royal Society a series of valuable papers on "Analysis of the Relationships of Consanguinity and Affinity." A paper on this subject, read before the Anthropological Institute of London, contains as perfect a notation for relationship as is the Arabic notation for numbers. His notable paper on "Plane Algebra" and his "Physical Arithmetic" were prepared during his tenure of office as Examiner.

In 1885 Dr. Macfarlane was called to the Chair of Physics at the University of Texas, where he became a colleague of his fellow logician, Dr. Halsted, and during that same year he met many American men of letters and science at the Ann Arbor meeting of the association. In 1887 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Michigan. His first year at the University of Texas was wholly taken up with the organization of the department, but in 1889 appeared a sequel to "Physical Arithmetic," namely, a volume of "Elementary Mathematical Tables." During this year he visited Paris, and at the meeting of the French Association became acquainted with many continental savants. On his return from Europe he began to publish the results of his study of the algebra of space, and a few of the notable papers read and prepared were the following, showing a mass of learning and an exactness of reasoning quite beyond the ordinary intelligence: "Principles of the Algebra of Physics"; "On the Imaginary of Algebra"; "The Fundamental Theorems of Analysis Generalized for Space"; "On the Definitions of the Trigonometric Functions"; "The Principles of Elliptic and Hyperbolic Analysis"; "The Analytical Treatment of Alternating Currents"; "On the Fundamental Principles of Exact Analysis"; and "The Principles of Differentiation in Space Analysis." In 1891 Dr. Macfarlane took an active part in organizing the Texas Academy of Science, and for two years acted as its Honorary secretary. He contributed many papers, among which may be mentioned: "An Account of the Rainmaking Experiments in San Antonio" and "Exact Analysis as the Basis of Language." For nine years Prof. Macfarlane remained at the University of Texas, resigning in 1894. The benefits accruing to the institution through his connection with it placed it far ahead of competitors. The course in mathematical physics which he arranged called forth a special approving article from a mathematical journal published at Turin, Italy. Since 1885 he has been a member of the Canadian Institute, Toronto, and in addition to belonging to a number of American and British societies he also holds membership with several of the leading ones of the European continent. He is prominently mentioned in the issue of "Who's Who," in America.

Since coming to reside in Ontario Prof. Macfarlane has continued to write many papers on the algebra of space, and has carried on the work of secretary of an International Society organized for promoting that branch of mathematics, and which includes in its membership many of the most active mathematicians of the several countries of the world.

Dr. Macfarlane is a grandson of Alexan-

der and Jeanette (Steele) Macfarlane, honored old residents of Perthshire, Scotland. Their sons were: James, Peter, Alexander and Daniel, the last of whom was the Doctor's father. The only member of this family who came to Canada was the late James Macfarlane.

Dr. Macfarlane married Miss Helen Swearingen, daughter of Patrick and Mary E. (Toland) Swearingen, of Texas. The former, descended from one of the Dutch founders of New York, was an attorney of prominence and held the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Confederate army during the Civil war in the States. To Dr. and Mrs. Macfarlane have been born three sons, Alexander S., Robert H. K., and Henry S. In politics Dr. Macfarlane favors the Liberal party; in religion he is a Presbyterian. He occupies his beautiful farm of 400 acres, on Lots 16 and 17, 6th Concession, during the summer season, his residence occupying its center. It is probably the most valuable, as it certainly is the most highly cultivated and improved, estate of the county, and everything is arranged in geometrical order.

JAMES MACFARLANE emigrated from Scotland in 1836 and located near Hamilton, Ont. He was one of the valued educators of the Province, and was retired near Hamilton, when he had passed the time limit. In 1851 he came to the County of Kent and purchased the fine property now occupied by his distinguished nephew, Dr. Macfarlane, naming it Gowrie, in memory of his old home. He continued to teach until 1860, after which he removed to this beautiful property, in which he made his home until his death. For many years he was a prominent citizen, a justice of the peace in Dover township, for two terms was township reeve, and in his political views was a Liberal. Mr. Macfarlane interested himself so prominently in the drainage of the locality that one of the great canals bears his name, and the one in the vicinity of Gowrie he also was permitted to name—the Gowrie drain. Prior to coming to Dover township he was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and it was one of the drawbacks to the enjoyment of his beautiful estate that he was separated from the church at Chatham, eight miles distant. In 1885 he established his nephew here and made him his heir, having never married. His death occurred in August, 1896, at the age of ninety-one years, and his burial took place at Jacks cemetery, in Dover township.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS (deceased), who for thirty-three years was County Crown Attorney of the County of Kent, at Chatham, and one of the leading men of that locality, was a native of Caithness, Scotland, born Sept. 1, 1838, son of George and Jeannette (Gunn) Douglas, both natives of Scotland; grandson of Donald and Isabel (Douglas) Douglas; and great-grandson of George and Marian (Johnston) Douglas—all of whom were born in Scotland. The great-grandfather was born about 1700; his son, Donald, about 1736, and the wife of the latter in 1744. The children of Donald and Isabel Douglas were: Alexander, George, William, John and Elizabeth.

George Douglas, father of William, was born in 1772, and his wife in 1778, and their marriage occurred in 1811. They came to Ontario in 1851, locating in the County of Northumberland, where the father died in 1865, and his wife in 1855. They were the parents of the following children: Donald, born in 1813, died in 1890; John, born in 1814, died in 1891; George, born in 1816, died in 1886; Alexander, born in 1821, resides in County Northumberland; William is mentioned below.

William Douglas was educated in the Toronto University, from which institution he graduated in 1861, with the degree of LL. B. In September of the same year, he passed the examination for barrister and solicitor, and then located at Chatham, where he entered into the practice of his chosen profession. In 1866 Messrs. Douglas and O'Hara formed a law partnership which continued until Mr. O'Hara's appointment as Master of Chancery, in 1869. The year previous Mr. Douglas had been appointed County Crown Attorney, which honorable office he filled with distinction until his death March 28, 1902, discharging the duties pertaining thereto in a manner which reflected credit alike upon his ability and his county. In 1885 Mr. Douglas was further distinguished by appointment as Queen's Counsel, and elected Bencher of the law society.

In 1863 Mr. Douglas was united in marriage with Miss Jane Emily Hudson, of Toronto, born in 1840, daughter of Capt. R. H. Hudson, and to this union nine children were

born: George H., deceased, of Toronto; William, educated in Toronto, who is now a leading physician of Tacoma, Washington; Julia; John; Lila; Donald; Mary; Isabel; and Jeane, who received the degree of B. A. from the University of Toronto. Mr. Douglas was one of the oldest members of the Bar of Chatham, and for a third of a century was an able and highly esteemed public official, as well as a distinguished member of the legal profession.

RUFUS STEPHENSON, one of Kent County's most revered pioneers, had a most remarkable career. He held almost every office within the gift of the people of this district and enjoyed the unique distinction of never having suffered defeat upon any occasion. He was universally esteemed and was without an enemy.

Rufus Stephenson was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on Jan. 13, 1835. He was a descendant of Deacon Samuel Chapin, a Puritan who came to Roxbury, Massachusetts, prior to 1640. Mr. Stephenson's grandfather was from Lancashire, England, and was of that branch of the Stephenson family from which sprang George and Robert Stephenson, so famous as railway engineers. In 1850 Mr. Stephenson came to Chatham as manager and associate editor of the Kent *Advertiser* and became proprietor of *The Planet* in 1857. He conducted this journal until 1878, when he disposed of it to his sons, Sydney, the present proprietor, and E. Frederick, now commissioner of Crown Lands, Winnipeg.

In Chatham Mr. Stephenson held many important offices. He was chairman of the public school board, chief and chief engineer of the fire department, member of the county board of instruction, member of the city council, member of the county council and mayor three years in succession, being elected twice by acclamation. He was commissioned as captain of No. 2 Company, 24th Kent Battalion Volunteer Infantry, in 1866. In 1867 Mr. Stephenson was the successful candidate of the Liberal Conservatives of Kent for the first Dominion Parliament and was re-elected at the general elections held in 1872, 1874 and 1878, respectively. Among the legislative measures initiated by him were the action of the Government in regard to the status of naturalized foreigners in British colonial possessions and the coasting relations with the United States and the navigation of inland waters, besides a number of general and local improvements of substantial value to Western Ontario. In 1882 Mr. Stephenson retired from Parliament and accepted an appointment as inspector of the colonization country, and afterward was appointed collector of customs, which position he held until his death, on Feb. 15, 1901.

On Oct. 11, 1854, Mr. Stephenson married Georgiana Emma, eldest daughter of Thomas Andrew, barrister, of London, England, who predeceased him. There were nine children, five sons and four daughters: Sydney Stephenson, publisher of *The Planet*, Chatham; E. F. Stephenson, commissioner Crown Lands, Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. William Goodeve, of Ottawa; Rufus Stephenson, of West Superior, Wisconsin; Andrew C. Stephenson, of Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. J. A. McWhinney, of Toronto, Ont.; John A. Stephenson, of Duluth, Minnesota; Mrs. Walter O'Hara, of Ottawa, Ont.; and Mrs. James Fleming, of Chatham.

SAMUEL FLEMING GARDINER, one of the leading business men and representative citizens of Chatham, County of Kent, was born Dec. 25, 1839, in the township of Mosa, County of Middlesex, near the Thames river, a son of James Gardiner.

The boyhood days of Mr. Gardiner were spent under the parental roof, and his education was secured in typical schools of the pioneer time in that locality, the poor ventilation of which seriously affected his health in early life. When about fifteen years of age he began assisting his father on the farm and in his mills, and thus acquired habits of industry and strict attention to the details of business which have been of value in his later life. His elementary education, obtained in the district school, was supplemented with a year's valuable instruction in Victoria College, at Cobourg, 1858-59, and he then returned to his father's assistance, and also assumed the duties of postmaster at Cashmere. In 1860 Mr. Gardiner went to Chatham with the intention of becoming a civil engineer, but was not able to make arrangements suitable to his wishes. He then went to Detroit, Michigan, where he entered the well-known business college of Bryant, Stratton & Goldsmith,



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as an evening student, his days being occupied as a clerk in the Farnsworth shoe store. From this position he changed to that of clerk in the wholesale tobacco store of Hanna & Co., and later accepted an offer which made him assistant bookkeeper in a flour and grain commission house. Here his duties were so efficiently performed that his promotion to head bookkeeper soon followed, and during the three years he held this position he nearly completed his college course. In the proffer of the position of bookkeeper by the large firm of Merick, Fowler & Esselstyne, extensive shippers and lumber dealers, Mr. Gardiner justly felt that his close and careful business faculties were recognized, and he remained in the employ and confidence of that firm for four years, only severing his relations on account of failing health.

During 1867 Mr. Gardiner wisely took a rest and spent a pleasant period in travel through the southeast and west. In October of that year, in association with his brother, W. E. Gardiner, he embarked in the banking and exchange business in Chatham, this partnership being dissolved in 1869. Mr. Gardiner continued alone until 1881, when he was appointed manager of the Chatham Loan & Savings Company, a position he has ably held ever since, being known as one of the safe, conservative financiers of his city, as well as a man of the highest personal and business integrity.

There are few of the leading enterprises of value in Chatham but have had his encouragement and support. He was the prime mover in the establishment of the Public General Hospital, the arrangements for its erection being perfected in his office, and he has been one of its strongest financial supporters ever since its establishment. The nucleus for this great charity was the bequest of $2,800, provided in the will of the late William Sherwood. Mr. Gardiner was the wise and careful executor of that trust, and now the noble structure stands as a testimonial not only to the benevolence of Mr. Sherwood, but also to the public spirit and untiring industry of those who so efficiently carried the work to completion. While Mr. Gardiner's time has been largely absorbed in business, he has never forgotten the duty of men to the society in which they live, and his influence has ever been directed toward temperance and religious efforts. Since 1868 he has been an active member of the Park Street Methodist Church, in which he has ably filled the offices of trustee, class-leader and Sunday-school superintendent and teacher, and he has been one of the financial pillars of that church for many years. In politics he has been a lifelong Reformer, but never a seeker for party rewards. Much like his aged father, he possesses a genial manner that wins friends, and the tact and sincerity that keeps them.

On June 16, 1868, Mr. Gardiner was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Holmes, and to this union were born two children: Grace Beulah, born Oct. 28, 1880, who died Aug. 10, 1891; and Samuel Noble, born July 16, 1884. Mrs. Gardiner was born April 24, 1845, in Brough, Parish of South Collingham, England. Like her husband, she takes an active interest in benevolent and social movements and in religious activities; is president of the ladies' Missionary Society of the Park Street Methodist Church, Chatham, of which she is a member; and is identified with almost all of the ladies' societies in the city. Prior to her marriage she was for some time a teacher of music, having inherited great talent from her father, in fact many of her paternal ancestors were noted musicians. Her parents, Thomas and Jane (Hampson) Holmes, were both born in England, in 1818, and were married in 1839. In 1852 they located at Chatham, where Mr. Holmes was engaged for some time in milling and as a grain merchant. He was a man of moral life and deep religious conviction, and a prominent member of the Methodist Church of Chatham, where for thirty years he was the leader of the choir, and also a trustee. In political life also he was prominent, for several years was mayor of Chatham, and at different times was urged to accept the nomination for member of Parliament, but declined the honor. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were as follows: Rebecca, who is Mrs. J. K. Holmes, of Iowa; John, who married Harriet Baxter, and is a resident of Chatham, being chief of police of that city; Samuel, who married (first) Cassie Fleming, a sister of Dr. Fleming, of Chatham, and (second) Ray Pepper; Mary Jane, who became Mrs. Gardiner; Lizzie, who married Hooper King, of Chatham; Thomas, who married Jennie Jones, of Chatham, and lives in Detroit, Michigan; Julia Ann, who is the wife of Rev. James McCrory, of Illinois; David, who married Louisa Gordon, of Wal-

laceburg, and lives in Chatham; Richard W., who married Ellen Patton, and resides in Chicago; and Sarah Melinda, who married Richard Stidston. Thomas Holmes, the father, died in 1896. He was a son of Samuel Holmes whose other children were: Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Rebecca, John, David and Richard. The mother of Mrs. Gardiner had two sisters and a brother, Julia, Annie and Joseph, the latter a British soldier and member of the Coldstream Guards. Her father owned large business interests in Brough, England, and was an influential man of that locality; he was also prominent in the Masonic fraternity, in which he had attained high rank.

CHARTERIS. The Charteris family stands among the early representatives of the County of Kent. The first of the family concerning whom there is any definite record is Charles Charteris, the grandfather of Dr. C. R. Charteris, of Chatham. He was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and married Miss Diana Reed, daughter of John Reed, of Northumberland, England. Three children were born of this union: John, deceased; Diana Elizabeth, of Australia; and Charles George. The father was a captain in the 28th Light Dragoons of Scotland, and on the disbanding of the regiment became a member of the Yeomanry Cavalry.

Charles George Charteris was born July 25, 1828, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1846, settling in Chatham, Ont., where he was employed by Witherspoon & Charteris, general merchants and agents for the Gore Bank, of which Alexander Charteris was one of the partners. At the expiration of five or six years, Charles George Charteris engaged in the lumber business with William Baxter, continuing therein until 1857, when he was appointed treasurer of the County of Kent, which position he held until the time of his lamented death, Feb. 27, 1887. He was one of the most popular of the county officials, being held in high esteem by the best people of the county. In local politics, also, he was a prominent figure, and for two terms was a member of the town council. He was the second mayor of Chatham, holding that office in 1857. Always interested in the welfare of his adopted city, he was decidedly a public-spirited man. At one time he was agent for the Bank of Upper Canada at Chatham, and worked for the settlement of their real estate interests in the County of Kent. In political affiliation he was a Reformer, and in religious connection a Presbyterian.

On Dec. 25, 1849, Charles George Charteris married Miss Elizabeth Baxter, daughter of William Baxter, of Chatham, and to this union were born eight children: F. W., a farmer of Chatham township; Mrs. Colles, of Chicago; Mrs. Dr. Mustard, of Ohio; Dr. C. R., of Chatham; F. G. Y., a farmer of Chatham township; Charles George; Caroline; and Harriett Louisa, deceased.

The Charteris family is a very ancient one in the annals of Dumfriesshire, Scotland. They are supposed to have been originally of French origin, settling in Scotland in the reign of George II. A large tract of land was granted to the family for important services to the king, and a portion of this property is still in the possession of some of the descendants of the family. The following may prove of interest in connection with the ancient history of the family: On the night of April 4, 1608, James VI slept at Amisfield Castle, on his way to England, and the bed he occupied that night is now preserved in the museum of antiquities at Edinburgh. There is also preserved in the same museum a door on which a hero of the Charteris family is represented in the act of tearing asunder the jaws of a lion—the same being a true representation of an incident in the history of the family.

DR. C. R. CHARTERIS was born in Chatham township, County of Kent, July 22, 1865, and was educated in the central and high schools of Chatham. His medical course was taken in the Toronto School of Medicine and Victoria University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Toronto, from which institution he was graduated in 1887, receiving the degree of M. D. C. M. The same year he began practicing in Chatham, becoming a member of the board of health of the city during that year. In 1888 he continued his medical studies in the hospitals of London and Edinburgh. Upon his return in 1889, the Doctor settled at Florence, County of Lambton, Ont., where he built up an extensive practice. At the end of four years of hard work, much of his practice being in the surrounding country, the continuous driving made itself felt in a breaking down of his

physical strength, and the Doctor moved to Chatham, where he is relieved of much of the out-of-town work, and in his eight years of practice in that city he has met with his former success. He is a member of the Ontario Medical Association. In January, 1900, he was appointed physician to the County House of Refuge, and also to the county jail. Dr. Charteris was appointed in 1896 a member of the Library Board, being chairman thereof in 1897 and 1903. This year (1904) he is chairman of the board of health.

On Nov. 19, 1890, Dr. Charteris was married to Miss Margaretta Webster, daughter of John Webster, postmaster at Florence, and they have three children: Gwendoline Isabella, Charles Maxwell and Walter Francis. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in his political faith he is a Reformer. Socially he belongs to the Sons of Scotland and to the I. O. O. F.

ROBERT STUART WOODS, Q. C., revising officer of the electoral district of Kent, late junior judge of Kent, local judge of the high court of justice, surrogate judge of the maritime court of Ontario, and for fifty years a prominent figure in the Western District, is, with his more than fourscore years, one of the grand old men of Kent. His eye is as bright, his mind as clear, his step as elastic, as when in the flush of early manhood he was called to the Bar.

In both paternal and maternal lines Judge Woods is of Scottish descent. His grandfather Woods was a Scotchman engaged in mercantile pursuits in St. John's, Lower Canada. His maternal grandfather, Hon. Alexander Grant, familiarly known as Commodore Grant, was a member of the ancient family of that name at Glenmoriston, Inverness, Scotland, and came to Canada as a midshipman under Lord Amherst, in 1759 being appointed to the command of a sloop of war, and taking an active and honorable part in the exciting events of those early days. Later he became commander or commodore of the western lakes, and at the time of his death had been an officer in His Majesty's service for nearly fifty-seven years. Commodore Grant was one of the seven men called by Gov. Simcoe to the first legislative council, and was the third member of the first executive council of Upper Canada; and in 1805-06 he was lieutenant-governor of that province. Although both Judge Woods's grandfathers were reared in the strict faith of the Scotch Presbyterians, both of them wedded French Canadian wives, of the Roman Catholic Church.

James Woods, father of Judge Woods, was a barrister-at-law at the Montreal Bar. In 1800 he came to the Western District, and took an active part in public matters. At his death he left a large landed estate. He married Elizabeth, seventh daughter of the late Alexander Grant.

Robert Stuart Woods was the fourth son of his parents, and was born at Sandwich, Essex, Ont., in 1819. He was educated in the district grammar schools under Rev. David Robertson, and the late Rev. William Johnson, until he was seventeen years of age, and subsequently under the Rev. Alexander Gale, of Hamilton. The course of study in those days was somewhat limited as compared with the curricula of modern schools, but what was lacking in extent was amply compensated for by thoroughness. In 1837 came the Rebellion, and the young student went to the relief of Toronto under Col. MacNab, as one of the famous fifty-six men of "Gore," in the steamer "Gore," by means of whom, on the first day of the Rebellion, the city was saved from MacKenzie's forces. He continued with Col. MacNab throughout the campaign, and of one of the exploits of that force, the cutting out of the "Caroline," Judge Woods has written an interesting account.

Judge Woods pursued his legal studies under Judge O'Reilly, of Hamilton, was called to the Bar in 1842, and was made a Q. C. by the Earl of Dufferin in 1872. Up to the time of his appointment as junior judge, in 1885, he was actively engaged in the practice of law, and he won for himself a high place through his lofty conception of the duties and the dignity attendant upon members of his profession. From 1846 to 1849 he was solicitor of the county council of the Western District, and is the oldest municipal officer in Kent. In 1843 he acted as judge of the division court, at a time when the circuit was 150 miles in length, and two weeks were required for the work. In 1850 he came to Kent, and at once took his place among those interested in the advancement and development of this section. His means and his energies have been given freely

to the securing of railways, good roads, canals and other enterprises. To him is due the forcing of Hamilton citizens into the construction of the Great Western railway, which, with the opening of the Michigan Central to Chicago (1849), became the link between the roads of the East and the West.

Judge Woods has never belonged to any secret society. While a faithful member of the Church of England, he has a broad sympathy for all other denominations, and is liberal in his aid to further any of them in good work. He belongs to the Church of England Synod, and is an earnest advocate of temperance, and of all legislation to promote it. For some time he was president of the Kent branch of the Dominion Alliance, and has belonged to other organizations having similar intent. In his politics he is a Conservative, first and last, and is proud of the fact that his allegiance to his party has never wavered, even while his personal relations with the leaders of the opposition have ever been most cordial. In 1854 he contested Kent against Larwill, McKellar & Waddell, when Larwill was returned, and Mr. Woods was defeated on the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, on which question he was in advance of his party.

In 1849 Judge Woods was united in marriage with Emma Elizabeth Schwarz, eldest daughter of the Hon. John E. Schwarz, adjutant-general of the State of Michigan. Since the advent of the year 1904 Judge Woods has retired from the junior judgeship, followed by the good wishes of all his legal brethren, whose admiration for his honorable career and reverence for his high character were unbounded. His public career has covered an important and historic period in the Province, and his reminiscences of the conditions and of people a lifetime ago are of great interest. His volume, "Harrison Hall and its Associations," gives the history of the District of Hesse and the Western District from their earliest organization, with that of their municipal, judicial, political and educational interests. He is a fine conversationalist and is by nature most social, and time spent in his society is never devoid of pleasure.

JOHN NORTHWOOD. The name of John Northwood has been well known in Chatham for something like sixty years, while for a still longer period it has represented an honorable family in County Kent. In the very early days the Northwoods belonged in England, but this family, like very many others, left its native land on account of religious disturbances, and settled in Ireland, where, for many generations the family has followed the custom of naming the eldest son John.

John Northwood, the third on record, was the great-grandfather of John Northwood of Chatham. His birth occurred in 1750, prior to the family exodus into Ireland. His son John, also born in England, was thrice married and the father of these children: John; Joseph, who became Senator Northwood; William; Henry; Thomas; James and Eliza. The only survivors of the family are Thomas and James.

John Northwood, of the above family, was the father of Mr. Northwood of Chatham, and was born in 1810, in Ireland, and in 1832, emigrated to Ontario, locating at Delaware, but one year later settled at Chatham, where he followed his business of contracting and building. Later he purchased and operated a sawmill, in which he was accidentally killed in 1842. In Ireland he married Harriet Little who accompanied him on the long voyage, of three months duration, across the Atlantic Ocean. They were the parents of the following children: Susan, who married Thomas Futcher, a farmer near St. Thomas, and has eight sons; Richard, deceased; John, of Chatham; and William, who is in business in Detroit, Michigan, and who married Charlotte Brown, and has three sons.

John Northwood was born Oct. 26, 1837, in Chatham, and has been more or less connected with and interested in this city for sixty years. Here he attended school, but began life for himself at the age of fourteen years, entering the employ of his uncles, J. and W. Northwood, with whom he remained three years, receiving one dollar per week for his services. He also learned the methods of business so effectually that at the age of seventeen years he was ready to embark in a grocery business of his own. Mr. Northwood carried on a successful trade of this kind for seventeen years, when he became the owner of a large flouring-mill, in Manitoba, which he operated with a capacity of 200 barrels per day, and which he finally disposed of for $30,000. Mr. Northwood owned the Gibb mill at Oshawa, and oper-

ated that for one year, and another, at Elora, Ont., which he operated for four years.

After disposing of his Manitoba mill property and returning to Chatham, Mr. Northwood, in association with Major Bell, engaged in a large land enterprise, purchasing 64,000 acres of Canadian land, forming a company, of which Mr. Northwood was made president, and Major Bell manager, the concern being known as "The Bell Farm." This property they handled for six years, and at the conclusion of the deal, Mr. Northwood was elected land agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, operating from Montreal to the Rocky Mountains, in the following year locating in the real estate business in Detroit, Michigan, where he was occupied in this line for the succeeding nine and one-half years. During this period, however, Mr. Northwood had not deserted Chatham, retaining his residence here and making weekly trips to his home. In 1899 he became interested in the beet sugar industry and is now negotiating for a tract of 500 acres of land in the vicinity of Chatham, on which to establish a plant which will bring here an industry worth $700,000.

In 1864, Mr. Northwood was married to Mary Smyth, a daughter of William Smyth, and a sister to Henry Smyth, a former member of Parliament. The children born to this union are as follows: Hary, who is engaged in business in Chatham; Edgar, formerly of Calumet, Michigan, now in business in Chatham; Dr. Alfred, who married Monica Hinds, of England, and resides in New Mexico; Sidney; Bertha; Ruth; Harriet; and Mary E.

In political sentiment, Mr. Northwood is a Reformer. The Northwood family has always been devotedly attached to the Church of England.

CAPT. DAVID HENRY GESNER was born at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, March 7, 1793, and died Jan. 30, 1879. His remains were interred in Trinity Church cemetery, Howard township, County of Kent.

The parents of Capt. Gesner were Henry and Sarah (Penneau) Gesner, of Hamburg, Germany, who settled in the United States at an early date, making their home in New York City. They were Loyalists, and during the troubles in that country removed to Nova Scotia. The following named children were born to them: Henry; John; David H.; Gibbs H.; Abraham; Fannicher, who married Samuel Cossett; Sarah, a school teacher, who died unmarried; Mariah, who married Edward Hamilton; Elizabeth, who married Hon. Samuel Chipman; Caroline, wife of Robert Kerr, and Charlotte, who married Samuel Barnaby. All of this family are now deceased.

David Henry Gesner studied medicine for two years in Montreal, at the same time teaching school, but finally decided to devote his attention to farming and in 1824 took up his farm of 100 acres in Orford township, Lot 63, S. T. R., as well as 100 acres additional, and there he passed the remainder of his life. His death occurred there. During the war of 1837 he served as captain, and won praise for his bravery and gallantry. For twenty years he was justice of the peace, and always took an active part in town affairs as a member of the Tory party. For ten years he was township clerk, and he was appointed first postmaster at Clearville, which position he retained for seventeen years. He was a member of the Church of England, and helped to build the first church in Howard township, at a time when there were no churches in that section. Kind-hearted, hard-working, a man of probity and uprightness of character, he was one who made and retained friends, and whose loss was deeply felt by the entire community.

On January 16, 1827, in Orford township, Capt. David H. Gesner married Sarah Stewart, who proved a most devoted and efficient helpmeet, and to whom much of his subsequent success was due. She was a loving Christian mother, and reared her family to be useful men and women. Of their children, Henry died in infancy; John married Jane Leitch, and died July 6, 1896; Sarah L. is deceased; David H., who was very prominent, having held the offices of councilor, deputy reeve, reeve and county warden, died in 1890, unmarried; Susannah C. married Rev. Archibald Lampman, of Ottawa; Abraham resides on the homestead, as do also Mariah and Elizabeth.

Of these children, all who grew to maturity have done their parents honor. Abraham, Mariah and Elizabeth, all unmarried, reside on the old homestead, which they carry on, and keep a home for the others. David H. Gesner became very prominent before his untimely death, in 1890, he having served as member of

the council, deputy reeve, reeve and county warden, the latter being the highest county office, and discharged the duties of these several positions of trust and responsibility faithfully and conscientiously. The present representatives of the Gesner name in Orford township enjoy in the highest degree the confidence of their fellow townsmen, and are prominent in social circles.

THOMAS HULME TAYLOR, deceased. Among the earlier settlers of Kent County, Ont., Mr. Taylor played an important part in the development of both its commercial and industrial interests.

The first of the Taylor family to emigrate to Ontario was William Taylor, who settled in Toronto when that now thriving city was known as "Little York." William Taylor was of English extraction and inherited the integrity and persevering characteristics of his race. He was born April 11, 1794, and on March 30, 1815, married Sarah Chew, who was born Aug. 13, 1797. This union was blessed with the following children: Elizabeth A., born March 11, 1816, married James Smith, of Dawn Mills, and died Jan. 27, 1895; Alice A., born Feb. 14, 1819, married Charles Prangley, and is now a resident of Dresden; Mary A., born Aug. 27, 1822, married Charles Baxter, and died May 25, 1900; William C., born Aug. 22, 1824, died June 18, 1894; Thomas Hulme is mentioned farther on; Sarah A., born March 14, 1830, married John T. Bogart, and died June 17, 1886; Jane A., born May 16, 1832, married Thomas Griffis, and died May 20, 1851; Samuel C., born Feb. 18, 1834, died Oct. 28, 1873. The father of these children died May 19, 1846, and the mother survived until Feb. 26, 1858. William Taylor was a very successful business man, having conducted business as a general merchant and operated a sawmill and flourmill. He was also engaged in shipbuilding, one of his boats being named "Sarah Taylor," and another "The Dawn;" he sailed both in connection with his various businesses.

Thomas Hulme Taylor was born Sept. 10, 1826, in Toronto. As a boy he accompanied his parents to Dawn, Ont., where he grew to manhood, and received his early literary training, which was later supplemented by study in the College at Caradoc.

On March 8, 1848, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Maria L. Bogart, formerly of the Bay of Quinte. Mrs. Taylor was born June 25, 1827, daughter of James L. and Deborah (Trumpour) Bogart, and granddaughter of Abram Bogart and his wife, Mary Lazier, the latter of whom lived to the advanced age of one hundred and one years, five months and twenty days, passing away in 1874. Abram Bogart died in 1848, the father of eleven children: John, Nicholas, Lewis, Gilbert, Cornelius, David, Abram, Peter, James L., Margaret and Charity. Both Abram Bogart and Mary Lazier were among the United Empire Loyalists who removed from the State of New Jersey to the Bay of Quinte district after the rebellion of the American Colonies. James L. Bogart, son of Abram and father of Mrs. T. H. Taylor, was born in 1799, and his wife, Deborah Trumpour, was born in 1805. They were the parents of but two children: John T. Bogart and Mrs. Taylor.

Thomas Hulme Taylor, like other prominent business men of later years, began business life in a small way, as a merchant at Dawn, Ont. His first venture was in partnership with James Smith and Charles Baxter. After his marriage he continued his mercantile business and added thereto a woolen-mill and sawmill. Under his careful management his business increased until he found it necessary to transfer his operations to a larger field, and in 1858 he moved his business to Chatham, there founding the industry known as T. H. Taylor & Co., for the manufacture of woolen goods and flour. The business of this firm was in the year 1892 taken over by the T. H. Taylor Company, Limited, which now conducts the same. In 1872 Mr. Taylor built the flouring-mill and elevator owned by the above mentioned company. Mr. Taylor remained at the head of this large and growing industry until his lamented death, Nov. 3, 1891, in which Chatham lost one of her most enterprising citizens.

Mr. Taylor was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, and in his political affiliations was Conservative. He never sought political or public honors, but consented to become a member of the city council for a time during his long residence in the city.

To Thomas H. Taylor and his wife were born nine children, concerning whom the following mention may be made: Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Dr. T. K. Holmes, of Chatham,

whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Jennie married David S. McMullen, Esq., formerly of Picton, Ont., now of Evanston, Illinois, on Dec. 22, 1880, and had three children as follows: Edith H. McMullen, born Feb. 25, 1882; Ray McMullen, born Feb. 22, 1884, who died Feb. 8, 1888, and Harold McMullen, born April 20, 1885. Agnes married David S. Patterson, Esq., of Chatham, on Dec. 26, 1883, and died February 6, 1892, leaving three children: Jessie Patterson, who was born Oct. 26, 1884; Irene, born Dec. 11, 1887, and Murray, born Nov. 16, 1891. Alice married Edwin Frederick Stephenson, Esq., Dominion Lands and Crown Timber Agent, Manitoba, on Sept. 7, 1881, and has had two children: Alice Beatrice, born Dec. 5, 1884, who died May 10, 1894, and Mary Geraldine, born Aug. 5, 1888. Ella Eugene married Dr. John Earle Jenner, now of the town of Essex, on June 1, 1887, and has three children: Madeline Mary Jenner, born Nov. 12, 1890; Agnes Dorothy Jenner, born Sept. 6, 1895, and John Thomas Russell Jenner, born Jan. 13, 1898. Walter Hulme Taylor, the eldest of the three sons of T. H. Taylor, who is now secretary and manager of the T. H. Taylor Company, Limited, was born Sept. 14, 1861, and married Miss Minnie Howie, of Chatham, Dec. 27, 1899. William James Taylor, now vice-president of the T. H. Taylor Company, Limited, was born Nov. 27, 1863, and on April 19, 1892, married Miss Adelaide C. Scane, a daughter of the late E. W. Scane, Esq., Barrister, etc., Chatham, and has had two children: William Wallace Taylor, born Aug. 30, 1894, and Thomas Hulme Taylor, born Jan. 10, 1901. Thomas Trumpour Taylor, born April 25, 1867, died May 11, 1896, after having completed a very brilliant course and qualified himself as a medical practitioner; he was unmarried. Grace Laura Maud Taylor, born Oct. 5, 1870, married Frederick Stone, Esq., of Chatham, Barrister-at-Law, on June 1, 1892, and has had three children: Thomas Spencer Hulme Stone, born April 20, 1894; Mary Adelaide Stone, born May 22, 1897, and Laura Kathleen Stone, born June 20, 1901.

DR. GEORGE JAMES GIBB. The Gibbs are among the old and well known families of the County of Kent, and are of Scottish extraction. George Gibb, the first member of whom there is any definite record, was of Montrose, Scotland, and emigrated to the County of Middlesex, Ont., many years ago. His house was used for the first post office between London and Chatham, on the Long Woods road. Here his death occurred in 1839. He married Mary Gardiner, a sister of James Gardiner, of Chatham, and they had the following children: Ruth, who is deceased; Jane, wife of Thomas Neil; Ellen, widow of Ed. Bondimer, of Detroit; Eliza, deceased, wife of Alexander Archer; Peter, deceased, who had one child, Ida, now of Detroit; and David, deceased.

David Gibb, father of Dr. Gibb, was born in the County of Middlesex in 1836, and for a number of years was a farmer. Later he settled in Sarnia, and there died Aug. 8, 1900. He married Maria Jackson, daughter of James and Rebecca (Cater) Jackson, formerly of Oxford, England. Mrs. Gibb died in 1881, the mother of the following children: William W. died leaving no family; Mary L. is the widow of Richard T. Maxwell, and has one child, Mary; Alice is now residing at Sarnia; Emma, wife of F. W. Sheppard, of St. Louis, Missouri, has four children, Louise, Lilian, Anna and Allan; George James is our subject.

George James Gibb was born in the County of Middlesex, Ont., in 1859, and grew to manhood in his native county. After a preliminary course in the public schools he graduated from the Wardsville high school, in which he later became a teacher, continuing there for some time. Then he attended the University of Toronto, and in 1881 he commenced the study of dentistry in the office of Drs. Coyne and Wilson, of Wardsville, completing his course at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, from which he was graduated in 1883. Immediately afterward he commenced the practice of his chosen profession in Blenheim, where he has since resided, building up a very enviable patronage among the best people of the community. Professionally he is regarded as one of the leading dental surgeons of Blenheim, as well as of the surrounding district, where his ability has made him well known.

In 1889 Dr. Gibb married Leora Arnold, daughter of Thadeus and Caroline (Field) Arnold, and granddaughter of Christopher Arnold, one of the illustrious pioneers of the County of Kent. Three daughters have been

born to Dr. and Mrs. Gibb, Alma, Grace and Moyna. The Doctor and his wife are very popular in social circles.

DARIUS ABOTT WILLCOX, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of the County of Kent, living at Chatham, is descended from Dutch ancestry. His grandfather, Isaac Willcox, was a native of Canada, and after the war of the Revolution went to the States, and died in Perry county, Indiana. He was the father of two sons and five daughters, of whose names the following are known: Hannah, Nancy, Sophia, Isaac and Amos.

Isaac Willcox, father of Darius A., was born near Toronto about the year 1777. He followed the occupation of farmer, cattle dealer and hotel-keeper. He married Margaret Willcox, born in the County of Kent about the year 1778, who died when still middle aged, and he survived until 1827. To this worthy couple there were born the following named children: Amos, Margaret, Elizabeth, Darius A., and Nancy (who died in 1818), all now deceased except Elizabeth and Darius A.

Darius Abott Willcox was born July 18, 1819, in Tilbury West, Lot 18, Lake Farm. At the age of twelve he left his home to work for an uncle, with the understanding that he was to receive his board and clothing in payment for his services. When he was eighteen years of age he began to work for himself, hiring out as a farm hand at the meager wages of five shillings a month. Small as this compensation was, he saved sufficient money to purchase the necessary outfit to operate a farm, and after renting for some time he purchased a place in 1850, located two miles from Chatham, on the town line road, Lot 3, Concession 3. This farm Mr. Willcox soon sold, purchasing another of 250 acres in Chatham township. After holding this second property for a short time he sold and purchased 196 acres in Dover township, on which he lived for nearly forty years. In March, 1900, he sold that property and bought sixteen acres just outside the corporate limits of Chatham, known as the McGregor property. In addition to this real estate Mr. Willcox owns 200 acres in Dover township, County of Kent, and 320 acres in Nebraska.

Mr. Willcox has been twice married, his first wife having been Monique Dolsen, a native of the County of Kent, born in 1820, who died in December, 1864, leaving one daughter, Eliza, who married Thomas Monk, and, after his death, J. E. McIntyre; Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre reside on the farm of Mr. Willcox in Dover township. The other child of the first marriage, Isaac, is now deceased. In 1866 Mr. Willcox married Miss Martha Johnson, who was born in 1831 in Prince Edward Island, and she bore him five children, all now deceased. Mrs. Willcox is a daughter of Robert and Martha (Graham) Johnson, who came to the County of Kent in 1848, settling in Chatham township, and later moving to Dover township, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. Willcox are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which they take an active part.

In political matters Mr. Willcox believes in casting his vote for the man best fitted for the office. During the many years he has resided in the vicinity of Chatham Mr. Willcox has become identified with the best interests of the community, and is justly regarded as one of the substantial and representative men of the County of Kent.

CHARLES JOHN DUNLOP, of the Inland Revenue Service at Chatham, County of Kent, is of Scotch extraction. He is a son of Charles John Dunlop, a prominent advocate of Montreal, and traces his descent back through a long line of the Lairds of Dunlop to the middle of the thirteenth century, while on another side he can claim kinship with the families whose names are closely connected with Scotland's wealth of romance and song.

The first record of the Dunlops dates back to 1260, and for the five succeeding centuries the line is as given below, in the "genealogical tree of the Dunlops of that ilk."

1260 (I) Don. Guilielmus De Dunlop.

1296 (II) Neil Fitz-Robert De Dunlop.

1300-1400 (III) and (IV) Property alienated from the Dunlops.

1400 (V) James De Dunlop.

1407 (VI) John De Dunlop.

1413 (VII) Alexander De Dunlop.

14— (VIII) John Dunlop of that ilk.

1470 (IX) Constantine Dunlop.

1476 (X) Alexander Dunlop.

1507 (XI) John Dunlop, married to Marion Douglas.



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1537 (XII) James Dunlop, married to Ellen Cunningham, of Glencain.

1549 (XIII) James Dunlop, married to Isabel Hamilton, of Orbieston.

1558 (XIV) Alexander Dunlop, of Dunlop.

1596 (XV) James Dunlop, married to Jean Somerville, of Cambresnathan (?).

1617 (XVI) James Dunlop, married to Dame Margaret Hamilton, widow of the Bishop of Lismore or Argyll, and daughter of Gavin Hamilton, Bishop of Galloway.

1668 (XVII) James Dunlop (nephew of the above), married to Elizabeth Cunningham, of Corsehill.

1683 (XVIII) Alexander Dunlop, married to Antonia, daughter of Sir John Brown, of Fordel.

1684 (XIX) John Dunlop (succeeded his brother).

1707 (XX) Francis Dunlop, married to Susan Leckie, of Newlands.

1748 (XXI) John Dunlop, married to Frances Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Wallace, of Craigie, Bart. (by his first wife).

John Dunlop, the twenty-first laird of that ilk, was married to Frances Anne Wallace in 1747; she was the only daughter and heiress of her father, the fifth baronet of Craigie, and Eleanor, daughter and heiress of Col. Agnew, of Lochryan. The estate of Lochryan was left by will by Mrs. Dunlop to her great-grandson, Sir John Alexander Dunlop Wallace, seventh baronet of Craigie (the baronetcy of Craigie was created in 1669). Mrs. Frances Wallace Dunlop was the patroness of Robert Burns. The issue of John and Frances Anne Dunlop was as follows:

(I) Frances died young.

(II) Sir Thomas Wallace, who took the surname of Wallace on succeeding his grandfather as sixth baronet of Craigie, was born in 1751. He married, in 1772, Eglontine, daughter of Sir William Maxwell, baronet of Monreith, and died in 1837. Their children were: (1) Thomas Wallace died young. (2) Gen. Sir John Alexander Dunlop Wallace, K. C. B., seventh baronet of Craigie and Lochryan, born in 1773, deceased in 1857, married Janet, daughter of William Bodger, by whom he had 1, Sir William Thomas Francis Agnew Wallace, eighth baronet of Craigie and Lochryan, lieutenant colonel grenadier guards, born in 1830, who died in 1892; 2, George Gordon Wallace, R. N., who died unmarried; 3, Alexander Francis Wallace, deceased; 4, Lieut. Col. Francis James A. Wallace, late in the Scots Greys; 5, Agnes Eleanor Wallace; 6, Robert Wallace, married to Jane Bell, of Enterkine, in 1859, to whom were born—(a) Jeanette Frances Wallace, (b) John Alexander Agnew Wallace (who succeeded to Lochryan on the death of his uncle, Sir William Wallace, in 1892, was born in 1861, married Agnes Fair in 1893, and had one daughter), (c) Mary Ann Wallace, (d) Eleanor Agnes Wallace, (e) Isabella Wallace, (f) Dora Williamina Wallace, (g) Jane Rotina Agnew Wallace, (h) Robert Bruce Agnew Wallace (born in 1873), (i) Eva Beatrice Wallace.

(III) Alexander died young.

(IV) Brig. Gen. Andrew succeeded to the Dunlop estate in 1784, and died, unmarried, at Antigua in 1804.

(V) Lieut. Gen. James succeeded his brother in Dunlop, and was M. P. from Kirkcudbright. He greatly distinguished himself at the storming of Seringapatam, and commanded a brigade of the Duke of Wellington in the campaign of 1811. He married Julia, daughter of Hugh Bailie, of Monkton, in 1792, and died in 1832. He was the last of the Dunlops of Dunlop to be buried in the family vault under Dunlop church. He had issue as follows: (1) Anna, wife of Col. Davies, of the Grenadier Guards, died in 1826. (2) John, first baronet of Dunlop, M. P. for Ayrshire, formerly a captain in the Grenadier Guards, married (first) Charlotte Constance, daughter of Sir R. D. Jackson, K. C. B.; and (second) Lady Harriet Primrose, daughter of the Earl of Roseberry, by whom he had no children. He died at Hastings in 1839. His issue by the first marriage was as follows: 1. Sir James, second baronet, a major in the Coldstream Guards, distinguished himself at the battles of Alma and Inkermann in the Crimean war. He died unmarried in 1858, aged twenty-seven, when the title became extinct. 2, Charlotte Constance, married, in 1860, Hon. Reynolds Moreton, son of the Earl of Ducie, by whom she had: (a) Basil Hugh Reynolds Moreton, born in 1861, died in 1873. (b) Henry John Moreton, of Minneapolis, Minn., U. S. A., married Carrie, widow of Col. Charles Ball, U. S. Their issue was: Theodore Reynolds Moreton,

born in 1890; Hugh Berkley, born in 1891. (c) Francis James Moreton was born in 1863. 3, Hugh, R. A., Admiral and C. B., commanded H. M. S. "Tartar" in the Baltic, during the war with Russia. He was born in 1808, and died in 1887. He married Helen Cockburn, by whom he had one son, Vice-Admiral James Andrew Robert, who married Agnes White and died without issue in 1892. 4, Andrew Robert died while at Oxford in 1831. 5, Frances, who married, in 1838, Alexander Earl Monteith, advocate and sheriff of Fife, died in London in November, 1898, aged ninety-five. Her children were: (a) Robert Monteith (who died young) and (b) Anna Monteith.

(VI) John, first an officer in the army, and later a farmer at Morhams Mains, East Lothean, married his cousin, Magdalen Frances, granddaughter of Francis Dunlop, of Dunlop, by his second marriage with Miss Kinloch. Their children were:

(1) John Andrew Wallace, a member of the Council of Bombay, married Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Sandwith, H. E. I. C. S. Issue: 1, Francis, deceased. 2, Robert Henry Wallace-Dunlop, C. B., Bengal Civil Service, was born in 1823, and died in 1887. He was married to Lucy Dawson, by whom he had six children: (Note: The surname Wallace was added by Robert Dunlop, C. B., from his grandmother's family, the Wallaces of Craigie.) (a) Keith Wallace-Dunlop, born in 1862; (b) Marion Wallace-Dunlop, 1864; (c) Arthur Wallace-Dunlop, 1868, a captain in the Indian Staff Corps; (d) Lillian Wallace-Dunlop, 1869; (e) Constance Wallace-Dunlop, 1872; (f) Hugh Wallace-Dunlop, 1874. 3, Madeline Ann, authoress of "Glass in the Old World" and other books. 4, Elizabeth Joanna Emily. 5, Helen, deceased. 6, Rosalind Harriet Maria, who married William Inverarity, and had (a) Duncan Inverarity and (b) Madeline Inverarity. 7, Emily.

(2) Madeline, wife of J. Cockburn, and mother of 1, Madeline Frances, who married Frederick Manable, by whom she had (a) Edith, wife of Mr. Ferguson; and (b) Douglas Heron Manable, who is married and resides in London. 2, Jemima, wife of F. A. Philbrick, whose children are: (a) Magdalene Frederika Emily, (b) Evelyn Catherine Mary and (c) Charlotte Edith Christobel.

(3) Susan Agnes Eleanora married George Mackenzie Bots, of Aldie, to whom she bore: 1, Francis Andrew Wallace Bots, of South Island, New Zealand, who married his cousin, Catherine Robertson, and had children: (a) Jemima Herrick Bots; (b) George Henry Bots, married to Ellen Sinclair; (c) Francis Wallace Bots; (d) John Robert Bots; (e) Susan Eleanor Bots; (f) Catherine Bots, who died in 1885; (g) Henry Dundas Bots; (h) Alexandra Flora Bots. 2, John Robert Henry Bots, who died unmarried. 3, Anthony Bots, who married Grace Murdock, and died in 1883, leaving: (a) Alexander Cunningham Dunlop Bots; (b) Francis James Bots; (c) Susan Eleanor Bots; (d) John Robert Henry Bots; (e) Anthony Campbell Bots; (f) Antonia Bots; (g) Ernest Bots; (h) Allan Bots. 4, Rachel Keith Bots, who married (first) Robert Stewart, and (second) Mr. Jackson, of Wellington, New Zealand.

(4) Jemima Vans, wife of Col. H. Dundas Robertson, and mother of: 1, Henry Dundas Robertson, Bengal Civil service, who married his cousin, Alexina Wallace Dunlop; their issue: (a) Flora Dundas Robertson, who married Stanlaus Zieby Womaska, and had a daughter, Nina Vans; (b) Alexander Dundas Robertson. 2, Catherine Robertson, who married her cousin, Francis A. W. Bots (issue given above).

(5) Flora, who married her cousin, Lieut. Col. Alexander Dunlop.

(6) Anthony, a merchant in Bombay, who died unmarried.

(7) Wallace Francis, H. E. I. C. S., who died unmarried.

(8) Henry, advocate, who died unmarried.

(9) Robert Glasgow, who died in the West Indies.

(10) Robert, who died young.

(11) James, who died young.

(VII) Anthony married Ann Cunningham, niece of Sir William Cunningham, of Robertland; they became the grandparents of C. J. Dunlop, of Chatham, Ont. He died in 1826, the father of

(1) William, a captain in the Fifty-fifth Regiment, who married (first) a Miss Kesting, by whom he had no issue, and (second) Emily Peat, who bore him: 1, William Wallace, born in 1855; 2, Frank Cunningham, 1857; 3, Emily Constance, 1860; 4, Herbert, 1862.

(2) Lieut. Col. Alexander married his

cousin, Flora Dunlop, and had: 1, Flora married A. J. McCartney, their issue being: (a) Constance McCartney, married to William Longfield; (b) Jane Catherine Nina H. McCartney; (c) Jemima Vans Ann Mabel McCartney; (d) Flora Antonia McCartney; (e) Charlotte McCartney; (f) Harry Burgh John Arthur McCartney; (g) Alexander Cunningham Wallace McCartney; (h) Arthur John McCartney; (i) Henry Dundas Keith McCartney. 2, Alexina Wallace married her cousin, Henry Dundas Robertson, as above. 3, Constance died unmarried. 4, Antonia married David Lyall. 5, John married Frances Mawby, and had seven children: (a) Alexander Anthony Mackenzie; (b) Nina Flora; (c) Vans; (d) Henry Dundas; (e) Kenneth; (f) Keith (a girl); (g) Myra. 6, Harriet.

(3) Flora.

(4) Charles John, a prominent lawyer in Montreal, Canada, married Sophie Fellows, and died in 1871. They had three children: 1, Charles John, married and residing in Chatham, Ont., Canada; 2, Constance Ann, who died in Montreal, in 1881, wife of John Maclaurin, and mother of Emily, Minnie, Ada and Dora; 3, Alexander Francis, a fellow of the Royal Canadian Academy of Artists.

(5) Lieut. Gen. Franklin, C. B., Royal Artillery, married Eliza Gordon, sister of the Gen. Charles Gordon who was killed at Khartoum. He died in April, 1887, father of: 1, Henry Gordon, who died unmarried; 2, William Wallace, a lieutenant in the Ninety-fifth Regiment in 1877 (he married Rebecca Lyon, who became the mother of Franklin Lyon and Charles Gordon); 3, Emily Mary, residing at Holmwood, Surrey.

(6) Mary R. S., who died unmarried in 1864.

(7) Frances W., who died unmarried in 1874.

(8) Anne, who married Rev. J. Gibson, and died in November, 1891.

(VIII) Agnes Eleanor married Joseph Edward Perochon, a wealthy French Royalist refugee. No issue.

(IX) Susan married Mons. Henri Mugea (?), and died in 1792, leaving one son

(1) James Henry, who married Mlle. Beau, and was the father of: 1, Louise, who was the wife of Mons. Courtois, a banker at Toulouse, and the mother of: (a) Marie Courtois, who married M. de Gervain and died in 1863, leaving Helene, wife of Count de Mont Brisson, in the south of France; Henri de Gervain; Leontine, wife of M. Delmas.

(X) Frances, born in December, 1761, married in 1777 Robert Vans Agnew, of Barnbanoch and Shenchan, and died in 1848. She had nine children, as follows:

(1) Margaret, born in 1778, deceased in 1864.

(2) Robert, captain of the Grenadier Guards and brigadier major to his uncle, Gen. Andrew Dunlop, who died with the latter in Antigua, in 1804.

(3) John, who succeeded his father, and died in 1825, unmarried.

(4) James, R. N., who was burned to death on Admiral Keith's vessel in the Bay of Naples, in 1800.

(5) Lieut. Col. Patrick Vans Agnew, C. B., one of the East India Directors, who was born in 1783, and succeeded to the estate upon the death of the brother, John, in 1825. In 1810 he married Catherine Fraser, and died in 1842; he had seven children: 1, Frances Vans. 2, Mary married Gen. Jefferys, C. B., in 1844; their only child was Emily Charlotte, wife of Edmund Byron, and mother of (a) Lucy Byron; (b) Thomas Byron; (c) Cecil Edmund Byron; (d) Alice Byron, born in 1872, deceased in 1879; (e) Eric Byron; (f) Eva Mary Byron. 3, Robert Vans Agnew married, in 1852, Mary, second daughter of Sir David Hunter Blair, baronet of Blairquhar. He succeeded his father in Barnbanoch and Shenchan in 1842, and was J. P. and D. L., and M. P. for Wigtownshire, from 1873 to 1880. He died in 1893, aged seventy-six. His children were: (a) Elizabeth Vans Agnew, wife of Edward Solvin Bowlby, and mother of Eva Mary, Geoffrey Vans Solvin, and Catherine Isabel Solvin; (b) Catherine Vans Agnew, who married Erasmus Gower and bore him Libias Mary, Grace Ann Catherine, Evelyn Gladys, Mary Christina and Erasmus William; (c) Patrick Alexander Vans Agnew, born Oct. 20, 1856, captain of the Third Batt., rifle brigade; (d) James David Vans Agnew, born in 1858, deceased in 1889; (e) John Vans Agnew, born in 1859, in the Madras Civil Service; (f) Mary, who married in 1886, A. Agnew Stuart Monteith. 4, Catherine Vans Agnew died in infancy. 5, Patrick Alexander

Vans, Bengal Civil Service, born in 1822, was killed at Moulton in 1848, while on an embassy. 6, William Vans died young. 7, John Vans Agnew, born in 1824, deceased in 1873, married in 1852 Frances Jenkins, and became the father of: (a) Robert, (b) Patrick Alexander, (c) Frank, (d) Catherine Isabel Ida (wife of William Corbett), (e) Ernest George, and (f) Violet Eleanor.

(6) Frances Georgina Vans Agnew, who died in 1839.

(7) Anne, who died in infancy.

(8) Henry Stuart, who died in 1855, unmarried.

(9) Maria, born in 1792, and deceased in 1882, unmarried.

(XI) Rachel married Robert Glasgow, of Montgreenan, and died in 1829, without issue.

(XII) Keith, born in 1772, died unmarried in 1858, and was buried in Alloa kirkyard.

Charles John Dunlop, our subject proper, was born at Montreal and there educated. His business life began at Morrisburg, where he was engaged in the produce business for three years, before going, in 1867, to Chatham. In that place he was in partnership three years with R. J. Earl, in the grocery business, but at the end of that time he entered, in 1873, upon government work, and has continued therein up to the present time, as one of the Inland Revenue officials of the Dominion.

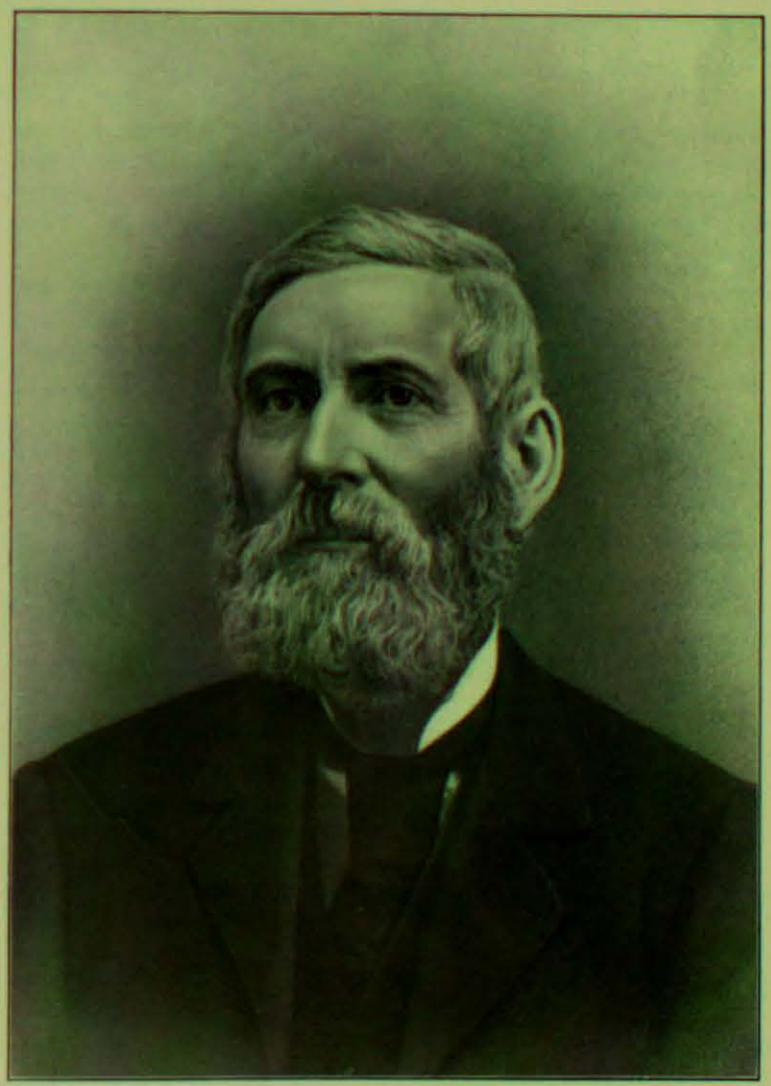
In 1867 Mr. Dunlop was married to Miss Charlotte Sophia Crysler, youngest daughter of John P. Crysler, of Crysler Hall, Williamsburgh, County of Dundas, and granddaughter of the Col. Crysler on whose property was fought the battle of Crysler farm. To Mr. Dunlop and his wife have been born three sons: John Pliny, a barrister in San Francisco, California, who was born in 1868, and married Miss Evangeline Crowell, of Washington, D. C.; Frederick Sherwood, born in 1870, a business man in Chicago, who married Miss Iva Sharpe, of that city, by whom he has one daughter, Mildred; Frank Carruthers, born in 1875, an accountant in the First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who married a Miss Codd, daughter of Dr. Codd, of Winnepeg, and has had one daughter, Constance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop are members of the Church of England. Fraternally Mr. Dunlop is connected with the A. F. & A. M., of Chatham, in which he is past master of Parthenon Lodge, No. 267.

JAMES GARDINER. Among the most highly esteemed residents of the County of Kent is the venerable James Gardiner, who, at the eighty-ninth milestone in life's journey, is still in good health, in possession of all of his faculties, and one of the most genial gentlemen of the city of Chatham.

Mr. Gardiner comes of North of Ireland stock on his mother's side, and of Scotch blood on the father's side of the family. Singleton Gardiner, his grandfather, was born in Ireland about the middle of the Eighteenth century, and there passed his whole life. His immediate descendants were two sons and one daughter, viz.: Thomas, Singleton, and Ann deceased, who became Mrs. Henry Coyne.

Singleton Gardiner (2), son of Singleton and father of James, in 1805 settled on the line between Putnam and Westchester counties New York, where he purchased thirty acres of land, a part of which was situated in each county. His brother and sister also came to the States and settled in the same locality. Singleton Gardiner lived in the State of New York until 1816, when he removed with his family to Port Talbot, County of Middlesex, Ont., on the Talbot Road, three miles from the residence of Col. Talbot, and there purchased fifty acres of land. In 1825 he sold this property and settled on the Thames river, in the County of Middlesex, having purchased 240 acres of land at Andover, in Little York (Toronto), for $425. Mr. Gardiner also bought 200 acres on the opposite side of the river from his other property, and on this 200 acres he settled in 1825. There he died in 1834, at the age of sixty years. In 1803 he married Ruth Hamilton, who was born in Ireland in 1773, and died in Canada, March 19, 1858. To this worthy couple were born two sons and two daughters, available records giving these facts concerning them: (1) Mary, who was born in 1804, married John Gibb, and settled on the 240-acre tract purchased at Andover. She died in 186 and was the mother of four sons and four daughters, three of her children still surviving —Mrs. Thomas Farwell, of Wallaceburg Mrs. John Hyslop, of Grand Forks, North D



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kota; and John Nelson Gibb, of Wallaceburg, Ont. (2) Deborah, born in 1806, married George Gibb, and became the mother of five children, three of whom survive—Dr. George Gibb, of Blenheim, Mrs. Thomas Neil and Helen. (3) William Gardiner died in 1860. He was the father of these children: Adelia, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Mary, Mrs. John Marcus, of the County of Middlesex; Cecilia, Mrs. Irwin, of St. Thomas; Mattie, Mrs. John Porter, of Thamesville; Winifred, Mrs. Petch, a telegraph operator at Tillsonburg; Singleton and William, who were drowned while bathing in the Thames; Isabella, a telegraph operator at Wardsville; and Howard, a farmer in the same locality.

James Gardiner, the youngest member of his parents' family, was born Aug. 31, 1814, in Putnam county, New York, and with his father's family lived in the different places above mentioned. At the age of twenty years, in 1834, he began his individual career, operating a sawmill, a gristmill and also a farm in the County of Middlesex, the latter being located in Lot 28, first range north of the river. This property all finally came into his possession, and to its management and cultivation Mr. Gardiner gave his energies until 1870, when, in December of that year, he removed to Chatham, later disposing of the property. Mr. Gardiner is a man of some means and permits his capital to work for him. He is a stockholder in the Chatham Loan & Savings Company, of which his son Samuel is manager, and is the oldest member of the board. Mr. Gardiner has always taken a deep and intelligent interest in general affairs and in the political outlook, voting consistently with the Reform party. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Gardiner in his interesting reminiscences of the life of his youth takes his hearer back to a very primitive style of living, and to him and others the present generation is indebted for the ease and comfort of to-day. The pioneers blazed the way. Mr. Gardiner has in every way been a useful citizen, filling various local positions, and since 1847 has been a justice of the peace. He has been blessed with good health and bears his weight of years like a much younger man, his genial manner smoothing away many rough places in his long path, both for himself and others.

On Feb. 20, 1836, Mr. Gardiner was married to Rebecca Fleming, of Aldborough township, County of Elgin, a daughter of James Fleming and an aunt of Dr. Fleming of Chatham. A family of five children was born to this union, namely: (1) William E., born Sept. 30, 1837, married Agnes Barr, daughter of the late Dr. Barr, of Chatham. One son of this marriage, McGregor, married Georgiana Moore, by whom he had one daughter, Gladys, born in 1898. (2) Samuel Fleming, born Dec. 25, 1839, married Jennie Holmes, and they have one son, Samuel Noble. Samuel F. Gardiner is the capable manager of the Chatham Loan & Savings Company. (3) Miss Barbara Ann resides in Chatham and cares for her father, a dutiful daughter and a most estimable lady. (4) Jane married W. G. McGeorge, and died in 1901, leaving children—Ethel, Sybil, Flora and William. (5) Matilda married Isaac Coyne, a merchant in Toronto, and they have three sons, DeWitt, Percy and Stanley. The mother of this family passed out of life in 1891, leaving behind many who sincerely mourned the loss of so kind and loving a wife, mother and neighbor.

JAMES INNES, managing director of the Sutherland-Innes Company, Limited, of Liverpool, England, Mobile, Alabama, New Orleans, Louisiana, New York City, New York, and Chatham, Ontario, is a descendant of noble Highland Scotch ancestors, his great-grandmother on his father's side being one of the Forbes of Culloden, who sheltered Prince Charlie in his extremity, and for this had their estates sequestrated. He is descended from the noble family of Innes of Moray, the "Scottish Nation" giving a complete history of the family down to 1837. The biographer states that the Innes family was noted that their estates never descended to a woman, none of them ever married an ill wife, that no friend ever suffered for their debt, and that they were loyal to the core. They all fought bravely for their king or church, their loyalty to the Stuarts losing most of the family their estates in the Highlands, only one branch on the female side, the Sinclairs of Caithness, retaining any of the large estates formerly owned by them.

John Innes, son of James Innes, the grandfather of Manager Innes, was born in the Highlands of Scotland in 1789, a younger son

of Sir James Innes, of Speyside, Scotland, and he died there in 1881. His wife, Wilhelmina Ross, was also of Scottish ancestry and environment, a daughter of John Ross, a well-known farmer, master cooper and fish packer. To John Innes and wife were born these children: May, James, Jane, Mary Ann, Ina, Amy, William, Catherine, John and Jessie, the survivors being: Mary, who is Mrs. Sutherland, of Liverpool; Catherine, who is Mrs. Stewart, of Ridgetown; James, who resides in Liverpool; and William and Amy, who are residents of Lybster, Scotland.

James Innes, son of John and father of James Innes, of Chatham, was born at Lybster, Scotland, in 1832, and in 1860 married Margaret Robinson, also of Scotch extraction, who was born in Glasgow, in 1839, and is still surviving. James Innes was one of the founders of the concern which is now known as the Sutherland-Innes Company, Limited, the largest cooperage stock company in the world, and one which has established trade connections all over the civilized world. Mr. Innes after a long and active life is now living retired in his home in Liverpool, England. The children born to James and Margaret Innes were eight in number, namely: Mary, who is Mrs. Hugh Reid, of England; James, of Chatham; John, deceased; Ina, who is Mrs. Frank Travis, of Liverpool; John, deceased; William Ross, A. M., Ph. D., and A. J. C., from Queen's University, Liverpool, and Heidelberg, Germany, who is now professor of chemistry at Birmingham, England; and Margaret and John, both deceased.

The early life of that very successful and well-known business citizen of Chatham, James Innes, was spent in the city of Liverpool, where he was born July 8, 1864. His education was acquired in Derby Academy and Liverpool Institute, his quick intelligence placing him far in advance of other students of the same age. Mr. Innes was but sixteen years old when he was given charge of one branch of his father's business, his steadiness and reliability making this a judicious appointment. When the firm of Sutherland-Innes Co. was being formed, his business ability gained him a position as one of its members, and he at once came from Liverpool to New York, in 1889, to the New York office. In 1890 Mr. Innes came to Chatham, and is now the managing head of the great interests of his company throughout Canada, United States, Europe, etc., being made secretary and treasurer in 1890, in 1891 the managing director, and in 1904 general manager. During his long business association with the affairs of this company he has grown conversant with its every detail, while his quick intelligence enables him to easily guide the affairs of the corporation safely along the narrow-gauge road which, in weaker hands, in days of financial panic, might swerve to the wrong side. With so capable, so trained and so careful a man at the head, although but young in years, the Sutherland-Innes Company promises to have a still more prosperous future. Mr. Innes is interested in other capitalistic enterprises, is a director in the Northwestern Cooperage and Lumber Company, president of the Victor Cooperage Company, Williamsburg, Michigan, lessee of the Lenawee Hoop Company, Homer, Michigan, and also president of the Great Eastern Milling and Mining Company, of Idaho.

On March 27, 1895, Mr. Innes was married to Miss Lily May Fisher, a daughter of S. S. Fisher, of Bloomington, State of Illinois. Politically Mr. Innes is non-partisan, casting his influence in the direction of the candidate he judgment decides to be most capable. Fraternally he belongs to the K. of P., and the Hoo-Hoos. Both he and Mrs. Innes are members of the Presbyterian Church.

HARRY JAMES FRENCH, general farmer and county councilor, residing on Lot 5, Concession 3, in Camden township, County of Kent, owns and operates a fine farm of 10 acres to which he came in December, 189- His birth occurred in Chatham township, County of Kent, Oct. 15, 1862, and he is a son of Anslum and Nancy (McIntyre) French, of Chatham and Harwich townships, respectively. They were married in that county and celebrated their golden anniversary not long before they died, the father in 1893, aged seventy-six years, the mother in October of the same year, aged seventy-three years. They lie buried in Arnold's cemetery in Chatham township. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. French was a farmer by occupation. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. French were: John, a harnessmaker of Kent Bridge; Susanna, of the County of Lamb

ton, wife of Edwin Wicks; Thomas, of Chatham; Rachel, of Dresden, who married Thomas Ritchie; Sarah A., deceased, who married Duncan Ritchie; Eliza, of Chatham township, widow of W. H. Smith; Anna, who married John Dowswell, of Dutton, Ont.; Edwin, deceased; Sylvester, who is in the furnace business at Cleveland, Ohio; and Harry James.

On June 17, 1889, in Dresden, Ont., Mr. French was married to Mary E. Huff, and they have four children, Owen G., Lorne B., Harold G. and Evelyn E. Mrs. French was born in Camden township, County of Kent, Ont., May 8, 1865, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Gifford) Huff, of England, who were married in the County of Kent, where they were farming people. The father died in July, 1887, aged sixty-four years, and the mother died in 1877, aged forty-six years, and they are buried in Dresden cemetery. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church.

Until he was thirteen Harry J. French remained with his parents, and then engaged as clerk in a dry-goods establishment in Dresden, Ont., remaining there for seven years. From that city he went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and remained in a store for a year, returning to Dresden, where for seven years he was engaged in a grain business. In December, 1892, he located on his present farm, where he has since been making a success of farming. Fraternally he is a member of the C. O. O. F. and the Woodmen of the World, and is a Master Mason. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church and he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past four years. For four years he served as township councilor, was reeve three years and has been county commissioner since 1900. He is a Conservative in politics, and is at present secretary of the East Kent Conservative Association. As a public official as well as private citizen he has proven himself a man of ability and sterling worth, and he has many friends throughout his neighborhood.

W. R. PECK. Among the oldest families of County Kent, may be found the Pecks. The family has been identified with that county for nearly a century and a half, when there is record of John Peck, the great-grandfather of W. R. Peck, of Chatham. From that time until the present, the various members have been gifted as musicians, mechanics and soldiers. John Peck was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1725, and came to Ontario, in 1759. On Sept. 13 of that year, he was present at the taking of Quebec, and the leader of the band of his regiment. In 1760 he settled at Hamilton Heights, and in 1768 located in the township of Raleigh, County Kent, where he died in 1824. In 1785 he married his first wife, Miss Jane Mowe, of English-French extraction, and to this union were born the following children: William, John, Joseph and Margaret. His second wife bore the maiden name of Drake. To this union were born: Alexander, Nelson, Angus, Kate and Jane. Jane and Augus are the only survivors of all of his children. Of the above mentioned family, William was the grandfather of W. R. Peck, of Chatham.

William Peck was born on Hamilton Heights in 1787, on property he afterward received for services in the war of 1812. He was at the battle of Lundy's Lane and Queenstown Heights. For his military services he received the following grants: In Kent County, Dover township, 800 acres; at the Rondeau, 800 acres; Sombra township, 600 acres; in Lambton County, 800 acres, making a grand total of 3,000 acres. He died in Sombra township in 1873. He first married Mary Drake, by whom he had one child, Richard, father of W. R. Peck. For his second wife, Mr. Peck married a Miss Smith, by whom he had the following children: Joseph, John, Maria and Kate. For his third wife he wedded Mrs. Droulard, who bore him one son, William, the only survivor of all his children.

Richard Peck, son of William, was born in 1818, in Raleigh township, County Kent, and in his native county spent the greater part of his life. He was a lumberman, farmer and all around business man. He died in Wallaceburg, in 1877. In 1839 he married Miss Frebina Droulard, a native of Canada, of French-English extraction, a daughter of Thomas Droulard, captain for the Hudson Bay Company, and also an early settler of Kent. Mrs. Peck was born in 1819, and died in 1896, the mother of eight children: Catherine (deceased), Mary (deceased), W. R., Sophia (Mrs. Curtis), Jane (deceased), Nelson (deceased), Emma (deceased), and Sarah (widow of Leslie Peck, and a resident of California).

W. R. Peck was born in 1844, on the old homestead in Raleigh township. When four years of age he was taken by his parents to Sombra, and in 1854, went to Wallaceburg. In 1858, at the age of fourteen, Mr. Peck went sailing, which vocation he followed until 1873, when he began shipbuilding, in which he continued until 1885, and which is still his trade, although he has been in the hotel business for a number of years, engaging therein at Chatham, Ridgetown, Thamesville, and is now at Howell, Michigan.

In 1882 Mr. Peck married Miss Belle Ferguson, of Zone township, County Kent, a daughter of James Ferguson, a farmer of that place, who came from Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Peck have had six children: Mamie (deceased), Raymond, Harry (deceased), Walter, Arthur Rankin (deceased), and Wilfrid Rufus. Fraternally Mr. Peck is a member of the Masonic order, and of the I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Conservative and thinks Canada the greatest country under the canopy of Heaven, hoping to live to see this country the greatest of all countries, and he has a lively faith in God's promise, which He is daily fulfilling.

McKEOUGH. The McKeoughs, who were among the early setttlers of Chaham, County of Kent, trace their genealogy from the ancient family of McKeoughs of Ballymackeough, Tipperary, Ireland, who were chieftains of that part of Ireland in the thirteenth century. James McKeough, an ancestor of the family, lived at and owned Rathhealty Castle, County Tipperary, in the latter part of the seventeenth century. His wife was a sister of Rev. Francis Mahoney, author of the musical poem, "The Bells of Shannon."

In 1829 Thomas McKeough, son of James, mentioned above, came to Paris, Ont., where he lived for a time, and then returned to Ireland, leaving his sons, John and William, in Ontario. Thomas McKeough was twice married, and by his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Honora Phelan, had three children, John, William and Mary, all of whom are deceased. For his second wife he married Johanna Shanahan, by whom he had four children. John and William McKeough, sons of Thomas, settled in Chatham, County of Kent, in 1847, and for forty years engaged in the hardware business under the firm name of J. & W. McKeough. John McKeough passed away in 1899, aged seventy-five years, at his beautiful residence, Summerlands, where he had lived for many years. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief, a prominent Freemason, captain in the militia, and justice of the peace. In August, 1854, he married Mary Jane Dolsen, of Chatham, whose father was a U. E. Loyalist. Mr. McKeough left no children.

WILLIAM MCKEOUGH, the other of the twain, who founded the family in Chatham, and from whom the remaining members of that family are descended, was born May 1, 1824, at Thurles, Tipperary, Ireland. In 1854 he married Betsey Ann Stone, daughter of John Stone, of Orford, and to this marriage were born four children: George Thomas, John Franklin, William Edward and Alice Maude.

William McKeough was not only a prominent business man, but took an active part in everything pertaining to the welfare of his city. At his death, which took place Dec. 7, 1888, the Chatham *Banner* published the following in the issue of Dec. 12:

In the death of William McKeough, Esq., which took place at his residence, Head street, on Friday night, Chatham loses one of her best known and most esteemed citizens.

Deceased always took a lively interest in public affairs, and his sterling qualities of head and heart gave great weight to his judgment, and won for him the lasting popularity he has always enjoyed. In January, 1871, he was honored with the mayoralty of the town of Chatham, and his administration of municipal affairs justified the public confidence. He was one of the promoters of the Erie & Huron Railway, and the first president of the company. In educational matters he has always taken a deep interest, and for nearly thirty years has served on the school board, during the last twelve or fourteen years of which term he has presided as its chairman. So deep was his interest in its work, that on Tuesday night of last week he sent a brief note of apology to the board for his enforced absence, which note called out general expressions of regret and sympathy. In politics Mr. McKeough was a pronounced and active Liberal, and on several occasions was urged by his party to accept a nomination for the House of Commons, but declined. Anything he did not enjoy in the way of public honors was due solely to his unwillingness to accept it. His views on all public matters were marked by a latitude and liberality which gave him the respect of all, and he was one of the few whom increasing years never blinded to the necessity of continual progress in every sphere. In religion he was a Methodist, and one of the trustees of the Park Street



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Church. His public services, his sociability, and his large business acquaintance, had endeared him to a wide circle of friends who will deeply deplore his loss. Particularly in the school board and church will he be missed from among his fellow workers.

GEORGE THOMAS MCKEOUGH, born in Chatham in 1855, received his literary education in the public and high schools of Chatham, and in 1873 began the study of medicine with his present partner, Dr. T. K. Holmes, of Chatham. In 1874 he entered Trinity College, Toronto, from which institution he was graduated in 1877, with the degree of M. D., being the gold medalist. The same year he received the degree of M. B. from Toronto University. He then spent one year in the London Hospital, at London, England, receiving the qualification of M. R. C. S., of England, and later received the L. R. C. P., of Edinburgh, Scotland. The Doctor pursued his studies still farther, in London and Paris, and for one year was house surgeon in the Royal Free Hospital of London, England. Thus well fitted for the practice of his chosen profession, Dr. McKeough returned to his native city, and in 1880 formed the partnership with his former preceptor, which has continued to the present time.

The Doctor was married, in 1881, to Catherine, fourth daughter of David Morris, Esq., Seigneur of Ste. Therese de Blainville, of Quebec, and by her has two daughters, Mary Leney Franklin and Bessie Honora. The Doctor's residence is "Dover Lodge," Head street, Chatham. On the death of his father the Doctor succeeded him as school trustee, which position he has filled for sixteen years. He is a member and trustee of the Park Street Methodist Church. He is a member of the Ontario Medical Association, of which he has been vice-president; of the Canadian Medical Association, of which he has been secretary; and is corresponding member of the Detroit Medical and Library Association. He is the author of numerous papers on medical and surgical subjects.

JOHN FRANKLIN MCKEOUGH was born in 1857 in Chatham, where he received his early literary training. This was supplemented by study at the Wesleyan College, Dundas, Ont. His business career was begun with his father, and in 1881 he formed a partnership with Samuel Trotter, under the firm name of McKeough & Trotter, manufacturers of steam boilers, engines and foundry products. John F. McKeough is unmarried, and with his sister Alice (who is also unmarried) and their mother resides at the old homestead, Bushy Park, Chatham.

WILLIAM EDWARD MCKEOUGH was born in 1860 at Chatham, was educated in the public and high schools of that place, the Wesleyan College, at Dundas, and the French Canadian Seminary at Ste. Therese de Blainville. In 1880 he entered the law office of Robinson & Wilson, Chatham, completing his legal studies with the firm of Moss, Hoyles & Aylsworth, of Toronto. After obtaining the degree of barrister and solicitor he formed a partnership with Robinson, Wilson & Rankin, afterward Wilson, Rankin & McKeough, and later Wilson, Rankin, McKeough & Kerr, which latter partnership was dissolved in 1887. Since that time Mr. McKeough has been without a partner in the legal profession. In 1899 Mr. McKeough was elected city alderman, and in 1900 he was chairman of the board of works. Mr. McKeough was the candidate in 1901 for mayor of Chatham, but was defeated by a small majority. In 1902 he was again elected as alderman at the head of the polls, and in 1903 he was elected as mayor of Chatham, and by the largest majority ever given a candidate for the mayoralty in Chatham. In 1904 he was re-elected mayor by acclamation.

In 1892 Mr. McKeough married Mabel Annie Stewart, of Toronto, second daughter of the late Charles Edward Stewart, of Hamilton, Ont., who was at one time proprietor of the Brantford *Expositor*, the Hamilton *Times* and the Ottawa *Post*.

Mrs. McKeough is a great-granddaughter of Hon. Alexander Grant, one of the five members of the Executive Council of Upper Canada, appointed in 1792, and who, as senior member thereof, was Governor of the Province and opened the Provincial Parliament in 1806. Mr. and Mrs. McKeough have two sons, William Stewart and George Grant. Their handsome Colonial home, "Rathhealty," is charmingly situated on the banks of the river Thames in Chatham.

ALICE MAUDE MCKEOUGH, the only daughter of William and Betsey Ann McKeough, was educated at private schools in Chatham and at Miss Nixon's in Toronto. She remains with her mother.

ANDREW HEYWARD, late a prominent citizen of Chatham, County of Kent, and the agent of the Queen City Oil Company, justly claimed an honored English ancestry. His grandfather, William Heyward, was born in Devonshire, England, and died there, full of years and honors. He was a freeholder in his native parish, and this land still belongs to his descendants. The following children were born to William Heyward and his wife: Andrew, the father of Andrew Heyward, of Chatham; Richard, who was a farmer in the parish of North Bovey, Devonshire; Thomas, who inherited his father's estate; Robert, who resided in Guernsey; and a daughter, who became Mrs. Gray.

Andrew Heyward, Sr., son of William, became a farmer in the parish of North Bovey, Devonshire, England, on rented land belonging to the Earl of Devon. He married Susan Tapper, a lady of English extraction, belonging to a neighboring family, daughter of William Tapper, a well-known contractor and builder of that locality. The following children were born to this union: Emma, widow of William Peters, of Devonshire; Elizabeth, Mrs. Midland, of Devonshire; Andrew, late of Chatham; William, deceased; Mary, who resides in Exmouth, Devonshire; and Richard, who is a farmer in Devonshire.

Andrew Heyward, son of Andrew, Sr., was born March 7, 1833, in Devonshire, England, and was there educated. He remained in his native land until the age of twenty-two years, when he came to Ontario, and located at Delaware. There he embarked in a mercantile business, and carried on a general store for about four years, moving then to Morpeth, Howard township, where he continued in the mercantile business for twelve years, moving then to Chatham. After coming to this city Mr. Heyward built, in 1872, the store building on King street, which is now occupied by his son, George, who carries on a mercantile business there. For over twenty years, Mr. Heyward remained in the above location, during much of the time being also interested in the oil business, this resulting in his acceptance, in 1901, of the agency of the Queen City Oil Company, to which he was giving his entire attention at the time of his death, April 6, 1902. His former honorable record as a merchant assisted him in his new position, his friendly relations both to the trade and the public making him a valuable acquisition to the company.

In 1855 Mr. Heyward was married to Miss Emala Sargent Veals, who was born in Cornwall, of English parents, and came to Ontario in 1855. To Mr. and Mrs. Heyward were born nine children, of whom the following mention may be made: George married Miss Lanigan, of Montreal; Charles, deceased, married Miss Alberta Reeves, and they had two children, Verna and Maude; Kate married Fritz Falls, son of Rev. Alexander Falls, rector of the Church of England in Amherstburg, and they have one son, Sidney (Mr. Falls is connected with the Sutherland-Innes Co., of Chatham); Mildred married William G. Richards, son of William Richards, and a member of the law firm of Lewis & Richards, of Chatham, and they have one daughter, Edna Marion; Susan Mary married W. G. McLean, a railroad man, and they have two children, Clifford and Mildred; and Arabella married Mr. A. T. Trott, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Heyward was a member of the Church of England, with which his widow also unites. In politics he was a Conservative. His connection with civic affairs was that of a public spirited and representative citizen, for he served as a member of the Free Hospital Board of Chatham, and encouraged educational movements and literary progression by acting as a useful member of the Library committee. The family is one which is justly held in high esteem in Chatham and vicinity, and is prominent in literary, religious and social circles.

STEPHEN PARNELL STURGIS, county commissioner, justice of the peace, and a very extensive farmer of Camden township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 7, Concession 6, is the owner of three excellent farms, as follows: one of fifty acres in Camden township, one of 160 acres in New Ontario (a grant from the Crown) and 110 acres in Camden township. He came to Camden township in 1872 from Brant, Ont., and was born at St. Catharine's, Ont., Jan. 9, 1852, being a son of Daniel and Charlotte (Parnell) Sturgis, of the Niagara district and St. Catharine's, respectively. The mother died in the County of Brant, Feb. 28, 1862, aged forty-four years, and the father came to the County of Kent in May, 1879, purchasing a small farm on the river Sydenham, in

Chatham Gore, where he died July 12, 1885, aged seventy-two years. He attended the Baptist Church, and in politics was a Conservative. The children born to Daniel and Charlotte Sturgis were as follows: Ann died young; Abigail, who died aged fifty, was the wife of John Innes; Caroline (deceased) married John Bonham; William, unmarried, is a farmer of Camden Gore; Eliza married Archibald Russell, a farmer of Brantford, Ont.; Daniel is a farmer of Tillsonburg, Ont.; Thomas is a farmer and contractor and builder of Camden township; Stephen P., is mentioned below; David is a contractor and builder of prominence at Port Huron, Ont.; Calista died unmarried at the age of thirty years; Isabell (deceased) married John Wilcox.

On Dec. 20, 1876, in Dresden, Ont., Stephen P. Sturgis married Martha L. Wright, and children as follows were born of this union: Alexander M., a farmer of Camden township, who married Agnes Steele; William S., a farmer residing with his father; Wellington, who died in infancy; and Deward G., Stephen R., Elmore E., Russell D. and Charles R., all at home. Mrs. Sturgis was born at Dresden, Ont., Oct. 13, 1852, a daughter of William and Mary (McKinney) Wright, and sister of Joshua Wright, of Dresden, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

Until the death of his mother, Stephen P. Sturgis remained upon the farm, and then began to work among the farmers and in the lumber woods. Being thrifty and frugal, he soon saved a sufficient amount to purchase a farm in Dawn township, County of Lambton, which he sold after three years, coming to the Gore of Camden, where he purchased a farm of fifty acres. This he cultivated for eighteen months and then purchased his present home, at that time consisting of fifty acres. He has since added to his landed possessions until he now owns 320 acres. When he first came to Camden Gore he had but $20 in money, and worked very hard clearing off the woods. Not only has he succeeded beyond his wildest dream of those early days, but he has also gained political honors and has been a member of the council for the past sixteen years; in 1896 he was elected county commissioner, and has been justice of the peace for the past seven years, discharging the duties of these offices in a manner that reflects credit upon himself and upon his party, he being one of the stanch Liberals of the vicinity.

Fraternally our distinguished subject is a popular member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Maccabees. While he is not a member of any religious denomination he attends the Presbyterian Church and gives very liberally of his means for its support, for he believes the moral influence of the church is stronger than anything else for good in a community.

The farms owned by Mr. Sturgis are among the best in this neighborhood and he conducts them upon thoroughly scientific methods, proving that farming is not entirely letting nature have its way and trusting to luck. He realizes the full value of rotation of crops, proper feeding of the ground, and the saving of time and expense accruing from the use of improved machinery. The broad acres, covered with varied crops which in due time will add to his wealth, are a pleasant sight, and are pointed out with pride not only by their owner, but also by his neighbors, who are anxious to show the stranger what can be accomplished with the rich farming lands of western Ontario, provided the proper methods are used. In fact the Sturgis place has become a popular point of interest throughout the county, and is one of the best advertisements of the resources of the locality to be found. All of this prosperity has not been gained by any royal road, but through hard, never-tiring industry, thrift and honorable dealing, which have won distinction and friends for Mr. Sturgis and placed him among the leading men of the county.

WILLIAM G. RICHARDS, one of the leading representatives of the legal profession in Chatham, County of Kent, is a member of the well-known firm of Lewis & Richards, barristers, of Chatham, and is descended from early settlers of the County of Kent on both sides of the family. A sketch of the Richards family is given elsewhere in the biography of William Richards, deceased.

William G. Richards is a native of Chatham, having been born there Dec. 17, 1867. His literary education was received in the public and high schools of his native city, and, having chosen the legal profession, he in 1885 entered the law office of Robinson, Wilson, Rankins & Bell, where he pursued his studies for four years. At the expiration of this time,

he entered the office of Moss, Hoyles & Allesworth, of Toronto, where he remained one year, and then passed his final examinations, being called to the Bar in May, 1890. In the fall of the same year Mr. Richards opened an office in Chatham, continuing alone until 1891, when the partnership of Bell & Richards was formed, Edwin Bell being the senior member. This partnership was dissolved in 1893, and until Nov. 8, 1894, Mr. Richards again practiced alone. At that time the firm of Lewis & Richards was formed, with O. L. Lewis as senior member, and still continues. These two able barristers have firmly established themselves in the confidence of the people of Kent and enjoy a large and increasing patronage.

The political affiliations of Mr. Richards are with the Conservative party, but all of his time and attention is absorbed by the exactions of his profession, and he therefore takes little part in public affairs. Socially, he is a member of the K. of P., the Masonic fraternity and the Canadian Order of Foresters, having passed all the chairs in the first named order. Mr. Richards is a man of wide experience, and exhaustive reading, and has a thorough comprehension of his profession. His keen, logical mind enables him to grasp the details of a case and put them plainly and clearly before the jury with convincing force. His powers of argument and eloquence are well known, and his success has been in proportion to his ability.

On Nov. 6, 1895, Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Miss Mildred Heyward, youngest daughter of Andrew Heyward, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. A daughter, Edna, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Jan. 22, 1897.

JAMES WATSON. It is with pleasure that the biographer enters upon the history of one of the leading pioneer families of Ontario. The Watson family was established here in 1830 by three brothers, Robert, John and James Watson, who came from Argyllshire, Scotland, where the late James Watson was born in January, 1800. His parents were James and Jane (Ferguson) Watson, both also natives of Scotland.

Landing at Quebec, James Watson soon afterward settled on land near Toronto, and there engaged in farming for five years. In February, 1833, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary McVicar, daughter of John and Mary (McNair) McVicar, the former of whom was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1782, and the latter a few years later. They came to Canada in 1832, on a sailing-vessel, and settled in Vaughan township, near Toronto, where they were among the first settlers. There John McVicar died in June, 1864, and his widow in September, 1865. Of their family three died young, in Scotland, and the others were: Neil emigrated to the West Indies, and died there; Margaret, the eldest daughter, came to Canada and married John McEachran, who settled and died near Toronto, leaving two surviving children, Colon, of the State of Washington, and Donald, near Toronto; Susan, born in Scotland, is the deceased wife of Colon McEachran, who settled and died near Toronto; James settled as a farmer on Lake Huron, and died there (he married Bell Maloy, and their only daughter, Mrs. Mary Livingston, lives in Bristol, Ont.); Angus, who was a merchant at Kingston, Ont., married Susan Birmingham, of Kingston, and died there leaving children—John, a prominent journalist of Detroit, and Annie, the wife of John Armor, of Detroit; Donald, born in Scotland, married Mary Armour, of Vaughan township, and moved to Harwich, where both he and his wife died, leaving children—John, who died in Toronto, single, and Elizabeth and Mary, who married and settled in Canada; Flora, deceased, married Donald Armour, who is also deceased, lived near Toronto, and was the mother of twelve children, Donald and Angus (twins), Alexander, Maggie, Flora, Susan, John (deceased), James (deceased), and four who died young; Mary, who married the late James Watson, was born May 29, 1815, and was educated in the schools of Scotland.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Watson settled for three years in Raleigh township, coming to Harwich township in 1839. In 1846 he purchased 100 acres of land in Harwich township. The changes he wrought during his life of industry are almost magical, for his efforts never ceased until almost the whole of this large tract was under cultivation. Here, in this pleasant home, made through his own efforts, Mr. Watson passed away in November, 1878. His name will ever be associated with the agricultural, educational and religious pro-

gress made in Harwich township. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Watson was reared a Presbyterian. Mr. Watson was identified with the Conservative party.

A family of thirteen children was born to James Watson and his wife, as follows: Mary, the eldest, died in young womanhood. Jane died in childhood. Margaret, born in Raleigh, in July, 1838, married Jabez Newcombe, a farmer in Harwich, and they have had children—John, Jabez, Robert, Mary, Asa, Elijah and James (deceased). James, born in January, 1840, died in August, 1902; he married a Miss Elizabeth Ross, of the County of Elgin, and they lived for twenty years in Harwich, for two years in Gosfield, and then moved to a farm in Dakota where he became prominent and wealthy, and died, leaving a widow and children—Maggie, Ada, James, Meredith, David, Susan and Edna. Jane, born in February, 1842, married Wesley Conn, of Aylmer, near St. Thomas, where he is engaged in a hardware business, and they have children—Mary, Arkison, Susan, Lottie and Jane. John, born in January, 1844, learned civil engineering at Chatham, was in the locomotive works of Illinois for three years, located at Bloomington, moved to Pittsburg, and engaged in oil engineering; he married Annie Brown, of Canada, who died in Detroit, and since then he has traveled all over the world, crossed the Pacific three times, and the Atlantic twice, visiting Japan, Hawaii, South America and Australia, made a visit to the old home of his ancestors in Scotland, went again to Japan, thence to China, and after a sojourn in Colorado is visiting with his mother. Susan, born in 1846, married Neil McCorvie, who resides on Concession 10, in Harwich. Flora, born in September, 1848, married James Conn, of London, and they have children—Maggie, James, Mary, Martha, Emma, John and Susan. David, born Oct. 9, 1849, married Ada Palmer, of Toronto, and they reside at Chatham, and have children—Bernice, Veva, Winnie, Ormond, Amy, John and Jean. Angus, born July 27, 1851, is mentioned below. Neil, born on the old homestead in Harwich, June 10, 1853, is a merchant and manufacturer of staves at Mull, Ont., and is one of the leading business men of tht place. Robert, born in April, 1855, graduated from the London College, for twenty years has been a teacher, and is also engaged in a prosperous insurance business. Barbara, the youngest, born in 1857, married Henry Hamil, of Harwich, a son of Robert Hamil, and they have four children—Guy, Roy, May and Veda. The family has been reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, and politically they are strong workers in the interests of the Conservative party. Mrs. Watson has reached the age of eighty-nine years, but time has touched her lightly. She is the center of a large family of admiring and affectionate relatives. Her recollections of pioneer days in Harwich are most interesting, and would form an entertaining volume by themselves.

ANGUS WATSON, born July 27, 1851, grew up at the old home, and received a fine education in the excellent public schools of the locality. Since the death of his father he has been his mother's very capable manager. In December, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Hamil, daughter of Robert Hamil, of Ridgetown, who was born in April, 1858, and educated in the public schools. In addition to farming on the old homestead Mr. Watson conducts a fifty-acre tract of his own. His children are: Robert E., born in October, 1886; Mae A., in September, 1888; Estella, in 1890; and Neil, in June, 1892, all at home. Mr. Watson and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, in which he serves as trustee.

CORNELIUS PURSER, reeve of the township of Dover, retired brick manufacturer, and farmer of 100 acres on Lot 20, 3d Concession, Dover township, County of Kent, was born March 22, 1842, in the County of Kent, England, son of James and Harriet (King) Purser, of that place.

In 1854 the parents emigrated to Canada, settling in Toronto, where the father followed his calling of tanner for three years, and then removed to Dover township, where he manufactured brick and farmed until a few years prior to his death. In 1867 they removed to Wallaceburg and there he died in 1872, at the age of seventy-five years; his wife survived him until 1875, when she passed away at the same age, and they are both interred in Wallaceburg cemetery. For a number of years the father was director of the Agricultural Society of County Kent, and was very prominent. They were members

of the Church of England, and died in that faith. The children born to this union were: Reuben, who died in 1900, aged seventy-five years, was a plumber and tinsmith of Windsor; Moses, who died in 1902, aged seventy-two years, was a farmer of County Kent; Aaron is a retired farmer of Bay City, Michigan; Amos, a tanner, died at the age of thirty-five years; Gideon is a farmer of Harwich; Hezekiah died in infancy; Anna married Capt. James W. Steinhoff, of Wallaceburg, a prominent boat owner, lumberman and farmer; Cornelius; Harriet is the widow of A. T. Crow, a farmer and merchant of Wallaceburg; Emily married Benjamin Fox, a wholesale oyster merchant of Bay City, Michigan; James is an ex-tax collector of Wallaceburg; Eliza married William Whitebread, a contractor of Chatham, Ontario.

On Dec. 10, 1878, on the river Thames, Mr. Purser was united in marriage with Mary M. McLean. The two children born to them both fell victims to that dread scourge, diphtheria, Bertie dying at the age of three and a half years, and Jennie at five and a half. Mrs. Purser was born in Chatham township, County Kent, a daughter of William and Jane (Brodie) McLean, of Scotland. Mr. McLean came to Canada when eighteen years of age with his parents, settling in County Kent, and when he was twenty-four years of age, the family located at Chatham, Ont., and engaged in farming. He died in Raleigh township, aged fifty-one years, and his wife died in 1888, aged sixty-four years, and both are buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. For many years he was reeve of Chatham township. While living in Scotland, they were Presbyterians, but joined the Methodist Church in their new home. Their children were: Barbara, deceased, who married Theodore Williams, lumber dealer; James S., deceased, a farmer; Mary, who became Mrs. Purser, and died Feb. 5, 1904; William S., deceased, a farmer. The paternal grandparents, James and Barbara (Welch) McLean, were natives of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1838, and engaged in farming.

Mr. Purser remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, working in his father's brick yard and upon the farm. He made the first brick for the main sewer in Chatham. After leaving his father, he worked along the same lines, embarking in the brick business, in which he continued with marked success for seventeen years, and then, purchasing his present fine farm, retired to an agricultural life, and is now one of the leading farmers of Dover. In politics he is a Conservative, and in 1877 he was elected deputy reeve for four years, after which he served for five years as township councillor. His next public office was that of reeve, which he held for five years in succession, and in 1900 was again induced to accept nomination. He was elected to the office with a large majority, and has held it ever since, discharging the duties with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the community. In religious affiliations he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Genial, enterprising and public-spirited, Mr. Purser has made many friends, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative men of County Kent.

HENRY W. WESTLAND, a retired merchant and a highly esteemed citizen of Ridgetown, County of Kent, was born near Liverpool, England, Feb. 4, 1826, a son of James F. and Fannie (Ferris) Westland, the former of whom was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and married his wife in her native city of London.

In 1835 James F. Westland and his wife emigrated to Canada, settling in the city of Toronto, where Mr. Westland, being a literary man and a politician, soon became connected with the *Toronto Globe;* at the time of the Rebellion, he was thoroughly identified with the Reform party. Later he managed the *Western Globe*, of London, Ont., founded by George Brown and father, of the *Toronto Globe*, during its life a vigorous supporter of the Reform party. Mr. Westland was a very able man, became widely known, and his death in 1852 was deeply lamented. His widow survived until 1874, dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Roland, in London, Ont. The seven children of these parents were as follows: (1) James (deceased) was born in Liverpool, England, and during life was a prominent business man of London, Ont., where his widow and children still reside. (2) Henry W. is a resident of Ridgetown. (3) Maria, born in England, is the widow of Edward Roland, who for many years was inland revenue collector

of St. Thomas, and who left three children, Malcolm, manager of a building and loan society of London; Fannie, the wife of Andrew Ellis, of London; and Miss Adalaide, who is with her mother. (4) William, born in England, was reared in London, Ont., where he was engaged in the painting business, but is now retired. He has a wife and family. (5) George, born in Toronto, is a prominent physician of London, Ont., and has a family. (6) Fannie (deceased) was the wife of James Peddy, of Windsor, and the mother of a family. (7) Alfred, who was born in Toronto, married and settled in Wyoming, Ont., where he later opened a bank and carried it on until his death, in 1901, leaving his large business interests in the hands of his son Ernest.

Henry W. Westland acquired his early education in Liverpool, and continued his studies in the schools of Toronto. His initiation into business was as a clerk in his father's seed store, and in this way, interested in lines which caused him to learn the milling business, he selected the city of Davenport, Iowa, as his place of apprenticeship. This business Mr. Westland followed for a number of years at London, Ont., but in 1854 he opened up a general grocery store in London with his brother James. In 1855 he removed to Ridgetown, and there resumed milling, in the interest of his father-in-law, Mr. George Moody, who owned the mill there. After an experience of several years in the general store of Mr. J. M. Simmons, of Ridgetown, Mr. Westland started into business for himself, and prospered until he was known as the leading merchant in the First ward. Later he there erected a large block, handsome and substantial, which is used by one of the leading business houses. Mr. Westland owns more realty in the town and vicinity, and occupies a fine home on Main street which he erected in about 1880.

In 1853 Mr. Westland was united in marriage with Miss Mary Moody, daughter of George and Anna (McDonald) Moody, of one of Howard township's old and honored families.

George Moody, father of Mrs. Westland, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1804, and his wife in Scotland in 1807. John Moody, the father of George, was born in Ireland, and emigrated to the United States prior to the Revolutionary War, and held a position under the English government. After the close of the war, he moved to the vicinity of the present city of Chillicothe, where he obtained 300 acres of land. Later, on account of his political sentiments, he removed into County Kent, locating in Howard township in 1812, and purchasing a farm on which he lived until his death a short time after. His children were: Hill, who was born in Ireland, and died in Michigan; James, who married, setled in County Essex, Ont., and died there; Mary, who married Elijah Creek, settled and died in the States; Eliza, who married John Fulmer, a farmer in County Essex (both are deceased, but they have descendants there); Alexander and John, twins, the former of whom died in County Kent, and the latter in the States; and George, the father of Mrs. Westland.

George Moody setled in Howard township when the country was yet all wild land. Here he owned 300 acres, which his industry cleared and which he divided into three farms. Mr. Moody was a great hunter, and Mr. Westland can recall the occasion when he saw seven deer hanging on his porch at one time, his trophies of the hunt. He succeeded in whatever he undertook, built a grist-mill in Ridgetown and managed it many years, farmed extensively, and later in life removed to Ridgetown, where he passed his last years. His death occurred in 1896, ten years later than that of his wife, at the age of ninety-two years. For several years prior to his decease he was totally blind. The children of Mr. and Mrs. George Moody were: Mrs. Westland, born at the old home in Howard township in December, 1827, was there wooed and won by her husband; John, born in 1833, married Margaret Smith, of Howard township, and settled for some years in Ridgetown ,where he followed milling, and he is now a resident of Orangeville, North Toronto, where he owns a large mill property and has reared a family; Margaret, born in 1836, is the wife of R. L. Marsh, a son of William Marsh, one of the first settlers in this section of County Kent (R. L. Marsh settled in Ridgetown as a merchant, then moved to Chicago, and is now a resident of Washington, D. C., and has one daughter, Maggie); Joseph, deceased, married Mary Jane Marsh, of County Kent, and they lived on his farm in Howard township where he died, his widow and family still residing in Ridgetown. George Moody

and wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

A family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Westland, as follows: (1) George M., born in 1854, assisted his father in the store, and is now a resident of Amherstburg, where he is manager of the Massey Harris Implement Company; he married Miss Nettie Hamil, of Dunville, Ont., and has three children, Henry (born in September, 1895), Edith M. and Madeline. (2) Maria A., born in 1857, is the wife of John A. Elliott, a banker and general business man of Ridgetown. (3) Alfred J., born in 1859, married Miss Hortense Horand, of St. Clair, State of Wisconsin, and they now reside in Everett, State of Washington, where he is engaged in a banking and real estate business. (4) Mary Francis died at the age of eleven years. (5) Harry W., born in April, 1862, is now located in Washington State, and is engaged in mining; he is unmarried. (6) Julia Grace, born Jan. 4, 1873, was educated in the Ridgetown schools, graduated at the high school, and married Charles H. Gordon, editor and owner of the *Dresden Standard;* they have one son, Henry Douglass Gordon.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Westland belong to the Presbyterian Church. Politically he has always been identified with the old Liberal party. He has filled a number of official positions, and in 1870 was appointed a justice of the peace, which office he still holds. For some years he was a member of the township council, and later was appointed as one of the first council of the town of Ridgetown. In 1880 he was appointed marriage license holder, a government appointment which is still in force.

Since 1880 Mr. Westland has retired from business activity. He is regarded by his fellow citizens as a man of sterling worth, one whose expressions of interest and friendship are genuine. As an upright business man he is held in no higher esteem than as a public-spirited citizen and man of high personal honor.

JOHN SMITH, one of the highly respected and successful citizens of Chatham, County of Kent, Ont., is descended from one of the pioneer settlers of the county. The family originated in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, the grandfather of John having been born there about 1755, and there married and died. Among his children were: James, Robert, David, Thomas, Mary and Duncan. In 1832 Robert and Thomas Smith emigrated to Ontario, settling in Tilbury township, County of Kent, Thomas on Lot 10, Middle Road, where he farmed until his death. James came in 1840, and settled in Cobourg. The Smiths were the founders of Tilbury.

Robert Smith, the father of John, was born in Scotland in 1780, and there married Janet Patterson, a woman of Scottish extraction. After locating in Ontario he followed farming and milling. The home was in a wilderness of uncleared land, six miles from any signs of civilization, and for a long time after the family settled upon the property all the water for household use was carried in pails from Lake Erie, a distance of six miles. These pails were placed on a pole resting on the shoulders of two men. The grain, which was soon harvested, was ground in a hand mill invented by Robert Smith, a cousin of John Smith. Meat was obtained by the trusty gun, wild game being plentiful, and with this meager diet the hard workers satisfied their hearty appetites for a long time. Robert Smith was twice married, and by his first wife, Janet Patterson, he had the following children: Jean, Marion, Robert, James, Edward, Duncan and John. His second wife was Margaret Lowery, by whom he had four children: David, Mary, Isabella and William.

John Smith was born May 13, 1822, in Scotland, and was reared to manhood in Tilbury township, County of Kent. At the age of eighteen he hired out as a farm hand at a salary of eight dollars per month, and, being a thrifty and industrious young fellow, in 184- he was able to purchase 100 acres of land, on Lot 24, Concession 9, Raleigh township, of which he cleared thirty acres, and raised a crop of wheat. He then sold this property and purchased 200 acres on Talbot street, in Romney township, County of Kent, where he resided until 1888, when he retired from active life and settled in Chatham. Mr. Smith was enterprising as well as industrious, and in partnership with the late Archibald McKellar, father of P. D. McKellar, he operated the first threshing machine along the Thames river.

On Jan. 15, 1846, Mr. Smith married Mary Ann Renwick, who was born in Romney town-



John Smith

ship Sept. 5, 1822, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Robinson) Renwick, natives of England, who came to Romney township in 1818. He was the first postmaster at Romney and Mr. Smith was the deputy. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith nine children have been born, four of whom died young: George, born March 4, 1851, is a farmer in Dover township; he married Mary Duncan, by whom he has five children, Harry, Bertha, Duncan, Maud and George Robert. Edward, born Nov. 6, 1854, resides at Leamington, County of Essex; he married Josephine Wilkinson, and has no children. Thomas Robert, born Sept. 18, 1858, married Edith Russel, and has one son, Russel. John B., born Nov. 1, 1861, married Agnes Ward, has one child, Jean, and resides in Raleigh township. James, born in 1863, resided with his father and mother in Chatham, and was an invalid for a long time, before his death in April, 1903. Politically Mr. Smith is a member of the Reform party. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, while Mrs. Smith is connected with the Methodist Church. Through his own unaided efforts, industry, thrift and good management Mr. Smith accumulated a comfortable fortune, and is now enjoying the fruits of his long years of arduous labor. He is now one of the oldest citizens of Chatham, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his many excellent traits of character, and to many of whom he has endeared himself.

GEORGE THOMPSON, a retired merchant and highly esteemed citizen of Blenheim, County of Kent, descends from English ancestors who had become men of prominence in their native land prior to 1765, the date of the birth of his grandfather, Isaac Thompson. The latter married a daughter of the Harrison family, and the following named children were born to them: Isaac died on the old farm at Fort Erie, Ont., at the age of ninety-one years; George, who became a clergyman, died in England; Jonathan is mentioned below; Harrison died in the County of Middlesex, Ont., at the age of eighty-six years; Margaret, who married Rev. Mr. Kemp, of the Province of Quebec, died at the age of seventy-eight; Ann, who married a Mr. Graham, of Fort Erie, is deceased. The death of the mother of these children occurred in 1812. In 1830 Isaac Thompson came to Ontario and settled at Fort Erie, where he engaged in farming until his death, in 1843.

Jonathan Thompson, son of Isaac, and father of George Thompson, of Blenheim, was born in England in 1810, and came to Ontario with his father in 1830. In 1832 he married Charlotte Risley, of Fort Erie, and a few years later they located in the County of Elgin, in Malahide township, where he engaged in farming until about 1896. In that year he retired from active labor, and spent the years until his death, in March, 1899, in the ease and comfort grateful to old age. His wife died in 1884. Both had lived lives consistent with the religious faith of the Church of England. Mr. Thompson's political sympathies were with the Conservative party. His children were as follows: George was born in 1833. Frances was married in 1855 to David Stevens, of the County of Kent, now of the County of Lambton. Catherine died at the age of sixteen. Mary Ann, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the widow of William Stevens, brother of David Stevens. Sophia (deceased) was the wife of Edward Copeland. John, who married Sarah Charlton, is deceased. Edmund is a farmer in the County of Elgin. Delphina married Dr. William James Taylor, of Boston, Massachusetts. Charles died at the age of five years.

George Thompson was born at Fort Erie Sept. 12, 1833, and was but eighteen months old when his parents came to the County of Elgin. There he grew to manhood, on the farm, assisting in the work at home and attending the local schools. In 1861 he began to conduct a farm on his own account, in the County of Elgin, remaining there one year and then moving to the County of Lambton. Two years later he removed to Howard township, County of Kent, where he remained three years. Mr. Thompson then engaged, for the succeeding five years, in farming in Harwich township, County of Kent, this being the last of his agricultural career. He sold his farm advantageously and embarked in a mercantile business, opening up a first-class general store in Blenheim, which he carried on continuously until November, 1894, when he resigned and placed the responsibility upon the shoulders of his very capable son, Edmund G. Thompson. Mr. Thompson closed his long and honorable career as a merchant with the esteem of his fellow-

citizens, who had ever found him a man of integrity, courtesy and accommodating spirit.

In 1861 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann Montgomery, daughter of Dr. Montgomery, of the County of Kent, and of Scotch-Irish extraction. A family of seven children was born to this union, of whom Miss Minnie M. is at home. The second daughter died when twenty months old. R. M., one of the leading members of the Bar in Blenheim, has been twice married, his second union being with Miss Emily Freeborn. Kirby died when twenty-two years old. Edmund G. is his father's successor in the mercantile business. Hattie married Walter McPherson, of Dresden, and has one daughter, Mary G. Carrie M. is engaged in Blenheim as a bookkeeper.

Politically Mr. Thompson has been active in favor of the measures of the Liberal party, and for three years was president of the Reformers' Association. He has served with efficiency and usefulness in many responsible public positions. For many terms he was a member of the town council, having been a member of that body for fourteen years altogether, and he was the second mayor of Blenheim, his services in that incumbency covering a period of two years. For the past twenty years he has affiliated with the A. O. U. W., and has filled all the chairs in that order. His religious connection is with the Church of England.

FRANCIS DUMAS, who for the past twelve years has been engaged in the manufacture of brick and porous tile, at his establishment on the 1st Concession, along the river front in Dover township, County of Kent, is a man of remarkable power, who has acquired his present attainments and prosperity entirely through his own efforts. Starting life for himself with not a dollar to his name, nor even a common school education, he is now thoroughly well-read, keeps his own books, and is conducting a business yielding a yearly income of $5,000.

Mr. Dumas comes of the best French-Canadian stock. Nicholas Dumas (1), his grandfather, a man of influence and ability, was for years a resident of Montreal. By his marriage there was a son named Nicholas.

Nicholas Dumas (2), father of Francis, was reared for the most part in Montreal, and there passed many years of his life. A taste for rural pursuits led him, in 1853, to come to Dover township, County Kent, and there he procured an excellent tract of land, where he settled and engaged in agriculture. As much of the land in the locality at the time was new, he did his share of clearing and improving, and being a man of energy and ability, made in time a splendid home for himself and family. He labored for many years in this vicinity, and here passed his last days, dying in 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He is buried in Big Point cemetery, in Dover township. During his early manhood Mr. Dumas married Mary Raymo, of Montreal, who died in 1859, at the age of forty-eight years. She is buried in Pain Court cemetery, Dover township. To Mr. and Mrs. Dumas were born ten children: William, a retired hotel keeper, of Chatham, Ont.; Pheobe, who married Cephas Gore, and resides in Detroit, Michigan; David G., a carpenter and painter, of Detroit, Michigan; Francis, who is mentioned below; Nicholas S., a retired merchant, who lived with his brother Francis, and died Dec. 30, 1902; and five others who are deceased.

Mr. Dumas possessed those sterling traits of character which eminently fitted him for life in a new country—determination, sound judgment, a large capacity for work, and a steadfast purpose. In the conscientious, persevering pursuit of one main industry, he was enabled to provide a good home for himself and family, and attained a considerable degree of prosperity. He was thoroughly well principled, conscientious and honest, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Francis Dumas was born in London, Ont., June 5, 1845, and was about eight years old when his parents settled in Dover township. The lack of good schools in the section at that period precluded him from receiving any early schooling, but after he was twenty-four years old he applied himself sedulously to his studies and has formed a taste for good reading. His early training was mainly received in the field of farm labor, and in the performance of such little business as fell to the lot of farmers' boys of his locality. Both ambitious and capable, at the early age of fourteen he started out for himself, and, going to Detroit, Michigan, secured a position in a brick-making establishment, where he continued for many years, be-

coming thoroughly familiar with all branches of the work. While living in that city, the Civil war broke out, and with true northern loyalty he enlisted in Company L, 10th Michigan Engineers, for three years, and went to the front. His force was stationed for the most part along the coast on the Potomac, and he participated in many of the hardest battles of the war. Upon the expiration of his term of enlistment, in September, 1864, he re-enlisted, and, being transferred to the 7th United States Infantry, he served until Sept. 18, 1867, being discharged at Fort Clinch, Florida. For the most part he was under the commands of Capt. Olonzo A. Cole, and Maj. Blunt. He escaped without receiving a single wound, but contracted chronic rheumatism, for which he receives a pension.

In Pain Court, Dover township, Jan. 7, 1868, Mr. Dumas married Margaret Gore, who was born in Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 1, 1845, daughter of Joseph and Veronica (Youn) Gore. Eight children have come of this union, three of whom are living: Mary Ann and Frances at home, and Josephine, who married Eugene Thibodeau, an architect, modeler and designer, of Chatham, Ontario.

After marriage Mr. Dumas continued to follow his trade as a brick-maker, for many years, and, being proficient at the business, prospered well. In 1885, being well qualified to conduct a business of his own, he opened in Dover township an establishment for the manufacture of brick. Thorough knowledge of the work and skill in directing affairs enabled him to make a success of the industry from the start; and, being a wise financier, he soon established the business upon a solid foundation. He has enlarged it, put in new machinery, and greatly improved it from time to time. The industry has given employment to a number of workmen, as well as supplying a very necessary article, and has been of great service to the community. For some years it employed seventeen men, but with the use of labor saving machinery, it now requires the services of only seven. In 1894 he added the manufacture of tile, in which he is still extensively engaged. On account of ill health he has cut down his business to some extent during the past few years, but it still yields an annual income of $5,000. In 1891 he purchased, for $1,500, five acres of land, upon which he erected a splendid brick house, where he has since resided.

Mr. Dumas occupies a prominent place among the business men of his locality, and in all matters of local importance his word carries weight. As one who has come to the front through his own steady push and industry, he has won the lasting respect of all who know him. Whatever he has undertaken he has done thoroughly, and has proved himself a good soldier as well as an excellent business man. He is a member of the C. M. B. A. A man of firm religious convictions, he is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church.

CAPT. JOHN W. TAYLOR, owner and master of the steamer "T. J. Collop," was born in Yorkshire, England, Nov. 2, 1851, son of William and Mary A. (Whiteley) Taylor. He was brought to Canada in 1854 by his parents, who settled on the St. Clair river, in Sombra township, County of Lambton. The young lad was early attracted to the water, and he found it far more congenial to his tastes than hours spent learning the three R's in the school room. When but twelve years of age he sailed on the sailing-vessels along the lake shore and to Buffalo. In time, however, he found that class of vessels too slow, and he proceeded to learn the art of engineering on a steamboat, and obtained in a comparatively short time a certificate as engineer, later receiving a first-class captain's certificate. He purchased a small tug called the "Messenger" and began towing rafts, meeting with no little success. He next built the tug "Grace Darling," and an excursion barge, called the "Uno." The former he sold, and purchased the steamer "T. J. Collop," from T. J. Collop, and of this he is the very efficient master. He loves his calling, and is looked upon as an authority on all matters pertaining to it.

On June 28, 1876, Captain Taylor was united in marriage in Wallaceburg, with Emily Marshall, who was born in Kittley township, County Leeds, Ont., daughter of Elisha and Abigail (Koyle) Marshall, of Vermont, U. S. A. This union was blessed with children as follows: Laura V., who married William C. Power, of Wallaceburg; Clara G., a school teacher; Lela M., a proof reader; and Emma. Elisha Marshall and wife came with their parents to Canada and County Leeds in childhood.

He was a farmer by occupation, and in 1856 came to County Kent from County Leeds, locating in Chatham Gore, where he took up a farm of eighty acres, and there he died in 1890, aged eighty-three years; his wife died in 1899, aged eighty-eight years, and both are buried in the Wallaceburg cemetery. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: James, a carpenter, at Pontiac, Michigan; Eliza, deceased, who married Harmon McDonald; Adelaide, who married Thomas Mitchell, of Detroit, Michigan; Abigail, of Marine City, Michigan, who married Hector McDonald; Melissa, who married Peter Robinson, of Harwich township; Elizabeth, of Petrolia, who married first Alexander Stewart, then Thomas Whiting and finally W. A. Stahm; Merrick, a traveling salesman of New York City; Emily; Orland, a gold miner of Prescott, Arizona.

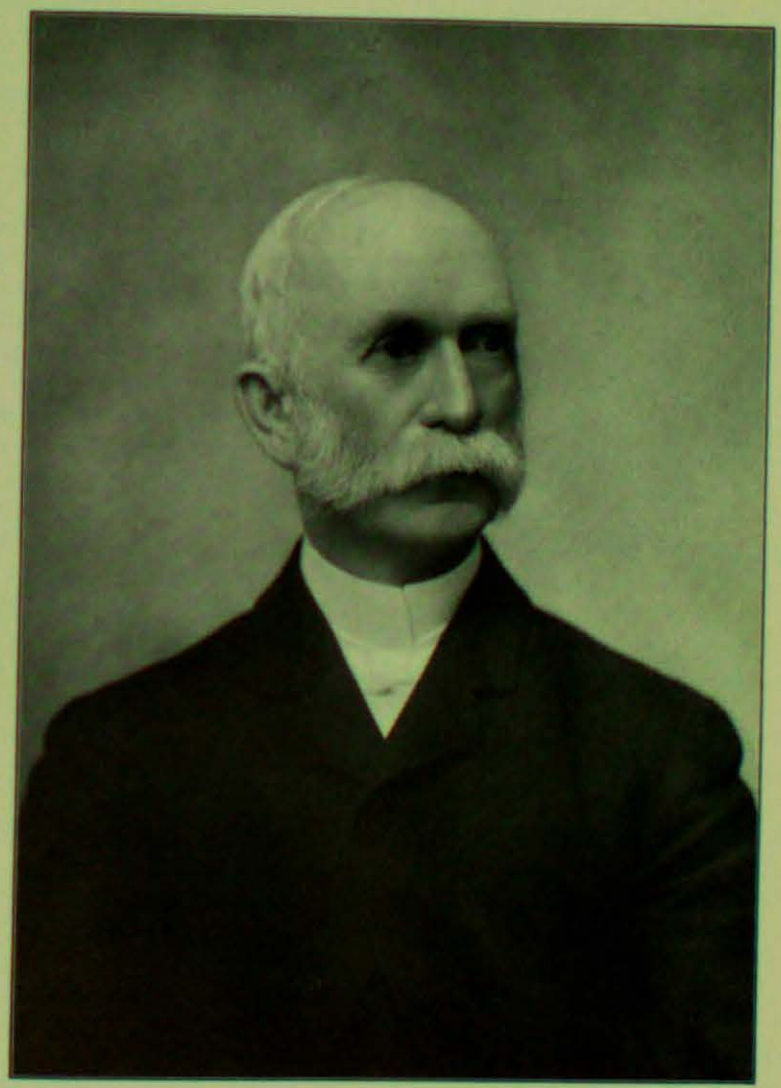
Captain and Mrs. Taylor are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which they take an active part. Fraternally the Captain is a member of the Order of Foresters, while in politics he is an Independent. Genial, courteous, and kind-hearted, Captain Taylor has a host of friends, and is very highly esteemed by all who know him.

William and Mary A. (Whiteley) Taylor, parents of Capt. J. W. Taylor, emigrated to Canada from their Yorkshire, England, home in 1854, and located on the St. Clair river, in Sombra township, County Lambton. William Taylor was a sailor, but upon settling in Canada he engaged first in a mercantile business, but afterward took up ship building. Among the vessels he constructed may be mentioned the schooners: "Albatross," "Lucksall" and "Faith;" tow barges: "Taughaballah," "Eddy" and "Effort"; steam barges: "Shamrock," "Coral" and "Energy." Besides these and many others he built, he rebuilt and repaired a number. He was the first to advocate a glass works for Wallaceburg, although he had no stock in the company; and he drew the plans for the glass tanks, and other appliances. In 1861 he moved to Wallaceburg, and there he died March 30, 1902, aged eighty-four years, while his wife died in October, 1888, aged sixty-eight years. Both died firm in the faith of the Church of England, and are buried in the English Church Plot, Wallaceburg cemetery. The children born to this union are: (1) Capt. John W. (2) George H. was editor of the *Chatham Planet* for several years, when he removed to Hamilton, and purchased the *Labor Union Daily*, but later settled in Detroit, where he was editor of the *Detroit Journal*. In 1881 he accompanied his mother on a visit to England, Scotland and Ireland, returning to Chatham. He next made a trip through the United States as stenographer for O. S. Fowler, a phrenologist. After two years he purchased the newspapers, *Herald* and *Record*, of Wallaceburg, and combining them, conducted the two under the name of the *Wallaceburg Valley Record*. After two years, his health failing, he spent a year in Bermuda Islands, and then located in Rocky Ford, Colo., where he is the editor of the *Rockyford Enterprise*. (3) Laura married Isaac Arnold, a farmer of Chatham Gore.

William Taylor was a son of John and Rosamond Taylor, the former of whom was a sailor off the coast of England.

TECUMSEH K. HOLMES, M. D. The Holmes family, of which the Doctor is a worthy representative, has been identified with the County of Kent for more than a century. The first of the family of whom definite records are available was Hugh Holmes, his grandfather, who was born in Ireland, and became a resident of Ontario in 1780. He was a man of high literary attainments, and for several years was a teacher in an academy at Sandwich. About the year 1795 he purchased Lot 23, 1st Concession, in Harwich township, County of Kent, and conducted the farm in conjunction with attending to his duties as a teacher. On the farm his seven children were born, four sons and three daughters. John, Hands, Daniel and Abraham, were the sons, and Daniel was in the War of 1812, and was wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane.

Abraham Holmes, the Doctor's father, was born May 13, 1797. He was a farmer at Kent Bridge, where he lived until 1872, when he left the farm and lived in Chatham with his son, the Doctor, until his death, in February, 1890. In 1825 he married Jane Gibson, who was born in 1807, daughter of John Gibson, of Salem, Mass.; her grandfather commanded the force which captured Burgoyne's army in 1777. To Abraham Holmes and his wife the following family was born: Hands Irwin,



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Hugh Hamilton, James Alexander, Thomas, Mary Jane, Sarah and Tecumseh Kingsley, the last named and James Alexander being the only survivors.

Dr. Holmes was born Jan. 17, 1839, in the County of Lambton, Ont., but while he was still very young his father settled on his farm at Kent Bridge, and he received his education at the public schools of Kent and taught in that county for five years. In 1864 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, but after one year entered the Long Island College Hospital, at Brooklyn, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1865, with the degree of M. D. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City, and was graduated from that institution in 1866, with the degree of M. D. Dr. Holmes then returned to Canada and completed his medical studies in Victoria University, Toronto, from which he secured the degree of M. D. in 1867. Immediately after graduating at Toronto Dr. Holmes located in Chatham, where for thirty-seven years he has been in continuous practice. He has been connected with many medical organizations, being ex-president of the Canadian Medical Association, and ex-president of the Chatham Medical and Surgical Society, and corresponding member of the Toronto Pathological Society. Dr. Holmes is prominent in business circles, as well, being president of the T. H. Taylor Co., of Chatham; director in the Chatham Loan & Savings Co.; and director in the Traders Fire Insurance Co. of Toronto.

The marriage of Dr. Holmes took place in 1873, to Miss Mary E. Taylor, of Chatham, daughter of Thomas H. Taylor, of that city. Mrs. Holmes was born in 1849, and was educated in the Chatham public schools and Helmeeth College, London, Ont., from which latter institution she was graduated in 1871. Four children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Holmes, namely: Garnet Wolsley, M. D., Kingsley, M. D., Edith Melville, and Shirley Morell. Dr. Garnet W. Holmes secured the degree of M. D. from the Toronto University in 1898, after which he took a special course of two years in Vienna, and London, England, and is now a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in Chatham, Ont. Dr. Kingsley Holmes received the degree of M. B. from the Toronto University in 1903 and then entered the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he pursued post-graduate work until 1904, when he was appointed on the resident staff of the New York City Hospital.

Dr. Holmes is one of the oldest physicians of Chatham, and his success in both professional and business lines is due to his own determined efforts to win in whatever he undertakes.

KENNETH URQUHART is numbered among the old settlers of the County of Kent, and comes of notable old North of Scotland ancestry, the family records being easily traced to Thomas Urquhart, the great-great-grandfather of Kenneth Urquhart, of Chatham. This ancestor lived and died in Scotland, little dreaming that any of his kindred would later find a home across the stormy sea. He had a son, John, the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather, who bore the name of Kenneth, also passed his life, like his ancestors, in Scotland.

John Urquhart, son of Kenneth and father of our subject, was of a more adventurous spirit. Born in Scotland in 1776, he suffered his son John to emigrate to Ontario in 1837, and in 1841 followed, dying in Chatham township in 1856, at the home of his son, Kenneth. In 1806 he married Henrietta McKenzie, daughter of Kenneth McKenzie (whose wife's name was Munro), granddaughter of John McKenzie, and great-granddaughter of Alexander McKenzie. To this marriage were born the following children: John, who settled in Chatham township in 1837; Alexander, deceased, who was a farmer in Dover township, County of Kent; Mary, who resides in the County of Kent, advanced in years; Ann, deceased; Kenneth; and Janet, Mrs. Roderick Ross. The mother of this family survived until 1864, dying at the home of her daughter, Janet.

Concerning the earlier ancestors of this family, the following appeared under the heading, "The Clan of Urquhart:"

Badge: Lus Leth an-t-Sambraidh.—Wallflower, Gillyflower.

The following historical sketch of the Clan Urquhart, of which Mr. Kenneth Urquhart, of this city, is a member, will be of interest.

This clan most probably takes its name from the district so called in Inverness-shire. There are several charters to persons of the name in Robertson's Index. Among them, one to Adam Urquhart, under David II (1340-70), of the lands of Fohestery, in Buchan, cum

Fortyre; one to Ada Urquhart, of Combathie, given by Hugh Ross; another to the same; and one charter under the same monarch "confirmans concessum per Willielmum Comitum de Ross," of certain lands dated at the castle of the Lord of Urquhart, 4th July, 1342, and among the witnesses was Adam de Urquhart.

In 1449 a Thomas Urquhart was Bishop of Ross, In 1463 a Helen Urquhart, daughter of Sir Thomas Urquhart, of Cromarty, by his wife, a daughter of Lord Forbes, was married to James Baird, of the Baird family.

In some accounts of the battle of Pinkie, 1547, it is stated that there fell seven sons of Sir Thomas Urquhart, of Cromarty. If so, their names are not given in the Douglas "Baronage."

The last Dean of Ross in 1585 was Alexander Urquhart. He was deprived of his post in that year, and the rents bestowed upon Robert Munro, of Foulis's son Hector.

In the Roll of Landlords in 1587, John Urquhart of Craigfintry, and Culbo, appears as guardian to his grand nephew, afterward the eccentric and learned Sir Thomas Urquhart, of Cromarty. John, called the Tutor of Cromarty, built Craigston Castle about the years 1604 and 1607. He married the heiress of Seton of Meldrum.

Sir Thomas Urquhart, of Cromarty, if he did not reside in the parish of King Edward, seems to have taken an interest in it; for the inscription on the massive silver communion cups shows that they were a joint present from him and John Urquhart, of Craigfintry, the former name of Craigston.

In the army of Gustavus Adolphus, under date of 1626, we find Col. John Urquhart, of Cromarty, "a valiant soldier, expert commander and learned scholar." In 1649 the castle of Inverness was nearly demolished by Sir Thomas Urquhart, of Cromarty, and other cavaliers. He was one of the most quaint writers of the seventeenth century, and is chiefly known as the translator of Rabelais. He was knighted by Charles I at Whitehall, and accompanied the Scottish army to Worcester in 1651.

In 1678 the Laird of Cromarty and Alexander Urquhart, of Newhall, were Commissioners in Parliament. In 1680 there were complaints laid before the council against his kinsman, Urquhart of Meldrum, commanding a troop of the King's Horse.

Mary, daughter and heiress of William Urquhart, of Craigston, married William Pollard, and their son, Francis Pollard-Urquhart, now has Craigston Castle.

Captain Beauchamp Colclough-Urquhart, of Meldrum and Blyth, Aberdeenshire, is, we believe, present head of the family.

Kenneth Urquhart, who bears his grandfather's name, was born in Lochbroom, Scotland, Jan. 3, 1819, and came to Ontario in 1841. For some years prior he had been clerking in a general store in Ullapool, Scotland, and he embarked in the same line in Chatham, carrying it on for a period of thirty-eight years, since which time he has lived retired from activity. For a number of years his home was located on Victoria avenue, but in 1887 he erected his handsome residence on Lacroix street, where he and his wife enjoy every comfort grateful to those in advancing years. Mr. Urquhart is one of the capitalists of Chatham, a member of the Chatham Loan & Savings Association, and a stockholder in the Chatham Gas Company. In political sentiment he is a Reformer.

In 1844 Mr. Urquhart was united in marriage with Miss Barbara McCaig, who was born in 1826, in Argyllshire, South End, Scotland, a daughter of John and Catherine (McNaughton) McCaig. Mrs. Urquhart's grandfathers, Neil McCaig and John McNaughton, were both men of prominence. It was in 1842 that John McCaig, with his wife and family settled in Harwich, County of Kent, and engaged in farming. They had the following children: Neil, Barbara, Margaret, John, Duncan, Catherine, Mary, Archibald and Catherine. Both John and Duncan are farmers in Harwich township.

Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart have devoted their lives to each other, no children having come to divide their interests. At the age when many people are considered old both retain every faculty, and in appearance seem much younger than the family records tell. They are valued members of the First Presbyterian Church. They are among the most highly esteemed residents of their city.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MILLS, License Inspector for West Kent, and ex-County Warden, of Chatham township, residing in Lot 14, Concession 4, owns a farm of 200 acres, on which he was born Nov. 28, 1848, son of Isaac and Dorothy (Everitt) Mills.

Isaac Mills was born on the River Humber, near Toronto, Ont., shortly after his people, who were linen merchants in Belfast, Ireland, came to this country. He came to County Kent in 1836, with his mother, step-father and brother-in-law, Richard Miller. The step-father bought the 200 acres of land, on which Mr. Mills now lives. Isaac Mills died in October, 1861, aged thirty-eight years, and his widow, Dorothy (Everitt) Mills, a native of Chatham township, died in January, 1901, aged seventy-four years. Both were members of the Methodist Church, and they sleep their last sleep in Riverside Cemetery, Chatham township. The children born to them were: William Alexander; Eliza A. Cadman, of Windsor, Ont.; Hannah E. Fleming, of Dres-

den, Ont.; Miss Mary M., of Chatham, Ont.; and Miss Jane A., who resides with her sister, Mary.

In September, 1891, Mr. William Alexander Mills married, at St. John's Church, Detroit, Michigan, Uanna L. Burke. The children born to this marriage are: Beverley B., Douglas H. and Gwendolin B. Mrs. Mills was born in Kilkee, County Clare, Ireland, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Molloy) Burke.

John Burke was born at Ennis, County Clare, Ireland. He graduated from Dublin University, at the age of seventeen, and shortly afterward he came to Canada and taught in Dean Geddes's private school at Hamilton, Ont., while later he was master of the Dundas Grammar School. Returning to Ireland he went again to Dublin, and entering Trinity College, he obtained his degree F. T. C. D., after which he went to the South of Ireland where he was a private tutor until the year 1883, when he and his family came to Canada. Mr. Burke taught for some time in Canada, and in 1889 he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he was again a private tutor until his death on Oct. 21, 1892, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow, now (1904) aged fifty-two years, resides with her children, all of whom, nine in number, are living.

William A. Mills has lived upon his present farm all his life. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Foresters and the C. O. of Woodmen. In politics he is a Reformer, and is active in the work of his party. He has served as school trustee several terms, was a member of the Township Council for ten years, Township Reeve four years, in 1888 he was elected County Warden, and for seven years was Township Clerk. He also served on the board of license commissioners of West Kent for several years, and he has discharged the duties of his several positions faithfully.

His family are all connected with the English Church, and while not a member himself, Mr. Mills attends its services. Enterprising energetic, possessed of the ability to make and retain friends, he has not only made a success of his work but also of his life, and he is recognized as one of the representative men of County Kent, with whose history he and his are so closely identified.

JAMES SMITH WALLEN, M. D., in his lifetime one of the leading lights of the medical profession in the County of Kent, Ont., was born in Kingston, Jamaica, the only son of Major Edward P. Wallen, who married a lady named Ford; both came of families noted for brilliant army careers. Dr. Wallen inherited a personal courage far beyond the conception of ordinary men, the courage that led him to face and to fight with deadly contagious disease at imminent danger to himself, and to offer up all he had for the sake of suffering humanity. He was actuated by a love of his profession in all his study and his work; pecuniary gain played no part in his life, as Dame Fortune had smiled on him at his birth, and made him independently wealthy.

Major Edward P. Wallen operated a large 600-acre coffee plantation in Jamaica, until after the emancipation of the slaves (by purchase) in 1834. He and his wife died in England. When his son was quite small Major Wallen was ordered to Egypt with his regiment, and was obliged to spend some years there, thus leaving young James in the care of an uncle for his education. Major Wallen's wife was a daughter of Capt. Ford, who commanded Fort Detroit when it was captured by the British. Ford's Island, near Detroit, was named in his honor.

Dr. James S. Wallen remained in Kingston until he was five years old, when, as his father had been sent to Egypt, he and his mother went to Scotland, where he was left in charge of an uncle to be educated. At the age of sixteen he began the study of pharmacy, and in 1833 he was graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons in England. He then went to Paris, France, where he was graduated from a medical college. Possessing ample means, he engaged in traveling for some years, studying in various hospitals, and generally perfecting himself in the profession he had chosen. With a number of young physicians he came to Canada to assist in checking the cholera epidemic, and gave efficient service in that most terrible time, facing death with the courage inherited from a brave and noble ancestry. He was appointed a surgeon for government service in the Rebellion of 1837. After his first marriage he located in St. Catharines, Ont., and remained there until the

death of his wife, when he visited Jamaica and England. Returning to Canada, he located, in 1861, in Chatham, Ont., removing therefrom to Ridgetown for the purpose of educating his children. He belonged to the old school of physicians who sacrificed themselves without stint for the relief of the suffering. No storm was too severe, no ride too long—when he was called he went. Not alone was he the family physician, he was the family friend and adviser, a sure help in all kinds of trouble. Of kindly disposition, charitable to the faults of mankind, generous in the relief of the poor and needy, simple in his tastes, honest and upright in all his dealings, he was beloved by all, and his death, which occurred Jan. 18, 1863, at the age of fifty-three, brought great grief to the community. His remains rest in Maple Leaf cemetery.

Fraternally Dr. Wallen belonged to the Good Templars. His political views coincided with the principles of the Conservative party. He was a member of the Church of England.

Dr. Wallen was twice married. At Ancaster, Ont., he married Mary Teeple, who bore him one child, Mary, who married Capt. Harvey Morris, a lumber merchant at St. Regis Falls, New York. On Aug. 7, 1845, in Chatham, Dr. Wallen married Sarah Coburn, who was born in Grimsby, Ont., Nov. 29, 1824, daughter of Eliphalet and Alathea (Robinson) Coburn. To bless this union came: Alathea, who is now the widow of James S. O'Brien, of Los Angeles, California; Edward C., deceased; and James S., a musician of Blenheim, Ontario.

WILSON. The immigrant ancestors of the Wilson family of Kent were William and Matthew, who died in Morpeth, and Robert and David, who died in Harwich, suburbs of Chatham. These four were brothers, sons of George Wilson, of Bettyville, Dublin, who owned also the estate of Oberstown, near Tara, Ireland. Both of those estates are now held by George Wilson, a grandson and namesake of the above named.

A lineal ancestor of this family was Sir William Wilson, of Eastbourne, County of Sussex, England, an officer of Anglo-Saxon origin, in the King's army during the struggle prior to the Commonwealth. When Charles II came to the throne this officer was, on March 4, 1661, made a Baronet and granted an Irish estate as a reward for distinguished services during the civil war. A branch of his family settled in the southeast of Ireland and became owners of "Seven Churches," which the descendants still own. In 1722 a scion (Thomas) from this branch went north from "Seven Churches" and purchased Oberstown, above mentioned. Then followed in a few years his brother James to Parsonstown, and John to Roosk. These estates, with others added, are still in the Wilson family. George Wilson, son of Thomas of "Seven Churches," added to Oberstown Bettyville, and at the present time these two estates belong to his great-grandson, George Wilson, whose father, George, was the eldest brother of the men who came to Canada.

The father of the four immigrants having died intestate and while his children were infants, the estates fell to the eldest son, George, and the early education of all was neglected. The younger brothers, William, Robert, David and Matthew, upon reaching manhood left Ireland, and adopted the County of Kent, Ont., as their future home. They came up the river from Detroit, arriving in 1834, and for some years kept a general store in Chatham in the days when wagons were unknown and large forest trees grew in what are now the main streets of the city. After some years of experience as a bachelor William married. Robert and David then took up farming, or rather they began living in the woods upon what afterward became their beautiful farms in the suburbs of the city of Chatham.

A few years later William and Matthew, thinking that Morpeth, then a shipping port on Lake Erie, would soon surpass Chatham, opened general stores there, and for many years combined mercantile business with dealings in grain, wool, timber and all sorts of produce, and also carried on a general shipping trade. In a few years they accumulated a competency which enabled Matthew to retire from business. William died some time afterward, and his family disposed of the property and moved to the city of London for the sake of better educational advantages; William's son, Dr. John D. Wilson, was for several years a member of the London school board and was elected three successive terms mayor of the city of London, after which he withdrew from pub-



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lic life and confined himself to the practice of his profession; two other sons of William, James and George, are prominent physicians in the same city. Matthew Wilson of Morpeth, with his wife and only child, Sarah, all died within a couple of years, in consequence of which his line became extinct. This left Robert's and David's families only in Kent.

Until his death David Wilson remained upon his farm, which was one of the finest in that beautiful district. He was one of the most enthusiastic and progressive agriculturists of his day. Farming was to him a science, and as a result was most profitable to him and instructive to those who sought to follow his example. He was the pioneer of Kent in the exporting of cattle to the mother country, and although he did not long continue these trans-Atlantic shipments he set the example which others in the county have since profitably followed. David Wilson did not confine his energies to the accumulation of property, in which, however, he was very successful, but devoted much of his time to the public good. For over twenty years he was a member of the municipal council of Harwich, and during a great portion of that time he was reeve, all of which testifies to his ability and popularity in the community in which he lived. In later years he was nominated by the Conservatives to represent East Kent in Parliament, but he declined to enter the contest.

David Wilson left a large estate, which he divided among his three sons, David, Michael Joseph and Francis William, who have continued and improved upon the work begun by their father. These three young men are now among the wealthy and successful farmers of the county, David residing on the lake shore in Howard, Francis on the old homestead, and Michael on a beautiful farm adjoining. Michael Joseph Wilson has on several occasions been elected to the municipal council, the last time to the reeveship, and he is now managing director of the M. J. Wilson Cordage Company. David Wilson is now serving as a member of the council for the township of Howard, where he resides. The mother of these sons and widow of David Wilson, Sr., still survives; her maiden name was Susan McGarvin.

Robert Wilson passed away before his brother David. He was of a more quiet and retiring disposition, and had taken very little part in the councils of the country, although at one time he was elected, against his will, to the municipal council of the township in which he resided, and at another time he was offered the Conservative nomination to the Parliament of Ontario. Robert Wilson was not only a student himself, but he used every means by practice and by precept to further the education of his family. There were, perhaps, few men in the Western District of Ontario possessed of wider learning or sounder judgment, and his friends and neighbors frequently resorted to him for information and advice. His kindness and charity were a blessing to the poor and he was beloved by all with whom he came in contact. He was a member and liberal supporter of the Church of England.

Robert Wilson married Isabella Waugh, daughter of Christopher Waugh, of the County of Middlesex, Ont., of Scotch descent. Of their children, four sons and two daughters survive: George; Matthew; Francis William; Robert Albert; Annie, now the widow of Dr. John M. Fraser, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in the Western University at London; and Belle, who, with the youngest son, Robert Albert, resides on the homestead with the widowed mother. Mr. Wilson gave to each member of his family a very liberal education, and early taught his sons the responsibility of managing their own affairs. He did not wait until his death to bestow upon them their respective portions of his large estate; George was settled upon a fine farm at Charing Cross; Francis was given another near Chatham; and Matthew, after remaining at home until near manhood, went by his father's urgent request to college, preparatory to studying law. George has shown the fruit of his father's teaching, and is to-day one of the most advanced and intelligent farmers in the county, having added greatly to his inheritance, and he reflects in his daily life the Christian sympathy and broad charity of his father. He married Agnes Young, and their family now fills their commodious home. They have the respect of all who know them. Francis William Wilson still lives upon the farm which was given him by his father, but he has converted it into an immense nursery, and has built thereon the splendid residence known as "Orchard Home." He married Matilda Mattice, and their union has

been blessed by three sons, two of whom assist their father in his extensive business, and the youngest is still in school.

MATTHEW WILSON, K. C.—Success and prominent position have so come to this member of his father's family that it is but just and fitting that to him should be given especial attention. He was born in Harwich, Aug. 28, 1854. After completing his studentship in law at Toronto he again submitted to his father's desire and returned to Chatham to practice his profession. He served his apprenticeship with Messrs. Harrison, Osler & Moss, perhaps the most illustrious law firm that Canada has ever known. From it, Harrison, the great municipal lawyer, was made Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench; Thomas Moss was elevated to the Chief Justiceship of the Court of Appeal for Ontario; Osler and Charles Moss are now both Judges in Appeal; and Falconbridge, who was also a partner, is Chief Justice of the High Court of Justice. Matthew Wilson soon showed himself to be a worthy student of his great masters. In his law school course he stood at the head of his class at each examination, and finally won the highest honors that could then be conferred, being a reduction of eighteen months in the period of service. He passed his final examination in 1879; but his habits of study, his love for his profession and his inherited thirst for knowledge made him continue, what he still is, a student, although apparently a master of law. His success in practice was even more marked than that in study, and he was soon recognized not only as a learned lawyer, but as a skilled counsel in the management of trials. His searching cross-examinations and the ready manner in which he could lay bare the weak spots in his adversary's case, together with his brilliant, incisive rhetoric, make him a terror to untruthful witnesses and wrong doers. It is said that Mr. Wilson always appears to best advantage in an "uphill" fight or a losing forensic battle. This is illustrated in the report of a case in which he was engaged for the plaintiff on the unpopular and supposed-to-be hopeless side. The report in the daily press states: "Mr. Wilson's argument lasted for over three hours and many of his admirers declare it the ablest effort of his life. Not a point of apparently the most trifling nature escaped his attention. Assuredly the case never looked brighter for the plaintiff than when he closed his argument. His lordship reserved judgment, remarking that while he would like to decide against plantiff, he considered Mr. Wilson's argument a very powerful one." (*Banner*, March 27, 1895.) Decision was afterward given for Mr. Wilson's client.

Although rather a rapid speaker and questioner, the accuracy of his language and the appropriateness of his words and the completeness of his sentences make reporting a pleasure to the stenographer, who is relieved from the frequent necessity of correcting the grammar or completing the questions. Few counsel combine in so high a degree the ability to make the close, skilled, argumentative address to be presented to a Bench of learned Judges, with at the same time an equal ability to "size up" the inclinations and dispositions of a jury or audience and to play upon their prejudices and sympathies, whether to move them to tears or to jolly them to ridicule. By those capable of judging it has been remarked that in either case the great influence of what he says follows chiefly from his masterly marshaling of his facts and leaving at the proper point his hearers to draw the conclusion as if founded upon their own reasonings. Conclusions so formed are hard to remove.

It is not to be wondered at that Mr. Wilson's practice rapidly increased and that he became well known throughout Canada. When comparatively very young and only ten years at the Bar he was created a Queen's Counsel (1889), and in 1893 was sent to England to argue (as he did successfully) a case before Her Majesty's Privy Council. In 1900 the *Canada Law Journal*, of Toronto, published his portrait, and in the course of a complimentary editorial said that: "Mr. Wilson, following the example of the senior member of the firm under which he studied, gave special attention to municipal law and has for some years been recognized as an authority in that branch, and to-day must have very nearly, if not quite the largest clientele of municipal corporations in the Province."

Such success cannot be obtained without struggles and rivalry, and these often beget unpopularity, but not so with "Matt." Wilson, as he is affectionately called. Soon after he began practice he was honored by the students who formed an association with the first presi-

dency of the same; and in later years his brothers in the Law made him President of the Law Association for the County of Kent, while a much larger constituency of his professional brethren chose him as President of the Western Bar Association for the Province of Ontario. He is also a Bencher of the Law Society in Toronto. More than once Mr. Wilson has been urged by his friends to accept nomination for Parliamentary honors, but while ready to advocate for his party the election of others he has no ambition himself to become the candidate.

Notwithstanding the business calls upon his time Mr. Wilson has given some thought to the improvement of the laws of his country, and he has upon this subject addressed meetings and written articles which have been copied and commented upon, not only throughout Canada, but also in the United States. He studies law as a science, and regards the practice of it as a noble profession, designed to protect and enforce rights, to prevent wrongs, and to safely keep and guide the human race, for the encouragement of the righteous and the punishment of the transgressor, and for the dispensation of stern justice to all.

It has been thought that some of the metropolitan dailies have occasional leaders from his pen, but the by-paths in which Matthew Wilson most frequently wanders are those in educational and religious fields. He has for years been a Senator of the Western University at London, and a member of the Council of Huron Divinity College there. Generally both in his services and his financial contributions he has been a liberal supporter of educational and church institutions at home and abroad. Since boyhood he has been a member and is now a foremost advocate in the Church of England and its various councils. He has been a member of the General Synod for all Canada ever since that Synod was established, and for many years has been a member of the Diocesan Synod of Huron and the Provincial Synod of Canada, as well as of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board. In 1896, when a Supreme Court of Appeal for the Church of England in Canada was created, Mr. Wilson was, on the nomination of the House of Bishops, made an assessor and member of that court; and no layman in that great body in Canada now has or is entitled to more influence or respect than Matthew Wilson.

Mr. Wilson is a director of the Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada and of the Union Trust Company of Ontario.

Matthew Wilson is now the head of the law firm of Wilson, Pike & Gundy, and has for over fifteen years been City Solicitor for Chatham. In 1882 he married Anna Marsden, daughter of C. R. Atkinson, K. C., and by her has three children, Meta Evelyn, Jessie Kathleen and Matthew Maurice. Mr. Wilson is essentially a "home man," fond of children and beloved by them; and notwithstanding his strong individuality, his courteous manner and sincerity make him admired by even those who are opposed to him.

The Detroit *Tribune*, in describing the appearance of counsel in a great trial in which Mr. Blake, Q. C., was on one side, and Mr. Matthew Wilson, Q. C., on the other, said the latter was a "tall, young-looking man, very neat in his dress and scholarly in his appearance." The Detroit *Sun* said: "He is thin and white looking, takes a big run of work and is very successful. He is active in church and educational affairs, and has on many occasions been taken for a clergyman." The *Canada Law Journal* says: "As a lawyer and a citizen, Mr. Wilson enjoys the confidence and esteem of the profession and the public."

In the sporting world, Mr. Wilson was induced to speak in Toronto for the Wheelmen's meet, and the *Mail-Empire* headed its report with "Matthew Wilson's Speech. How the eminent Q. C. jollied the crowd," while the Toronto *World* gave it "Matt. Wilson talked and won," and the Chatham *Planet* called his speech a "gem."

The Winnipeg *Tribune* in describing a number of leading Canadians says of him: "Then there is Matthew Wilson, Q. C., than whom no one knows better how to turn defeat into victory, and who, after having been barred out of the citadel by land and by sea, proceeds to take it calmly by dropping from the clouds."

The Minneapolis *Times*, referring to the great Church of England in Convention there in 1896, said: "It was an object lesson for those who came and for those who see and hear the visitors. Men like Matthew Wilson, Q. C., are samples of what the best laymen are.

He has had a memorable career, and when men like him are ready to leave business and take time to go out of his native country to serve the church it is an object lesson to all who behold. He is not a 'party man' in Church affairs—believing that our Creed is broad enough to admit all who have the saving knowledge of Christ, no matter what dress or vesments they may wear, or what particular ritual they prefer. Mr. Wilson can go home knowing that he has spoken a manly word for his Church, not alone in speech but in very deed."

At that meeting were representatives from all quarters of the world, including seventy bishops; and among the American laymen were such as J. J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Foster (ex-Minister of the United States) and other leaders in every walk of life.

Wilkinson's History of the United States Convention says: "Matthew Wilson, Q. C., is an Evangelical Churchman, but not a narrow one, and a bright light in the legal world. He is an advocate and liberal supporter of higher education, both secular and religious, and he has long urged a more active cooperation of the laymen in the spiritual work of the Church."

The Halifax *Church Work* says: "In his [Mr. Wilson's] chosen profession in the law he has been pre-eminently successful. As a writer and sepaker he stands in the very front rank of Ontario Publicists. As a ready and graceful speaker and keen debater he has few equals in any sphere or department of public life. A strong Conservative in politics, he has frequently been solicited to offer himself for Parliamentary honors, but so far has preferred to devote his uncommon powers to Church affairs."

The Chatham *Banner*, a Reform newspaper opposed to Mr. Wilson in politics, said of a speech by him: "Mr. Wilson's address was one of the most finished and brilliant oratorical efforts which has been heard in this city for some time. It was a masterpiece of eloquence and held his hearers simply entranced."

The Toronto *Globe*, the leading Reform paper in Canada, says: "Mr. Wilson has the art of putting a great deal of matter into a few words."

The Blenheim *News*, another paper of political views opposed to his, speaks of him as "an exceedingly able young man whose high abilities and studious character have secured for him a well deserved prominence in his native country."

The *Free Press* said: "Having originality and fearlessness of thought combined with high character, honesty of purpose and marked ability, together with a relentless determination to accomplish his object, Mr. Wilson is just the man who ought to be sent to the Parliament of his Country."

A portrait of Mr. Wilson, in the costume worn in the Privy Council of England, appears at the beginning of this article.

DAVID HAMIL. The Hamil family of Ontario is of English extraction, and has an ancestry traceable very far back, even to the days when seven brothers of the name accompanied Oliver Cromwell to Ireland. The first of the family of whom we have any definite data is Joseph Hamil, who passed his whole life in Ireland. He had a family of two sons and two daughters. His son Daniel was married to Martha Stuart, and had a family of seven daughters and one son, Joseph, who married Jane Crosier, daughter of Robert Crosier. She had three brothers: William, who for twenty-one years was captain of the 58th Regiment, in the English army; Robert, a lieutenant in the same army; and Thomas, a band master; all participated in the battle of Waterloo. The children born to Joseph Hamil and his wife were as follows: Mary Ann, Jane, Elizabeth, Joanna, and Joseph, John, Robert, William and David. They lived in the Emerald Isle until 1831, in which year the two families (of Daniel and Joseph) came to Canada, Daniel settling in Cartwright.

Joseph Hamil settled in the County of Brockville, in Kitley township, where he purchased a farm which he conducted six years. In 1837 he settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, on Lot 15, Concession 10, where he bought farms for himself and his sons. His eldest daughter, Mary Ann, married William Kinnaird, and they had a family of five girls and three boys. Jane married John Fluke; they had a family of four girls and two boys. Elizabeth married James English, and had a family of four girls and one boy. Joanna married John Muckle, and they had a family of five boys and two

girls. The eldest son, Joseph, married Elizabeth Kenny, and had a family of fifteen children, six boys and nine girls. John married Mary McCoig, and had a family of three children, two girls and one boy. Robert married Sophia Gammage, and their family consisted of three boys and five girls. William married Hannah Conn, and they had three boys and four girls. David married Cathrine Conn, and they had ten children, two boys and eight girls. Joseph Hamil, Sr., died in 1858, at the age of seventy-five; his wife survived him ten years, dying at the age of eighty.

David Hamil was born July 25, 1829, in County Monaghan, Ireland. At the age of eighteen he began life for himself as a farmer, on land given him by his father, and later he purchased the farm of his brother William, where he was engaged in general agriculture until 1892. In that year he sold 100 acres and gave his sons each 100 acres. Then he moved to Blenheim, where he lived ten years, after which he bought a farm on the Communication road, near Rondeau, where he still resides. The old family home is on the town line between Harwich and Howard, near the 10th Concession, Lot 15.

As previously mentioned, Mr. Hamil married Cathrine Conn, and they had ten children, two sons and eight daughters. The eldest daughter, (1) Jane, married George Hall, by whom she had three children, David F., Nellie and Bertram. For her second husband she married Alexander Goff, and they have one daughter, Leata Fern. (2) Elizabeth married William Brien, and they have six children, Kate, Minnie, Myrtle, Delila, Vernon and John. Of these, Kate married Arthur Sutton, and has two daughters, Pearl and Gladys. Minnie married Coral Brookins, and they have one son, named Glen. (3) Joseph married Alice Louisa Scane, and they have two children, Josephine and Wilbury. (4) Cathrine married Gilbert Phillips, and they have two children, Addie and Zelma. (5) Alice married Samuel Johnson, and they have had four children, Gertrude (deceased), Winnie, Leora and Frederick. (6) Meredith married Bertha Coyne; they have four children, Mildred, Edith, Genevieve, Frederick. (7) Christina (deceased) married Charles Chapin. (8) Eliza Ann died in infancy. (9) Joanna married James Smith; they have five children, James Lloyd, Florence, Lorne Hamil, and Harold C. and Abigal Edith. (10) Elsie Irene married Angus Lawton, and they have one child, Marjorie.

Mr. Hamil is a Conservative in politics. In religious belief he is a Methodist. He was a school trustee for eighteen years, and a councillor for three years. Most all the members of his family live in the townships of Harwich and Howard, and they are well known in this section.

JAMES BULLER, whose lamented death occurred in January, 1893, left a name which will long be remembered in County Kent and vicinity, and especially in Howard township, where for years he was a leading agriculturist, manufacturer, and large speculator in grain and cheese. A man of remarkable powers, both physical and intellectual, success seemed to crown his every effort. He started life with nothing but his own brain and muscle to depend upon, and rose to his final position of influence and affluence entirely by his own exertions. Born in Yorkshire, England, March 7, 1814, he was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Buller.

Henry Buller, a native of England, was one of the few who late in life decided to leave a comfortable home, and spend his last days as a pioneer in a wild country. In 1844, two years after his son had settled in America, he followed with his family, and, coming to the County of Kent, purchased of Col. Talbot, the English Government agent, considerable land on the 6th and 7th Concessions, in Howard township. There, upon what is known as Bullers' Corners, he erected his log cabin, roofed with clapboards, and proceeded to make his improvements. For four years he continued his labors with much success, until death cut short his career, in January, 1848, at the homestead. His wife, Elizabeth, who was also born in England, and came with him to this country, resided at the pioneer home until her death, which occurred in 1861. To Mr. and Mrs. Buller came nine children, all born in England: (1) James is mentioned below. (2) Robert married Flora St. Clair, resided for some time in County of Kent, and later moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he died. Of this union there were two sons, Henry and Neil. (3) John married a Miss

Lamport, of Canada; they had no children. He resided for a time in Howard township, and later in Ridgetown, where he died. For many years he was blind, having got steel filing in his eyes at Morpeth. (4) Henry resided in Morpeth, County of Kent, and died in Thamesville. He was married twice. By his second wife, a Miss Campbell, he had seven children, Dugal, William, Robert, Alfred, Julia, Mary and Etta. By his first marriage there were two children, John T. and Sarah E. (5) Thomas married Nancy Campbell and settled on his father's old homestead, where he died, leaving six children: Henry, Thomas, Robert, Mary, Julia and Elizabeth, all of whom are now living in Canada. (6) Dorothy, who is now deceased, never married. (7) Betty married Daniel Addeman, and settled in Howard; she is now deceased. By this union there were three sons—Thomas, now a resident of Michigan; Henry, of County of Kent, Ont.; and John, of Michigan. (8) Mary, born in Yorkshire, England, married Charles Graham, a farmer now residing in Manitoba. Both are deceased. By this marriage there were four children, Elizabeth, Margaret, Jane and Thomas W. (9) Catherine, the only living representative of the original American Buller family, is the widow of William Parsons, and resides at Bayfield, County of Huron, Ontario. By this marriage there were eight children: John, Robert, Thomas, James, Charlotte, Sarah, Mary and Dorothy.

Mr. Buller was a man of the highest integrity, and of great force of character, and was a thorough Christian gentleman. As a member of the Episcopal Church he was zealous in religious works.

James Buller was reared in England, under the beneficent influences of good society, and there obtained a liberal and thoroughly practical education. Upon reaching manhood, feeling the need of a larger field for his activities than the overcrowded districts of his own country, he, in 1842, decided to try his luck in America. Possessing but small means, he and his young wife embarked on a sailing vessel, and, after a nine weeks' voyage, landed in New York. Proceeding to Mansfield, in that State, they remained there for two years, Mr. Buller working at whatever chance offered, and at the same time keeping a sharp lookout for something better. In 1844 he and his parents went to Ontario, and there, in Howard township, County of Kent, purchased two hundred acres of government land from the Canada Company. From this, he cleared and put under cultivation a large tract, upon which he engaged extensively in farming. Always interested in the advancement of agriculture, he not only kept well informed upon all progressive methods, but also put them in practice. As a result, his extensive and well tilled fields yielded in time abundant harvests. From year to year he and his sons enlarged the home place by additional land purchases, until it embraced 950 acres. Besides general farming he carried on the dairy business on a large scale, often keeping as many as fifty cows. The growing needs of the farm demanded in time many buildings, and Mr. Buller erected thereon a handsome brick house, several barns, and other useful structures, which are still intact, and remain as evidences of his thrift and prosperity. In 1868 he built a large cheese factory, and soon afterward opened a shipping trade in that article with England, employing his brother-in-law, Jonathan Ward, as his English agent. He shipped the first cheese that was ever shipped from west of London to the old country. Using the milk from his own large dairy, and buying extensively from the neighbors, he sometimes made from one thousand to twelve hundred pounds of cheese daily, and he yearly exported to England many tons of the article. At the same time he added materially to his income by sending large quantities of grain to that country. So remunerative, in fact, was the business that he continued it for ten or twelve years, in the meantime, in 1872, returning to England, where he remained for some time, looking after his business interests. Mr. Buller passed his last days on the home place, where he died. His family still occupy the farm, and much of the land has been divided among the sons. Mrs. Buller survived until February 24, 1903, dying in her eighty-seventh year.

In England, in 1840, Mr. Buller married Ellen Ward, who was born in Yorkshire, in that country, Oct. 30, 1816, daughter of Jonathan and Betty (Harrison) Ward, who died in England. Mr. and Mrs. Buller had nine children: (1) Elizabeth, born in England, now a resident of Howard township, married William Latimer, and they settled on the 4th

Concession, where he was killed by a runaway team in 1869. She afterward married Leonard Hunter, and they resided near London, Ontario; he is now deceased. By her first marriage there were three children: Sarah E., who married Dr. C. N. Callander, and resides at Fargo, North Dakota; James H., now deceased; and Walter, who is engaged in farming in Howard township. By the second marriage she had four children, Alfred E., Lilla G., Franklin and Lottie L. (2) Dorothy, born in the State of New York, married, in 1866, William Clarke, of Blenheim, and they settled in Harwich township, where she died in 1880. By this union there were seven children: Joseph; James; Judson, now deceased; Nellie, who married Bruce Cameron, of Ridgetown; Mary and Bernice, who never married; and Ruth, now deceased. (3) Sarah J., born in the State of New York, married Archie Campbell, and they reside on his farm in Blenheim. By this marriage there have been six children: Dr. John, now a resident of Toronto; Alva and Archie, who are living at home; Nellie; Jennie; and Edith. The other Buller children were all born at the family homestead, viz.: (4) Henry, who since the death of his father has carried on the old homestead, is a man of large business interests and influential in local affairs. He owns the "Queen's Hotel" block in Ridgetown, four hundred acres of excellent farming land in Howard township, and is president of the Howard Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Ridgetown. In politics a Conservative, he has held the office of reeve in Howard township for a number of years, has served seven years in the council, and filled other local offices with marked ability. (5) Jonathan married Margaret Alexander, of Howard township, daughter of Robert Alexander, who now resides in Ridgetown. Mr. and Mrs. Buller first settled on a farm, in Harwich township, which he purchased, and there resided some years. Later they moved to a farm adjoining the old homestead, in Howard township. By this marriage there have been born three children, Queenie, Ward and Redvers. (6) Robert, now a prominent business man of Ridgetown, married Josephine Dodge, daughter of Henry and Sarah Dodge, of the town of Ridgetown. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buller: James, Stanley, Helen and Henry. (7) Mary married George Hunter, who is engaged in stock dealing in Ridgetown. They have two sons, Roy B. and Henry C. (8) Thomas, now a well-known lumberman of Ridgetown, married Dora Scane, only daughter of Charles Scane, of Ridgetown. By this marriage there have been three children, Ina A., Glen E. and Edna M. (9) Miss Isabella has always remained at the home.

Mr. Buller was an excellent specimen of the self-made Canadian, by his energy and inherent ability achieving distinction in two fields of activities—agriculture and business. A man of great magnetism and marked strength of character, he was enabled to summon his best efforts for every undertaking. To the aid of the clear and logical brain of the business man he brought the strong heart, the courage, and the steel muscles of the plainsman, who is eminently fitted to grapple with nature in her wildness and come out conqueror. Honesty, broadmindedness, and generosity characterized his dealings with his fellow men. As an Episcopalian he was a consistent church member, and he also gave freely for the support of churches of other denominations. In politics an unwavering Conservative, he was always influential in local affairs, and filled at different times many offices, exercising marked efficiency in the discharge of his duties.

THOMAS M. SYER. The Syer family is of English extraction, belonging to the County of Suffolk, England, its leading occupation agriculture, its religion the Church of England, and its reputation that of honest, upright and most worthy people. The following article, which appeared under the heading "Marvin and Syer," gives some idea of the ancient origin of the name:

"The origin of the surname 'Syer' is seen in an early instance from Rye's 'Calendar of the Feet of Pines for Suffolk,' in 2 Ed. III, 1328-29. Adam Le Syre, Champlain, was concerned in a transaction relating to property at Hunston, Ashfield, Langham, and Stowlangtoft. In 1305 William Syer was a free tenant of Millersland, manor of Hadleigh, and one of the tenants by custom of Clerks-land, in the same manor, was William Syer [see the late Lord John Hervey's translation of an 'Extent of Hadleigh Manor, 1305,' in 'Proceedings of Suffolk Institute of Archaeology' for 1902].

"A yeoman family of this name was long settled at Great Wenham, where an altar-tomb in the churchyard commemorates: (1) Mr. Edward Syer, died in 1755, aged 61, born 1693-4; (2) Mr. Thos. S., died 1771, aged 49, born 1721-22; also 9 children; and (3) Tho. S., died 1830, aged 62, born 1767-68. A monumental inscription in Tannington Church-yard is for Sarah, relict of Tho. Syer, of Vaux Hall, Great Wenham, died 1855, aged 76, born 1778-79.

"The Edward Syer, of New Hall, Copdock, who married Mary, probably heiress of the Marvens of Copdock, [see No. 794], was probably brother to the above Tho. Syer, born 1767-68. Mrs. Mary Syer, of Copdock, died 1849, aged 79, born 1769-70. Their son, Tho. Marven Syer, died 1823, aged 24, born 1798-99. Another son was John Marven Syer, who in 1844 was of Wenham Cottage, Great Wenham, gent. Another son was Edward Marven Syer, of Four Sisters Farm, Stratford, St. Mary.

"In 1844, the following farmers were resident in the Casford Hundred:—Will. Syer, of Bildeston; Will. Syer, of Elmsett; Syer Cooper, of Hitcham; and Will Syer, of Kersey. E. M., Ipswich."

Edward Marvin Syer, the father of Thomas M. Syer, of Thamesville, Ont., was one of three children born to his parents, the others being John and Mrs. Cook. He was born in England, Jan. 19, 1800, and there, in the course of time, married Sophia Mayhew, who was an aunt of F. J. and James Mayhew, of Thamesville. Mrs. Syer was born in England in 1799, and died there in 1859. Mr. Syer engaged in farming throughout life, and died in 1875. Their children were: Frederick John, who was a sailor for many years, later became a resident of Australia; Joseph, who was also a sailor, died at the Cape of Good Hope; Samuel was a pawn-broker of London for years, and a councilman in one of the districts of that city, and died at Deptford, in 1893, aged sixty-two; John, who was a sailor, lost his life on the water; Edward is a dry-goods clerk in London, England; Benjamin William is a bookkeeper in Ipswich, England; Thomas M. is a citizen of Thamesville; five daughters, Caroline Starling, Maria Mayhew, Jane Marven, Sarah Martin and Mary Sophia, are deceased.

Thomas M. Syer was the only member of his family who came to America. He was born on Four-Sisters Farm, Stratford, St. Mary, Suffolk, England, June 20, 1840, was educated in his native land, and came to Ontario in 1864, spending his first summer in the employ of Robert Bloom, at Dawn. In the fall of the same year Mr. Syer rented the De Cow farm, in Howard township, County of Kent, which he operated for a period of ten years. In 1869 he married Miss Catherine Coll, daughter of William Coll, and five years later settled in Thamesville, where he established and conducted until 1882 a most prosperous flour, feed and implement business. In 1882 he formed a partnership with James Mathew in a flouring-mill at Thamesville, which still continues to be one of the leading industries of the place. The business is milling, although they also handle grain. It has been a successful enterprise from the start, both partners being men of energy and business qualifications.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Syer, as follows: William Edward, a resident of the States; Frank M., an employee of the Thamesville mill; Thomas M., also engaged in the mill; Mina, Mrs. Ruckle, of Winnipeg; and Miss Kate.

In political sentiment Mr. Syer is a Conservative. His religious membership is with the Episcopalian Church. For many years he has been prominent in fraternal work; taking an active interest in the A. O. U. W., he was a charter member, in 1879, of Thames Lodge, No. 24, and has served several times as representative to the Grand Lodge. His Lodge has been noted for the longevity of its members, but one death having taken place since Mr. Syer joined it. In civic affairs he is also prominent, having served several years on the council, and for six years as reeve. In 1875 he made a visit to England, but returned well satisfied with his home and interests in the County of Kent.

E. W. SCANE, who departed this life April 1, 1902, was a leading barrister of Chatham, County of Kent, and his death removed from that city not only one of the oldest members of the Bar, but also one of her most prominent citizens and highly esteemed Christian gentlemen.

Mr. Scane was descended from English a



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cestry in both paternal and maternal lines. The first member of this family, concerning whom any definite data are obtainable, is Thomas Scane, the grandfather of E. W., who was born in England about the year 1765, and there married, his wife being also a native of England. Some time afterward he came to Ontario, and settled near St. Thomas (where his wife died) in the year 1820. In the year 1822 he moved to Howard township, County of Kent, settling on a farm where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1845. Politically he was a Conservative. To Thomas Scane and his wife were born the following children: Ellen, who died in England; Jane, who died in Ontario; Betsy, who died in Ridgetown; and two sons, John and Thomas, both of whom came to Ontario with their father, and settled in Howard township, where Thomas died in 1871, leaving two sons, Henry and Thomas, and three daughters, Jane, Ellen (deceased) and Betsy Ann. Of these Henry is now deceased, and Thomas still resides in Howard township.

John Scane, son of Thomas, and the father of E. W. Scane, was born in England in 1800, and came to Ontario about the same time his father emigrated. He settled on a farm in Howard township, County of Kent, now owned by James Scane, his son. John Scane married in 1822, Miss Elizabeth Mitton, who was born in England in 1798, and they became the parents of nine sons and two daughters, four sons dying in infancy. We have the following record of the others: (1) John, born in 1824, died in 1901; he married Catherine Marsh, by whom he had three children: Charles W., unmarried, who resides in Howard township; Harry, who married Addie Scarlett, and also lives in Howard township; and Elizabeth Alice, wife of J. Hamil. (2) James, born in 1826, married Jane Spence, and lives in Howard township. (3) Joseph, born in 1829, married Harriet Spence, and lived in Howard township until his death, in January, 1902. They had nine daughters, Alice, Ellen and Jane (who died in infancy), Louisa, Minnie, Mabel, Annie, Maud and Ethel and three sons, George and John (who died in infancy) and James, a farmer of Howard, who married a Miss McDonald. Louisa married William Thorold, and lives in Ridgetown. Minnie married Alfred Savage, of Ridgetown. Mabel married Alfred Crodon, and lives in London. Annie married George Laing, of Ridgetown. Maud married James Craig, of Chicago, and Ethel married Roy Gammage. (4) Charles E., born in 1834, married Amanda Stover, and lives in Ridgetown. He has three sons and one daughter—Wilbur, who married Elizabeth Rushton; Harry; Roy; and Dora, Mrs. Buller. (5) Jane married John Toll. (6) E. W. is mentioned below.

E. W. Scane was born Sept. 9, 1838, in the township of Howard, on the same farm where he grew to manhood, and attended the rural schools. On his father's farm he formed the habits of industry and integrity which made him successful in both his profession and his business. In 1857 he entered Victoria College, graduating in 1858, and in the fall of that year entered the law office of C. R. Atkinson, with whom he remained five years. He passed his examination in 1865, and until his death was engaged in the practice of his profession in Chatham, being one of the oldest legal practitioners in the city. Mr. Scane was never a politician, preferring to give his time exclusively to his profession. He served his city as member of the council in 1872-73, as mayor in 1882-83, and in 1900-01 was again in the council. He was for some time a member of the Collegiate Institute Board in Chatham, and always took an interest in the educational matters of his city.

On Feb. 14, 1865, Mr. Scane and Miss Mary A. Spencer were united in marriage. Mrs. Scane is a daughter of William and Betsy (Cherry) Spencer, the former of whom was born in Hull, England, in 1800, and the latter in the United States in 1810. They located in Chatham in 1838, and Mr. Spencer died there in 1847, the mother on Aug. 7, 1893. They had five children: Adelaide (Mrs. Thomas Stone), deceased; William, of California; Timothy, of California, deceased; Mrs. Scane; and Samuel, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Scane became the parents of four children: (1) Walter W. was called to the Bar in 1887, and has been a legal practitioner in Chatham ever since, and is a member of the firm of Huston, Stone & Scane, barristers, of Chatham. He married Emma Wall, by whom he has two daughters, Mary and Margaret. (2) Adelaide Cherry married William J. Taylor, of Chatham, and has two children, William Wal-

lace and Thomas Hulme. (3) John Wallace, a graduate of McGill Medical College, and now a practicing physician of Montreal, married Leonora Morris, and has one daughter, Mary Marjorie Amelia, and one son, John Morris. (4) Bessie C. married Joseph Hadley, of Chatham. Mr. Scane was a member of the Methodist Church, to which faith Mrs. Scane also adheres. Politically he was a Conservative. Mr. Scane owned one of the many beautiful homes in Chatham, and was numbered among the leading members of the legal profession, not only in Chatham but in Ontario.

ZENAS W. WATSON, a retired farmer of Ridgetown, County Kent, Ont., and a member of one of the old pioneer families of this locality, was born Oct. 23, 1830, a son of James and Sophia (Nash) Watson, and grandson of Joseph Watson, who died in England.

James Watson, the father, was born at Tenterden, England, in October, 1793, and his wife was born at Kingston, Ont., in the same month, 1799. James was the only one of his family to come to the Dominion. Upon landing in the New World, he settled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for two years made the Quaker City his home, but he then journeyed north, and purchased 100 acres of land from the Crown in the town of Ridgetown, early in the twenties. After securing this land, Mr. Watson returned to England and remained for some time. However, being fully imbued with the possibilities of Canada, he returned to his property, on which he erected a log cabin. Later this was replaced by a frame structure, and still later by a substantial brick cottage, in which he made his home until his death in January, 1876. He sold the first town lot in Ridgetown, and gave to the place its name. His worthy wife, who cheerfully shared all his trials, passed away on Christmas day, 1869.

In 1829, James Watson and Miss Sophia Nash were united in marriage. She was a daughter of Zenas and Mary (Brier) Nash, of Boston, the former an American, the latter a native of France. Zenas Nash and wife had settled on the Lake shore, near Morpeth, where they lived and died, he being a successful carpenter by trade. James Watson and wife were the parents of five sons. In religious matters, they were consistent members of the Church of England. Politically James Watson was for years a Conservative, but in his latter life joined the Reform party, and held various town offices.

Zenas W. Watson, being the eldest of the family of James and Sophia, was reared to hard work on his father's farm, and was educated in the district school. He remained upon the home farm as manager, when his father, being advanced in years, had retired from active life. In 1859 Zenas W. Watson married Miss Ellen Scane, a lady born in Ridgetown, and a daughter of Thomas Scane, one of the pioneers of County Kent. She died fourteen months after marriage, leaving no family. On Oct. 13, 1863, Mr. Watson was married to Miss Malissa C. Kern, the worthy daughter of Samuel and Mariah (Mabee) Kern, members of one of the old and aristocratic families of County Norfolk. Samuel Kern was born in October, 1813, and his wife, Sept. 12, 1813, both in County Norfolk, Ont. They settled on a farm in Charlotteville, County Norfolk, where they spent the greater part of their lives, but prior to their death removed to Waterford, where he died in October, 1893, and she in February, 1886. They left a family of four children: William and John Kern both died in young manhood; Calista M. Kern, born in December, 1836, married Abram Contryman, now living retired in County Norfolk, and they have three children, Albert W., Arnet H., Jennie L.; Malissa C. Kern, wife of Mr. Watson, was born April 29, 1839, and was very well educated in the College of Woodstock.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Zenas W. Watson settled on the old homestead, which was deeded to Mr. Watson during his father's life. In 1895, Mr. Watson erected his present large, thoroughly modern brick house, one of the finest homes in the city. For a number of years, Mr. Watson has lived retired from active life, he being one of the wealthy and substantial men of Ridgetown. Two sons have been born to himself and wife: Charles W., born in January, 1866, received an excellent high school education in Ridgetown, and later enjoyed the advantage of a commercial course at Chatham, after which he embarked in a private banking business in County Essex for four years, and then settled in Ridgetown and engaged in a carriage business for a time, afterward buying an electric light plant in Orangeville, Ont. He married Miss Susie Schryer, a

native of Ridgetown, and they have one son and one daughter—Eric J. W. and Mona May (born April 11, 1903). Omar K. Watson, the second son, was born in August, 1869, and was a student of the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and later of the Toronto University, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1894, then entering the law office of Robinson, O'Brien & Gibson, of Toronto. He finished his law course at the Toronto University, and is now a successful barrister-at-law at Ridgetown. The maiden name of his wife was Jessie Bell, and she was a native of Waterford, County of Norfolk, and they have two daughters, Veda C., born in September, 1899; and U. Aileen, born in October, 1901. In religious matters, Mrs. Zenas W. Watson is a member of the Baptist Church, in which she takes an active part, and has been president of the Church Society for a number of years. Politically, Mr. Watson has always been one of the independent voters of the Dominion, and for four years held the office of member of the council.

The second member of the family born to James Watson and his estimable wife, was Sylvester N. Watson, who went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he married Helen Gowdy, and settled in that city for some years, but prior to the Civil war he located in Memphis, Tennessee. Still later, he made his home in Chicago, and there died in 1894, leaving his wife, but no family.

John W. Watson, third child of James Watson, married Sarah Campbell, of County Kent, who died leaving him three children, John, Robert and Sarah A., and he too is now deceased.

Thomas W. Watson, the fourth in order of birth, in the family of James Watson, is now deceased. He was born in Ridgetown, and died unmarried at Windsor, in 1882, having been a successful carpenter and contractor.

George A., son of James, is mentioned below.

James Watson, the pioneer, had many wonderful adventures during his struggles to overcome the difficulties of the wilderness and establish a home for his wife and little ones. He travelled the distance between Ridgetown and Philadelphia twice on foot, walking the whole way.

One night he and his wife went away from home, leaving alone the children, of whom Zenas W. was the eldest, and he was under ten years of age. Wolves came around the house that night and attacked the dog, the only living thing not housed. The dog would jam his back into the doorway and fight until the battle seemed too strong for him, then he would rush out and around to the other door, repeating the performance. The children were very much frightened, but at last, plucking up courage, they got together and opened the door sufficiently to let the dog in. The wolves hesitated about entering, and the door was closed against them. The dog, however, besides being badly frightened, had lost his tail and finished with nothing but the bleeding stump. James Watson was a man of ability, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and left a name to his children, only two of whom are now living, of which they are justly proud. Zenas W. and George A. are both men well worthy of their honored father and are entitled to highest respect and esteem from their fellow townsmen.

George A. Watson, a son of James Watson, and real estate dealer and magistrate of Ridgetown, was born Sept. 24, 1840. He was reared in Ridgetown, and there received his early education. When a young man he entered the store of J. N. Simmons, as a clerk, remaining in that capacity until 1860. At that time, Mr. Watson became a clerk in Chatham for the Thomas Stone Dry Goods Company, remaining there for some time, when he started a general store in Ridgetown, and operated it until 1879. In the meanwhile, in 1875, he purchased a saw, sash and planing mill in the same town, and successfully carried it on until it was burned, in March, 1877, causing a loss to him of many thousands of dollars. In 1880, Mr. Watson was appointed justice of the peace for the County of Kent, which office he still holds, discharging the many duties connected with it to the entire satisfaction of the community. In connection with his public office, Mr. Watson deals extensively and successfully in real estate, and is one of the substantial men of the town.

In January, 1877, Mr. Watson was married to Miss Elizabeth Scarlett, born and reared in Howard township, the daughter of Alfred and Isabella Scarlett, members of an old pioneer family of the County of Kent. Mr. Watson

erected a fine home in Ridgetown, in 1876, to which he took his bride, and where he still resides. He is also the possessor of considerable realty holdings in Ridgetown and the surrounding country, and he is a great lover of flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have no family. Politically Mr. Watson is identified with the Reform party, and has always been in sympathy with its principles. He has also taken a deep interest in educational matters, and for thirty-six years has held the office of trustee of the school board, and for three years has been treasurer of the Howard Branch Agricultural Society of County Kent. Kind hearted, energetic, thoroughly upright in all his dealings, and a man of cool, level judgment, Mr. Watson is eminently fitted for his position as magistrate of the city of Ridgetown. Like his father and brother, Mr. Watson has always held the confidence of his fellow townsmen, and he is a most worthy descendant of that honorable man, James Watson, whose name is held in such high esteem, wherever he was known.

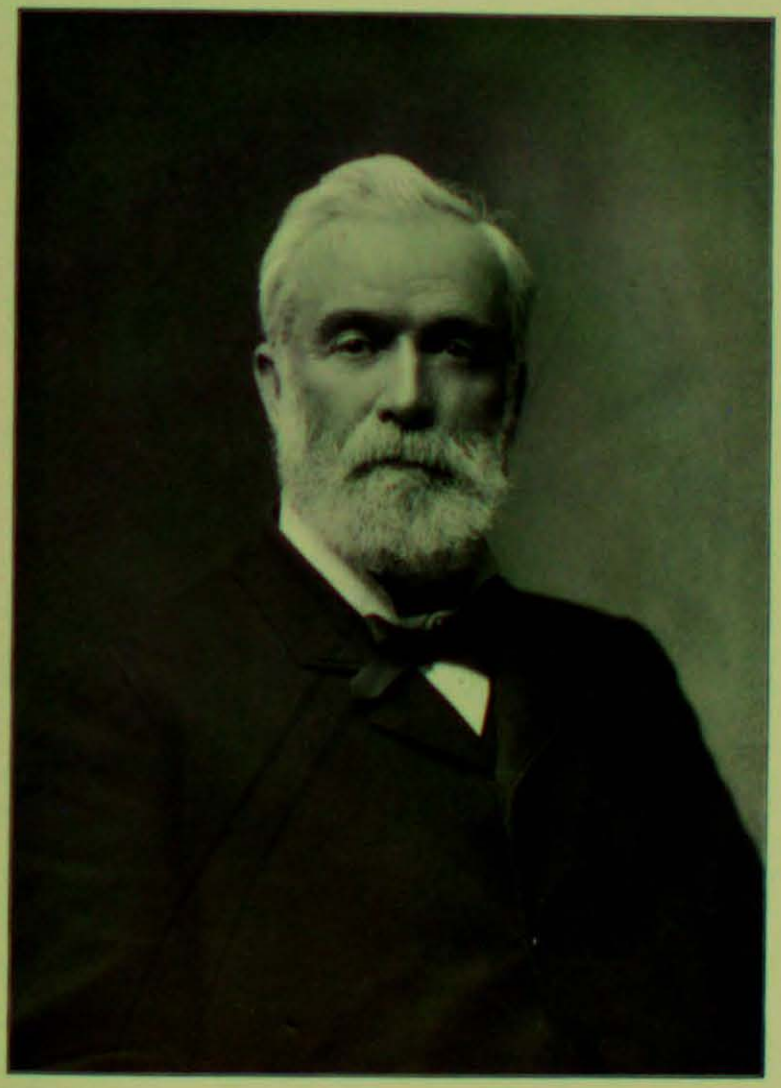
MICHAEL HOUSTON, barrister and solicitor at law, and police magistrate of the city of Chatham, County of Kent, is descended from Scottish ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines.

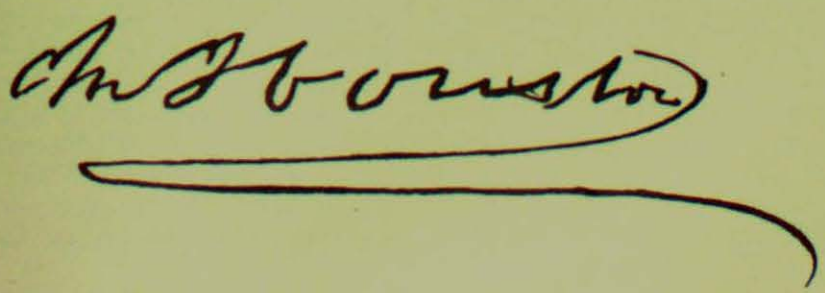
The oldest member of the family of whom we have authentic record is Nathaniel Houston, the grandfather of Michael, who was born in Dalry, Scotland, about 1770, and there married Jane Dixon, who was born in 1773. Their children were: Alexander, Jennette, Jane, Robert and John M. Of this family, Robert, the father of Mr. Houston, was the first to come to Ontario, emigrating thither in 1825, at the age of twenty-two years. In due time all the other members of the family came also, and here the parents died. When Robert Houston reached Canada he settled first at Montreal, and later moved to Aldborough, where in 1829 he married Nancy Campbell, who was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1806, three years later than her husband, who was born April 6, 1803. After marriage Robert Houston and his wife settled on a farm on what was known then as the Long Woods road, where they remained about two years. On April 10, 1832, they moved to a farm in Harwich township, County of Kent, where he spent the remainder of a useful life, dying April 10, 1897, just sixty-five years to a day from the date of his settlement at that place. His wife died in 1882. The following children were born to them: (1) Annie, born Dec. 25, 1830, married E. P. Longford, of Harwich township. (2) Duncan, born March 6, 1833, married Catherine Ferguson, and resides on a part of the old farm in Harwich township. Their children are John D., a farmer of Raleigh, who married Effie Clark; Maggie, who married James Smith, of Harwich; Annie, at home; Michael F., who married Sarah McKinley and is a farmer of Harwich; and Kittie, Tina and Walter, at home. (3) Margaret is the widow of John Richardson, of Chatham. (4) John married Mary McKillop, of Harwich, and their children are Bessie, the wife of George Smyth; Alexander, who married Jennie Smyth; Annie; Margaret; Robert; John, Jr.; Mary and Duncan. (5) Michael is mentioned below. (6) Bessie married John R. Wood, of Appleton, Wisconsin, and they have six daughters.

Michael Houston, of Chatham, so well and favorably known throughout that locality, was born February 28, 1842, in Harwich township, County of Kent, on the old homestead, and there grew to manhood. His education was obtained in the public schools of Harwich, and he finished his course in the Chatham high school. In 1865 he creditably passed his primary examination in the law, and spent the winter of 1867-68 in the law school of the University of Michigan; later he became attached to the law office of Patterson, Harrison & Patterson, of Toronto, passing his final examination as barrister and solicitor in November, 1870. That year he settled in Chatham, and for a time attended to the business interests of E. W. Scane, but in January, 1871, he opened an office of his own, and continued in active practice alone until May 5, 1873, when he formed a partnership with E. W. Scane, the association continuing until Mr. Scane's death, in April, 1902.

On May 5, 1882, Judge Houston was appointed to his present responsible position, in connection with which he still continues in the practice of his profession. He is solicitor for the Chatham Gas Co., of which he is a director, and he is one of the trustees of the Public General Hospital.

On Nov. 12, 1873, Mr. Houston mar-





ried Miss Harriet Northwood, of Chatham, daughter of the late William Northwood. She was born July 28, 1852, and is a lady of education and social position. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Grace, who was educated at McMaster University; Margaret; Jessie, B. A., of the University of Toronto, class of 1902; and William, a student in the Collegiate Institute at Chatham. The beautiful modern home of Judge Houston and family is located on Victoria avenue, in Chatham. Politically the Judge favors the Reform party. The religious membership of the family is in the Baptist Church.

Mr. Houston is an able lawyer, well equipped in the ethics of his profession, a magistrate of most excellent discrimination, a business man of integrity, and a progressive, enterprising and representative citizen.

THOMAS SALTER GOSNELL, collector of internal revenue for the Winnipeg District, residing at Winnipeg, was born on the old homestead in the township of Orford, County of Kent, Ont., June 8, 1850, and is a son of James Gosnell, and brother of J. J. Gosnell, sketches of whom will be found elsewhere.

On Sept. 30, 1889, in Hamilton, Ont., Mr. Gosnell married Maud Alexandria Walker, and two children have been born to them, Susan Eileen and Walker William. Mrs. Gosnell was born in Hamilton, Ont., March 25, 1862, a daughter of Robert and Sophia (Edmundson) Walker, of Durham, England, and Markham, Ont., respectively. Mr. Walker was employed by the city of Hamilton as inspector of public works, having charge of the construction of the building of the water works. He also held other public offices, and was a man of prominence. His death occurred in 1883, when he was sixty years of age, while the mother died in 1900, aged seventy-three years. Both were members of the English Church. The following children were born to this union: Raymond, a commercial traveler of Toronto, Ont.; Frank, a merchant and very prominent man of Hamilton, Ont.; Maud Alexandria, wife of Thomas S. Gosnell; and Anna, who married Prof. G. L. Johnson, of Hamilton, Ontario.

Thomas S. Gosnell was reared on the farm with his parents, and educated in the schools of Highgate. At the age of twenty he began teaching school in the County of Kent, thus continuing for six years, the last two of which, during 1874 and 1875, he was principal of the Highgate school. He then entered into the civil service as excise officer in Chatham, but after four years, in 1880, he was transferred to Hamilton, thence to British Columbia, and thence to Winnipeg. After four years there he was transferred to Calgary Division, as collector, but after the expiration of another four years was returned to Winnipeg as collector of that division, where he has since remained, and he is justly regarded as one of the best men in the service. His division comprises all Manitoba and west as far as Moose Jaw, and east in Ontario to Rat Portage and Fort Francis. Mr. Gosnell is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the A. O. U. W. and of the Woodmen of the World. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church.

Although Mr. Gosnell is at present residing in Winnipeg, his parents and various friends feel that he belongs to the Orford contingent, and he himself is interested in the welfare of the County of Kent, which sent him, like so many of its sons and daughters, out into the world well equipped for the battle. Mr. Gosnell is a man of whom the government service may well feel proud, and his old friends, as well as those he has made in his travels, rejoice in his success and regard his future as a very brilliant one.

JOHN M. DUCK, retired custom officer and clerk of Division Court at Morpeth and Ridgetown, Howard township, County of Kent, was born Feb. 7, 1824, on Princess street, Cavendish Square, London, England, son of George and Mary A. (Epworth) Duck.

George Duck, his father, was born in Wiltshire, England, June 5, 1790, and his wife was born in London. They were married in February, 1819, in London, and remained in England until March, 1833, when they left London on the good ship "Ontario," bound for Canada, via New York. After a voyage of six weeks they landed in New York, whence they journeyed to Lockport, and then by boat to Queenstown. George Duck carried letters of introduction to Chief Justice Robinson, of Toronto, and drew land on the Howard road from Col. Talbot, receiving 220 acres of wild land on which he settled. He began life as a pioneer in a log house his own hands erected. In 1837

he joined the St. Thomas troops as sergeant-major, and served during the Rebellion of 1838 and 1839, receiving promotion to the rank of captain, which he held during the remainder of his life. After his term of service had expired Capt. Duck returned to his first improvement on the Howard Road, but later sold that farm and purchased one near the village of Morpeth, called after Lord Morpeth, of England, who had visited Col. Talbot during those early days. On this new farm, George Duck began again the work of improvement, and was for many years engaged in farming and also in merchandising. He discovered, however, that his talents were put to better advantage in an agricultural life, so he abandoned his mercantile ventures, and lived retired in his home in Morpeth, where he died in December, 1869, while his wife survived him until May 8, 1880. They were both members of the Church of England, and were devoted workers in the cause of Christianity, giving their lives to good works. Politically, he was always identified with the old Liberal party, and held a number of the municipal offices in the county. In 1850 he was elected the First Warden of County Kent after it became a separate county. He was a very useful member of the councils, and one who wisely led those under him, and during his long and busy life, was well and favorably known to a large contingent. To himself and wife were born five children: (1) George, born in England, in June, 1821, came with his parents to the Dominion, where he clerked in a store for some time, later took up the study of the law in Chatham, and became one of the leading attorneys of that city, holding many prominent offices, among which was county attorney for a number of years. He married Miss Jane Ridley, of Clearville, and he died at his home in Chatham in June, 1859, leaving two sons: George, who became crown land agent of Prince Albert in the Northwest of the Dominion, and died at Winnipeg, when still a young man, after having given his government good service; and John M., born in Chatham, and now a groceryman of Windsor, where he is married and has four children. (2) Harriet, born in England, in December, 1822, married Henry Ridley, and settled in Harwich on a farm where they both died, leaving no family. (3) John M. (4) Hannah E., born in England, in 1827, died in March, 1857. (5) Henry, born in Howard, in 1834, studied law with his brother, George, of Chatham, where he died in 1863. He was married to Miss McCrea, daughter of Chief Magistrate McCrea of Chatham, and he left one son, Harry P., who is a resident of the United States.

The first educational advantages of John M. Duck were received at a private boarding school in Croydon, England, and the training there was afterward supplemented as occasion offered. After coming to Canada, he joined Capt. Walter Patterson's company, of Chatham, and served for several months in the Rebellion of 1838 and 1839, remaining in service until honorably discharged with many flattering and well-deserved encomiums on his faithfulness. After his duties as a soldier were concluded, the young man returned to his father's farm, where the mighty task of clearing the land afforded him employment until 1845, when he was appointed bailiff of the Seventh Division of the Western District, comprising Essex, Kent and Lambton Counties. This position he honorably filled until 1851, when he became a clerk in the Registrar's office at Chatham. In this capacity, he served most acceptably for one year, and then became purser on a steamer that plied between Chatham and Montreal. After two years service in this line, Mr. Duck became the agent at Toronto for a steamboat line, having management of their boats.

On Oct. 30, 1860, Mr. Duck was married to Miss Mary Kitchen, daughter of John and Nancy Kitchen, old and honored pioneers of this county. John Kitchen was born in March, 1810, in Ancaster, County of Wentworth (son of John Kitchen, Sr., who was born in Pennsylvania, but came to Canada during the War of 1812), but settled in Orford township many years ago. In 1850 he settled in Morpeth, where he is still living, at the advanced age of ninety-two years; during the fifty-four years which have passed since he located there he has been thoroughly identified with its best interests. Mrs. Duck was born in Orford, in 1840, was reared in County Kent, where she received a fair education. She and two sisters, Rosie of Morpeth and Mrs. G. O. Scott of Chatham, are all now living of her father's family. In Kent Mr. Duck settled on his father's old homestead in Morpeth, where he has continued to live ever since. In 1860, he was appointed clerk of the Division Court, which position he

held until recently when he resigned in favor of his son, and he is now a superannuated custom house official. He has held public positions of honor and prominence all his life, and gained honorable recognition by his faithfulness and integrity. Politically, he has been a stanch supporter of the Liberal party, and has always given good proof of his fitness as a leader by his able advice, masterly movements and loyal sentiments. Religiously the connections of Mr. and Mrs. Duck are with the Church of England. Mr. Duck is one of the old charter members of the Toronto Masonic order, in which he has always taken an active part, and is highly esteemed.

The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Duck was as follows: Henry L., born at the present home in Morpeth, in 1862, was educated at the Chatham high school, now resides at Toronto, where he is manager of the Walkerville Iron Co.; he married Miss Lena Leroy, of Toronto, and they have one daughter, Alene. Harriet M., born in 1864, was educated at Elmuth College, London; she married Freeman Harding, a barrister of the Northwest, and died in Morpeth in June, 1898, leaving one son, John Harding, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Duck. Rosie, born at the present farm in 1872, was educated in the Ladies College of London. George H., born in 1875, at the old home, is a resident of Toronto, where he is agent for a New York company; he married Miss Mildred Keock, of Detroit, Michigan, and they have one daughter, Margaret.

Mr. Duck is a man well posted in government affairs, deservedly popular with the people he has served so long and faithfully in various official positions. During his entire official career, his record was a stainless one, and his posterity can well be proud of one who gave up his life to the service of his government and served it faithfully.

THOMAS BARNES, a mechanical engineer and farmer living in Harwich township, town line range, Lot 6, and one of the enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the County of Kent, was born at his present home, July 22, 1841, son of Robert and Louisa (Winter) Barnes, both of old English families.

Robert Barnes was born in 1799, in Dorsetshire, England, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Barnes. He married Louisa Winter, who was born in London, England, in 1810, and in June, 1837, they emigrated to Canada, via New York, the voyage taking six weeks. After reaching New York, Mr. Barnes established a man in the business he had just left, he having been employed in the Dellarue Embossing Paper Works, of England, as foreman and colorist, for twelve years, and thoroughly understanding all the details of the business. At the expiration of two years he journeyed to Canada, where he purchased land at the site of Thomas Barnes's pleasant home, and there built a small log house where he and his brave wife commenced their pioneer life. During the winter months Mr. Barnes worked at the trade of shoemaker, and in summer cleared and cultivated his land. In time the primitive dwelling was replaced by a substantial house, and at his death, Jan. 26, 1868, Mr. Barnes left his wife and children well provided for as a result of his unceasing labors. Mrs. Barnes survived until Jan. 31, 1897. She shared bravely and nobly with her husband in the work of founding a home for their large family. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes were connected with the Church of England until they emigrated, but after locating in Canada they united with the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Barnes eventually became one of the elders. In politics he was a very earnest Reformer, and worked in the interests of that party. Eight children came to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, all born on the homestead except the eldest, (1) Elizabeth, who was born in England; she was reared at the present homestead, is married and lives in California. (2) Louisa was the next in the family. (3) John E., a mechanical genius, was reared at the old homestead, is married and resides at Exeter, Ont. (4) Mary A. is now deceased. (5) Emily resides in Cincinnati. (6) Margaret J., born in Harwich township, now resides on the homestead farm; she is an artist of rare ability. (7) Emma Marie was well educated in the Ladies College of Whitby, Ont., and the Toronto School of Art. Her inclinations all being in favor of an artistic life, she took up the study of art, and her work received unqualified praise. Among one of her fine paintings is one of the house of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, in which was written the immortal "Uncle Tom's Cabin," a work of art that now occupies a place of honor in her brother's home. By failing

health this talented lady was obliged to abandon her life work, and a year prior to her death, which occurred in August, 1899, she left her pleasant home in Cincinnati, and returned to the old homestead, where she passed peacefully away, and her memory is tenderly cherished by those who so loved and admired one who put to such excellent use the gifts given her. (8) Thomas completed the family.

Thomas Barnes was born on the old homestead. He spent his boyhood days at the farm, attending the common schools and assisting his father, but even when a child he began to show mechanical ability, and was encouraged by his parents, who always labored to give their children every possible advantage. When still in his boyhood, he constructed a lathe, yet in use in his shop, and, working steadily along the bent of his genius, he has invented (and owns the patents) numerous mechanical devices, all of a complicated nature. In 1900 he invented a musical phonograph, which has become very popular throughout Canada and the States. At the age of twenty he made a violin on which he now plays. He also has the charming gift of poesy, having written many fine poems.

After the death of his father Mr. Barnes became owner and manager of the old homestead, where he completed a new house commenced by his father, and also cleared up a large portion of the property he now owns, besides making many excellent improvements, which greatly increase its value. In 1898 Mr. Barnes commenced the manufacture of peppermint oil, which has proven so successful that he now has several acres devoted to the cultivation of the herb, owns his own plant and still, and enjoys the distinction of being the only successful manufacturer of this commodity in his section of the country. Formerly Mr. Barnes was a Reformer, but now is one of the Independent voters, but he has never desired office, finding his own personal interests too many to permit him to take added responsibility.

NATHAN H. STEVENS, president of the Canada Flour Mills Company, Limited, of Chatham, County of Kent, is a representative of one of the early families of Ontario, and is of United Empire Loyalist stock.

Adam Stevens, his great-grandfather, was born April 20, 1753, in England, and prior to the Revolution settled in Virginia, where he followed farming. Later he moved into the State of New York, but being unwilling to bear arms against Great Britain he migrated to Ontario, settling in the County of Durham. The family was one of the first to settle in that county, and their food at first consisted largely of fish and wild game. As soon as wheat could be raised bread was added to their bill of fare, though the grain had to be carried by boat to Niagara to be ground. This trip required several days, so by the time the flour was received the whole neighborhood would be in need of the "staff of life," and another trip would soon have to be made by another of the party. Adam Stevens died in 1819. He married Polly Crosman, of Dutchess county, New York.

David Stevens, son of Adam, and grandfather of Nathan H., was born Nov. 16, 1777, and died Aug. 30, 1860. He became very wealthy, owning about 1,200 acres of land near Bowmanville, Ont. On the main road between Kingston and Toronto he erected a large building, still standing, which in the war of 1812 was used by the soldiers. David Stevens purchased the first carriage ever owned in the township of Darlington, to which he drove a fine span of cream-colored horses, and his turnout attracted the attention of all he chanced to pass along the road. David Stevens was thrice married, his first wife being Polly Burk, daughter of John Burk. Their union occurred about 1803, and was blessed with two sons and five daughters, of whom Enoch, father of Nathan N., was the eldest, the others being Emma, (wife of Dr. Montgomery), Vienna (Mrs. Colton), Sarah (Mrs. Brown), Mary (Mrs. Argy), Amelia (Mrs. Tyler), and Elijah. The mother passed away in 1813.

Enoch Stevens, son of David, was born Sept. 12, 1806, in the township of Darlington, where he grew to manhood. On Sept. 19, 1830, he married Clarissa Hall, who was born April 20, 1811, at Oshawa, Ont., daughter of William Hall, of Oshawa. Her mother, whose maiden name was Trull, was of German descent, and her father was of English extraction. William Hall was a successful man, at one time owning about 1,000 acres of land, known as "Hall's Marsh," in the township of Darlington, and this land is still in the possession of the family. To Enoch and Clarissa Stevens were born the following named children: (1) David,



N. H. Stevens

born Oct. 15, 1831, married Aug. 20, 1856, Frances Thompson, and they reside at Courtright, where he is engaged in farming. (2) Elizabeth, born March 8, 1834, married Dr. Tozer, Nov. 8, 1854; both are now deceased. (3) William L., born Jan. 8, 1836, is deceased; he married Feb. 17, 1858, Mary Thompson, sister of Frances Thompson, previously mentioned. (4) Emma, born Jan. 8, 1838, died in her seventh year. (5) Ezra, born April 28, 1840, is a very successful raisin grape grower in California. He married Martha Maria Ransom, Feb. 24, 1862; she died May 19, 1869, and he married for his second wife, March 15, 1871, Emma Ellen DeHart. By the first union there were two children, Reuben Eugene, born Oct. 13, 1863, and Edmund Leslie, born Dec. 12, 1868, who died Nov. 7, 1875. The surviving son was married Nov. 9, 1898, to Edith J. Fobb, and they have one child, Denzil Nadeau, born Nov. 20, 1899. (6) Nathan H. is mentioned more fully below. (7) Ira, born May 20, 1844, married Jan. 8, 1871, Lottie Toole, and resides in Montreal. (8) Clarissa, born Dec. 15, 1845, died young. (9) Sarah, born March 1, 1850, died Feb. 8, 1871. (10) Matilda Jane, born March 1, 1852, died Dec. 17, 1869. (11) Mary Frances, born March 1, 1855, died April 4, 1870.

The mother of this family died Oct. 12, 1869, and on April 20, 1870, Enoch Stevens married Alecia McMichael, daughter of Squire McMichael, of Blenheim, and to this union came the following children: Edith, born Feb. 12, 1871, is a trained nurse in Grace Hospital, Detroit; John W., born Feb. 17, 1873, married April 16, 1901, Miss Ida Burritt; Nina W., born April 23, 1878, married a Mr. Labadie, express messenger on the Canadian Pacific railroad in British Columbia. The father died Feb. 26, 1894, aged eighty-seven years, five months and fourteen days. His widow still survives.

Nathan H. Stevens was born Sept. 1, 1841, in Darlington township. In 1853 the family moved to Malahide, where they remained one year, and then settled in Harwich township, near Blenheim, where the father purchased 800 acres of timber land. This was the only opening in the timber between Blenheim and Rondeau Harbor. Here Nathan grew to manhood, developing his muscle in clearing the timber, which if it were now standing would make a millionaire of the owner. In 1854, 150 acres had been chopped. Some of the finest trees that ever grew were burned in log heaps, white ash six feet in diameter and seventy feet to the first limb, and black walnut the like of which cannot now be found.

On Jan. 23, 1867, Nathan H. Stevens married Ada Jane Burk, daughter of Erastus Burk, a merchant of Blenheim, who moved to California, and there, in 1869, became an extensive fruit grower. His son, F. B. Burk, is a leading educator, and at the present time head instructor of the San Francisco Normal School. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevens has come quite a large family: Rollin Howard, born at Blenheim, Jan. 7, 1868; Henry Joseph, born at Blenheim, Aug. 10, 1869; Frederick Burk, at Blenheim, April 16, 1871; Joaquin Mokelumne, at Pilot Hill, California, Nov. 26, 1873; Lloyd Hall, at Blenheim, July 10, 1876; Douglas Nathan, at Blenheim, Nov. 25, 1878; William Arnot, at Chatham, Aug. 6, 1880; Grace, at Chatham, Feb. 1, 1886; Stanley Starr, at Chatham, Feb. 15, 1890. Two are deceased, Lloyd Hall, who died at Chatham, Jan. 25, 1895, and Grace, who died at Chatham, June 13, 1899.

Rollin Howard Stevens, M. D., married Mary E. Thompson, of Lapeer, Michigan, March 16, 1892. He graduated from the Toronto School of Medicine, and the Ann Arbor (Michigan) School of Medicine, also took a term at Leland Stanford University, California, and a special course in Pathology at Ann Arbor after his return from California. His wife is a graduate of Ann Arbor University, having the degrees of M. A. and M. D. Both Dr. Stevens and his wife stand very high in their profession in the city of Detroit. They have one child, Frances Eleanor, born Oct. 16, 1899.

Henry J. Stevens, who is a graduate of the Chatham Business College, and also of the London Military School, was married Sept. 27, 1893, to Ethyl Stripp, M. F. A., a graduate in Arts at Alma College, St. Thomas, a daughter of Thomas H. Stripp, of Aylmer, Ont. Their family consists of two children: Howard Clayton, born March 7, 1896, and Grace Lenore, born April 14, 1897.

Frederick B. Stevens, grain merchant at Chatham, married Maud Wall, daughter of John Wall, late merchant of Chatham, on June 18, 1896; they have one daughter, Mary Beatrice, born June 16, 1900.

Joaquin M. Stevens, B. A., graduate of Toronto University, and M. D. graduate at Ann Arbor (Michigan) School of Medicine, 1901, married Edith Burgess, daughter of Mr. Burgess, secretary of the Educational Department at Omaha, Nebraska.

Douglas N. Stevens, a graduate at Canada Business College, Chatham, is unmarried, and is carrying on commission business at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

William A. Stevens was purser on the steamer "Cheboygan," running from Chicago. He has just passed his first year as mining engineer at the University of Toronto, and is now secretary-treasurer of the Canada Flour Mills Company, limited, at Chatham.

Stanley S. Stevens spent two years at a French school, known as Sabrevois College, Montreal, and is now attending the McKeough School in Chatham.

Soon after his marriage Nathan H. Stevens purchased his father-in-law's business, and for ten years was the leading merchant in Blenheim, and a prominent citizen, during seven years of this time being a member of the school board of the place and a member of the building committee having charge of the erection of the school building. He also served as justice of the peace to the great satisfaction of his constituents. In addition to all of this, Mr. Stevens dealt in real estate, both farm and town property, in all of which he was remarkably successful. On April 30, 1880, he moved to Chatham, where for over twenty-four years he has been one of the most successful business men of the city. This is proven by the following article, which appeared in a local paper May 1, 1901:

Twenty-one years ago yesterday President N. H. Stevens, of the Canada Flour Mills Co., became a resident of Chatham. It was a fortunate day for the Maple City. For twenty-one years this kindly, generous, enterprising and public-spirited citizen has devoted his energies to the public weal, and the progress of the municipality. It is such men as Mr. Stevens who form the basis for civic greatness and prosperity. For years he has interested himself in every progressive and philanthropic movement and his interest was whole-souled and inspiring. His generosity has been phenomenal. There has been no struggling and worthy cause that has sought his aid in vain, and his earnest effort has always been felt in church, business, humanitarian, moral and municipal development throughout his long residence here.

This morning the *Planet* interviewed Mr. Stevens upon his extended association with the Maple City.

"Yes," he said, "I have been in Chatham twenty-one years yesterday. I moved here from Blenheim on the 30th day of April, 1880."

"You have been a very busy man here in the city since you came?"

"Yes, a very busy life during the years 1880 and 1881. I was part of the time in Manitoba. In the spring of 1881 I joined in partnership with Arch. and John Campbell to build Kent Mills with the Roller process, being about the first roller mills in Canada. I have been interested in the mills up to the present time and have either built or helped to build all of the buildings we now occupy in our milling business. We first put up the mill and elevator on the block next to the river and south of Thames street, and have kept on building until we have covered all the ground from the river to Dover street, being across two blocks, also the iron barn east of King street, and have the two double houses east of the iron barn and south of Dover street. Thus, with the residence on the north side of Dover street, which was purchased from the late Mrs. John Rice, you will see we have quite a hamlet now of our own. During the twenty years since the Kent Mills were built by our firm, I feel safe in saying we have paid out in cash to farmers and others fully $10,000,000."

"You have taken some interest in public matters, too, Mr. Stevens?"

"Yes, I have given part of my time. I occupied a seat in the town council in 1884, filling the position of chairman of Finance. In 1885 I was appointed high school trustee and held the position until the year 1894. Was one of the building committee to erect the present magnificent Collegiate Institute. I resigned the position of school trustee to run for alderman in 1894. Was elected and again held the position of chairman of Finance. I was also a director of the Erie & Huron railroad, from the time it was built until the road was sold to the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad. Was chairman of the old Mechanic's Institute and assisted in turning it over to the present Free Library. Served as a trustee some few years on the General Hospital Board. Was president of a live board of trade for five years. Took an active part in and was chairman for three years of the Chatham City Band Association. For a number of years director and three years president of the Chatham Navigation Company. For several years have been director of the Chatham Loan & Savings Company and have been connected with a good many other companies and some societies in our town. A few years ago I associated myself with three other gentlemen and pulled down the old unsightly malt house and built the present handsome Riverside Terrace. Yes, I hold the honorable position of one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, but my duties in this line have been very light since I left Blenheim.

"I have enjoyed the twenty-one years in Chatham

very much. Both Mrs. Stevens and myself have been blessed with good health. The people of Chatham have always shown us the greatest respect and friendship. I doubt if a more social lot of people could be found anywhere than we have in Chatham. Many familiar faces that graced the streets of Chatham when we first moved here have gone to their long home, but new ones have taken their places and the change has been so gradual that the people seem to be the same as ever."

"What do you think of Chatham's future?" Mr. Stevens was asked.

"I am not a prophet, so it would be useless for me to say what the future of Chatham might be, but if I were to say anything it would be that Chatham's future will be very much as its past, a good, healthy, sociable, sound city to live in, where industrious, law-abiding people can live and enjoy themselves, and where they have good schools, hospitals, free library, churches, climate, and the benefit of a splendid market, and surrounded by as rich a fruit and agricultural country as there is in America."

Since the above was written they have purchased the four lots with the brick house known as Senator Northwood's block, and the house has been converted into magnificent office quarters, comprising seven rooms, finished in quartered oak, with metallic ceilings, and plate-glass windows. The property now extends three blocks from the river.

On the same day the above interview was printed the *Planet* published an editorial, which was, in part, as follows:

Mr. N. H. Stevens, president of the Canada Flour Mills Co., has just turned the twenty-first milestone of his residence in the Maple City. Men of his calibre are too scarce to allow the occasion to be passed over without a word of eulogy and congratulation, of commendation upon his loyal citizenship, of public gratitude for his whole-souled, valued and lasting services.

Chatham owes much to Mr. Stevens. With the best interests of the community ever before him he has devoted time and energy to all branches of public service. His generosity to every worthy object and institution has been conspicuous and unlimited. His practical cooperation in all the causes of right and progress has been phenomenal. He has been, in truth, a citizen of whom the municipality is proud and to whom she is profoundly grateful.

The *Planet* bespeaks Mr. Stevens the city's congratulations upon the twenty-first anniversary of his adoption of her citizenship, and conveys the sincere hope that he may long be spared to stand amongst her most popular and deservedly distinguished sons.

Another issue shows the enterprising business spirit of Mr. Stevens, and we again quote:

On the twenty-eighth of August [1899], through the courtesy of N. H. Stevens, the *Planet* published an interview with that gentleman on his return from a business trip through New York State, in which he pointed out that there was a strong likelihood of a scarcity of beans, and recommending the farmers to hold their beans for the prospective high prices. As a result the farmers of the bean raising counties have realized at least $50,000 more than they otherwise would have done by selling at that time.

On the occasion of the trip mentioned, Mr. Stevens ascertained that in a short time an immense quantity of beans would be required by the Americans for Porto Rican shipment and that it would be necessary to secure them from Canadian farmers.

The New York houses counted on securing their tenders by hurriedly buying up the beans 'ere there was any scarcity, and hence Mr. Stevens's advice through the columns of the *Planet*.

As a result the Kent Mills Co. received the tender for the Porto Rico beans and realized a very handsome profit, while the Canadian bean raising farmers secured an advance of from ten to fifteen cents per bushel on the regular price. It is conservatively estimated that over $50,000 of American money was thus realized by our Canadian farmers in this bean growing part of the country. The profit is the result of Mr. Stevens's enterprise and foresight and his courtesy in making his advice public through the *Planet*.

Mr. Stevens is now getting ready for a trip to the old country, on a bowling tournament, for although he is in his sixty-third year he is as enthusiastic over bowling on the green as any other lovers of that sport, though they may be many years his junior.

REV. CHARLES CRICHTON, one of the leading men of Highgate, Orford township, County of Kent, public librarian and police trustee, was born in Scotland Nov. 26, 1847, a son of James and Abigael (McClyment) Crichton. His parents were of Scottish birth, came to Canada in 1850, and settled in the town of Ayr, County of Waterloo, Ont., but after one year removed to Burford, County of Brant. Some years afterward they settled in Acton, County of Halton, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father died at the home of his son, James C. Crichton, at Moose Mountain, N. W. T., April 6, 1902, aged eighty-six years, and the mother died in 1881, aged sixty-four years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born of their union were: Peter, who died in Scotland at the age of six years; William, a

farmer of Iowa; Rev. Charles; and James C., a farmer of Moose Mountain District, North West Territory.

Charles Crichton was but three years of age when he was brought to the New World by his parents. He early turned his thoughts toward higher matters, and when nineteen years of age united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His ability being soon recognized, he was received on probation into the Hamilton Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1871, and two years later was ordained deacon by the late Bishop James Richardson. Upon the completion of his course of study he was ordained elder, by Bishop A. Carmen, in 1874. Mr. Crichton entered into his ministry with great ardor and energy, and carried it on in a pure, elevated spirit, which seemed to animate everything that he did or said, and he met with marked success in advancing his work. In 1900, however, owing to a general breakdown, he was obliged to retire from the active ministry, and so turned his attention to newspaper work, for which he has always had great ability; he is now publishing the Highgate *Monitor*, which he purchased in October, 1902, and is building up a very good business, and making his organ one which advocates high thinking and moral living. He is an excellent example of the true self-made man, having been dependent upon his own efforts since he was twelve years of age.

In April, 1875, Rev. Mr. Crichton was married to Miss Sarah Whitlock, of St. Mary's, and three children were born of this union: Fred, who died at the age of four and one-half years; Maud L., who married Hamilton Galt, of Alameda, California; and Jennie I., at home. Mrs. Crichton died in 1887, aged thirty-five years. She was a daughter of Thomas and Ann Whitlock, of Devonshire, England, who died at St. Mary's, Ontario.

In April, 1899, Mr. Crichton was married, in Orford township, to Mary L. Gosnell, of that township, a sister of Ernest Gosnell, who is mentioned elsewhere. Two children have been born of this union: Mary, who died in infancy; and Belle, at home.

Few men are more highly respected than Mr. Crichton, either as a minister of the Gospel or as an individual. Two years ago he was elected police trustee, and last year (1903) he was made public librarian. He and his wife and family are important factors in the social and church circles of the village, and have many friends throughout the neighborhood.

BAXTER. The Baxter Family is one of the oldest founded in County Kent. The first member of whom authentic record is at hand is Henry Baxter, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, about 1780, and there he married Elizabeth Wright, who was born in the same shire in 1786. He died in England, but his widow came to Ontario in 1836, with six of her children, Henry, John, Richard, Mary, Bella and Ann. William and James had settled at Chatham in 1834, where the rest of the family joined them two years later, and that place was afterward their home. Henry was a contractor, and with his brother, John, and a brother-in-law, Peter Brown, he took the contract for building the court house and jail, in Chatham, in 1849. William operated a sawmill with Mr. C. G. Charteris. Mary died single. Bella married W. J. Taylor, and is deceased. Ann married Peter Brown, and both are now deceased.

William Baxter, son of Henry, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1806, and in 1829, he married Mary Ann Hawkins, who was also a native of Lincolnshire, born in 1810. They had two children born to them: Thomas H., and Elizabeth (Mrs. Charteris), prior to removal from England, and after locating in Canada, the family was increased by the birth of: Jane Ann, who became Mrs. Isaac Smith, of Chatham; Harriet, who married Major H. G. Reed, of Chatham; William R., Henry, James H., and two deceased. The father died in 1877, and the mother ten years later. Both parents were most worthy members of the Church of England. Politically Mr. Baxter was a Tory.

Thomas H. Baxter, the eldest child in the above family, was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1830, and was only four years old when his parents moved to Canada. He was reared and educated in Chatham, attending the academy for a season. When he entered into business it was with his uncle, Peter Brown, learning the trade of a joiner, and this trade he followed through life. In 1858 he married Miss Euphemia Baxter, a native of Edinburgh, a daughter of Capt. Alexander Baxter. The children born to Thomas H. Baxter and wife were:

Elizabeth H., Mrs. Edward Smith, of Harwich township; William, deceased; Alice, Mrs. F. G. Y. Charteris; Bruce, deceased; Herman, a grocery clerk in Chatham; Eupnemia, Mrs. W. Heddle; and Mary Ann, Mrs. Earl Kimmerly, of Chatham.

In politics, Mr. Baxter is a pronounced Conservative. He is a man of education and extensive travel, and he has made two trips through California, while in 1853 he went to Australia. His knowledge of the world's geography is very complete, and few men in this locality are more broad-minded or better posted on the current affairs of the day. The family has membership in the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM R. BAXTER, son of William, was born in Chatham, Oct. 23, 1841, and acquired his education in that city. Under the late Rufus Stephenson, in the *Planet* office, he learned the printing business, and, during 1860-61-62, he was connected with that journal. The years 1885-86-87 were spent in Detroit, but in 1888 he established himself in Chatham in his present job printing busisness, in which he has been eminently successful.

In 1867 Mr. Baxter was married to Susan Laflin, of Morpeth, a daughter of Eldredge Laflin. A family of seven children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, namely: Herbert, who married Kittie Handley, has one son, Howard; Frank E., who, in 1895, married Floretta Helene Guttridge, has four children,—Karl Eldredge, Floretta Ilene, Blanche Blossom, and Myrtle Guttridge; Blanche Estella, who is a popular teacher of music in Chatham, is active in the work of the Methodist Church; Rufus W. F., who married Isabella Horne, has one son, William Rufus; Norval Hankins is engaged in a printing business in Detroit, Michigan; Caroline Isabella is at home; and Thomas James Henry is also at home. Politically, Mr. Baxter is identified with the Conservative party. The family is connected with the Church of England.

EDWARD P. LANGFORD, who resides in his pleasant home on Lot 24, River Road, Harwich, is the youngest and only surviving son of one of the prominent old pioneers of Ontario. Mr. Langford was born Nov. 25, 1839, at Florence, County of Lambton, Ont., son of John and Ann (Armstrong) Langford, both of whom were born and reared in Ireland, and both of whom came to Florence in 1825. In 1830 they married, and in 1839 located in Camden township, County of Kent, where they courageously began pioneer life in the woods. Mr. Langford accumulated a large amount of real estate, much of which he cleared up from its primitive state and prepared for settlement. One of his purchases included the 200 acres in Harwich, upon which our subject now lives, and he it was who erected the present commodious brick residence in which he resided for some years. Later he moved to Camden, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1878. Mr. Langford was thrice married, Edward P. being a son of the first marriage. The mother died in 1848, leaving four sons and five daughters, viz.: Henry died in childhood; Richard died in young manhood; John, born in Florence, married Mary Grover, of Louisville, County of Kent, settled as a farmer on the old home in Camden, and there died (his son, Dr. Langford, lives in Blenheim); Mary A., born in Florence, is the widow of John Cullen (she first married Alva Stevens), and now resides in Camden; Melissa married John A. Patterson, of Harwich; Matilda married William Everett, of Howard; Eliza married Frank Fuell, and they reside with their family in Lower Canada; Margaret is the widow of David Riggs, formerly of Colchester, Canada, who left children, Alexander, John and Charles, all business men of Colchester, Alva and Albert, of County Essex, and Miss Ethel; and Edward P. Mr. John Langford's second marriage was to Eliza Runnels, of Camden, whose only son, George, is a prominent citizen of Camden township. The third marriage was to Jane Shaw, who died some years ago leaving six children: James, Sultana, Raymer, Diadamma, Sophronia, and Emma (wife of James Sweeney, of Manitoba).

Edward P. Langford acquired his education in the district schools of the County of Kent, and remained at home assisting on the farm until 1858. At this time he decided to try his fortune with the others who were then flocking to the State of California, and he successfully made the trip by way of the City of New York and the Isthmus of Panama. He was accompanied by his brother John, and together they engaged in gold mining and sheep ranching, prospering greatly, and not return-

ing to Canada until 1865. Mr. Langford and his brother had many adventures and thrilling experiences in early California days, and took part in many of the occurrences which have become associated with the history of that State. They returned to their old home by way of New York, and for a few years Mr. Langford resumed farming on the old homestead.

In 1865 Mr. Langford married Miss Annie Houston, who was born in 1831, at Clearville, where her parents lived a short time; she was a daughter of Robert and Annie Houston, who came at an early day from Scotland and settled in Harwich. After remaining on the farm for thirteen years Mr. and Mrs. Langford moved to Chatham, where for sixteen years Mr. Langford engaged in the loan and debenture business for the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, of London, the Chatham Loan Company, of Chatham, and the Toronto Loan Company. They then returned to their home on the farm where they now reside. Mr. Langford owns this fine farm and also an adjoining one, upon which his son resides.

The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Langford are as follows: (1) Annie, born in 1866, was educated in Chatham, also at the Moulton Ladies College, Toronto; she married John W. Lewies, son of W. T. B. Lewies, of Strathroy, Ont., and they have two children, Anna Muriel and William Carlyle. (2) Albert E., born in 1868, was educated at the Commercial college at Chatham, and he now resides on a farm adjoining his father's; he married Miss Jean Ferguson, daughter of James Ferguson, a prominent citizen of Thamesville and they have one daughter, Marguerite. (3) Bessie, born in 1872, in Harwich, was educated in Chatham and resides at home. (4) Matilda, born in 1876, was also educated in Chatham; she married Dr. John A. Macgregor, of London, and they have one son, Langford Stewart. Politically, Mr. Langford has always been identified with the Conservative party. He was reared in the Methodist faith and still adheres to it, while Mrs. Langford belongs to the Baptist Church.

In 1897 Mr. Langford made a dump wagon, which is patented in Canada, the United States and Belgium, and which is known as Langford's Patent Dump Wagon—a labor-saving device for handling and dumping loads in excavating, or for farm work of any kind. It is a complete wagon, being readily changed back to a lumber wagon for farm and ordinary uses. Few men are better or more favorably known all over the County of Kent than Mr. Langford, and both he and his estimable wife are not only esteemed, as members of old and honorable pioneer families, but for their personal characteristics, which make them kind, genial and hospitable.

SAMUEL BAGNELL, a successful farmer, now living retired on his farm, which is located on the river front, Lot 1, in Dover township, County of Kent, was born in Westmeath, County Westmeath, Ireland, Jan. 1, 1834. His parents were William and Mariah (Smith) Bagnell, of Ireland, where the mother died in 1846, aged fifty years. In 1848 the father came to Canada, locating for two years in Toronto, after which he removed to Dover township, County of Kent, where he settled, taking up 202 acres, all of which was wild land. Here he resided for twelve years, clearing sixty-five acres of his land, dealing extensively in horses, and becoming very wealthy and a prominent citizen. He served as school trustee for some years. A longing for his native land coming over him, he returned to Ireland, and there died in 1860, aged ninety years. The children born to William and Mariah (Smith) Bagnell were as follows: George died in Ireland; Elizabeth, who died in Ireland, married Christopher Anthisle; Mariah married James Short in Ireland, died in Massachusetts, and was buried in Chatham, Ont.; Samuel is mentioned below; James died in infancy; Timothy died in Australia; Jane married Henry M. Judge, and resides in Massachusetts; Jemima married David Brereton, and later a Mr. Glazeby, and lives in Detroit, Michigan; Charles died in Ireland; William died in Canada; Abraham died in Ireland; Hannah, who died in Ireland, was the wife of John Short. The father married, for his second wife, a widow from New York, who was in Windsor on a visit. The paternal grandfather, William Bagnell, of Ireland, lived and died there, and was a large land owner. All of the family were prominent in their native land, wealthy, and held high offices.

In Ridgetown, County of Kent, Samuel Bagnell married Elizabeth Stephenson, and they had children as follows: Mariah, widow of Charles Cartier, of Chatham; Thomas W., a

farmer of Dover township, who married Jane Bruette, and has seven children; Henry, who died Feb. 5, 1860; John, a resident of Dover, who married Bridget Jubinville; Emma, at home; Herbert, a commercial traveler of Detroit, Michigan, who married Ida Madden, Charles J., a farmer of Dover township, who married Annie McGuire; George, a farmer of Dover township, who married Susan Reaume; and Minnie J., a school teacher, at home. Mrs. Bagnell was born at Sproatley, Yorkshire, England, Oct. 9, 1839, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Graham) Stephenson, of Yorkshire, England, where they remained until 1853, when they came to Chatham, and Mr. Stephenson became a wagon manufacturer of prominence, operating a large plant in that city until 1864, when he retired and located at Bay City, Michigan. He died in 1873, aged seventy years, while his wife passed away in 1882, aged seventy years. They are interred in the beautiful Bay City cemetery. They were both members of the Church of England. Their children were as follows: John died in infancy; Jane and Mary, twins, are both deceased; William is a farmer of Dover township; Elizabeth is Mrs. Bagnell, of Dover; Emma, who died in 1902, married Israel Prince; Henry is a miner of Montana; Sarah, who died at Bay City, Michigan, married Charles Drago.

Mr. Bagnell remained with his father until his marriage, when he located on a farm in Harwich township, but in 1860, he settled on his present farm of 227 acres. Their sons cultivate the home farm. Mr. Bagnell owns 275 acres in Dover, all in excellent condition, and is one of the substantial men of the community. For six years he served as school trustee, and gave universal satisfaction in that office. The family are all members of the Church of England, and take an active part in the good work of that church. Mr. Bagnell is a man well worthy a place in the records of the County of Kent, and he and his sons are excellent representatives of the best interests of the great Dominion, and the sturdy English stock from which they have sprung.

CEPHORE F. OUELLETTE, a prosperous young farmer of Jeannette's Creek, Tilbury East township, County of Kent, is a member of one of the first families to settle in that county. His great-grandfather, Francis Ouellette, with his two brothers, came to Ontario from Montreal. The two brothers settled at Windsor, where they became very wealthy, owning at one time the greater portion of the land upon which the present city is built. The great-grandfather of Cephore F. settled on the river in Tilbury East, at a time when there were but few settlers, and erected a mill for grinding grain, which was operated by windpower. This was undoubtedly the first gristmill built in the county. Francis Ouellette was married in the township to Miss Chauvin, and to them was born a large family.

Francis Ouellette, the grandfather of Cephore F., was born in the township, and was given the gristmill his father had built. Later he erected another at the Point, which was operated by horsepower. In addition he owned considerable land, and resided for years on what is known as the Gordon place. About three-quarters of a century ago he purchased of his father-in-law the farm where Cephore F. Ouellette was born and now resides. Francis Ouellette was interested in a variety of enterprises, being for some years a tavern-keeper, and finally moved to Pain Court, where he died Jan. 15, 1855, aged seventy years. He first married Monegue Barnier, and to them were born: Frazine, Theresa, Francis Xavier and Angeline. His second wife was a widow, Mrs. Catherine (Primeau) Trudell, who had two children, Agnes and John, by her former marriage. To her union with Mr. Ouellette came the following children: Theodore; Cephore; Jeannette; Anthony, of Tilbury; and Frangoile, of Marine City, Michigan.

The father, Francis Xavier Ouellette, was born on the Point June 19, 1822, was married Oct. 6, 1848, and two years later came to the sixty-six-acre farm formerly owned by his father, to which he added twenty acres. There he has since made his home, with the exception of two years spent at Pain Court. Although he is eighty-two years of age, and confined to his bed, his memory is unclouded and he clearly recalls incidents of his early boyhood which are very entertaining. The family are all very devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, being connected with St. Peter's Church, which the grandfather assisted in erecting. Francis X. Ouellette married Julie Primeau and to them were born the following children: Mary died young; Gilbert, who re-

sides in Detroit, married Mary Hamlin; Angeline, deceased, was the wife of John Hamlin; Caroline married Thomas King, ex-reeve of Dover township; Frank, telegrapher for the Grand Trunk road married Maggie McIlhargey, of Clandeboye, Ont.; Agnes died young; Theodore died at the age of twenty-two years; Fannie is now Sister Mary of Hotel Dieu, Windsor; Cephore F. is mentioned below; Julie is now sister Julia of Hotel Dieu, Windsor; William is agent for the Grand Trunk & Wabash railroad at Welland, Ontario.

Cephore F. Ouellette was born on the place he now occupies in March, 1870, and received a common-school education. At the age of sixteen he learned the business of telegraphy and went into the employ of the Grand Trunk railroad company, remaining with them for three years. After this he was agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company at Veaudreuil, Quebec, for a year, and then joined the relief staff of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, thus continuing for one year. He then resigned and struck out for California, where he thought he could better himself, but on reaching Denver he was advised by the chief of the O. R. T., of which order he was a stanch member, to proceed no further south or west, as times were very hard. So profiting by the good council, he returned home and assumed charge of the old farm, and since then has burned the bog land and put it in a condition for profitable cultivation. Recently he has branched out as a fruit grower, and has 1,000 peach trees and 500 plum trees. He also carries on general farming.

In September, 1901, Mr. Ouellette was married to Miss Maud Dauphine, a sketch of whose family appears elsewhere in this volume, and they have one son, Hilary Ignatius, born May 27, 1903. Like his father, Mr. Ouellette is a Conservative, and is well informed upon the subject of politics, but finds that his time is too fully occupied with his farming interests for him to take any active part in township affairs.

PETER HAGGART, ex-mayor of Blenheim, and a leading business man of that town, is descended from Scottish ancestry, his great-grandfather, Alexander Haggart, having been a native of Argyllshire, Scotland. Alexander Haggart married Sarah McPhail, of Argyllshire, who was born in 1752, and they had four sons, Angus, Neil, Colen and John. The two elder sons, Colen and John, remained in the old country, but in the year 1803 Angus and Neil came with their parents to America, the family settling in Caledonia, New York, a place generally known as Teasel Hollow. Angus remained in New York State, but the parents, and Neil and his wife, moved to Canada, making a new home in the township of Aldborough, County of Elgin. There Alexander and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, Mrs. Haggart dying in September, 1820, at the age of sixty-eight years. They were buried in the cemetery now known as the New Glasgow burying-ground.

Neil Haggart, grandfather of Peter, was born in Scotland in 1779, came to America with his parents, and for some years lived in Caledonia, New York, where he was engaged in carpentering and farming. In 1815 he and his family moved to Canada, making the journey by boat, and landing at Port Stanley. They located on a farm in the township of Aldborough, County of Elgin, on the Old Talbot street, and there passed the remainder of their lives. In 1818 Mr. Haggart walked from Aldborough to Caledonia, New York, and drove back several sheep over to Canada. He married Isabel McDougall, who was born in Athol, Scotland, and came to America with her parents, who settled in Caledonia, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Haggart had a family of nine children: Alexander, John, Angus, Neil, Sarah, Duncan, Elizabeth, Mary and James. The only survivor, Duncan, lives in Livingston county, New York. The father died in 1851, and the mother in April, 1871, aged eighty-four years, and they are buried in the cemetery near New Glasgow, County of Elgin.

Alexander Haggart, father of Peter, was born Feb. 15, 1813, in Livingston county, New York, and passed his early life at the home in Aldborough. Going to New York State he there learned the carpenter's trade and followed same for several years. In 1841 he married Elizabeth McDougall, a descendant of the royal family of Stuart, who was born Nov. 14, 1820, daughter of Neil McDougall, who lived on a farm in Livingston county, New York, now occupied by his sons James and Peter. About the time of his marriage Alexander Haggart and



Peter Haggart

his brothers John, Neil and James settled in the locality known for some time as the Haggart settlement (now the Guilds settlement), in the township of Harwich, County of Kent, and they were among the first settlers in that section. Alexander's farm, on the Talbot road, is known as Lot 21, Concession 3, Lake Erie Survey. Mr. Haggart's life was devoted to farming, and he and his wife died on the farm he had cleared, Mr. Haggart on Sept. 27, 1881, and Mrs. Haggart on Jan. 25, 1888. They are buried in Evergreen cemetery, at Blenheim. In politics he was a Reformer, and religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Haggart had six children born to them: (1) Isabella, born Dec. 7, 1844, is residing with her brother Peter, in Blenheim. (2) Neil, born July 30, 1847, is now in the mercantile business in Topeka, Kansas. He married Nancy Dodge, of Ridgetown, Howard township, and they had three children—Alexander, M. D., of Ottawa, Kansas, who married Jennie Oechsle; Theresa, who died in November, 1881, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery, Blenheim; and Bertha, living in Topeka. (3) John, born Dec. 1, 1850, married Della Thumb, of an old family of the township of Harwich, and is a merchant of Pan Handle, Texas. (4) Peter is mentioned below. (5) Elizabeth, born July 24, 1858, married Peter Caughell, who was born and reared on a farm on Talbot street, and now resides on the old Haggart homestead; they have two children, David Alexander and Mary Elizabeth. (6) Margaret, born Feb. 13, 1861, died in January, 1863.

Peter Haggart was born May 1, 1853, on the old homestead in Harwich township, where he grew to manhood, and where in the common schools he obtained his education. He was engaged in farming continuously until 1889, when he came to Blenheim and began to handle beans, seeds and grain. Starting in a small way, through good management and enterprise he has increased his operations until he now owns two large elevators on the Lake Erie & Detroit railroad, equipped with all modern appliances for handling beans and grain, and gives employment to fifty people, his annual shipments aggregating 200 carloads, at a conservative estimate. In 1899 Mr. Haggart erected a fine business block on Talbot street, in which his commodious office was located, and the second story of which is occupied by the Blenheim *Tribune* office. After being very successfully engaged in the mercantile business for seventeen years he decided to retire, and in January, 1904, he sold his bean elevators and business to the Kent Farmers' Produce Co., Limited, and in April of the same year he sold his brick block and office on Main street to the same company, who are carrying on the business on similar lines, under a board of directors, with Mr. Robert Cummings as manager.

Mr. Haggart takes an active interest in municipal government. For six years he served as councilman at Blenheim, and for two years, from 1899 to 1901, he filled the office of mayor, giving the people of Blenheim a clean, straight, business administration, and upholding the principles of the Reform party. In December, 1902, he was elected a county commissioner for two years, representing Division No. 6, made up of the municipalities of Harwich and Blenheim. In religious matters he is a Presbyterian and a member of the Session. Fraternally his affiliations are with the A. F. & A. M., and the Royal Arch Masons, Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of London, with the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W. and the Good Templars, and he has always taken an active interest in fraternal organizations.

In 1894 Mr. Haggart married Miss Victoria Shaver, a native of the County of Brant, and a sister of the late Dr. Shaver, for some time a prominent medical man of Blenheim, who died in 1893. Her father, Hamilton Shaver, was a pioneer of the County of Brant, and was of German descent. He married Euphonia Burns, who was born in Sligo, Ireland, and whose father was a native of Scotland, and of the same family of Burnses as that to which the poet, Robert Burns, belonged.

Mr. Haggart is one of the substantial and representative men of Blenheim and enjoys in the highest degree the respect and confidence of all who know him.

INGRAM MARSHALL TAYLOR. The Taylor family is of English extraction, the first of whom there is any definite information being Capt. Ingram Park Taylor, grandfather of Ingram Marshall Taylor, who was born in England about 1790. Losing his father when but a child, he was reared by an uncle, and grew to

manhood in his native land. He married Catherine Marshall, daughter of John Marshall, a naval engineer. Prior to his marriage, Capt. Taylor was a member of the Royal Marines, and went to many ports in the Orient, but retired on half-pay after he was married. The following children were born to himself and wife: John Marshall, Ingram, Catherine and Samuel, all of whom were born in England, and all came to Ontario in 1832. They settled first in Brantford, but in 1834 came down the Thames river from London to Chatham township, on a raft, and settled on the site of the present city of Chatham. Here they owned 400 acres of land. The father died in 1855.

Ingram Taylor, the second child of Capt. Taylor, married Catherine Eberts, daughter of Joseph Eberts, by whom he had the following children: Joseph Marshall, who married Miss Elizabeth McDonald; Catherine, who married Angus Morrison, of Toronto; Annie, who married James Douglas; Ingram Park, who married Sarah Rogers; Minnie, who married Thomas Moffat, now of South Africa; and Harry.

Catherine Taylor, daughter of Captain Taylor, married John Delmage.

Samuel, the youngest in the family born to Capt. Taylor and his wife, is unmarried.

John Marshall Taylor, the eldest in this family of Capt. Taylor, was born in Devonshire, England, July 5, 1817, and was only seventeen years of age when his parents settled in Chatham. By occupation he was a farmer and surveyor. In 1845 he married Maria Buchanan, daughter of Paul George Buchanan and his wife, Mrs. John McDonald, (nee Maria Debroche), and granddaughter of George Buchanan. Paul George Buchanan was born in Scotland in 1779, and was twice married. By his first marriage, he had two sons, Henry and Gilbert; by his second he had one child, Mrs. Taylor. The mother of Mrs. Taylor was born in 1794, and was married to Mr. Buchanan in 1822. They came to Ontario in 1838, and she died in 1850, he surviving her until 1853, when he, too, passed away at Newburgh-on-the-Hudson. To John Marshall Taylor and wife the following were born: Ingram Marshall; Gilbert John, born in 1849, married Elizabeth Pegley, and has two children, Stanley Gilbert and John Beverly; Mary Maria married Edward Eddington, and has four children, Inez Maria, Edward McDonald, Maria and James Norman; John Paul, married Nora Tomlin, and has one child, Mary; and George Paul, a dentist, is unmarried.

Ingram Marshall Taylor, the eldest of the family, was born in 1847. In 1867 he embarked in the grocery business in Chatham, where for thirty-seven years he has been one of the leading merchants of the Maple City. In addition to his establishment in Chatham, for a short time Mr. Taylor was interested in a mercantile line at Cedar Springs, and has been very successful in all his enterprises, his sound judgment, strict integrity and thorough understanding of all details, firmly establishing him in the confidence of the public.

In 1888, Mr. Taylor and Miss Antonia McLaren, of Chatham, were united in marriage. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Eddington) McLaren. Three children have been born of this union: Ingram Marshall, Albert Gordon and Mary Antonia. Politically Mr. Taylor is a Conservative, and is a stanch supporter of the principles of that party. He and his wife are connected with the Church of England, and are important factors in the social life of Chatham, where their families have been well and favorably known for so many years.

JAMES CHINNICK, one of the representative farmers and stockraisers of Chatham township, County of Kent, residing on a well-improved farm of 100 acres in Lot 6, Concession 4, was born June 11, 1852, in New Brunswick, Canada. He located on his present farm in 1882, coming from Chatham Center, his old homestead.

Mr. Chinnick is a son of William and Ellen (O'Brien) Chinnick, the former of whom was born in Devonshire, England, and the latter in the city of Cork, Ireland. The father came to Canada after his marriage, and lived for a number of years in New Brunswick, where several of his children were born, locating in 1855 on the river Thames, in Chatham township. For nineteen years he was a sailor on the Atlantic Ocean. After coming to the County of Kent he rented what is now known as the old McKinley farm, which he conducted for five years. Then he moved to Louisville, Ont., where he rented land for five years, and from there removed to the Scotch settlement known

as Chatham Center. Here he purchased the old Baker farm, of 100 acres. At a later date he bought also a tract of 100 acres from the Canada Co., which was adjacent to his other farm. He was a thrifty and industrious man, and one who commanded universal respect. He died in October, 1892, on his old homestead, aged eighty-four years, long surviving his wife, who had passed away in 1855. Mr. Chinnick was a consistent member of the Church of England, and Mrs. Chinnick was a Catholic in religious faith. They reared only a part of their family of eight children, whose names were as follows: Anna, of Hudson, Michigan, married (first) Theodore De Camp, (second) a Mr. Wheeler, (third) a Mr. Dillon; William, of Rome, Georgia, is in the restaurant business; John is deceased; Miss Elizabeth is on the old homestead; Matthew was drowned in the river Thames at the age of fourteen; James is mentioned below; Ellen died young; and Edward is on the old homestead.

Until his marriage James Chinnick remained with his parents on the old homestead, and then removed to his present farm, which he had purchased five years previously. He is one of the prominent men of his neighborhood and has taken a deep interest in both the agricultural and educational development of Chatham township. For nine years he was one of the directors of the West Kent Agricultural Society, and has served four years as president, during which time this organization has taken many forward strides. Not only is Mr. Chinnick one of the best practical farmers of his region, but few have given more intelligent attention to the improvement of cattle and stock. He is the owner of a high-bred bull which was raised in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and at the age of one year was imported into Canada by Robert Miller. For this fine animal Mr. Chinnick paid the sum of $658, and it is now valued at $1,200.

On Dec. 28, 1887, Mr. Chinnick and Nettie Rutherford were married, and they have four children: Bessie, Margaret, William and Thomas. Mrs. Chinnick was born at Madrid, St. Lawrence county, New York, a daughter of George and Margaret (Fife) Rutherford, of that State, and a granddaughter of William Rutherford, and Thomas Fife, also of New York. In 1864 the Rutherfords removed to Canada and located in the County of Middlesex, where the father died in 1870, aged forty-five years. In 1892 the mother removed to Chatham, and there she died Dec. 3, 1898, aged seventy-three years. They were of Scottish extraction and devoted to the Presbyterian faith. Their children are: Isabella, widow of James Banning, of Chatham; Jane E., Mrs. Alexander Ward, of Wardsville, Ont.; Miss Ellen E., of Chatham; Nettie, Mrs. Chinnick; William J., a marble cutter at Niagara Falls, New York; Margaret, Mrs. James C. Fleming, of Chatham; and Thomas, a mining broker at Denver, Colorado. Mr. Chinnick and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church and are liberal supporters of the same. In politics he is a Conservative.

EDWARD CHINNICK, general agriculturist, operates a fine farm of 200 acres on Concession 7, Lot 12, Chatham township, and is also engaged as a breeder of Durham Shorthorn cattle, English horses and Berkshire pigs. He was born March 16, 1854, in New Brunswick, and is the youngest son of the late William and Ellen (O'Brien) Chinnick. Edward Chinnick came to his present farm when the only building was an old log house. In 1900 he erected his handsome brick dwelling, which is occupied by himself and his sister, Miss Elizabeth. Both are among the most highly esteemed residents of their section of the township, and Mr. Chinnick is one of the substantial and representative men.

ANTHONY B. OUELLETTE, a successful general farmer of Dover township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 4, 4th Concession, on the river front, was born in March, 1841, on the river front, in Dover township, a son of Anthony and Mary (Sterling) Ouellette, of the County of Kent, who came to the present location in 1846. The father was a farmer and blacksmith, and a very worthy and industrious man. His death occurred in 1872, when he was fifty-seven years of age, and his wife died in 1888, aged sixty-six years. They are buried in the beautiful cemetery at Pain Court, and were members of the church of that name. The three children born to them were: Mary (deceased), who married Isadore Trudell; Betsy, of Dover township, married to Joe Rubenville; and Anthony B.

In October, 1866, Anthony B. Ouellette married Mary Drago, and they have had chil-

dren as follows: Ellen, deceased; Louis, a farmer of Dover township; Fanny, at home; Theodore, a farmer of Dover township; Catherine, deceased, who married Anthony Primeau; Mary, at home; Anthony, at home; Frank, who died in infancy; Caroline, Emma and Vital, all at home. Mrs. Ouellette was born in Raleigh township, County of Kent, in September, 1845, a daughter of Louis and Dora Drago, prominent residents of Pain Court, where Mr. and Mrs. Ouellette were married.

Mr. Ouellette was brought by his parents to his present home, near his birthplace, when he was five years old, and has since remained on it. This farm is one of the best cultivated in the County of Kent, and consists of fifty acres devoted to general farming. The family are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and have reared their children in the same faith. In politics Mr. Ouellette is a stanch Conservative, and supports the principles of that party upon every occasion. He is one of the representative men of his township, and stands high in the estimation of his neighbors.

ROBERT FERGUSON, who departed this life Sept. 7, 1901, was numbered among the distinguished residents of Thamesville as a man of prominence in politics and entitled to special notice. Mr. Ferguson was a member of Parliament, a retired business man, free to devote much of his time and attention to matters of moment to the community and the country at large.

John Ferguson, grandfather of Robert, was a native of Scotland, and passed his entire life in that country. Among his children was a son, James, father of Robert, who was born in Scotland in 1792, and there married Miss Margaret Brash, by whom he had the following children: Elizabeth, widow of William Stainforth; Ellen, widow of John Ferguson; Margaret, deceased; John, deceased, who is mentioned elsewhere; Janet, deceased; Robert; Catherine, wife of Daniel McFarlane, of Thamesville; and James, retired farmer residing in Thamesville. In 1854 James Ferguson emigrated to the County of Kent, Ont., settling in Howard township, where for a time he and his sons worked at the carpenter's trade, and later engaged in the lumber business, which they made very successful. The father died in Thamesville in 1866, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother had died in Scotland in 1850, aged fifty-six years.

Robert Ferguson was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, Aug. 16, 1832, and came to the County of Kent with the family in 1854. In Scotland he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a time after settling in the Dominion, and he later embarked in the lumber business, in which he was eminently successful, and from which he retired about 1890, afterward devoting himself to public affairs and looking after his large interests in Thamesville and elsewhere. Mr. Ferguson was a self-made man, having begun his business life with no capital and worked himself into the enviable position of one of the wealthiest and most respected men in the County of Kent.

Besides attaining success financially Mr. Ferguson became very prominent politically. While residing in Thamesville he was reeve of Camden township, and also warden of the county. For seventeen years he was a member of Parliament, and in all the deliberations of that body proved himself a wise judicial legislator, working for the best interests of the people whom he represented. His political opinions made him an ardent Reformer, and he steadfastly upheld the principles of his party upon all occasions. In 1885 Mr. Ferguson erected his fine brick residence on Ann street, Thamesville, where he resided until his death, making a home for his sister Margaret until her death, in 1896. He never married.

For many years Mr. Ferguson was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and took an active part in all work connected with that body. Although a firm believer in the doctrines of his particular church Mr. Ferguson was a broad-minded, liberal man, and always ready to forward any Christian work. Upon many occasions this distinguished gentleman laid the foundation stone for new church buildings of other denominations, and made appropriate addresses upon those occasions. Among his highly prized mementoes of a long and useful life were numerous trowels presented by grateful church organizations for his assistance, inscribed with his own name, that of the church, and the date of the laying of the corner-stone.

As an honorable and successful business man, energetic and progressive political leader, and faithful church worker, Mr. Ferguson had



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few equals. His charity was great, and he was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, while all enterprises calculated to prove beneficial to the people and the community met with his hearty approval.

WILLIAM REUBEN HICKEY, a prominent barrister of Bothwell, County of Kent, Ont., came from Toronto in 1880. He was born Dec. 10, 1855, on a farm where his father was also born, in the County of Dundas, and is a son of Gordon S. and Mary (Kingston) Hickey, the latter a native of County Cork, Ireland; she was brought to Canada by her parents in 1820, and with them located in the County of Stormont, Ont. Gordon S. Hickey was a hardware merchant in Morrisburg, Ont., but twenty-five years after establishing himself there became an invalid and was obliged to retire. He held no municipal office, but for many years he was a member of the school board. His early life was spent as a railroad employee, and for some time he was telegraph operator in the town of Cornwall, Ont. He died in 1897, aged seventy-four years, while the mother died Jan. 1, 1886, aged sixty-six years. They are buried in Morrisburg cemetery. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church.

William R. Hickey was reared in Morrisburg from the the time he was seven years of age, and was educated there, studying under D. B. Maclennan, K. C., of Cornwall, Ont., and then with the late D. B. Read, K. C., of Toronto, was graduated from Osgood Hall, and admitted to the Bar in 1880. He then located in Bothwell, and has since made that place his home. For two years he was honored with the office of mayor, and for eight years served as chairman of the school board. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the Knights Templars and Mystic Shrine, and is a P. D. D. G. M. in the A. F. & A. M.; a member of the I. O. O. F., in which he is P. D. D. G. M. and P. D. D. G. P.; a member of the I. O. F., in which he is P. C. H. R.; of the Workmen, in which he is P. M. W.; and the Chosen Friends, of which he is R. C. Councillor. In politics he is a Conservative, and he is very prominent in the councils of his party.

GEORGE WILLIAM SULMAN, Mayor of Chatham for 1901 and 1902, and a business citizen of integrity and prominence, is one of the self-made men of that city, who in his own experience has proved the adage that "where there's a will there's a way."

Mr. Sulman was born at Burford, County of Brant, Ont., July 4, 1866, a son of William and Sarah (Coker) Sulman, and a grandson of William Sulman, who was born March 16, 1810, in Overstrand, Norfolk, England, where he lived and died, passing away March 12, 1889. His wife was a native of the same place in which he was born. They had one child, William.

William Sulman, the father of George William, was born April 25, 1835, and came to Canada during the summer of 1854, locating for a short time in Hamilton, and then settling in Burford, County of Brant, Ont., where he engaged in a bakery and confectionery business which he conducted until his death, March 5, 1872. On Aug. 22, 1860, he married Sarah Coker, and the following named children were born to them: Julia is the wife of Thomas Lailey, a jeweler of Chatham; George William is mentioned below; Charles Nelson married Effie Garrett, of Belleville, who is now deceased; Ella Eliza is the wife of Charles Craig, a well known barrister of Tweed, in eastern Ontario. The mother of this family is a native of the County of Brant, a daughter of Fuller and Julia (Dutcher) Coker, who were natives of Norfolk, England, and also United Empire Loyalists. A large section of country, near Burford, was settled by the Dutcher family and is known as the "Dutcher settlement."

George W. Sulman acquired an excellent education in the schools of Burford, and attended the high school at Brantford. At the age of twelve years he was thrown on his own resources. As an employe of Phillips & Kincaid, of Brantford, he began his business career, and two years later was engaged in the establishment of William Croft & Son, of Toronto. After one year with this firm he engaged his services with Copp, Clark & Co., also of Toronto, with whom he continued a year. Although but sixteen years of age, his close attention to business, and his evident adaptability to it, had attracted the attention of various practical men in the trade, and resulted in his being engaged as traveling salesman for R. Henry Holland & Co., of Montreal, in which relation he continued for four and a half years. At the expiration of this time Mr. Sulman spent

six months in travel, for pleasure, through the Southern States.

In 1888 the enterprising young man came to Chatham and embarked in a wall paper, stationery and fancy goods business, which in the succeeding years has grown from a business of $6,000 to $75,000. In addition to this prosperous business Mr. Sulman is the proprietor of an industry known as The Great Western Silverware Co., which requires the services of two traveling salesmen.

While Mr. Sulman, through his business capacity and enterprising spirit, has prospered in a material way, he has also become one of the popular and useful citizens of Chatham. He has represented the Third and Fourth wards in the city council, and when ward representation was abolished and aldermen were elected by the city at large he was again called to a seat in the city council, in the new order, in the establishment of which he had been the prime mover. In 1901 he was candidate for the mayoralty, as the opponent of W. E. McKeough, and received a flattering vote. He was re-elected by acclamation the following year. He has been politically prominent for a long period and through three campaigns was secretary of the Conservative Association.

Mayor Sulman is an enthusiastic fraternity man, belonging to many of the leading orders of the world, notably: The Freemasons, Sons of England, C. O. F., I. O. O. F., and K. O. T. M. (of which he has served as a member of the Supreme Tent, as delegate from Ontario). In his Masonic connections he is past master of Parthenon Lodge, No. 267; past preceptor of Kent Preceptory, No. 9; a member of the eighteenth degree, Scottish rite; and of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On Sept. 16, 1889, Mr. Sulman was united in marriage with Miss Mary Agnes Meekison, of Strathroy, Ont., whose father, Andrew Meekison, was a native of Dundee, Scotland; her mother, Margaret (McPhee) Meekison, was born in Argyll, Scotland. The four children of Mayor Sulman and wife are: George Andrew, born Aug. 9, 1890; Margaret Sarah, March 28, 1894; Charles Douglas, Dec. 5, 1897; and Dorothy Meekison, June 6, 1899. The family home, Caradale House, is a very pleasant residence on Stanley avenue. Mayor Sulman owns one of the finest private libraries in the city, consisting of 2,000 volumes of standard works. He is a man of intellectual tastes, and has taken a great interest in making a valuable postage stamp collection, which comprises several thousand varieties and is of great value. For a period he was a member of the Peninsular Fair Board. He has been devoted to the interests of Chatham, and had much to do with its incorporation, and it was through his efforts that this place is known as the "Maple City," a name beautiful and suggestive.

GEORGE ADAMS, a native of Scotland and a worthy representative of that sturdy country, is one of the prosperous farmers of Tilbury township, East. He was born in August, 1849, a son of Robert and Mary (Barrie) Adams. Leaving Scotland in 1869 he came to Canada, making a brief stop at Hamilton on his way to Chatham, where he expected to engage at his trade of blacksmith, but not finding a suitable opening, he came to Fletcher and secured employment with Mr. John Couts, a farmer, receiving $18 per month for his services. Soon, however, he decided to follow his trade at Fletcher, so secured a lot, cleared it and erected a shop, and carried on a very successful blacksmith business for three and one-half years. At the expiration of that period he purchased Lot 4, Concession 6, upon which improvements to the extent of the chopping off of twenty acres had been made. The family moved into a lumberman's log cabin, and the work of still further improving and clearing began. Later he built a larger home nearer the south road, and his present pretty house was built in 1884. At the time Mr. Adams located upon his property, the surrounding country was all wild, and no draining had been done. In addition to his home property, Mr. Adams has fifty acres in the 7th Concession and fifty acres of Lot 5, of the 6th Concession, besides other land, making a grand total of 1511 acres. He is very successful in his conduct of his farming operations, and is devoting himself largely to stock raising, and making a specialty of cattle and hogs, shipping five or six carloads per year. He carries all the time from three to four hundred head. His son, Robert P., owns 800 acres on the Bow river thirty miles south of Calgary, where he and his father are contemplating the finishing and raising of cattle for export, there being an

abundance of feed and water there, with the climate most favorable for stock. In politics Mr. Adams is a Reformer. All of his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

After coming to this township George Adams married Ellen, daughter of John Fletcher, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Children as follows were born to this union: Lottie, a milliner of Detroit; Robert P.; Minnie J., a graduate of bookkeeping and stenography from the Chatham business college, now filling a position at Kingsville; Helen Gordon, a teacher at Tilbury where she has been employed two years; Emma Ida, at home; Vida Elizabeth Gray, in attendance at the Chatham high school; Laura Mabel, a graduate of bookkeeping and stenography of the Chatham high school, now holding a position in Detroit; John Fletcher and George Sherman, at home. Robert P., mentioned above, completed a business course at the Chatham business college, and is now a cattle dealer and ranchman at Calgary. Prior to going there he engaged for a time in cattle buying in this section, and was a successful butcher of Tilbury. Mr. Adams has attained to his present prosperity through untiring effort, thrift and good management, and he enjoys in the highest degree the confidence of the entire neighborhood.

ALLEN QUACKENBUSH, M. D., one of the successful medical practitioners of Blenheim, Ont., was born at Warkworth, in the County of Northumberland, Ont., Nov. 1, 1861.

The Doctor's great-grandfather was a U. E. Loyalist, coming from Pennsylvania in 1775 on the outbreak of the American war of Independence. Barnard Quackenbush, his grandfather, was born at Hay Bay, in Lennox County, Ont., and there engaged in farming. Israel Quackenbush, son of Barnard, was born in 1834 in Warkworth. He became a farmer in the County of Northumberland, and was prominent in the affairs of his community, serving as school trustee for many years. He married Susan M. Gerow, who was born in 1835, the daughter of Benjamin Q. Gerow, of New Brunswick, who having married the daughter of Judge Wiggins, moved to Ontario while it was yet a wilderness; he became prominent as captain of a militia company. To Israel and Susan M. Quackenbush were born the following named children: Corey, who is engaged in the bakery business in Mt. Clemens, Michigan; Allen; Matilda, who married James Sample, of Howard township; Nancy, deceased wife of Samuel Arnold; James, in the bakery business in Mt. Clemens, Michigan; William, chief dispatcher of the electric road at Mt. Clemens; Israel and Gilbert, both electricians in the State of Indiana; and Wilbert, twin brother to Gilbert, purser on a boat. The mother of these children is a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

Allen Quackenbush remained on the home farm with his parents until he was eighteen, when he began teaching school in Harwich township, a calling which he followed for six years. He then entered Trinity College of Medicine, in Toronto, continuing his studies there until his graduation, in the class of 1892. His first location for the practice of his profession was at Lawrence Station, Ont., where he remained for five years, at the end of that time locating in Blenheim. He has kept constantly abreast with the advance of his profession, and is to-day looked upon as an able physician and surgeon.

Dr. Quackenbush has found time to be an active worker in public affairs, taking especial interest in the progress of the public schools. For the past three years he has been a member of the school board, and has given a great deal of personal time and attention to this work. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and also belongs to the Maccabees and the C. O. O. F. In politics he belongs to the Reform party, and in religion he follows the faith of his mother, being a consistent Methodist.

On Jan. 6, 1886, in Howard township, Dr. Quackenbush was married to Miss Jane Brown, who was born in that township March 9, 1865, daughter of John and Mary (Hackney) Brown. Four children have brightened their home: Erie, Irene, Howard and Bennett.

William Brown, the grandfather of Mrs. Quackenbush, was a native of Nova Scotia, and was among the earliest pioneers of Howard township. John Brown, his son, was born in Howard township, and remained there all his life, engaged in farming. He died Nov. 28, 1899, aged seventy-nine. He married Mary Hackney, daughter of Ralph Hackney, and she died Feb. 7, 1903, aged sixty-seven, and both she and her husband sleep in the Morpeth

cemetery. They had the following children: Mary, deceased wife of John Bennett; Adelbert, who died young; Phoebe C., who married Alfred Carey (both are now deceased); George, who died young; and Jane, who became Mrs. Quackenbush.

Ralph Hackney, father of Mrs. Mary (Hackney) Brown, came from Nova Scotia with his brother Joseph in the early days of Howard township. Both were sailors by calling. They followed hunting and trapping on first settling near Rondeau Harbor, on Lake Erie, in fact they were the first settlers in what was then a wilderness—carrying all their supplies on their backs from a little store on the Thames river, where Chatham is now situated. They afterward took up land on the Old street road, below Morpeth, and became quite well-to-do. The original farm is still in the possession of John, son of Ralph Hackney.

DUNCAN McLACHLAN. The Canada Business College, of Chatham, of which Mr. McLachlan is the president, is one of the many leading factors contributing to the best interests of that city. An institution, the prime object of which is to prepare young men and women for successful business positions, brings a large revenue into the city, and is an enterprise whose good work will live after its noble founder has passed away. This educational institution was founded in 1876, by Duncan McLachlan, and was opened for business Nov. 30, of that year, with the enrollment of one pupil, Alexander McLachlan, a brother of the president. This first pupil is now the president of the International College at Smyrna, Turkey. From that humble beginning, over a quarter of a century ago, the number of pupils has increased to over 300, according to the statement for the year ending 1900. The faculty has grown from one member, in 1876, to eleven, six of whom are regular teachers, three assistants and two lecturers. This is the only business college in Canada which has continued for twenty-seven years under the same management, and it is a matter of note that pupils of Mr. McLachlan are at the head of great colleges all over Canada and the United States. Among those in Canada may be mentioned: James Westervelt, principal of the Forest City Business College, at London, Ont.; R. E. Gallagher, at the head of the Canada Business College, at Hamilton, Ont.; W. H. Shaw, of the Central Business College, of Toronto; W. J. Elliott, of the Central Business College, at Stratford; and H. T. Gough, of St. Thomas Business College. For the year ending in June prior to the receiving of this information, the institution had enrolled pupils from 138 cities, towns and hamlets; from six States in the United States; from Newfoundland; from thirty counties and districts of Ontario; and its graduates are to be found all over the world.

The life history of the man through whose efforts this college has reached its present high degree of usefulness is both interesting and instructive. Mr. McLachlan is a native of the County of Wellington, Ont., of Scottish ancestry, a son of Malcolm and Christine (McDonald) McLachlan, and a grandson of Daniel and Mary (McDonald) McLachlan. Daniel McLachlan was born in Scotland about 1783, and married Mary McDonald, also a native of Scotland. They were among the very early settlers in the County of Peel, Ont., where they engaged in farming, and reared the following children: Charles, Malcolm, John, Daniel, Lachlan and Alexander, all deceased; Clemina, the wife of Alexander McLachlan, the Canadian poet; Mary, deceased, the wife of Daniel McMillan, and Nancy, the widow of Neil Brown.

Of this family, Malcolm McLachlan, the father of Duncan, was born in Johnstone in 1814, and was five years of age when his parents brought him to Ontario. His first marriage was to Jane Kirkwood, and the following children were born to this union: Daniel, of Victoria, B. C.; William, of Seattle, Washington; Robert, of Orcas Island; Margaret, deceased; and Mary, deceased. The second marriage of Mr. McLachlan was to Christine McDonald, daughter of Duncan and Catharine McDonald, and the children born to this union were: Duncan; John, who is a deputy sheriff at Ottawa; Alexander, who is principal of the International College at Smyrna, Turkey; Charles, a physician in New Rockford, North Dakota, vice-president of the Bank of New Rockford, and ex-member of the State Legislature; Malcolm, who is president of the McLachlan Business University at Grand



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Rapids, Michigan; and James, who is manager of an elevator at New Rockford, North Dakota.

President McLachlan was born Sept. 19, 1852, in the township of Erin, County of Wellington, Ont., where he was reared and where he attended the public schools and later took a course in the Rockwood Academy. His educational work began early, for he was still a young man when made principal of the public school at Glen Williams, where he remained one year. At the conclusion of this service President McLachlan entered upon his career as a student in the British American Business College at Toronto, where he graduated in 1872, thoroughly qualified in every detail of this line of educational work. In September, 1872, he accepted the position of instructor in penmanship in the Canada Business College, Hamilton, and in 1873 became a partner in the institution, this partnership continuing until 1879. In the meantime, in 1876, he had founded the Canada Business College, at Chatham, which he has personally conducted ever since.

In 1891 Mr. McLachlan was united in marriage with Emma Hall, the one daughter of this union being Jean Christine. Mrs. McLachlan died in 1894, and in 1897 he married Miss Jennie Elder, by whom he had two children, Louise A. and Kenneth Duncan. Religiously he is a Presbyterian. Politically he is a Reformer, and socially a member of Barton Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., of Hamilton, Ontario.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM, a member of the township council and general farmer in Chatham township, County of Kent, residing on his fine farm of 116 acres on Lot 4, 4th Concession, came to that property in 1879, when the county was a wilderness, although the timber had been cut on his land as a lumber speculation. He paid $14 an acre for the land, and by his industry, thrift and enterprise has greatly enhanced its value.

Mr. Abraham was born June 1, 1848, son of Robert and Mary (Gilford) Abraham, of Counties Fermanagh and Donegal, Ireland, respectively, who were married in Montreal in 1845, and there remained until 1849, when they removed to the County of Kent, locating in Chatham. There the father followed his trade of mechanic until 1863, in which year he settled in Chatham township, on a farm which he cultivated for twenty-two years, in 1885 retiring to Chatham, where he died in April, 1890, aged eighty-two years; he was interred in Maple Leaf cemetery. The mother now makes her home in Chatham. Both were members of the Episcopal Church. The following children were born to them: William is our subject; Mary, who died in 1891, was the wife of Charles Rafter, of Cleveland, Ohio; John is living retired in Chatham, Ont.; Esther is principal of the McKeough school at Chatham.

In Detroit, Michigan, in 1877, William Abraham married Clara M. Hay, and children as follows have been born to this union, all still with their parents: Mary B., a school teacher; Robert H., captain of the Darrell football team, which won the Walker cup Trophy in the Peninsular League in 1902; William M., also a member of the team; Esther E.; and George L. Mrs. Abraham was born in Bowmanville, Ont., a daughter of John and Margaret (Harkins) Hay, of Aberdeen, Scotland, and Rochester, New York, respectively. Mr. Hay emigrated to Toronto with his parents when he was eight years of age, and thence went to Port Hope, where his father died. From there he removed to St. Thomas, where he remained until 1866, when he settled in Chatham, Ont., and pursued his calling of mechanic, dying in April, 1872, aged forty-two years. His wife resides at St. Thomas. They were both members of the Baptist Church from childhood, and Mrs. Hay is still of that faith. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hay: Clara M., Mrs. Abraham; Ella, who married R. W. Young, assistant train-master, P. M. Railroad, at Ridgetown, Ont.; Morice, a stationer at St. Thomas, Ont.; Melinda, who married Charles McDonald, attorney and clerk of the courts of Dawson City; Gertrude, who married John A. Mitten, an attorney of Benson City, Minn.; Eva, married to Wallace Doore, an accountant, of the "Soo," Canada; Beulah, wife of H. D. Smith, crown attorney of Chatham; and John, a prominent attorney of Dawson City.

Until he was seventeen years of age William Abraham attended the public and grammar schools of Chatham. He then began to clerk in a store at which he continued for three and one-half years, and then returned to the farm with his parents, and there continued until he located on his present property. In politics he is a Conservative. He has for many years

filled the position of township auditor and secretary-treasurer of school section No. 1, and is now serving his fourth term in the township council. The family attend the Methodist Church and contribute liberally toward its support. Mr. Abraham is one of the public-spirited men of the township and is justly recognized as a leader of his party. He and his family are important factors in the social life of the community and all enjoy the highest respect and esteem of their neighbors.

CHARLES SHAW, a successful business man of Ridgetown, County of Kent, now living retired from active life, was born in Lincolnshire, England, Oct. 9, 1821, a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Willey) Shaw.

Charles Shaw, the father, was born in Lincolnshire, England, July 28, 1787, and his wife Dec. 26, 1789. They were married in England, and emigrated to Quebec in 1827, settling at Port Hope, on a farm. In the fall of 1833, Mr. Shaw removed to a farm near Mansfield, Ohio, with his family, and there remained a year at the expiration of which he returned to Canada and located in the County of Elgin, West. In 1845 he settled in Howard township, on a farm and continued there until the death of his wife, in July, 1845. His own death occurred at his home in November, 1847, and he left a family of five children: William, born in England, who died in December, 1893; Mary, who married Peter Wilson, and died in October, 1871; Robert; David, who married and settled in Howard township, where he died in 1861; and Charles.

Charles Shaw started out in life with a very limited education, the entire time spent by him in school amounting to scarcely three months. When a young man he learned the trade of wagonmaking in the County of Elgin, West, and started in business for himself at Morpeth, where he successfully continued until 1883, at which time he had a large plant and carried on an excellent trade in wagon and carriage making. In 1883 he disposed of his plant, and located in Ridgetown, where he has since resided, buying considerable valuable real estate. In 1898 he erected one of the finest brick business blocks in the city, which he rents for office and mercantile purposes. After settling in Ridgetown Mr. Shaw purchased and laid out Greenwood cemetery, which he still owns, and which through his care has become one of the finest burial grounds in the entire Dominion.

In 1847 Mr. Shaw married Miss Anna Smith, daughter of John B. and Aba Smith, of Beamsville, Ont., prominent pioneers of the Dominion. Mrs. Shaw was born in March, 1830, and died Nov. 25, 1898. She was a true, kind-hearted Christian woman, a devotd wife and mother, whose many admirable virtues endeared her to all who had the good fortune to know her. Her death was regarded as a loss throughout the neighborhood, as well as by her immediate family. She was the mother of three children: (1) Charles A., born Jan 25, 1849, attended the home schools and later the Detroit College. He married Miss Edith Perrine, of Chatham, daughter of Samuel Perrine, of that city, and they have one son, Charles. His active life has been spent as a theatrical manager, and he is now manager of the Fourth Avenue Theater of Louisville, Kentucky. (2) Elnia J., born in March, 1851, married H. A. Mallory, of Drayton, Ont., where he is manager of the Traders Bank, and they have one son, Charles, a jeweler of Drayton. (3) Margaret A., born Sept. 4, 1859, married Benjamin F. Sutherland, a merchant tailor of Lansing, Michigan, and has one daughter, Edith.

Politically Mr. Shaw is a Reformer, and he has always been identified with that party, serving in the city council with distinction; he has also filled all the local offices of Howard township. In religious matters he is a free thinker, but carries out in his life the teachings of the Golden Rule and always lends a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself. Although his early education was rather limited Mr. Shaw has educated himself by close observation of men and events, and also by a wide and carefully selected course of reading from the works of leading authors. He is well posted on current events and can discuss matters of moment intelligently and logically. During the years he has made his home in the County of Kent he has had the best interests of the locality at heart, and many projects of public import owe their successful termination to his influence and energy.

JOHN W. GOSNELL, a farmer of wealth, prominence and old family, who for many years has successfully followed agricultural life in the County of Kent, was born in Orford

township, that county, June 2, 1844, a son of Joseph and Caroline (Dobbyn) Gosnell.

Joseph Gosnell, the father, was born in Ireland, and his wife was also of Irish ancestry, although she was born in Howard township, near the present home on Concession 12, a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Bobier) Dobbyn, who emigrated to Canada from Ireland during the time of the Irish Revolution. Great-grandfather Dobbyn was put to death in his native country, a martyr to his religious belief. Henry Dobbyn and his wife died on their home in Howard township, their only surviving child being a son, James, a resident of the State of Michigan.

Joseph Gosnell, the founder of the Gosnell family in Canada, settled two miles west of Highgate, near the town line of Howard, beginning as a pioneer in the woods. He was one of those hardy, adventurous spirits who with ax and rifle, and sustained by the encouraging presence of a good and helpful wife, carried out plans which resulted in the making of a valuable home for those who came after. The children born to Joseph Gosnell and wife were as follows: James, who lives at the old home in Orford township; Sarah, who married James Ostrander and lives near Chicago, State of Illinois; the rest all being deceased, namely: Lawrence, Henry, Joseph, Ann (wife of James Gosnell), Fannie (wife of Thomas Tape of Orford) and Ellen (wife of James Raycroft, who died in the old country).

Joseph Gosnell, the father of John W., was a young man when he accompanied his parents from Ireland to Canada, being the eldest of the family. He settled on a farm in Orford, cleared it up for himself and became one of the prominent old settlers in his neighborhood. Like other pioneers he started life in a log cabin, but his home in later years was one of comfort and elegance, complete with every modern convenience. At this home he died in 1892, his widow surviving until 1898, dying at the age of eighty-one years. They were good and pious people, leaders in the pioneer work of the Methodist Church, making their Christianity practical and helpful not only to themselves but to the betterment of those around them. They offered a home to the ministers from the time when the log cabin door was hung to the days when they were carried from the new home never to return. They are remembered with esteem and affection. Politically Mr. Gosnell was identified with the Reform party. The seven children born to these parents were as follows: (1) Mary A., the eldest, born in Orford township, married Timothy Guylds, who settled in Harwich township, near Eau, and there she died, leaving children—Jerusha Clarissa, the wife of William Pervert, of Harwich; Sarah C., the wife of Hiram Mallory, of Harwich; Joseph, a farmer in Michigan; William, of Missouri; Julius, of Highgate, County of Kent; James, of Alberta, Canada; and Roy, a resident of Rockwood, Canada; (2) Richard (deceased) grew up at the old home and married Anty Grout, of Canada; they settled on Concession 11, and there he followed farming until his death, in 1868; he left two daughters, Misses Josephine and Sarah; (3) Allen J., born in Orford in 1840, married William Dobbyn, and they reside in Euphemia, County of Lambton, engaged in farming; their children are, Laura, the wife of Dr. Livingstone, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Caroline, wife of Rev. William Cochrane, of the Methodist Church in Minneapolis; Joseph, a farmer of the County of Lambton; Frank, a professor in the schools of Atwater, State of Minnesota; (4) Sarah, born in 1842, is the widow of Thomas Langtry, who died at Chatham, leaving five children—Joseph, a merchant tailor at Kingsville, Ont.; Frank, a merchant tailor of Los Angeles, California; Ella, the wife of Alonzo Ward, of Manitoba; Carrie, a resident of Harwich, as is also her sister Myrtle. Mrs. Langtry married (second) James Guylds, and they reside in Harwich, County of Kent. (5) Henry, born in 1843, married Belle McKindery, of Howard, and they reside on the home farm in Orford; they have one daughter, Carrie. (6) George W., born in 1854, married Frances Baldwin, of Orford, and he follows farming near Highgate; their children are Everett, Gertrude, Henry and Alice.

John W. Gosnell grew to manhood on the old home in Orford township, at the age of twenty-one years starting his own career. In February, 1866, he married Margaret Conner, the estimable daughter of Charles and Sarah (Oglietree) Conner, who came from Ireland and settled in the County of Kent, on the 3d Concession, in Howard township, where Mrs. Conner died when Mrs. Gosnell was but a child. Charles Conner lived to the age of eighty-five

years, dying in 1898, while residing with a son in London, Ont. Mrs. Conner left nine children, five of whom still survive. Mrs. Gosnell was born in September, 1846, in Howard, and there grew to womanhood and married Mr. Gosnell. The young people started housekeeping and home-making on a farm in Concession 10, and there they lived until 1868, when Mr. Gosnell bought the old Henry Dobbyn homestead, in Concession 12, and in this old ancestral home the family has resided ever since. Within two years Mr. Gosnell had improved the place with a large bank barn, and in 1877 he erected his large and handsome brick residence, one of the finest and most modern among the many beautiful homes in Howard. Mr. Gosnell has been one of the energetic and progressive farmers of his section, and has prospered accordingly. Seven children have been born to Mr. Gosnell and his wife, as follows: Dr. Charles W., born in February, 1867, married Etta Kauffman, of Lebanon, State of Indiana, and is a successful veterinary surgeon of that city. Sarah C., born in 1868, is the wife of Frank Blue, a farmer, who was born and reared in Orford township, where they reside. Joseph H., born in 1870, was educated in the Ridgetown high school and followed teaching three years, after which he studied law at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is now practicing in the Lake Superior region (he is unmarried). Ellen J., born Oct. 15, 1871, married William Blue, and they reside on a farm in Orford township, near Palmyra; they have one daughter, Minnie B., born in Orford in 1897. Frank, born in 1876, was educated at the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and is still at home. Vangordon, born in 1885, and Percy C., born in 1887, are both students.

Religiously the Gosnells are among the leading families in the Methodist Church. Mr. Gosnell is a trustee and steward, and he and his wife have been active in promoting its usefulness. Politically he has always supported the Reform party, and socially he is a member of the Royal Templars of Highgate, County of Kent. His ancestry is old and honorable in the Dominion and the family is known through the county for the prominence of its members in many walks of life. Mr. Gosnell's early days were not without their struggles, but like his father and grandfather John W. Gosnell proved the fiber of which he was made, and with industry and perseverance pushed on to honorable competency. Many men in these days gain wealth and so-called prominence, but none have acquired these gifts through more honest avenues than has this worthy representative of a fine old family.

JAMES CRUICKSHANK is a prosperous general farmer and ex-reeve of Zone township, residing on Lot 5, Concession 4, where he owns a fine farm of 150 acres to which he came in 1853, having purchased it from John E. Brooks, land agent. The property was then all a wilderness, and he had to make a clearing in order to erect his little cabin on the spot where now stands his handsome brick residence, which was put up in the fall of 1897.

Mr. Cruickshank was born March 6, 1832, son of James and Janet (Marnes) Cruickshank, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where they remained until 1833, and then emigrated to Canada, settling in Howard township, County of Kent, Ont., where they took up 100 acres from Col. Talbot. Later the father purchased 250 acres, and there he died in 1867, aged sixty-three years, while the mother died in 1879, aged sixty-nine years, and they are buried in the Morpeth cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. The father held many minor township offices, became very prominent and was especially active in educational matters. His children were as follows: James; Alexander, who died in Zone township, on an adjoining farm, in 1881; John, a retired farmer of Aylmer, Ontario; Mary, of Zone township, widow of John Tinney; William, who died in Howard township, on the old homestead; Elizabeth, who died in 1891 at Brown City, Michigan, wife of John Brewster.

James Cruickshank has been twice married, his first union in 1858, in the township of Howard, being to Elizabeth Bullock. One child was born to them: Rachel E., who married Alonzo Grawburg, a farmer of Sanilac, Michigan. On Nov. 5, 1866, Mr. Cruickshank was married, in Florence, Ont., to Mary A. Maynard, and she bore him children as follows: Mariah married William Dickson, a farmer of Zone township; Sarah J. married John W. Southerland, a driller of Petrolia, Ont.; James is at home with his parents; Hester A. is at home; Jeanett married Charles Hubble, a contractor and builder of Thamesville; Mary I. is at home; Ada M.,

a school teacher, is also at home. Mrs. Cruickshank was born in Harwich township, daughter of Manel and Esther Maynard, both of Canada, the former of Nova Scotia. They were married in the County of Kent in an early day, there beginning life as pioneer farmers. On Jan. 1, 1865, in this same locality, the father passed away aged fifty-eight years, and he was buried in the English cemetery of Harwich township. The mother resides in Howard township, and is advanced in years, having been born in 1817. She is a member of the Baptist Church as was her husband.

Until his marriage Mr. Cruickshank remained with his parents, and then located on his present farm, where he has since remained. In politics he is a Conservative and is very active in local affairs. For eight years he served as township reeve; seven years he was assessor and also township collector, and for about thirty years he has been in the township council, having been one of the first to be elected to that office. Being very deeply interested in educational matters, he has served upon the school board for a number of years as member, secretary and treasurer and trustee. Fraternally he is a member of the Orange Lodge. His farm is one of the best cultivated in the township, and his home is a very pleasant and comfortable one. Having firmly established himself in the confidence of the neighborhood, he is highly regarded and is justly considered as one of the representative farmers in his section of the County of Kent.

JOHN C. McKAY (deceased). No one looking over the prosperous farms of Howard township, County of Kent, Ont., and all ignorant of its history, would imagine what a wilderness it once was, and that within the memory of many of its present citizens. One of the sturdy pioneers, now deceased, to whom so much is owed by the present generation, was John C. McKay, a farmer on Concession 3, who was born in Prince Edward Island, in February, 1839, son of John and Mary McKay, natives of Scotland, who settled at Prince Edward Island. There the father died and his widow married John Oliver; she died in Chatham township, leaving two children by her first marriage: John C., and Robert, who lives at McKay's Corners, in Harwich.

John C. McKay came to Chatham when a young man, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, building houses all over the county. In 1860, he married Miss Mariah McCann, of Harwich, born in 1844. Soon after his marriage, he purchased his present homestead, all of which was wild land. Beneath the huge trees, he built a small log cabin, in which the family made their home for some years, until it was burned down, and he replaced it with another, which served as a residence until 1892, when he built the large brick residence, in which his widow now makes her home. Here he passed away in May, 1901. His first wife died April 14, 1885, the mother of twelve children, eight of whom are still living: (1) John, the eldest, born in 1863, married Miss Rose Clark, in 1887, and they have four children, Ethel, Rhoda, Olive May and Valetta; they reside in Harwich on his farm. (2) James, born in 1865, is unmarried, and is engaged as a carpenter at New Orleans. (3) George, born in 1869, is a tailor of Leamington. He married Miss Gowey, of Ridgetown, and has two children, Harold and Georgia. (4) Walter, born in 1869, in Howard, is a tailor of Essex. He has been married twice, first to Miss Robson, of Leamington, who bore him one child, John C. McKay, now deceased. By his second marriage he has one child, Clara. (5) Robert, born in Howard in 1871, married Mamie Mow, of Harwich township, where he resides on a farm. He has one daughter, Flossie. (6) Anna, born in 1873, in Howard, married Joseph Miller, a resident of Chatham, and has three children, Jessie, Neta and Zeta. (7) Bertha, born on the homestead, in 1875, married James Baker, and resides in Dresden, Ont. She has four children, Byron, Irvin, Eva and Grace. (8) Mary, born in 1877, and educated in the Howard schools, near the home built by her father, is unmarried, and is a most charming young lady, and an important factor in the social life of the community.

In January, 1889, Mr. McKay married Miss Jennie McEachran, the estimable daughter of Neil and Mary (Smart) McEachran, prominent pioneers of Harwich township. Neil McEachran was born in Argyll, Scotland, and his wife Mary (Smart) was born in England, but they were married in Canada, and were among the early settlers of Harwich, where Mr. McEachran died; his wife survives and is still re-

siding on the homestead. Mrs. McKay was born in October, 1865, and educated in the home schools of Harwich, where she remained until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. McKay settled on his farm, and he at once began making extensive improvements until it is now one of the best in County Kent. Two children were born to this marriage, Neil, born March 12, 1890; and Jennett, born Nov. 15, 1895.

Mr. McKay was a member of the Presbyterian Church, as is also his wife, and that body owes much of its prosperity to both. Politically, he was a member of the Reform party, and took an active part in local affairs. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Chatham, and was buried with Masonic honors, his funeral being a large and imposing one. At his death Mr. McKay bequeathed to his children no trivial example, no darkened ideals. The influence of his character reaches beyond the term of his own existence. His public life—the relation which he bore to the general community—was such as to stimulate others to high and noble deeds.

REV. ARTHUR LEVERTON, general farmer and ex-county warden, of Zone township, County of Kent, and Latter Day Saint minister, came to this locality in 1853 from Komoka, Ont. He owns three farms, comprising 336 acres, in the east half, Lot 8, Concession 6, Lots 4 and 5 and part of Lot 7, Concession 7.

Rev. Mr. Leverton was born in Nottinghamshire, England, Sept. 7, 1844, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Cragg) Leverton, of the same locality, who came to Canada in 1850 and located in Hamilton, Ont., for a few weeks, and then made their way to Copetown, Ont. After a year they went direct to Komoka, Ont., where they lived until 1853, when they located in Zone township, County of Kent, where they now reside. The father was born July 6, 1816, the mother in October, 1815; they are devout members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. The following children were born to them: Henry died in England when young; Jane died in England when young; Rev. Arthur is mentioned below; Sarah A. died when young, in Hamilton; William died in Zone township; Frederick is a farmer of Zone township; Joseph F. is a farmer of Farwell, Michigan.

On May 4, 1868, in Newbury, Ont., Rev. Mr. Leverton was married to Miss Mary Porter, and the following children have been born of this union: Elizabeth A., unmarried, at home; Louisa J., who married James Brown, of the County of Elgin; William R., a farmer of the County of Kent, who married Mary Oliver; and Joseph N. and Fred A., at home.

Arthur Leverton remained with his parents until he was twelve years of age, when he began working out among the farmers in the woods and wherever he could find employment. After his marriage he began farming on fifty acres of land, which he has added to by industry and thrift until he now has a large property. For two years he served as collector of taxes; three years he was a member of the township council; two years he was auditor; five years reeve of Zone township; four years member of the county council; in 1899 was elected county warden; and for the past twenty-two years he has been secretary and treasurer of the school board. When the handsome new brick school structure was erected in 1898 he was supervisor. In politics he is a stanch Conservative.

In 1871 he was ordained to the ministry of the Latter Day Saints, with a congregation of sixty members, and he has done very efficient work, being not only a very excellent man in his manner of living, but earnest and imbued with a full sense of his responsibility, and when he addresses his people his eloquence is very touching and convincing, while his logic is clear and forcible. Throughout the entire neighborhood he is held in high esteem, and in his congregation he is reverenced as a man of God, earnestly teaching the creed of his faith, and striving to impress it upon his followers by both precept and example.

CAPT. ALLEN H. McDONALD, a retired farmer of Camden Gore, owns a fine farm of 160 acres in Lots 2 and 3, 3d Concession, on which he erected a handsome brick house in 1899. He came to the property that year from near the old homestead of his family, on which he had resided for twenty-five years.

Capt. McDonald was born March 18, 1849, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and comes of a family descended from the one-time rebel chief, McDonald of Glencoe. His parents, Allen and Annie (Laing) McDonald, were also natives of Aberdeenshire, the father born May 12, 1812, the mother in 1817. They came to Can-

ada in 1853, and settled in Goderich township, County of Huron, where Mr. McDonald carried on a tailoring business, moving to the County of Kent, on the banks of the Sydenham river, near the town of Dresden, in 1866. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald had children as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. William Bolton, of Dresden; Jessie, Mrs. John McKay, of Camden township; Annie, deceased wife of John Whitson; Allen H.; Jennie, deceased, wife of Murray Creamer, of Dresden; Andrew, who is on the old farm; and Capt. John, of Dresden. The mother of this family died in 1892, the father surviving until Aug. 4, 1902. They were Presbyterians in religious faith. Mr. McDonald was a Reformer in politics.

Capt. Allen H. McDonald has been married twice, his first wife, whom he married in Wallaceburg, in 1879, bearing the maiden name of Larency Houctwith. Two children were born to this marriage: Claud, of Windsor, Ont.; and Orville, who is on the old homestead in Camden Gore. On Oct. 25, 1886, in Port Huron, Capt. McDonald married Jessie Atkins, and their children are: Etta G., Mary B., Lillie G., John L. and William B., all at home. Mrs. McDonald was born in Chatham township, Oct. 23, 1862, daughter of Joseph and Lillie (Bryden) Atkins, natives of England and Scotland, respectively, who were married in Newbury, Ont. Mr. Atkins was a shoemaker by trade. The children born of their union were as follows: David died young; Anna, of Toronto, married James Dobie; Isabella, of Seattle, Washington, married Fred Singleton, and, later, Benjamin Freed; Jessie is Mrs. McDonald. After the death of the father Mrs. Atkins married a Mr. Barefoot, and by him had one child, Benjamin, a machinist, of Ohio.

Allen H. McDonald came to the County of Kent with his parents in 1866, and was reared upon a farm, continuing there until he was nineteen. He then began to sail upon the lakes, and followed that calling until 1882, when he commenced farming in Camden Gore, near the old homestead, remaining there until 1899, and then moving to his present farm. In addition to other interests he has considerable town property in Dresden, and was one of the promoters of the Standard Cement Company, Limited, capital stock $300,000. He is one of the prosperous and solid retired farmers and business men of his neighborhood, and his success in life has come to him through his own unaided efforts, directed intelligently along legitimate lines. Fraternally the Captain is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Reformer, but never desired office. Both he and his excellent wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

CHARLES E. BAYLEY, who died Jan. 12, 1904, was one of the representative men of Bothwell, Ont. Toward the close of his days he led a somewhat retired life, but he was formerly a leading insurance agent of that place. He came to Bothwell in 1865 from Buffalo, New York. His birth occurred in Orange county, Vermont, Oct. 14, 1826, and he was a son of John H. and Harriet (Sprague) Bayley, of Orange county, the former of whom was superintendent of the Buffalo & Niagara Falls railroad, and was also inspector for the Erie Canal Company for many years, being a man of prominence. Mrs. Bayley died in 1901, aged ninety-eight years, and both she and Mr. Bayley are buried in Buffalo, New York. They died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church. Three children were born to them: John F., who died at the age of sixteen in Benton, New York; Charles E.; and Elizabeth, of Brooklyn, New York, widow of A. H. Savage.

On Sept. 19, 1853, in Brooklyn, New York, Charles E. Bayley married Jennie Field, and to this union were born children as follows: Charles E., Jr., an engineer of Toledo, Ohio; J. Frederick, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; William S., an engineer of Lorain, Ohio; Harry P., agent of the Electric Headlight Company, of Chicago; Hattie L., of Cleveland, married to Charles F. Chapman; and Virginia F., who married Dr. Thomas W. Watson, of Lincoln, New Mexico. Mrs. Bayley, who still resides in Bothwell, was born in New York City Feb. 17, 1834, daughter of C. and Deborah (Ketcham) Field, of Flushing, Long Island, the former of whom was in the wholesale drug trade for over forty years, and then retired. He was a major in the State cavalry, and escorted La Fayette to the hotel from his boat when he landed in New York. He desired to serve his country during the Rebellion, but was too old. Mrs. Bayley has his sword, which was presented to him by the New York Light Guards. His death occurred in 1877, when he was eighty-four years of age, while his wife

died in 1883, aged eighty-six years, and both are interred in Babylon, Long Island. They died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

Charles E. Bayley was with his parents until he was eighteen years old, when he entered a private bank in Buffalo as cashier and teller, and there remained two years. Then he began sailing on the high seas, and so continued for five years, when he went to California, where for four years he mined. He removed to Colorado, thence to British Columbia, following the mining excitements. Returning to California he mined for a year more, and then returned to his home at Benton, Yates county, New York, to which place his father had removed prior to his leaving for the West. In 1861 he enlisted in the regular army, was commissary for three years, and manufactured hardtack for the soldiers, using up 200 barrels of flour daily until the close of the war. About this time the excitement relative to oil broke out and he went to Pittsburg and to Oil Creek, making and losing money for a few years. The last year he lost $65,000, after which he came to Canada and sought to regain his lost money. When he came to Canada he had about $80,000 worth of drills and other oil machinery, and he invested largely in the oil wells of this locality, realizing largely at first, but later he decided to retire from the oil business.

Going West he invested in a store and grist mill and stage line from Nebraska City to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and also bought a tract of 640 acres on the north fork of Weeping Water river. After carrying on these enterprises for a year he returned to Bothwell richer in pocket and with restored health, he having made the trip to regain lost strength in the bracing air of that State. Being so energetic a man, he could not retire upon the fortune he had earned, but felt that his enterprising mind must have something to occupy it, and so he entered into the life and fire insurance business which he continued almost to the close of his life. He passed away after a long illness, Jan. 12, 1904, in Cleveland, Ohio, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hattie L. Chapman.

Mr. Bayley's fraternal relations were with the Masonic order, in which he was deservedly popular. Politically he was a Conservative, although he did not take an active part in local affairs. The Methodist Church was his religious home, and no good work was ever organized by it without his name appearing among the most generous contributors. During a long and varied life Mr. Bayley had many very remarkable adventures, which he related in an exceedingly entertaining manner, laughing merrily as he recounted the stories of those days, although in some of them runs a strain of pathos. All days were not lucky ones; every man could not win a fortune, and he experienced bad luck as well as good, but through it all preserved the jovial personality which won for him so many friends, which his sterling traits of character retained, so that he was one of the most popular men in the County of Kent.

PETER DUNCAN McKELLAR, one of the prominent business citizens of Chatham, who for forty years has ably filled the position of registrar of the County of Kent, with a fidelity to the public not exceeded by any other official, is of Scottish descent, and comes from a pioneer family of the county. The line is traced back to

John and Mary (Clark) McKellar, who had one son, Dugall, born in 1673. Dugall McKellar married Mary McNair, and they had two sons, Duncan and John, of whom the latter married Isabella Campbell, and had two sons, Neil and Patrick. The former had one son (Duncan) and one daughter. Patrick was a colonel in the British army, and was present at the taking of Gibraltar. He left a large estate, but no children.

Duncan McKellar, son of Dugall, born in 1703, married Catherine McLean, and they had two sons, John and Archibald, and two daughters, Mary and Catherine.

John McKellar, born in 1731, was the great-great-grandfather of Peter D.

Archibald McKellar, the great-grandfather of Peter Duncan, was born in Scotland May 28, 1760. He was the father of the following named children: John, Peter, Neil, Archibald, Duncan, David and Sarah.

Peter McKellar, of this family, was the grandfather of Peter D. McKellar, of Chatham. On Aug. 1, 1811, he married Flora McNab, and of their children only two grew to maturity: Mary, born Dec. 10, 1812, who married Duncan McNab, a merchant of Hamilton, Ont., and is now deceased; and Archi-



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bald, born Feb. 3, 1816, at Glenshiel, Scotland. In 1818 the latter was brought by his parents to Canada, the family settling in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, Ont., where they lived until 1836. During this period Peter McKellar built the first mill for grinding grain in that section. Prior to the construction of this mill grinding had been done by the primitive method of reducing the grain by means of pulverizing it between two stones, by hand. In 1836 Peter McKellar removed his family to Lot 17, Raleigh township, County of Kent, where he settled on the banks of the river Thames, and there both he and his wife died, the former Jan. 29, 1861, and the latter Feb. 9, 1877, at the age of ninety-six years. They led quiet, irreproachable lives, and are recorded as most respected and useful pioneers of the county.

On Aug. 11, 1836, the date of the arrival of the family in the County of Kent, Archibald McKellar, father of Peter D., married Lucy McNab, who was born in 1820. After their marriage they remained on the old home, Archibald, being the only son, continuing to assist in the operation of the farm there until 1848, when he removed to Chatham and formed a partnership with John Dolsen in the lumber business, an association which continued until 1863. During these years of active business life in Chatham, Archibald McKellar had been a member of the Western District council and also of the city council of Chatham. His ability as a public man was recognized still more fully when he was sent, in 1857, to the Parliament of the United Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada. In 1867 he was elected to the Parliament of Ontario, which position he ably held until 1874, and during a part of this time he was a very prominent figure, being Provincial Secretary and a Commissioner of Public Works. In 1874 he retired to the shrievalty of Wentworth, residing in Hamilton, Ont., and holding that position until his death, Feb. 11, 1894; his wife preceded him Feb. 13, 1857, at the age of thirty-seven years. To Archibald McKellar and his wife were born the following named children: Peter Duncan is a resident of Chatham. Mary Jane, born Aug. 13, 1841, married Rev. John McMeehan, Sept. 18, 1861, and died June 19, 1870, leaving four sons. Flora, born April 8, 1843, married William H. Birrell in 1865. Sarah Ann, born March 13, 1845, married Feb. 19, 1868, George H. Sanborn, of Fargo, North Dakota, and they have one daughter, Millicent. Janet, born Jan. 22, 1847, married Jan. 20, 1869, John R. Gemmill, (who is the present sheriff of the County of Kent), and died leaving three sons and three daughters. Donald, born Feb. 5, 1850, married Lomila Bobier, Oct. 17, 1876, and they have four living children. Thomas, born Jan. 27, 1853, died March 13, 1893, unmarried. Lucy Marion, born March 2, 1855, married David G. Fleming, Sept. 1, 1875, and died July 27, 1879, leaving one daughter.

Peter Duncan McKellar was born Nov. 2, 1839, on the old homestead in Raleigh township, County of Kent, and was nine years of age when his father moved to Chatham. In the public schools of that city he received his early education, which was supplemented by a course in the Upper Canada College, and a law course at University College, at Toronto. During these years he had been applying himself to the study of the law, and in July, 1862, during his third year, he was appointed to his present position, a testimonial of worth, as Mr. McKellar was at that time but twenty-three years of age. He has most efficiently filled the office for more than forty years. By his acceptance of this position his law course was cut short one year.

Mr. McKellar is a stockholder in and secretary of the Chatham Dredging Co., formed in 1883, with D. G. Fleming as president and S. T. Martin as manager and treasurer. He is the owner of 750 acres of fine farming land in the County of Kent, which is tenanted, and also owns a fine home on Victoria avenue, in Chatham, and is very justly regarded as one of the solid and substantial men of the county.

On Oct. 19, 1876, Mr. McKellar was married to Miss Louise Ann Stegmann, of Toronto, who died June 30, 1890. Mr. McKellar belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Chatham, of which his wife was also a member, and he is prominent in the city's social life. He views the political field as a supporter of the Liberal party.

JOHN SALTER GOSNELL was born at his present home on the North Middle road, Lots 17 and 18, in Orford township, April 14, 1858, and is the son of James and Ann (Gosnell) Gosnell, of County Cork, Ireland. The

father came to the home mentioned with his parents in 1822, and there died in 1869. His widow survived and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Lee, in the year 1892.

On Dec. 30, 1881, in Highgate, Ont., John S. Gosnell married Mary E. Smith, and they have had seven children, namely: William Norman, Fanny Smith, Lillian, James Lloyd, Henry Benson, Norma and Laurence. Mrs. Gosnell was born at Florence, County of Lambton, Ont., July 21, 1862, a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Adnam) Smith, of Whitechurch, Hants, England, who came to Canada in 1857, settling in Zone township, County of Kent, Ontario.

Until 1890 John S. Gosnell lived upon the farm that is now his home. At that time he removed to Highgate, where he lived for ten years, but in 1900 he returned to his farm work. The appearance of his premises denotes ability as a farmer, and his farm is a most excellent one, yielding profitable returns. Mr. Gosnell's political views make him a Reformer, but he does not take enough interest in such matters to desire public office. He and his excellent wife are members of the Methodist Church, and are held in high esteem in that body. Although Mr. Gosnell was in poor health for some years, he has now regained his strength, and enjoys his work among his broad acres and sleek cattle.

BENJAMIN W. WILLSON, mayor of Ridgetown, County of Kent, where he is engaged in business as a grain dealer, is one of the prosperous men of that town. He was born in Howard township, joining Ridgetown, in 1847.

John and Ann (McEwen) Willson, his parents, were highly respected people. John Willson was born near Niagara Falls, in 1803, son of Gilman Willson, a native of England, who came to the Dominion in an early day, settling near Niagara Falls, where he lived for some years. He then moved to the County of Elgin, where he died, leaving eight sons and four daughters, all now deceased except Peter, who still resides in the County of Elgin, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. In 1833 John Willson settled in the County of Kent, near Ridgetown, where he became a large land holder, and at the time of his death owned 350 acres of finely cultivated land in one body. He was very wealthy and prominent, and had a large number of friends. He married Ann McEwen, who was born in New York State, daughter of Alexander McEwen, of that State, who came to the Dominion at a very early day. Mrs. Willson died in 1867, and Mr. Willson in 1888. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. In political matters he supported the principles of the Conservative party, and he held a number of local offices. Mr. and Mrs. Willson had a family of six children: Benjamin W. is mentioned below. Mary, born in the County of Kent, married Sherman Malcolm, who is now deceased, and she resides in Detroit, Michigan; she has two children, Romaine and Treycolona. Daniel G., born in this county, resides on a part of the old homestead. He married Miss Catherine McKinley, daughter of Duncan McKinley, of Howard, and has three children—Anna, who married Prof. R. J. Bonner, a native of Hamburg, Ont.; Tenna, who married Rev. R. J. Hunter, of Greeley, Colorado; and John H., who married a Miss Hunter, and lives on a portion of the old homestead near Ridgetown. John N., born on the old farm, married Miss Katherine Curry, of Ridgetown, and lives on the old homestead; they have four children, Norman C., John A., Edith J., and Margaret. Hannah, born in the County of Kent, is unmarried, and at present is a resident of Ridgetown. Margaret married John Crowder, a farmer in Howard township; they have no family.

Benjamin W. Willson grew to manhood on his father's farm, and attended the public schools during the winter months. In 1872 he erected a cheese factory just below the home farm, and operated it most successfully for five years. In 1878 he removed to Ridgetown and engaged as a grain and produce dealer, in which line he has since continued, his operations increasing until he is now one of the heaviest grain buyers of the town. Mr. Willson is a large real estate owner, having property in Ridgetown and in Howard township.

Mr. Willson has always supported the principles of the Conservative party, and in 1876 was elected to the council of the township of Howard. He was reeve of the township in 1880-81-82-83, for four years, and was warden of the county in 1882. In 1888 he was elected mayor of Ridgetown, and served in 1888 and

1889, having been re-elected. He was again elected to this important office in 1902 and 1903, and under his rule the town's affairs have been most ably conducted, while many eminently useful improvements were inaugurated. In 1884 he was elected a member of the town council, of which he has been a member since then, except for four years, during which he was county commissioner for Kent County. In 1883 he contested the Riding of East Kent for the Conservative party, running against Daniel McCrancy. The Riding is a strongly Liberal one, and Mr. Willson was not elected, being defeated, however, by only 193 votes. He is a candidate for the Liberal-Conservative party for East Kent for the Federal election, 1904.

Like his brothers and sisters, Mr. Willson is an adherent of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is connected with the Free Masons in Ridgetown, and with the I. O. O. F. in the same place, in both of which bodies he is deservedly popular. The name of Willson has long been connected with the best interests of the County of Kent, and its representatives have long been men of honor and integrity, who attained places of prominence and trust in the several communities in which they have made their homes. Mr. Willson, the mayor of Ridgetown, is perhaps one of the best known of his family, and the success and prominence which have attended him are but the natural result of unusual ability directed by intelligence along legitimate lines of commercial activity.

JOHN W. FEATHERSTONE, now serving his eighth consecutive term as a member of the council of Romney township, County of Kent, is a native of that township, and is a son of the late Joseph Featherstone, who was born in the County of Durham, England. His parents dying when he was a small child, Joseph Featherstone was brought to Canada by relatives when eight years of age, and he spent his boyhood days in Mersea and Romney townships, where he was employed at farm labor. As soon as he was able he purchased a 100-acre farm, in Lot 14, Concessions 2 and 3, and there by thrifty methods and untiring efforts he became possessed of a fine property. His death occurred when he was fifty-eight years of age. He married Sarah Ann Simpson, and to them were born the following named children: John W.; Peter, a farmer of Romney township; Emma, who married Jonas Wharram; Margaret, Mrs. Bowerman, of the County of Essex; George, who occupies the homestead; Esther, wife of George Wright; and Lena, residing on the home place. Joseph Featherstone was a Conservative in politics, served on the township council, and was also assessor and collector for several years.

John W. Featherstone was born on the homestead Nov. 11, 1868, and received a common-school education. At the age of twenty-one years he bought a wild fifty-acre tract on Lot 19, Concession 6, and began the labor of clearing. He later added twenty-five acres near by, and since his marriage has resided on his first purchase. He has about one-half of his holdings cleared. Since casting his first vote Mr. Featherstone has taken a lively interest in local politics. For the past eight years he has been a member of the Romney township council, and for a period of ten years served as secretary and treasurer of the school board, section No. 5. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Orangemen.

In Romney township Mr. Featherstone married Annie Moody, and to this union the following children have been born: Lorne, Lettie, John and Forest. Both Mr. and Mrs. Featherstone are highly esteemed by all who have the honor of their acquaintance, and they are important factors in the social life of the township.

HARRY FORBES, a very extensive farmer of Jeannette's Creek, township of Tilbury East, and the originator of the "Forbes Drainage Scheme," was born Oct. 7, 1836, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where he grew to manhood and followed farming. Hoping to better his condition, he, in 1868, came to Canada, and located on Lot 4, Concession 7, township of Tilbury East, in the County of Kent, where he purchased a farm of 100 acres. There he engaged in general farming until 1892, when he sold his property to Alexander Gracy, and bought 700 acres of plains land near Jeannette's Creek. In the vicinity of that village he built a fine brick residence and has since made the place his home, giving his attention largely to farming. He now owns 300 acres, and has planted considerable land in fruit, there being 1,300 peach trees in his orchard. In ad-

dition to his other interests Mr. Forbes, in company with P. T. Barry, operated a stave mill at Fletcher for some four years, and then sold out.

Mr. Forbes is more generally known throughout the county for the part he has taken in drainage matters. Some twenty-five years ago he planned extensive ditching to reclaim a large part of the marshy land in the township, but only after years of untiring effort and litigation were his plans adopted and put into operation. Now after so many years of discouragement he has the satisfaction of being recognized as an unquestioned authority upon all matters pertaining to drainage. The original cost was $52,000, and to the present time about $25,000 more has been added, but it is money well spent, for the system of drains, tanks, and pumping stations, known as the "Forbes Drainage Scheme," has redeemed thousands of acres of useless land and made the entire community much healthier, while the value of land has increased from $2 to $40 and $50 per acre. Mr. Forbes has been one of the chief benefactors of his fellowmen in Tilbury East.

Mr. Forbes has been twice married, first to Miss Priscilla Kiever, by whom he had the following children: Isabella, now Mrs. Alexander Stewart, of Detroit; Jennie, at home; Fannie, Mrs. Shaw, of Jeannette's Creek; Charles, a ranchman in the Northwest Territory; and a son that died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Forbes married Maria L. Stewart, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and two children have been born to this union, namely: Stewart and Elizabeth, who attend the Chatham high school.

In politics Mr. Forbes is a Reformer, and he has been active in local affairs for the past twenty-five years, having always been interested in seeing good men in office. For eighteen years he served as trustee of the Fletcher school, and he has acted in the same capacity for the No. 7, Jeannette's Creek school. He and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church of Tilbury Village. Upon his arrival in the township Mr. Forbes started a Sunday-school, of which the present Mrs. Forbes was the first teacher. Socially he is a member of the Fletcher's Workmen of Valetta and a trustee of the Order. He is among the leading farmers of his vicinity, and he and Mrs. Forbes have a large number of friends whom they make welcome in their beautiful home.

DAVID ALEXANDER GORDON, director, manager and one of the largest stock owners of the Sydenham Glass Works, and president and largest stockholder of the Beet Sugar Co., both of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, Ont., is a worthy representative of one of the sturdy pioneer families of that county.

The Gordon family is of English and Scottish extraction. John Gordon, the great-grandfather of David Alexander, was born about 1744, in England, of Scottish parentage, and his father was an officer in the English army. He grew to manhood in England, thence went to India, and after some time spent in that country returned to England, in 1773 coming to America. He located in Pennsylvania, but being loyal to his native country the outbreak of the Revolution made it advisable for him to seek a home elsewhere, and he accordingly located in Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ont. About 1790 he moved to Howard township, County of Kent, and settled at Thamesville, where he followed farming until his death, in 1834. After his location in Canada John Gordon married a Miss Kuntz, of German extraction, and to this union were born the following named children: John and Aaron, who both died from colds contracted at the battle of Lundy's Lane, where both they and their father were serving in the English army; Michael; Mrs. Shippy; Mrs. Hewitt; and Mrs. Cornwall.

Michael Gordon, son of John, served in the British army in the war of 1812. After the close of the war he settled down to farming in Howard township, County of Kent, and later he spent some time near Dawn Mills, whence in 1842 he came to Wallaceburg, where he died in 1855. He married Juda Marsh, daughter of William Marsh, and she died at Wallaceburg, in 1848, the mother of the following children: Sarah, deceased, who (first) married Alexander McGregor, and (second) Daniel McDonald; Aaron; David William, a member of Parliament, who died in British Columbia in 1891; Maria, deceased wife of David Sutherland; Alexander, proprietor of the Michigan Cigar Factory of Detroit; John, of Blenheim; Michael, of Wisconsin; and Juda, deceased.



D. A. Gordon

Aaron Gordon, son of Michael, was born Jan. 21, 1830, in Howard township, County of Kent, and was only twelve years old when the family moved to Wallaceburg. Upon reaching man's estate he engaged in lumbering and farming, which business he followed during the greater part of his active life. He died in April, 1902. Mr. Gordon was always intrusted with public affairs, and for three years served in the council of Wallaceburg. From 1857 to 1892 he was a member of the school board, and in many years showed himself ever the friend of education and progress. Politically he was a Liberal, while religiously he was a member of the Methodist Church. In 1857 Aaron Gordon married Mrs. Jane (Steinhoff) Craig, by whom he had the following children: David Alexander; John E.; and Henry L., Eldora Jane and J. Andrew, the last three deceased. The mother died in 1866, and in 1900 Mr. Gordon married Mrs. John Johnson. No children came to the second marriage.

David Alexander Gordon was born in Wallaceburg in January, 1858, and has passed his life in his native town, highly respected by those who know him best. He began business life as a manufacturer of staves. In 1883 he and James W. Steinhoff formed a partnership for the manufacture of cooperage stock, at Wallaceburg, and Mr. Gordon is still connected with this business, being president of the Wallaceburg Cooperage Co. In 1896 the Sydenham Glass Works were founded, of which concern Mr. Steinhoff became president, and in 1897 Mr. Gordon became managing director. This is one of the important enterprises of the town, and has enjoyed a constantly increasing business from the start. Mr. Gordon is president and general manager of the Beet Sugar Co., whose large plant was located at Wallaceburg through his efforts. In any movement that tends to advance the commercial prosperity of his town he may be found taking an effectively active part. Mr. Gordon has taken an interest in municipal affairs, has served as a member of the council, and was mayor of Wallaceburg in 1899, 1900 and 1901.

On April 22, 1884, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage with Miss Rose Fox, of Bay City, Michigan, and of their children the eldest, Ruby, was graduated in 1902 from Havergal College, Toronto, and secured first honors at the vocal examinations held at the Toronto Conservatory of Music for three consecutive years, in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior examinations; she is a natural musician and is devoting her time to perfecting herself in the art. The other children are Robert Elmer, Donald Dean, Glen Victor, Arthur St. Clair, Dudley Alexander, John Aaron, and Rowley Archibald.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are members of the Church of England. Politically he is a Liberal, and fraternally a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows.

JOSEPH HORNAL, commissioner of the County of Kent, resides on Lot 22, Concession 9, of Orford township, owning and operating a fine farm of 100 acres. He came to his present place in 1890, from the old homestead across the road, and built his present brick dwelling in 1900, fitting it with all modern improvements, including a hot air heating system.

Mr. Hornal was born in Duart, Orford township, March 5, 1861, son of Robert and Margaret (Corson) Hornal, of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and grandson of Samuel and Mary (Henderson) Hornal, of the same county, where they passed all their lives. Samuel Hornal was a weaver by occupation. William and Margaret (Dinkell) Corson, the maternal grandparents of Joseph Hornal, were also of Dumfriesshire; William Corson was a shepherd. Robert Hornal was born April 20, 1825, and died in April, 1900, while his wife was born in February, 1830, and died in May, 1900; both are buried in Duart cemetery. They died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Hornal served long as an elder. They were married in 1852, and came to Canada in 1853, living in Toronto for a year, and thence coming to the County of Kent. They lived at Duart for seven years and then moved to the old homestead in Orford township, where their son Robert now resides. Children as follows were born to their union: Margaret married James Fleming, a farmer of the County of Elgin; William is a farmer of the County of Elgin; Samuel is deceased; Mary married Andrew Allen, a farmer in County of Elgin; Joseph is mentioned below; John died young; Nellie married Rev. J. Barnett, and her twin brother, Robert, is a farmer on the old home-

stead; Sarah is a milliner in London. In politics the father of this family was a Reformer, and he was township councillor for some years.

On Jan. 20, 1890, in Orford township, Joseph Hornal married Anna Lee, and one child, Shirlie, has come to them. Mrs. Hornal was born in Orford township Sept. 9, 1866, a daughter of Thomas Lee, a pioneer farmer of that township. Joseph Hornal remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located on his present farm, which is regarded as one of the best in the township, and which yields an excellent income.

A Liberal in politics, Mr. Hornal has taken a very active part in local affairs, serving for two years as a member of the township council; two years as deputy reeve; two years as reeve; and in January, 1900, was elected county commissioner. For two years he served under the old county system, when he retired and was again elected. He and his wife are consistent church member, Mr. Hornal belonging to the Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Hornal to the Methodist. Throughout the community Mr. and Mrs. Hornal are highly esteemed, and socially and in their church work they are leaders by reason of their pleasing manners, courteous treatment of all, and their many sterling traits of character.

CHARLES W. HAVILAND. One of the prominent general farmers, successful stockmen and representative citizens of County Kent is found in Charles W. Haviland, who is located in Chatham township, on Lot 8, Concession 2. Here a beautiful expanse of 115 acres is spread out to view, and the herds of cattle are easily seen to be grading into thoroughbred Shorthorns.

Mr. Haviland was born on the Haviland homestead in Townsend township, County of Norfolk, May 24, 1849, a son of Joseph and Harriet (Tisdale) Haviland, the former of whom was born on the same farm, and the latter in Devonshire, England. Col. David Tisdale, the famous statesman and M. P., was a first cousin of our subject's mother. He was a colonel of Canadian militia and a strong Conservative. Joseph Haviland died in 1897, aged seventy-eight years. He held a number of local offices, including that of township councilor. A deacon in the Baptist church, his home was facetiously called the "Baptist Tavern" on account of its hospitable shelter and entertainment given the passing stranger, as well as the welcome preacher. The mother of our subject died in 1851, at the age of thirty years. The father married (second) Matilda (Nellis) Tuttle, and (third) Mary C. Wade. The children of the first marriage were: Edgar, who died aged two years; Sarah, who died aged two years; Charles W.; and Joseph J., who died aged eight years. There were no children by the second marriage. The children of the third marriage were: Mary, Mrs. James Hillicker, of Brockway, Michigan; Lucy, Mrs. Mathias Boughner, of Waterford, Ont.; Adelia, Mrs. Nelson Fonger, deceased; Carrie, Mrs. John Cullen, deceased in 1897; William, on the old homestead; Eliza, Mrs. William Turnbull, of Delhi, Ont.; Martha, Mrs. Alvin Wilson, of Victory, Ont.; David, who died aged fourteen; Cynthia, twin to David, Mrs. Edgar Armstrong, of Orchard Lake, Michigan; George, farming near the old homestead; Glenford and Glennie, the latter Mrs. L. Aaron Saul, of Delhi, Ontario.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, Col. John Haviland, was born in Wales and settled in Yorkshire, England, whence he emigrated to Townsend township, County of Norfolk. With 2,000 troops he drove the French from the Isle aux Noix, and for his service to the British army received 5,000 acres of land, which is a part of the old County Norfolk homestead. He had three sons—Daniel, John and Capt. Benjamin—and three daughters—Aner, Mrs. Duncan McCall; Fanny, Mrs. Cornell; and Loama. When Col. Haviland left his native land, it was said he brought with him a belt filled with English sovereigns. This he buried on his farm for safety, and years later it was dug up by his descendants. Col. Haviland lived to be one hundred and two years old, kept sound teeth and received his second eyesight. His son, Capt. Benjamin, lived to the age of ninety-eight years; was six feet, one inch tall in his stocking feet; and weighed 260 pounds at his heaviest. Capt. Benjamin, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, married Lucy Craw, of Pennsylvania. He was a farmer, and died on the Haviland homestead. His title was obtained during the War of 1812, when he was wounded three times at the battle of Lundy's Lane. The family born to this marriage were eight sons and two daughters:

Isaac, John, Joseph, William, Sarah, Benjamin, James, Charity, Andrew and George. William, now living on the old homestead with his son Israel, is a superannuated Baptist minister, and holds the record of having baptized over 4,000 persons, and married about 1,000 couples. The maternal grandparents were John and Harriet Tisdale, who emigrated from Devonshire, England, to New Brunswick, but desiring a milder climate removed to Ontario, locating first in Round Plains, afterward going to Burford.

In September, 1872, in County Norfolk, Ont., in Windham township, Charles W. Haviland married Eliza C. Elliott, and the following children have been born to this marriage: Harriet J. died in 1899; Joseph J., a baker, is in business at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Eliza B., a trained nurse, formerly superintendent of nurses in the Government Hospital at Rock Springs, Wyoming, and also at Sault General Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, is now connected with the National Home Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Wallace W., for some time a resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., married April 2, 1904, Agnes Dunlop, of the City of Chatham, and is now farming in Harwich township, Kent County; Maggie M. died, aged three years; Margaret E., for some time a stenographer in Detroit, married April 2, 1904, John W. Powers, born in Cressy, Prince Edward County, Ont., and now principal of the Shorthand Department of the Canada Business College, Chatham, Ont.; and Charles J., William G., Martha L., Grace E., Benjamin R., and Marion Birdy Rowena are all at home, and they constitute an intelligent family.

Mrs. Eliza C. (Elliott) Haviland was born Aug. 20, 1855, in Linden, Ont., daughter of James and Nancy (Fonger) Elliott, the former a native of the United States, and the latter of Norfolk, Ont. Mr. Elliott was a farmer and dealer in lumber, and also a speculator. He died in Linden, Ont., in 1857, aged thirty-two years. Mrs. Elliott was born in 1834, and she now resides at Oakland Hollow, Ontario.

Charles W. Haviland remained with his parents until the age of sixteen years, when he began lumbering in the forests of Michigan. Later he spent one year at Grand Rapids in a wholesale house, and afterward one summer in a brick-yard at Ionia, Michigan. The next three years he remained on the home farm, and then spent six months in farming on land near Victoria, Ont., and six months as gauger in a sawmill, near Simcoe, Ont. Near St. George he purchased a small farm, which he operated one year, and then went to work at Linden, Ont., in a carriage shop for six months. Later he purchased a farm in Burford township, County Brant, but, finding a flaw in the title of his land, gave it up rather than lose more money. He remained four years in the Muskoka District, where he took up 160 acres of land, and afterward going to Dawn township, in County Lambton, he there purchased a farm, which he sold at the end of two years, and spent one year in a livery business at Dresden. Mr. Haviland was qualified for various lines of business, and he spent some time on the road selling farming implements, fruit trees, etc., and was also in a mercantile business at Tilbury Centre, Ont., for one year, at the end of that time selling out, and opening up a general store at Fargo, Ont., which he operated for two years, during which time he was postmaster, and filled the mail contracts between the office and the railway, and Lundy and Huffman's Corners. After disposing of this business, he followed boat-building at Chatham for one year, and then resumed farming, renting a farm in Chatham township for two years, when he moved to his present farm, which he rented for two years, and then purchased it, and he has operated it ever since.

Mr. Haviland started on his present farm with less than $400. He found thirteen acres cleared. In 1896 he suffered a loss of $1,200 from a disastrous fire, but he is not a man to be easily discouraged. His farm is now valued at $8,000. In addition to this, Mr. Haviland has fine cattle, and what is still better, he has a character in his community which makes his word and his promise as good as his bond. Through his many changes and misfortunes, he has been a man of industry, perseverance and integrity. In politics he is a Conservative. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist Church, and he is the Sunday-school superintendent, and Mrs. Haviland is one of the teachers. It is largely through his efforts that the first Sunday-school was started n this neighborhood.

JAMES STEWART RICHARDSON. This well known merchant of Tilbury Village has in the efficient management of his large

general store, and in other local enterprises, won for himself a leading place among the business men of his section, and his establishment would do credit to any city.

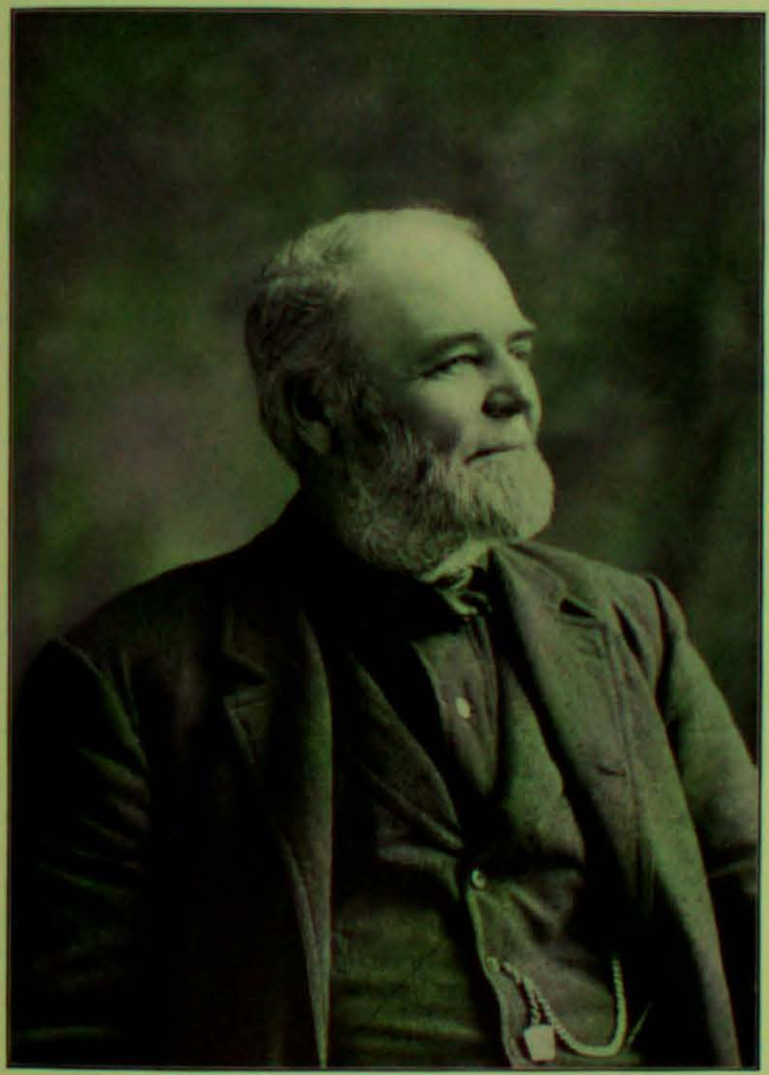
Mr. Richardson was born in Canada Aug. 11, 1853, and was only an infant when brought by his parents to Tilbury East township. The family home was on the Middle road, and there he grew to manhood, and in the public schools of his vicinity sedulously pursued his studies for several years. Later, having in view his future line of work, he attended the Detroit Business College, where he applied himself diligently with good results for six months. He started life for himself as a clerk for his uncle, Henry Richardson, in a store at Trudell, where he continued for three years, and during the next two years he served in a similar capacity for D. McAllister, at Comber, in each place gaining valuable business experience. At the end of this period he secured a more desirable position in the store of his uncle, James Stewart, at his home in Valetta, and there continued for about one year, when, in company with his father, in about 1875, he opened a general store on the site of the present "International Hotel," in Tilbury village. Reliable goods and close attention to business won them good patronage from the start, and wise financial management soon established the business upon a solid foundation. After two years of successful management James S. Richardson became sole proprietor of the store, and, continuing to prosper, was enabled at the end of three years to erect a more commodious business establishment, located just south of the Michigan Central railroad tracks. Here he continued until Nov. 1, 1899, when the increasing demands of his business necessitated still larger quarters, and he moved to the handsome brick building which he now occupies. This large two-story brick building, 40 by 135 feet, he has stocked from basement to roof, and he is now carrying all lines of general merchandise, including a full supply of groceries, boots and shoes, carpets, dry goods, etc. Some years ago he also made a specialty of produce, and for fifteen years carried all lines of the same. Now, in company with James Ross, of Tilbury (East) township, he yearly purchases large quantities of dressed and live hogs, which he disposes of to advantage.

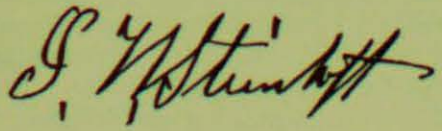
Mr. Richardson married, in Tilbury East, Sarah E. Smith, eldest daughter of Robert S. Smith, and of this union there have been born six children: Nettie P., wife of W. R. Veale, editor of the *Tilbury News;* Edgar Bruce, manager of the grocery department in the general store of his father; George Clayton, who is studying dentistry at the University of Michigan; and Gordon Stewart, Minnie and Helen, who are living at home.

Mr. Richardson's keen business sagacity and sound judgment have commended him to the people of his community, and for three and a half years he filled the office of reeve of his village very acceptably, being the first reeve of Tilbury. He is a man of marked integrity of character, and his family are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he stands high, affiliating with the A. F. & A. M. Politically he espouses the cause of the Reformers.

CAPT. JAMES W. STEINHOFF, of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, Ont., has long been identified with the best interests of that place, and is now president of the glass works, director of the Beet Sugar Co., and director of the Wallaceburg Cooperage Co., the latter being conducted under the style of Steinhoff & Gordon. He is also actively engaged in the lumber interests of the locality, and owns and operates a large mill at Ontonagon, Michigan, while he owns and operates an electric light plant and sawmill at Tweed, Ontario.

Capt. Steinhoff was born at St. Thomas, Ont., Oct. 1, 1834, son of John and Mary Ann (Ousterhout) Steinhoff, of Pennsylvania and Michigan, respectively, who came to the County of Kent at an early day. By calling the father was a farmer. In 1836 he located in Howard township, County of Kent, on the town line, and for some years rented land, later removing to Chatham, Ont., where he engaged in teaming until 1848, at which time he again took up farming, purchasing a small property at Wallaceburg. There his death occurred in 1863, when he was fifty-four years of age. His widow survived until 1887, dying at the age of eighty years. He was buried in Wallaceburg, and Mrs. Steinhoff in Goderich. They died in the faith of the Methodist Church. The children born of their union, all now deceased but James W., were as follows: Matilda mar-





ried Mr. Butler; Sarah Jane married (first) Andrew Craig, and (second) Aaron Gordon; Caroline married John Bachus; Capt. James W. is mentioned below; Andrew married Elizabeth, the daughter of Capt. Alexander McDonnell, and died in Wallaceburg; Hannah married Edward Parker. The paternal grandparents were of Holland birth, early settled in Pennsylvania, and died in Canada.

In 1860, in Chatham, Ont., Capt. Steinhoff married Anna Purser, and there were born to them five children, all of whom died in infancy. They adopted a daughter, Miss Eva K., who has lived with them from infancy. Mrs. Steinhoff was born in Kent, England, a daughter of James Purser, and sister of Cornelius Purser, of Dover township.

James W. Steinhoff came to Wallaceburg with his parents. When he began the battle of life for himself he lived in true pioneer style, cooking in a shanty. The next fall he drove a team in the lumber district. For some time prior to this, when only ten years of age, he had carried the mail between Chatham and Stony Point, a distance of twenty-five miles, driving that distance and back the same day. He also drove a stage for a year between London, Ont., and Chatham, and early learned to be self-reliant and capable. For one season he served as cook on a vessel plying between Chatham and Kingston, after which he became the cook for forty Frenchmen at Wallaceburg, for which work he received fourteen dollars per month. Later he drove a team for the sawmills at that point, and still later worked in the mills as a sawyer. The same winter he again engaged in teaming, and helped to draw the largest stock of timber ever hauled in Canada, driving four head of horses in front of seventeen yoke of oxen; the log (white oak) was 7x52 feet before squaring, and made a square stick 41x42 inches; it was hauled to within one and one-half miles of Wallaceburg.

When he was twenty years of age Capt. Steinhoff entered into the sailing business, purchasing a scow with his savings, and after that bought cordwood, which he took to Detroit and disposed of, continuing along these lines for thirty years. During this time he greatly enlarged his business, adding other scows, and building a number himself, among which may be named the "Oriental," "John Bruce" (barge) "Belknapp" (barge), "Mary Ann" (barge) and "Brandywine" (barge), as well as the sailing vessel "Anna Steinhoff," in which he carried barley between Chatham and Toledo. Shortly before his marriage the Captain sailed the steamboat "Islander" between Chatham and Detroit. At Wallaceburg he built several steamers, the "Dominion" (which was launched on the first Dominion Day, and ran between Chatham and Detroit), "P. E. McKerrall," "W. S. Ireland" and "J. W. Steinhoff," on which latter he carried Lord and Lady Dufferin and their party from Detroit to Sarnia, and thence to Goderich. She ran regularly between Chatham and Detroit, and on excursions to various ports of Ontario, and is now in Toronto, and known as the "Garden City." The last boat he built was the steamer "Ariadne."

In 1887 the Captain retired from his sailing ventures, but did not dispose of his last boat until 1902. Upon retiring from what had practically been his life business Capt. Steinhoff began to look after his properties, now giving special attention to the glass works, which give employment to 400 people, and also to his realty holdings, which are very large. He has a number of fine farms in the Counties of Kent and Lambton, comprising in all 2,560 acres, and he owns also 2,520 acres in Alabama and Mississippi. It may be safely said that there is scarcely any local enterprise of merit in which Capt. Steinhoff is not interested, or of which he has not been a promoter. As a member of the Steinhoff Hinnegan Co. he is a director of the flax mill at Wallaceburg, established in 1896. For fifteen years he was in the private banking business as a member of the firm of Steinhoff & Lillie, which was dissolved in 1894.

Capt. Steinhoff's political career has been marked, he having been honored by election to the office of mayor, and he enjoys the distinction of having been the first man to occupy that position in Wallaceburg. He served in the city council for three years, and during his term of service in that body, as well as during his administration as mayor, many of the notable improvements in the city were made, while the result of his foresight, wisdom and executive ability is to be found on every side. The success of his business ventures attests to his

acumen, energy and capacity, while his genial manner and courteous treatment of all account for the fact that he is a man who makes and retains friends and sincere admirers.

JAMES HOUSTON, a retired farmer and well-known politician of Dresden, came here from Chatham township in 1870. He was born Aug. 12, 1823, in County Down, Ireland, son of William and Mary Ann (Newell) Houston, and grandson of Richard and Jane (Patterson) Houston, of County Down, Ireland, the former a farmer.

The father of James Houston came to Canada in 1831 and settled in Nelson township, County of Halton, until he removed with his family in November, 1836, to the County of Kent. They located in Chatham township, near Louisville, where they took up 200 acres of land on Lot 15, Concession 5, and there the father died Sept. 7, 1846, aged sixty-five years. The mother died in 1864, aged eighty years. They were buried in Arnold's burying ground. Both parents were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, the father being an elder for a great many years. The children born to William and Mary Ann Houston were as follows: Capt. Ross, who was killed on his ship on Lake Ontario, by the accidental fall of a pulley; Robert, a farmer, who died in Chatham; Capt. Richard, a farmer, who died at Camden (he was clerk and treasurer of Chatham township for twenty-two years); Isaac, who died in Ireland; Jane, who died in Camden township; James, now the only survivor of the family; and Thomas, a farmer who died at Louisville.

James Houston remained with his parents until his marriage when he commenced farming in Chatham township, for himself, in 1871, removing to Camden township, where he successfully followed agricultural pursuits until 1897. In that year he retired from active work. He has been one of the most prominent men of his locality for many years and has filled a number of important offices, beginning when still a young man, when he was made license commissioner; at that time the incumbent was elected by the people. Until the local militia was disbanded he was a lieutenant in the service; has been school trustee for fifteen years; was councillor for seventeen years; was magistrate fourteen years; deputy-reeve for two years and reeve for ten years; was collector for four years, and in 1870 served as assessor. In Dresden he was councillor for one year and assessor one year, and in Camden was assessor for seven years and clerk ten years. In Chatham he was license inspector three years; councillor for seventeen years; reeve ten years and deputy two years. He also served a couple of times as census commissioner. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Houston possesses the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens to a remarkable degree. No citizen is more highly regarded and although he has reached the age when many think of being relieved of public duties his fellow townsmen do not seem to remember this, for on all occasions he is still called upon to perform public functions and address assemblages, his large and varied fund of information, combined with his gift of oratory and keen Irish wit, having eminently qualified him as a fluent and forcible platform speaker. He is a member of the Orangemen, having united with that body in 1853, and holds a high position therein. In politics he affiliates with the Conservative party.

In 1874 Mr. Houston took a tour through England, Scotland and Ireland, and visited his brother at the old homestead at Kirkiel, County Down, going by way of Montreal, and returning by New York. He has traveled through a number of the United States, and was several times to the Canadian Northwest, being in Winnipeg (then Fort Garry) when it consisted of sixteen log huts, and the last time he was in the western metropolis was in 1897, when all that remained of the fort was the gate. Mr. Houston is of a social disposition, and retains full possession of all his faculties, both mental and physical. He has never had a day's illness, and has never used any support to assist in walking. Houston, Texas, received its name from an uncle of our subject.

Mr. Houston was married (first) May 31, 1853, on the river Thames, Chatham township, to Mary Shaw, and children as follows were born to this union: William J. (deceased) married Barbara Manson; Nenian C., a farmer of Camden township, married Christina Babcock; Martha married James Cooper, a farmer of Dawn township, Ont.; Mary A. married Charles Babcock, also a farmer of Dawn. Mrs. Mary (Shaw) Houston, born in Chatham township Oct. 16, 1833, died March 20, 1897, aged sixty-three years, and was buried in the

Dresden cemetery. She was a daughter of Capt. John and Ann (Shaw) Shaw, of Camden township, Ont., and Queens County, Ireland. He was a prominent farmer and a captain of militia, and his death occurred in February, 1855, at the age of fifty-five years.

Mr. Houston married (second) Mrs. Emeline (Graybiel) Warfield, a well educated and successful school teacher of Wallaceburg, Ont., an accomplished lady, gifted with literary and artistic tastes.

WILLIAM HICKEY, a prominent citizen of the County of Kent, ex-county commissioner and present justice of the peace, is a resident of Merlin, in Raleigh township. His grandfather, John Hickey, was a native of County Clare, Ireland, where he lived and died.

Dennis Hickey, father of William, was born in County Clare, Ireland, and there married Ellen, daughter of William Barry. In 1832 they came in a sailing-vessel to Quebec, going almost directly to Albany, New York, where they remained two years. This was during the cholera epidemic. In 1833 they returned to Canada, and, taking a sail-boat to St. Thomas, then known as Kettle Creek, went from there by wagon up the Talbot road to the township of Raleigh, choosing their land and then going to the home of Col. Talbot, the government agent. From him they secured a grant of land in Raleigh township. For a short time the family made their home with Nathaniel Hughson, on the lake shore. In 1834 they were settled on 100 acres of Lot 4, Concession 10, Raleigh township, and took up the life of hardship common to the pioneers. Here the family lived for five years and then sold out, later buying the south half of Lot 3, 12th Concession. Upon this property the father erected substantial buildings, and during his seventeen years' residence there the land was cleared. However, he was not satisfied with the hard clay which predominated in his farm, and he sold the place and removed to Dover township, purchasing there 113 acres on Pain Court creek. There he died in 1862, at the age of seventy-five years, after a successful career as a farmer. His wife passed away in 1874, aged seventy-five years. To Dennis Hickey and his wife were born children as follows: Mary (deceased), married Peter McKeon, a pioneer settler of Raleigh; Patrick (deceased), lived in Raleigh, on the south half of Lot 4, 11th Concession, and married Mary Griffin; William is mentioned below; Ellen is the wife of James Lamb, of Harwich; Michael died in 1858, aged twenty-one years; Eliza died in 1859, aged eighteen years; Margaret married Seaforth Premeau, of Windsor.

William Hickey was born Nov. 8, 1832, at Little York, now Toronto, and grew to maturity in Raleigh township. He assisted in the clearing of his father's farm and also helped clear space for the first school house in the locality, doing his full share of work in the splitting and hewing of the basswood logs for seats. This school was located on the south half of Lot 4, 11th Concession, and here he received his education, which was confined wholly to the three "Rs."

When a young man Mr. Hickey spent three years in Minnesota, and went as far north as Fort Garry, Manitoba. Upon returning home he resumed farming, inheriting seventy-five acres of the north half of Lot 2, M. R. N., Tilbury East township. Later he purchased an adjoining seventy-five acres of his brother, thus making a fine farm. On Nov. 14, 1859, Mr. Hickey married Mary, daughter of Timothy Dillon, and a member of a prominent family. He set about clearing his land, erected substantial buildings and engaged in general farming. In March, 1862, in company with James Dillon, of Chatham, he made a trip to California and the Pacific northwest, and spent two years engaged in sparmaking, receiving $5 a day. When he returned to Tilbury he added 150 acres to his land, in Lots 2 and 3, M. R. N., and later he purchased 200 acres in Raleigh township, and for many years was largely engaged in farming and stockraising. In 1887 he erected a fine brick house, where he resided until 1902, when he retired from active farming and moved to the village of Merlin. In politics Mr. Hickey was first a Conservative, but in recent years has supported the Reform party and is one of its prominent members. In 1868 he was appointed collector of taxes, serving ten years, and he has also served one year as assessor, two years as deputy reeve of Tilbury East, and as reeve for a number of years. On several occasions he received the election to the office of reeve by acclamation. In 1881 he served as county warden. For the past fifteen years he has been justice of the

peace. Mr. Hickey is a prominent member and liberal supporter of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Raleigh.

To Mr. Hickey and his wife have been born the following children: Mary, now Sister Pauline, of St. Joseph's community, at London, Ont.; Catherine, wife of James Connelly, of Tilbury East; Michael, a farmer of Raleigh; William, who is a plumber and glazier at San Francisco; Joseph, who resides at home and engages in cattle buying; John Alexander, who is carrying on the homestead farm; Albert, a telegraph operator at Wallaceburg, Ont., and Maggie, who married S. J. Borrowman, a druggist, of Leamington, Ontario.

THOMPSON B. DUNDAS, who has the honor of being the present mayor of the city of Wallaceburg, is one of the leading business men of that locality, secretary of the well known Sydenham Glass Company, and a gentleman well fitted to discharge the duties of his high position.

The birth of Mr. Dundas occurred at Putnam, County of Middlesex, Ont., in 1872, and he is a son of James and Susie (Rumball) Dundas, of Ingersoll, County of Oxford, the former of whom was born in 1842, the latter in 1852. Mr. Dundas is a large cattle buyer and successful business man. Two children were born to him and his wife, Thompson B. and Mabel, the latter the wife of Fred Dutton, a grocer of Ingersoll. The mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

Until he was eighteen years of age Thompson B. Dundas remained with his parents, and at that time began teaching school at Avon and Burford, Ont. In 1893 he located permanently in Wallaceburg, and for four and a half years, continued teaching, at the end of that period entering the glass works, where for six months he was in charge of the sales department; he was promoted then to his present position.

In 1895, in Wallaceburg, Thompson B. Dundas was married to Miss Bessie Ayres, and one child, Gordon A., has been born to their union. Mrs. Dundas was born in Wallaceburg, daughter of William and Ann Ayres.

Since he cast his first vote Mayor Dundas has always ardently supported the principles of the Reform party. In 1903 he was elected mayor of Wallaceburg, and prior to this he served as license commissioner for three years. He and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Church and have done much toward the advancement of the power of that body in Wallaceburg. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Enterprising, active, a good business man, he has not only been successful personally, but is giving the people of Wallaceburg a clean, upright administration, and proving his fitness to hold public office.

JOHN A. HOON, who for fifty-three years has been a resident of Chatham, is a native of England, where he was born in 1825, a son of John and Jane (Rye) Hoon.

John Hoon, the father, was born in Canterbury, England, July 20, 1798, and he died in Canada, Oct. 27, 1871. By trade he was a tailor, which calling he pursued in England prior to coming to Canada in 1864. He married Jane Rye, who was born in Ash, County of Kent, England, April 1, 1800; she died at Chatham March 22, 1877. They had born to them a family of nine children, the only survivors being Mrs. John H. Snell, of Chatham; and John A. Both father and mother made their home with their son, John A.

Until 1850 John A. Hoon was a resident of England, and there he learned tailoring with his father. After settling in Chatham, in 1850, he was engaged for a time at different kinds of employment, but in 1853 he worked at the tailoring business with Isaac Smith, of Chatham. He did not, however, confine his attention to this business, and in 1856 he embarked in an entirely different line, which has brought him an honest reputation and success in business—the manufacture of ginger beer. In connection with this business, in 1857, Mr. Hoon opened up a grocery and provision line, which he also successfully managed until 1876. In his business life Mr. Hoon has been unusually successful, but the fact is not difficult to understand, as he has one law which he has always kept in mind, "what is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." His groceries and provisions were at all times of standard quality, and his ginger beer is a commodity unequalled for purity, strength and healthful properties.

In 1872 Mr. Hoon erected his present home on Park street, and has resided there for the past thirty-two years, each year becoming more thoroughly identified with the interests of Chatham, and more securely fixed in the respect and

esteem of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Hoon has always taken an intelligent interest in educational matters, which made him for fourteen years a very valuable member of the school board.

In 1851, in Chatham, Mr. Hoon and Miss Selina Lambert, of Kent, England, were united in marriage, the latter of whom was born in 1826, and accompanied her parents to Chatham in 1850. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoon. Their home is a happy one, each being devoted to the welfare of the other, and their many friends hope they may still long be spared to each other. In politics he supports the Reform party.

JOHN DUNCAN. Among the well-known and most highly respected residents of Thamesville is the genial postmaster, John Duncan, who has held that office for the past quarter of a century.

The Duncan family has long been known in the County of Kent, and is of Scottish extraction, grandfather Duncan, the first of whom any authentic record has been preserved, having been born in Scotland. At an early day he settled in the County of Essex, Ont., where he followed farming until his death. His children, all born in Scotland, and all now deceased, were: James, George, Betsy and Margaret. Betsy married Duncan McVicar, and settled in Chatham township, but both are now deceased, and none of their family now reside in the County of Kent; Margaret married George Wallace, of Chatham township, and both are deceased.

James Duncan was born in Scotland in 1814, and was twenty-one years of age when he emigrated to the New World, settling in Ontario. In 1834 he located in Malden, and thence moved to Chatham township, where he engaged in farming for about two years. In 1855 he moved to Thamesville, where for twenty years he was employed in a general store, during that time being appointed postmaster, which office he held until 1876, when he resigned in favor of his son John. His death occurred in 1879, when he had attained the age of sixty-five years, and his wife died in 1861. James Duncan was twice married, his first wife having been Janet McVickar, by whom he had seven children: James, of Windsor; George, deceased; Jessie, deceased; Jean Noble, wife of William Laughton, of Bothwell; Helen, deceased; and John and Margaret (twins); Margaret married Stearne J. Ball, and died leaving three children, Helen, Charles and Frances. The second wife of James Duncan was Mrs. Ann (Minshall) Anderson, by whom he had two children, Charles George and Ann Jessie; the former is a millinery salesman of Toronto, and the latter the wife of Stearne J. Ball.

John Duncan was born in Chatham June 13, 1853, and was only a child when his parents moved to Thamesville. There he grew to manhood, and with the exception of two years spent in Chatham has made Thamesville his home. While in Chatham he was connected with the post office in that city, and upon the retirement of his father was appointed to the position of postmaster at Thamesville. In 1903 Mr. Duncan erected the Duncan block, in which are located the postoffice and the Merchants Bank, and in connection therewith is Mr. Duncan's fine brick residence. Mr. Duncan served most creditably as town clerk from 1886 to 1896, and is now Canadian Pacific Railway ticket agent and Dominion Express agent for Thamesville; for thirteen years he was librarian of the public library of the city. In his social affiliations Mr. Duncan is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1879 Mr. Duncan married Miss Helen McDonald Johnston, daughter of James H. Johnston, an early settler of the County of Kent, and two children have been born to them: Katherine McVickar, who is a student at the University of Toronto, class of 1904, B. A.; and James Kenneth, who is associated with his father in the post office. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church of Thamesville, and are justly numbered among the leading people of that place.

RALPH STORY owns and occupies a beautiful farm of 100 acres in Harwich township, highly improved in every respect, and is counted among the most prosperous agriculturists of his section. He has lived on his present place for over half a century, and has witnessed and aided in its development from a wilderness to its present productive state, so he is entitled to rank among the sturdy pioneers to whom the present generation owes its comparative ease in wresting a living from the soil, as well as its enjoyment of the benefits of civilization and

progress. Ralph Story, Sr., father of the gentleman whose name opens these lines, was a native of Durham, England, and after coming to Canada was married, in Brockville, to Mary McGowan, who was born in Bangor, County Down, Ireland. They came to the County of Kent in 1835, making their first location in Raleigh township, where Mr. Story purchased 100 acres. After working that tract for three years he sold it, and then rented for several years before taking up the farm now occupied by his son Ralph, and upon which he spent the remainder of his days. It comprises 100 acres, located in Lot 7, 5th Concession, on the line between Raleigh and Harwich townships, and is just three quarters of a mile from the lake, which can be seen from any part of the farm. Mr. Story began pioneer life all over again, for the place was so wild at the time of his settlement that he was obliged to make a clearing for the log cabin which was the first building on the place and our subject's early home. He continued in the work of clearing and improving the place until his death, which occurred in 1857, when he was seventy-five years old. Mrs. Story preceded him to the grave May 21, 1853, when aged fifty-five years, and they are buried in Crawford cemetery, township of Raleigh. They were members of the Methodist Church. Their family consisted of seven children, namely: Margaret and William, twins, both of whom died young; Ralph; Alfred and Louisa, twins, the former a carpenter of Blenheim, the latter the widow of James Claws, of Raleigh township; Ella, who died young; and Magdalena, who married Edgar Ransom, and later Robert Ransom, of Harwich township.

Ralph Story was born May 21, 1833, in Brockville, was reared in the County of Kent, and settled with his parents on his present farm in 1851. His home was in the log house until his marriage, at which time he built a frame house on the place, and he and his family occupied that dwelling until it was replaced—in 1893—by the handsome brick house which now stands upon the farm. This is one of the most up-to-date residences in this region, being heated by steam and provided with hot and cold water facilities, as well as other modern improvements. Mr. Story has been very successful, but it has not been all smooth sailing; for one thing, he had to repurchase the farm after his marriage, as his father had bought it from the wrong parties. However, he has worked hard, and has managed to advance year by year to his present prosperous condition. He has a progressive disposition, and has been quite prominent in local affairs. Socially he belongs to the Good Templars and the Sons of Temperance. His political sentiments make him a member of the Conservative party, and in religion he unites with the Baptist Church.

Mr. Story was married Feb. 8, 1856, in Chatham, Ont., to Roxanna Tyrrell, who was born in St. Thomas, Ont., daughter of Uriah Tyrrell, an early settler of Harwich township. She passed away in 1862, at the age of twenty-seven years, and was buried in Crawford cemetery. She was the mother of children as follows: William, who died in infancy; and Lovina, who married Fred M. Ransom, a farmer of Muskegon county, Michigan, and had eight children, Edith, Seth, Ralph, Verna, Sidney, William C., Mary (deceased) and Myrtle. Mr. Story's second marriage, which was celebrated Oct. 8, 1863, in Detroit, Michigan, was to Elizabeth Laird, and this union was blessed with nine children, namely: Janet, who married Robert McNeil, a farmer of Raleigh township, and has one daughter, Ida Pearl; Simeon, a physician, of Blenheim, who married Margaret Gould, and has two sons, Ralph and Laird; Sidney, who is at home; William, in the Northwest Territory; Margaret, Robert and Anna, all three deceased; Miss Susan, at home; and Minnie, who married Ernest Holderway, a farmer of Harwich township.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Laird) Story was born May 8, 1838, in Harwich township, daughter of Alexander and Nancy (Miller) Laird, natives of Scotland, who were married in that country. Coming to the County of Kent in 1830, they located at Buckborn, Harwich township, where Mr. Laird took up 200 acres of land. Besides looking after this place he followed his trade, that of blacksmith. After remaining in that location a few years, and finding he did not like it, Mr. Laird sold the land and removed to below Blenheim, taking up another 200 acres, on the back road, and there he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1848, when he was but forty years of age; he was buried in Crawford cemetery, Raleigh township. Mrs. Laird survived him many years, dying in 1878, at the age of seventy-five years; her remains rest in Ever-

green cemetery at Blenheim. They were the parents of the following named children: Joseph; James; John; Margaret; Agnes; Elizabeth, Mrs. Story; Mary, who married Alexander Goullette; Susan, widow of Robert Kilpatrick, of Blenheim, Ont.; and Janet, Mrs. Lucius Burrett, of Blenheim. The only survivors are Mrs. Elizabeth Laird, Mrs. Susan Kilpatrick and Mrs. Janet Burrett.

BENNETT JULL, a retired merchant who for many years was one of the leading citizens and most esteemed residents of Ridgetown, was born in the County of Halton, Ont., Feb. 21, 1844, a son of Thomas and Mary (Lawrence) Jull, both of whom belonged to prominent families of that county.

Thomas Jull was born in the County of Kent, England, and his wife in the County of Halton, Ont., the latter being a daughter of Orange Lawrence, of Trafalgar, County of Halton, who was later the founder of Orangeville and a very prominent citizen of that place for many years; he built the large mills there. Thomas Jull was educated in England, coming in young manhood to Canada and settling in the County of Halton, where he erected a sawmill which he operated for some years and then moved to Orangeville, where he engaged in milling and other industries and became a wealthy and influential citizen. He died at Orangeville, and his widow, who still survives, at the age of eighty years, resides in Toronto. In politics he was a member of the Liberal party, was president of the local and county associations, and in 1882 accepted the Liberal nomination, contesting the strongly Conservative County of Dufferin. In religion he was a zealous supporter of the Methodist Church, was its pioneer in Orangeville, and an honored steward and trustee until his death. In fact, he was in every way a most worthy man. Of the eight children born to Thomas Jull and his wife four died in childhood and two still survive, those who grew to maturity being Sarah, Orange, Bennett and Cyrus. Sarah married John Lindsey, of Shelburne, Ont., where she died, leaving five children. Orange, born in the County of Halton, worked in his father's mills, at Orangeville, and while there invented what is known as "the railroad rotary snow plow," a piece of machinery which is in use on all of the railroads in Canada and the United States, an invention of the greatest value. He also invented a steamboat paddle which is in general use on the lakes and for which he received a good sum of money. He lives in Toronto with his wife and family. Cyrus, the youngest, born in the County of Halton, was liberally educated and prepared for the Bar, passing out of life just when his prospects were the brightest for a useful career.

Bennett Jull attended the primary and advanced schools in Orangeville until he was fifteen years of age, when he accepted a clerkship in a general store where he continued for about three years, and then occupied a similar position with J. Lindsey, of Tullamore, Ont. In 1867 he engaged in a mercantile business at Oakville in partnership with his father-in-law, W. E. Hagaman, and for a period they did an extensive general mercantile and grain business at that point, but in 1877 they removed to Ridgetown. Here they opened up a large general store which was in active and successful operation until 1899, when they disposed of the business. Since that time Mr. Jull has lived retired from activity. For over twenty years he carried on business in Ridgetown, and by his honest methods and general desire to fill the wants of the public will long be remembered with respect and genuine esteem. For some years he was president of the Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association, and active in everything that pertained to the interests of Ridgetown until his removal to Toronto, his present home.

In 1872 Mr. Jull married Mary Hagaman, the estimable and only daughter of Worthington Ely and Susan Hagaman, a prominent Canadian family of Oakville. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jull, namely: Ellena (who died at the age of five years) and T. Worthington. The latter was born at Oakville in 1875, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and received his commercial education with his father. He is now manager for the large firm of Mark Fisher & Sons, manufacturers of woolen goods in England, with a large house in Toronto, and is regarded as one of the most promising of the young business men of that city. He is unmarried.

In political sentiment Mr. Jull approves of the principles of the Liberal party, but although always very pronounced in his allegiance to the leaders of that cause has never aspired to

any political recognition. Mrs. Jull belongs to the Episcopal Church, but Mr. Jull has never given up the Methodist faith, in which he was reared, and has been active in the work of that religious body, filling the office of recording steward and trustee for a long period.

In this connection mention should be made of another of the representative men of the County of Kent, namely, W. E. Hagaman, the father of Mrs. Jull, who until his demise was the business partner of Mr. Jull. He was born in the State of New York in 1822, his wife nine years later, and they were married in that State, where Mr. Hagaman engaged in a mercantile business. They came to Canada in 1851, the year of the birth of Mrs. Jull, and Mr. Hagaman through life was one of the county's progressive business men, holding the confidence and esteem of his large business connection.

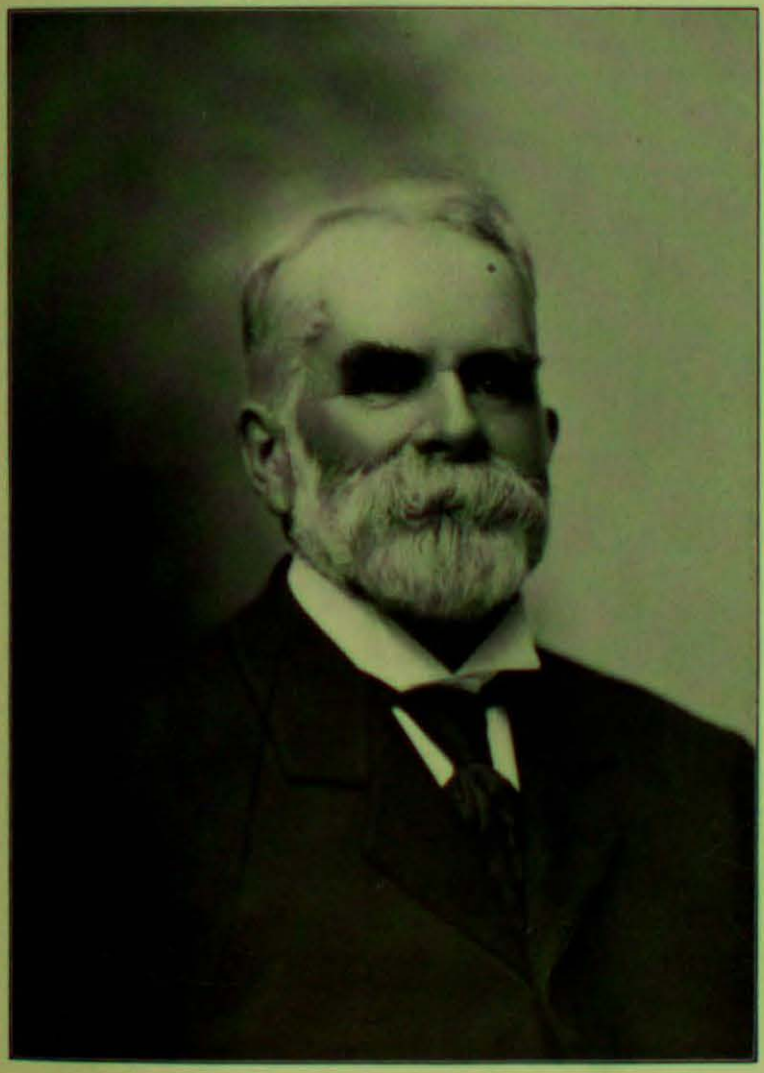
The early life of Mr. Jull was one of considerable self-sacrifice, but he was energetic and industrious, paid close attention to every detail of his business, and when he began his personal career made integrity his foundation stone. With him and his family, in their removal to a new home in Toronto, will go the best wishes of the people of Ridgetown.

WILLIAM HENRY STEPHENS, one of the substantial and representative farmer citizens of the County of Kent, now an esteemed resident of Chatham, traces his ancestry far back into the past. The earliest member of the family to leave the ancestral shores of England, to find a new home across the Atlantic, was Daniel Stephens, the great-grandfather of William H. Stephens of Chatham, who settled in the western Colonies, now the United States, prior to the Revolutionary war. He served in the Colonial army in that struggle, and on one occasion was not only injured by a musket ball, but, while thus helpless, was scalped by an Indian and left on the field for dead. Friends, however, rescued him, and he lived to honorably perpetuate his name, in the State of New York, where he reared five sons, namely: Henry, Chauncy, Miron, Alva and Richard.

Richard Stephens served in the British army during the war of 1812, holding a commission as captain. He married Eleanor Tillie, of the County of Leeds, Ont., and they settled in Ontario. To Richard Stephens and wife were born the following named children: Alva, Ezra, William Henry, Calvin, Daniel, James and Ellen Jane. Of this family Calvin, born Feb. 22, 1825, now a resident of Chatham, is the only survivor.

William Henry Stephens, son of Richard, was born in 1820 in the County of Northumberland, Ont., and married Mary Ann Thorn, a lady of English birth. In his early life he followed the profession of teacher, but in 1851 he settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, and there engaged in farming, which calling he followed until his death, in 1872. The children of William H. Stephens and wife were as follows: Emily, who married J. Carpenter, of Chatham township; William Henry, of Chatham; George, M. P.; Victoria, who married C. Campbell; James L.; Annie; Nellie, deceased; Hattie, and Albert P., of Harwich township.

William H. Stephens, named after his father, was born in the County of Northumberland, Ont., Nov. 5, 1844. In his eighth year he accompanied the family to Harwich township, County of Kent, and they located on Lot 20, Concession 1, on the river Thames, hence he has been a resident of the County of Kent for over a half century. Here he grew to manhood and assisted materially in the clearing of the land from its natural growth and in making it one of the most fertile, valuable and attractive localities in Ontario. In 1867 Mr. Stephens began work as a farmer for himself, forming a partnership with his younger brother, George, to cultivate a tract of fifty acres on Lot 20, Concession 3, on the Thames river, in Harwich township. This partnership lasted for six years, when Mr. Stephens bought his brother's interest, the latter in the same year moving to Chatham. William H. Stephens has devoted his time and energy to agricultural pursuits ever since 1867, and in the thirty-seven years in which he has been so engaged he has increased his possessions from a half interest in fifty acres of land to the ownership of over 450 acres of as fine land as can be found in the Dominion of Canada. The description of this land is as follows: 252 acres are located on Lots 23 and 24, Concession 3, township of Harwich; 17 acres are on Lot 20, Concession 2, Harwich township; and 194 acres are on Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2, Howard township, all of these being within the County of Kent.



Henry Stephens

This land is all under a high state of cultivation and improved with fine buildings, good fences, etc., and presents an air of comfort, thrift and prosperity which proclaim the fact that it has been most carefully managed. Until 1898 Mr. Stephens resided on this model farm and then built and removed to his fine residence on Lot 2, King street, Chatham, renting all of his land with the exception of 251 acres, which he still personally superintends.

On Dec. 16, 1877, Mr. Stephens was united in marriage with Miss Frances Aldersley, a daughter of Lacock and Mary (Jones) Aldersley, and a granddaughter of John Jones. Her family is of English extraction. The two children of this union are both daughters, Edna Pearl and Ida Beatrice. The religious connection of the family is with the Park Street Methodist Church. In political sentiment Mr. Stephens is a Reformer.

DAVID WILSON, a prosperous farmer of Howard, County of Kent, Canada, was born in Harwich, that county, Aug. 17, 1858, son of the late David Wilson, who was born Dec. 11, 1819, in Ireland, ten miles north of the city of Dublin, and was the youngest of a family of fourteen children.

In September, 1838, David Wilson, Sr., emigrated to Canada, and took up his residence in the County of Kent with his two brothers, Robert and William, now deceased. In December of that year he purchased 112 acres, which now constitute the old homestead. The first wife of David Wilson was Mary Smith, who bore him four children, only one of whom survives, Mrs. Alexander Brown, the wife of a leading lawyer of Detroit. His second marriage was to Susan McGarvin, whom he wedded in 1857, and to this union were born four children: (1) David is mentioned below. (2) Michael J., residing on a part of the old homestead, married Addie Dunn, of Chatham, and has one daughter, Mildred. (3) Frank, also residing on a part of the old homestead, married Jennie Shoemaker, and has four children, Jennie, John, Maud and Bella. (4) Olive married Harvey O. Loane, of Harwich, and has two children, Wilson and Norman.

David Wilson, the father, began life in the New World without a dollar, and what he earned was obtained by honesty, frugality, willingness to toil, and the application of shrewd business instinct. He had reverses, some of them enough to daunt any man of ordinary courage and endurance, but he was brave and resolute, and retrieved his losses, struggling with and overcoming adversity. It was his proud boast that he had successfully fought the wolf from the door and called in the smiling angel of peace, plenty and prosperity. Warm-hearted, impulsive, and ready to speak his mind freely at any time, he was quick to resent insult; he nevertheless kept his own counsel and attended to his own business, and was the soul of honesty and integrity, and a hater of the false and fraudulent. Mr. Wilson was a man of extraordinary physique and vigorous mental power, and such in brief was the old pioneer who was called away from the scene of his busy labors, leaving to his posterity the record of an honorable and useful life. At the time of his death, Feb. 23, 1894, he was known as one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of his section. From time to time he filled various municipal offices, earning the lasting good will and gratitude of his constituents for his self-sacrificing devotion, and his noble championship of whatever was right and expedient in the conduct of municipal affairs, both in the township and in the county at large. In politics he was a sound and true Conservative. In religion he was an adherent of the Anglican Church.

The efforts of Mr. Wilson in live stock breeding alone would have been sufficient to make him well known, for he set an example throughout an extensive section. He was the first farmer to feed his own cattle and ship them to the old country, in 1878. His enterprise in the introduction of cereals and roots was proverbial, and he was identified with every local public movement having the promotion of agricultural interests in view. His wife, who was born in 1841, is still living at the old homestead, and is a woman of marked intelligence.

David Wilson, son of David Wilson the pioneer, was educated in the schools of his home neighborhood. In 1890 he married Miss Minnie O. Loane, of Ridgetown, born in 1865, daughter of Daniel and Emily O. Loane, of near Hamilton, Canada. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson moved to their present home, which Mr. Wilson purchased from the executors of his uncle's (Mathew Wilson) estate, con-

sisting of 230 acres of the finest farming land of Howard. In addition he owns 200 acres in Harwich. Like his father, Mr. Wilson is one of the enterprising farmers of the county, and he inherits his sterling qualities, and is imbued with the same ambitions regarding the agricultural interests of this section. The same shrewd business instincts and capacity to accomplish excellent results are demonstrated in his management of two large farms and herds of fine Durham cattle, which mark him as a leading farmer, financier and stockman.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Arthur D. Wilson, born in March, 1894, and Harold O. Loane Wilson, born March 9, 1903. In politics Mr. Wilson follows the example set by his father, being a Conservative, and he has been a member of the council of Howard for three years. Fraternally he is a member of Howard Lodge, No. 391, A. F. & A. M., of Ridgetown, and was master of same for the year 1903; is a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, and of the A. O. U. W. at Morpeth. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Church of England. Though still a young man, Mr. Wilson has already achieved much, and has firmly established himself as a prosperous business man and popular citizen.

WILLIAM H. BRUNDAGE, the genial proprietor of the "Drummond House" at Harrow, County of Essex, is a descendant of a pioneer Kent County family.

Samuel Brundage, his great-grandfather, was a resident of New York State, where his family was born. Like many true subjects of England he would not take up arms against the mother country, and in consequence was forced to leave. Accompanied by his family, he came to Canada and settled near Dundas, where he resided until his death. Of his sons, Samuel and Benjamin came to the County of Kent, but the latter went to California in 1850, at the time of the great gold excitement.

Samuel Brundage, the grandfather, after locating in the County of Kent had his first home on the Talbot road, in Orford township, and later removed to Raleigh township, where he settled on a tract of land in Concession 8, near the Gravel road, and at one time owned some 800 acres in one block. He followed the life of a pioneer farmer, clearing the land and undergoing the hardships common to the early settler. To take the grain to mill was in itself a big undertaking. It was first carried to the river Thames and there loaded in a canoe in which it was conveyed to the mill at Windsor, and the grist was brought home in the same way. After a time Mr. Brundage abandoned farming, sold his land, and moved to Chatham, then a new village, and there made his home, living to see the town grow into a thrifty city. He reached the great age of ninety-one years, six months, dying in 1898. His faculties continued unimpaired up to the time of his death, his memory being remarkably good, and he delighted to tell the experiences of his boyhood days. His vitality was wonderful. In his yard at Chatham stood a poplar tree which he had set out upon first coming to the town. It grew to a good size, and when he was ninety years of age he cut it down, had it converted into lumber, and himself built a summer house of this lumber. His children were: Samuel Lewis; Thomas, deceased, who married Sarah Green; Elizabeth, who married E. Backus, and they reside at Leamington; and Mary Jane, who married William Gone, of Chatham.

Samuel Lewis Brundage, the father of William H., was born in Raleigh township, where he grew to manhood. In Chatham he married Louise Staley, a daughter of Dr. Staley, who was for many years a prominent physician of Hamilton. About the time of his marriage Mr. Brundage took up his residence at Chatham and embarked in lumbering, at which he continued until early in the sixties, when he moved to Ohio and located in the Maumee river district. After two years, however, he moved to Bay City, Michigan, where he lived some ten or twelve years, during which time he was engaged as a millwright, and did the building and rebuilding of some of the largest sawmills in Michigan. Returning to his native county, he started a mill in Chatham township, but this not proving a paying venture, he discontinued it and went north, where he embarked in an extensive lumber business. He is now settled in Manitoulin Island, where he conducts a thriving business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brundage were born children as follows: Mary married John S. Bell, of Windsor; William H. is mentioned below; Samuel is in the lumber business with his father; Elizabeth is deceased; Josephine is at

home; John and Charley are also in the lumber business on Manitoulin Island.

William H. Brundage was born in Chatham on January 21, 1862, but was reared in the States, where he enjoyed the advantages of the public schools. When he began his business career it was as a lumber scaler and inspector, an occupation he followed for some time in northern Michigan. He next became the Canadian representative of a Detroit lumbering concern, buying lumber and timber through western Ontario for a period of five years, after which he embarked in the business for himself. He continued along this line until 1901, when he leased the "Drummond House" at Harrow and launched out as a hotel man. Being particularly well fitted for this line of work, Mr. Brundage has made a great success of his hotel, and is very well known to the traveling public as an ideal host.

On December 18, 1889, Mr. Brundage was married, at Leamington, Ontario, to Miss Malla Pastorius, and one son has been born of this union, Samuel Walter, the fifth of the name and generation of Samuel Brundage in Ontario. Mrs. Brundage was born Nov. 4, 1871, in Leamington, daughter of Walter and Charlotte (Quick) Pastorius, of Leamington, Ont. Mr. Pastorius died in Kingsville, Ont., Oct. 19, 1895, aged forty-five years. He conducted the "Kings Hotel," of Kingsville, which he built in 1884, and carried on until his death, after which his widow continued it until Sept., 1901. She now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Brundage. She is a member of the Methodist church, as was also Mr. Pastorius. Their children were as follows: Malla, Mrs. Brundage; James, of Kingsville, Ont.; Thomas, of Kingsville; Douglas, who died young; and Josie, deceased. Mrs. Brundage's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pastorius, of Pennsylvania, were early settlers in the County of Essex. He was a farmer.

JAMES MAYHEW, a well-known miller and grain merchant of Thamesville, is descended from an old and prominent family of the County of Kent.

Mr. Mayhew was born in Delaware, Canada, in 1845, and was only a little over a year old when his parents removed to the County of Kent. On the old homestead, Lot 14, Concession B, he grew to manhood and is now the possessor of that fine property. In 1865 he began the battle of life for himself as a clerk for Mayhew & Wilson, in Thamesville. Three years later, in 1868, he went to Illinois, where he remained until July, 1869, and then returned to the County of Kent, settling on the old farm in 1870. In 1880 Mr. Mayhew left the farm and located in Thamesville, embarking in the grain business with Thomas M. Syer, and continuing thus until 1882, when they entered the milling business, in which they are still successfully engaged.

In 1868 Mr. Mayhew was married to Miss Catherine Flood, by whom he had two children, Grace and Agnes. Grace is the wife of John W. Duncan, of Embro, and Agnes married James McFarlane, of Thamesville. The second wife of Mr. Mayhew was Miss Jane Thompson, by whom he also has two children: Frederick, associated with his father in the mill; and Annie Lyle.

Politically Mr. Mayhew is a stanch Conservative, and for the past fifteen years he has been chief of the fire department. His religious membership is with the Methodist Church, in which body he takes an active interest. Socially he is affiliated with the A. O. U. W., and is very popular in that order. By energetic business methods, honorable dealing and untiring effort, Mr. Mayhew has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, and built up a very enviable trade, while personally he has made many friends on account of his pleasant, genial manner and excellent traits of character.

CYRENIUS PARK WATSON, retired merchant and ex-postmaster of Dresden, Ont., was born in the County of Lennox, Ont., April 3, 1835, son of John A. and Susannah (Park) Watson, of Genesee county, New York, and the County of Lennox, Ont., respectively.

John A. Watson came to Canada in 1814 with his mother, when only two years old, and located near Kingston, Ont., where they purchased a farm in Richmond township, remaining until 1852. John A. Watson then moved to Dresden, Ont., and embarked in the butcher business, remaining thus engaged for fifteen years. He then built the "Watson House," which he conducted until two years prior to his death, which occurred in 1871. His wife was born in 1810, and died in 1873.

On Dec. 23, 1859, in Camden township,

Cyrenius P. Watson was married to Jane Furrey, and children as follows were born to this union: Anna married A. L. Grover, of London, Ont., and has had five children, Arthur, Evadana, Florence, Alfred and Mary. John O., postmaster at Dresden, Ont., married Artie Waffle, and has five children, Annie, Gordon, Mary, Elbert and Ross. Edward, of Dresden, Ont., married a Miss Turner, and has one son, Edwin Hugh. Chester is at home. Susie married Dr. S. H. McDonald, of Dresden, Ont. Owen is at home. Mrs. Watson was born in Gore of Camden in June, 1841, a daughter of Armsby and Elizabeth E. (Ross) Furrey, of Ireland and Scotland, respectively, who were married in Scotland, but came to the County of Kent in 1839, settling in Gore of Camden, where the father was a merchant. He died there in 1846, while the mother died in 1891, aged about seventy-nine years. She had married again, her second husband being A. J. Wallen, a farmer of the Gore of Camden.

Cyrenius P. Watson came to Dresden with his parents and remained with them until twenty-two years of age, after which he clerked four years for different parties, and in 1859 started a general store at Dresden, upon small capital. For fifteen years he conducted this business successfully, then disposing of his interests to Mr. Hughes. In 1862 he received the appointment of postmaster in Dresden, and held that position until 1898, when he resigned. He was the first postmaster of Dresden after its incorporation, and the third postmaster in the village of Dresden, Baxter having been the first, and George M. Wilson the second. Mr. Watson was also treasurer of the town of Dresden from the time it was incorporated as a village in 1864 until 1899, when he resigned that position also.

Fraternally Mr. Watson is a Mason. He is a charter member of the Methodist Church of Dresden, and has contributed very liberally toward its support. In politics he is a Reformer and has always been prominent in local affairs. After spending many years in hard work to build up a competence and rear to honorable manhood and womanhood a family, it most certainly must be a source of great satisfaction to him to feel that these efforts have not been in vain. Mr. Watson has every reason to congratulate himself upon his financial success and also upon the fact that in attaining it he has wronged no man, but on the contrary attached many to him by the bonds of warmest friendship.

WILLIAM BALL, who for many years has actively engaged in business in and outside of Chatham, County of Kent, but who now lives retired from activity, is a most highly esteemed resident of that city. His descent is from an honorable old English family, his grandfather having been born in Warwickshire, England, in the eighteenth century. There he married and reared a family of four sons and four daughters.

William Ball, one of the sons of this family, and the father of William Ball of Chatham, was born in England June 9, 1811, and on Nov. 16, 1836, married Annie French, who was born in Warwickshire, England, Sept. 9, 1811. William Ball followed agricultural pursuits in his native land until 1842, when he moved to Canada and located in Ontario, at Raleigh Plains, near Chatham, there resuming his former vocation and so continuing until his death, Oct. 26, 1843. He left a widow and three children. Mrs. Ball has reached the advanced age of ninety-three years, and is happy surrounded by the family of her son William, with whom she has her home. Mr. Ball had a sister and brother: Elizabeth, widow of Colin H. Rose, of Chatham; and Abram, who was born in 1842 and died in the following year.

William Ball was born at Warwickshire, England, Oct. 10, 1837, and was but five years of age when his parents came to Ontario, and but six years old when deprived by death of his father. After this calamity the mother and her little children removed to the city of Chatham, and there he acquired his education, in the public schools. He remained at home until his seventeenth year, when he started out to carve his own career. He began as a clerk in a store in Detroit, Michigan, which stood on the site of the Majestic building, the most imposing structure in that city. Here young Ball remained for several years, going then to Chicago, in the employ of a Mr. Shay, who, in 1857, was the largest retail dealer in that city. Two years later Mr. Shay's business house was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Ball, whose room was on the fifth floor of the structure, saved only the clothes he was dressed in at the time the fire broke out. In 1859 he returned to Chatham and accepted a clerical posi-



Mary Ball

tion with D. R. Van Allen. During these years of steady employment Mr. Ball had saved his money and was now in a position to accept a partnership with Mr. Van Allen in a sawmill business, and to this industry was later added the Chatham Wagon Manufacturing Co., which still continues after years of successful competition, and in which Mr. Ball is a director, and, with the exception of Mr. Van Allen, the largest stockholder. Some six years later Mr. Ball purchased a sawmill at Deshler, Ohio, which he operated for twelve years or until 1892, during which time he had cut the best of the timber in that section into lumber, and since then he has given his attention to various other interests. Mr. Ball is vice-president of and a stockholder in the Sutherland-Innes Co., also one of the largest stockholders in the Chatham Gas & Electric Light Co.; is president of and a stockholder in the Chatham Navigation Co., and also a stockholder in many smaller organizations, having a large capital invested in the city.

On Sept. 4, 1866, William Ball was married (first) to Miss Mildred Rosier Van Allen, daughter of D. R. Van Allen, his partner, of whom extended mention is found in another part of this work. Mrs. Ball was born Oct. 6, 1847, and died Nov. 15, 1874, leaving three children: Ross Charles, born Oct. 15, 1868, now the manager of a lumber industry in Texas; Annie Gertrude, born Aug. 13, 1871; and William Stanley, born Feb. 5, 1873, who is bookkeeper for the Chatham Wagon Manufacturing Co. Mr. Ball was married (second) Sept. 14, 1878, to Miss Caroline Skey, who was born Feb. 14, 1846, in England, a daughter of Russell and Kate Ann (Wilton) Skey, the former of whom was born in 1810, and the latter in 1811. He was a banker in Gloucester, England, owning a private bank in that city for some time prior to his death, in 1845. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Skey, as follows: Russell, Lawrence, Kate, Lucy, Frederick and Caroline.

Three children came to Mr. and Mrs. Ball, viz.: Ethel L., born Nov. 12, 1879; Edith Maud, Sept. 27, 1881; and Wilton Russell, June 20, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have a fine home on Victoria avenue, which is noted for its hospitality. In political sentiment Mr. Ball is a Conservative. The family belong to the Episcopal Church.

JOHN FERGUSSON, M. D., a leading physician of Tilbury village, also prominent in public affairs, combines with a thorough professional education those rare qualities of mind and character that win success for a man at every step in life. He comes of a respected and gifted Scottish family.

John Fergusson, his grandfather, a native of Scotland, was the first of his line to push out of the cramped environments of Old World institutions and seek to better his fortunes in Canada. He passed his early years in Scotland, and there gained a good education and practical training for life's activities. Upon reaching manhood he married, in Scotland, a woman of ability and refinement, who proved a most encouraging helpmeet. She died in Canada at the age of sixty-five years. It was during the twenties that Mr. Fergusson broke home ties and came to Canada, settling in Dumfries township, County of Waterloo, where he remained for several years. Eventually, however, he purchased a farm in Beverly township, County of Wentworth, whither he moved, and engaged in agriculture. From the start he made a splendid success on this farm, and continuing to prosper, worked it throughout the rest of his life, improving it from year to year, and making it in time one of the most attractive and valuable places in the township. A strong man, both mentally and physically, Mr. Fergusson made each stroke of work count for good. He died at the age of eighty-two years.

Archibald Fergusson, father of Dr. John Fergusson, was born on the family homestead in Beverly township, five miles east of Galt, about 1832. There he grew to manhood, and by assisting his father in the work on the farm early became well grounded in the best methods of agriculture. Both environment and an inherent taste for the work decided him upon reaching manhood to continue the occupation, and he in time acquired a 200-acre farm adjoining the home place, where he has since made his residence. Thorough equipment for the work enabled him to carry on the place to advantage, and each year he branched out in his industry and added improvements to his farm, materially increasing its value. After many years of fruitful industry he turned over the management of this place to his son, and he has since lived in retirement.

Mr. Fergusson married Annie Dickey, who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and at the age of six years came with her parents to Canada, making the trip in a six weeks' voyage on a sailing-vessel. By this union there were four children. Mr. Fergusson has been not only a leading agriculturist of his township, but one of the most active men in municipal affairs as well, and for several years he served as a member of the council, and was reeve of the township. In the discharge of each duty he has shown himself both thorough and conscientious, and he commands the highest esteem from all who know him.

John Fergusson was born in Beverly township, County of Wentworth, in 1860. From his earliest years he evinced decided intellectual tastes, and upon entering school made rapid progress in his studies. He pursued the higher branches in Watertown high school and Hamilton Collegiate Institute, and then, deciding to study medicine, entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Toronto, from which he graduated in 1885. Thoroughly well equipped for a professional career, he immediately opened an office in Essex and began the practice of medicine. A careful diagnosis of each case, and conscientious attention to his patients, won him a large patronage from the start, and for six years he continued his labors in that place, winning for himself a high reputation in his profession. At the end of that period, in July, 1892, he purchased the residence and practice of Dr. Mitchell, a physician of Tilbury, to which place he moved, establishing himself anew in his profession, and there he has since continued. His able and faithful work has each year added new laurels to his already well-established reputation, and he is now considered one of the leading physicians in his locality. He is a shrewd and careful financial manager, and has accumulated considerable property in addition to his handsome residence on Queen street.

Dr. Fergusson was married in Embro, in 1889, to Mary B. Mackenzie, a woman of culture and many winning social attributes, and of this union there have been born two children, Archibald Mackenzie and Kathleen.

Dr. Fergusson wields a wide influence in his locality, reaching people in all stations of life. As a strict member of the Presbyterian church he is now serving as elder in that denomination. Keenly interested in the promotion of education, he has long been a member of the board of education and is at present acting as chairman of same. The Reform party, with which he affiliates, has honored him at times with many local political offices. Fraternally he stands high, and, as a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the Foresters and the C. F., has served as examiner of the local lodges.

ALFRED COATSWORTH, ex-township clerk and ex-member of the council, a grandson of the pioneer Robert Coatsworth, is one of the most representative men of Romney township, County of Kent.

William Coatsworth, his father, was born in 1812, and when a young man built a small frame house on the east front of Lot 193, the present site of the home of our subject, and there began clearing off his property. The lot consists of 116 acres, and in addition he owned the south one-half of Lot 13, Concession 3. With his brother John, he was for a few years interested in a sawmill at Rondeau, and was very successful in his ventures, dying in 1856, a prosperous man. As a Conservative he took considerable interest in political matters, although he did not accept office, and kept himself posted on all questions of moment. He married Sarah E. Hughson, of Raleigh township, who died in 1895, having borne her husband three children: Alfred; Matilda A. married William Wickwire, a farmer of Lot 10, Concession 2, Romney township; and Walter died at the age of two years.

Alfred Coatsworth was born on the place he now occupies, Lot 193, Talbot road, Feb. 14, 1847, and attended the local schools, also taking a course in the London Commercial College. His father dying when he was a child, the bringing up of the family fell upon the shoulders of his mother, and was accomplished by industry and frugality. Only a small portion of the 116 acres of the farm was cleared, but since he assumed charge Mr. Coatsworth has brought it all under cultivation, and now has a very fine piece of property. The present substantial buildings were all erected by him, and he is recognized as one of the leading farmers of the township. In religious matters he is a Methodist, and was a member of the building committee that in February, 1903,

completed the beautiful new church edifice on Talbot road. Politically he is a Conservative, and in 1872 he served in the township council; from 1880 to 1894 he was township clerk, and subsequently acted as auditor, and he always is very active in local matters. Mr. Coatsworth is very popular in his community, and is highly regarded as a good manager, excellent farmer and stanch friend.

ALPHY CHEFF, proprietor of the "Central Hotel," and postmaster, Pain Court, Dover township, County of Kent, and one of the leading men of the community, was born at Big Point, same township, six miles from his present home, Aug. 6, 1862, a son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Martin) Cheff, of Montreal.

Joseph Cheff was born in St. Jacques le Minuer, County Laprairie, Quebec, June 30, 1826, and his wife was born at St. Philippe, in the same county, Oct. 6, 1825. They came to County Kent in 1845, settling at Big Point, where Mr. Cheff purchased and operated a farm, and a few years later built a sawmill where he did an extensive business. He made that place his home until 1877, when he retired. Since 1883 he has been postmaster of Big Point, most ably discharging the duties of the office. In politics he has always been a member of the Reform party. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. The children born to this union were as follows: Delaise, who married Joseph Pinsinneault, a farmer of Dover township; Eva, deceased; Josephat, a farmer, at Frenchtown, Montana; Liza, who married Theo. Bourassa, a hotel keeper at Chatham, Ont.; Sifros, deceased; Edmond, a farmer in Dover township; Alphy Zephire, a farmer and merchant of Big Point, Dover township; and Eva, deceased, who married Joseph Thibodeau.

Joseph Cheff was a son of Joseph Cheff, Sr., of Montreal, who came to this county a few years prior to his son. He was an hotel keeper and settled in Dover township. During the Rebellion in 1837-38 he took an active part.

In 1888, in Big Point, Mr. Alphy Cheff was married to Catherine Yott, and their children are: Mary, Melina and Georgina, twins. Mrs. Cheff was born at Kingston, Ont., on Wolf Island, Nov. 25, 1862, a daughter of Frank and Mattie (Yott) Yott, who although bearing the same name, were of no known relationship. Mr. Yott was a sailor for many years, coming to County Kent in 1865, and settling in Pain Court. He died in 1873, aged forty years, and his wife died in September, 1894, aged sixty years, and both are buried in Pain Court cemetery.

Mr. Cheff remained with his parents upon the farm until his marriage, when he embarked in a mercantile business at Big Point, continuing in the same from 1883 until 1890, being in the meantime deputy postmaster. He then engaged in operating an hotel and sawmill at Pain Court. After three years he erected his present hostelry, six miles from Chatham—a brick building containing eleven rooms, well appointed with every convenience, where pleasant and comfortable entertainment is afforded the traveling public. The table is an excellent one, doing credit to the management of Mrs. Cheff, and the "Central Hotel" is patronized by the very best people who come to Pain Court, Ont. Mr. Cheff also owns a fine farm of 100 acres at Big Point, which he rents. In October, 1902, he was appointed postmaster, and has since that date held the office, proving very acceptable to his constituents. In politics, like his father, Mr. Cheff is a member of the Reform party, and takes an active part in local affairs. In religious matters, both he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. Genial, enterprising, public-spirited, Mr. Cheff is a man who wins many friends, and is justly recognized as one of the representative business men of Dover township.

HENRY M. GREEN, a hardware merchant of Ridgetown, was born in the County of Waterloo, Ont., March 22, 1839, a son of John and Harriet (McMahon) Green, who were both born in Canada, he in 1813, and she in 1816.

John Green was the son of John Green, who was born in New Jersey, May 23, 1781, of English parentage. During the war of 1812 John Green, Sr., came with his family to Canada and settled in the County of Waterloo. He was given land by the government, which he cleared and made into a very desirable home.

John Green, Jr., was reared in the County of Waterloo where he learned the trade of wagonmaking. In 1838 he married Harriet McMahon (who came of a Pennsylvania family of Irish extraction), and immediately set-

tled in Wilmot township, County of Waterloo, where he owned and cleared a farm. Here his family were born, and here his wife died in 1879. Later he removed with his son to Norwich, where he died in 1884. In religion he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics he was an active Liberal. John and Harriet Green reared three sons and one daughter, of whom Henry M., the subject of these lines is the eldest. The second, Sydney, was born in 1841, and obtained his early education in the schools of the county. Later he secured a commercial education at the Cooper Institute of New York City, and then became a dry-goods merchant in the town of Woodstock, remaining there until his death, in 1869. Owen, the third child, died in boyhood, in 1855. The fourth child, Sarah, was born in 1845, reared at the old home, and married Edgar Chrysler, of the County of Waterloo.

Henry M. Green followed farming for some years at the homestead, and then embarked in a hardware business in South Norwich, where he resided for three years. In 1885 he removed to Ridgetown and purchased the hardware store of McDonald, Somerville & Co. He continued the business until he was burned out, in January, 1900, since which time he has been living retired.

In 1864 Mr. Green married Hannah Plumb, a native of the County of Waterloo, of English parentage, a daughter of William R. Plumb, J. P. Mr. and Mrs. Green have two children, a daughter and a son, both of whom reside in Toronto. In politics Mr. Green has always been identified with the Liberal party. In religion he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church of Canada, Mr. Green being a trustee of the church and a member of the Quarterly Board. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 144, of Ridgetown.

CHARLES HOWARD GORDON, editor and proprietor of the *Standard*, an independent sheet, with Liberal tendencies, published at Dresden, is a native of Port Perry, County of Ontario, where he was born May 13, 1874.

Mr. Gordon was educated in the public and high schools of Port Perry, and after completing his course at the latter began business life in the capacity of office boy for the Great Northern Railway Company at Toronto. A year later he entered the office of the Oxford *Press*, in order to learn the printing business, and remained there a year, then going to the *Standard* office, in Port Perry, where he finished his apprenticeship. In 1891 Mr. Gordon returned to Toronto, where he conducted a job printing business for two years, going then to Peterborough, where he assumed the night management of the Peterborough *Daily Times*, and remained there until 1896, when he went to Ridgetown. Here he was connected with the Ridgetown *Standard* as manager until March, 1902, when he came to Dresden, to found the *Standard* for the firm of Claxton & Whitman, a business plant which Mr. Gordon purchased in March, 1903. He has conducted a very fine paper since that time, in the interests of the Liberal party, one which has attracted much attention and has marked him as a man of close thought, literary ability and political sagacity.

Mr. Gordon was married in June, 1900, to Miss Grace Westland, who was born in 1874, in Ridgetown, daughter of H. W. Westland, of that place, and two sons have come to them: Henry Douglas, born in Ridgetown, March 21, 1902, and George Allan, born May 15, 1904.

Fraternally Mr. Gordon is a member of the following organizations: The I. O. O. F., C. O. W. O. W., S. O. S., I. O. U. W., and S. O. C., and is one of the premium bowlers at the Dresden Rink. He has been secretary-treasurer of the bowling club for the past two years.

ALEXANDER WEITZEL. It is not given to every man to rest under his own "vine and fig tree," able to enjoy the fruits of trees planted by his own hand, but such is the case with Alexander Weitzel, a most highly respected retired farmer of the County of Kent, who for more than half a century has resided on his farm in Concession 5, Lot 18, township of Howard.

Mr. Weitzel is devoted to the interests of the Dominion, of which he is a native son, born in the County of Peel, near Toronto, Sept. 20, 1821. His parents were Nicholas and Sarah (Green) Weitzel, the latter born in 1793, a daughter of Adam Green, a resident of Hamilton, Canada, who came hither from the State of New Jersey during the Revolutionary war.



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Nicholas Weitzel was a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Kline) Weitzel, natives of Germany, who came from their native country to the United States. Nicholas Weitzel, the elder, was a soldier in the English army during the Revolutionary war, and soon after his discharge from the service, in 1783, at Point Levis, and settled near Kingston, Canada, on land given him by the English government. In addition to this land, which he accepted as part payment for his services, the government owed him £188, 14s. 4d., all of which was forwarded to him from London. Nicholas Weitzel here passed the balance of his life, although his death occurred while he was on a visit in Oswego county, State of New York, whither he had gone to purchase some necessities. His family consisted of three children, viz.: Nicholas; Mary, who married Joshua Pollard, of the County of Peel; and Mrs. Allen McDougal, who lived and died at Saltfleet, Canada.

Nicholas Weitzel, the only son of Nicholas, was born in 1784, and grew to manhood in the County of Peel, receiving but a limited education. In 1812 he served for a time as a soldier, and then purchased land on the Middle Road, in the County of Peel, where he engaged in farming, remaining there until 1836, when he removed to Howard township, County of Kent, and settled where his son Alexander now resides. A dense wilderness surrounded his little log cabin and barn, and in this modest home he lived until within a short time of his death, when he retired to the home of one of his sons, near Ridgetown, where he died in 1873; his wife preceded him to the grave ten years before. The Weitzel family, far back in the old country, belonged to the Moravian faith, and Nicholas Weitzel clung through life to the belief of his ancestors. His political support was given to the Reform party. Seven of his children grew to maturity: John, the eldest, born in the County of Peel, lived to the age of seventy-seven years, dying in 1882; he married Betsey Jenkins, of the County of Peel, and in 1835 they settled in Howard, where he followed farming and reared a large family. Betsey, born in the County of Peel, married John Sisson, who was a farmer in Harwich township, and they died leaving two sons, George, of the State of Michigan, and John, of Chatham. William, born in the County of Peel, married Flora Hymen, of Scotland, and they settled on the river Thames, in Howard, where he cleared up a large farm, and died in 1840, from an attack of smallpox; his two surviving children are Margaret and Elizabeth, both living near Hartford, Michigan. Candace,, born in the County of Peel, married John A. White, who moved to Wyoming, State of Iowa, where both died, leaving a large family. George, born in the County of Peel, married Mary A. Swener, of Howard township, and they settled on Concession 7, where he died from smallpox in 1850, leaving one daughter, Mary, Mrs. Randy McDonald, of Chatham. Martha died in childhood. Baptist, born in the County of Peel, died in young manhood from smallpox, which at that date was epidemic. Alexander, the youngest, is the subject proper of these lines.

Alexander Weitzel, the only surviving member of this large and well-known family, had but little educational opportunity in his youth, the privileges of schools not yet being known in the pioneer district at that time. His youth was one of hard work, and while it strengthened his body it also developed his mental faculties, for the wonderful transformations which so rapidly took place around him could have no other effect on an intelligent mind. As he can recall those early days, Mr. Weitzel finds himself surprised to see the marvelous changes, and it may well gratify him to know that he has done his full duty in making Howard township what it is to-day. On March 13, 1851, he married Rachel Everett, daughter of Adam Everett, who came from the State of Pennsylvania to Canada as early as 1800, and settled in Chatham township, County of Kent. Adam Everett was born in that State, a son of William Everett, who was a noted statesman and at one time Secretary of State. Adam Everett's wife, Agnes (Hayslip), was born in Ireland, and they were married near Louisville, County of Kent. He was one of the soldiers in the war of 1812. He lived and died in the County of Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Everett had ten children: Richard and David died in childhood. William, born in 1811, married Jane Mason, and lived and died in Harwich township, leaving six children, Richard, Andrew, William, Agnes (wife of A. N. McGetchie), Ellen, and Mary (wife of William Carswell, of Chatham). Joseph, born in May, 1814, in the County of Kent, married Jane Rowe, settled

in Harwich township, and died leaving children —Joseph, Nathan, John, Dorothy (of Manitoba), and Catherine, (wife of William Cape, of the County of Kent). Mary, born in 1818, married Ira Allen, and both are deceased; their only son, Abram, lives in the United States. Rachel, born in Harwich township, April 9, 1822, married Alexander Weitzel. Elizabeth, born in 1824, died unmarried. Adam T., born in 1827, married Sarah Sisson, of the County of Kent, settled on the old home in Harwich township, and is now a resident of the County of Lambton; his children are: Susan, Frank, Jessie and Annie. John, born in 1829, died unmarried in Harwich township. Seth, born in 1830, married Florence Haskin, and lived and died in Harwich township, leaving children—Maud, the wife of John Kendry, of Ridgetown; Eva, wife of Charles Brooks, of St. Thomas; Byron, of Detroit; Miss Annie; Roland, of Detroit; Gordon, of Detroit; and Kathaleen, also a resident of Detroit.

In 1849 Mr. Weitzel purchased the old homestead in Howard township, and there they set out the first of the fruit trees which yield to them now so generous a harvest. A greater portion of the farm still remained to be cleared, and it required years of energy and activity to put it into a good state of cultivation and to make the fine improvements which now place this farm with the best in the County of Kent. Mr. Weitzel's industry cleared over 100 acres of this estate, which has been his home for more than fifty years. The following children have been born to him and his wife: Enoch married Elizabeth Richardson, of Orford, and they now reside in London, where he is engaged as a machinist; his children are: Rosie M. and John C. Oscar married Mary Herman, of Ridgetown, and they reside in Thamesville, where he is a mechanical engineer; his four sons are—Christopher A. (who married Jane Sample, and lives in London), Albert (of Thamesville), William H. and Earl. William O. learned the carpenter's trade and lives in Isabella county, Michigan; he is unmarried. Agnes S. married Charles Gooden, and both died in Detroit; their two daughters are: Ada, the wife of Fred Axt, who was a soldier from Detroit in the Cuban war, as a member of Company K, 32d Regiment, and is now a resident of Detroit, and Miss Arilla, who has resided with her grandparents since the death of her mother. Ninion A. resides at home. Adam T., with his brother Ninion, manages the home farm. Mary E. married William Miller, and they are farming people in Raleigh township. Miss Rachel, who was born in the present home, is one of the most highly cultured ladies of this locality; deprived of educational advantages in early youth, she later supplied this deficiency, took a classical course, and also perfected herself as a professional nurse.

Mr. Weitzel is a Conservative in politics. Since 1855 he has been a member of the order of Orangemen at Thamesville, and since 1898 a member of the order of Black Knights of Ireland, of Ridgetown. For many years he and his wife have been prominent in the work of the Methodist Church, and there and in the community they are held in the highest esteem. They have now passed the golden anniversary of their wedding and have the pleasure of looking upon seven children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, their grandson, Christopher, having two children, Clarke W. and Gladys.

WILLIAM RICHARDS (deceased) was for many years a leading business citizen of Chatham, and a most worthy representative of an old English family. He was one of the seven children born to Mark Richards, the other members of the family being: Henry, born Jan. 20, 1829; Helen, March 2, 1833; Mark, Nov. 12, 1837; John, Jan. 1, 1843; George, June 28, 1844; Charles, Feb. 19, 1847. Mark, John and Charles are still surviving.

William Richards was born in England Nov. 17, 1831, and came to Ontario in 1833. In 1865 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Stockdale, by Rev. Dr. Sandys, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Richards engaged in a bakery business, which he continued throughout his active life. He was a most industrious and enterprising man, one who gained the confidence of his fellow citizens by honorable methods, and held it in the same way. In politics Mr. Richards favored the Conservative party. His death occurred in 1896, at which time Chatham lost one of her most worthy and representative citizens.

Mrs. Richards is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the County of Kent. She was born in England in 1840, daughter of

William Stockdale, and granddaughter of John Philip Stockdale, who spent his life in England. John Philip Stockdale was twice married, and was the father of four children by each union, the children of the first marriage being: William, John Philip, Robert and Grace, all now deceased. By the second union there were one son and three daughters. William Stockdale was born in England in 1812, and there was educated and grew to manhood. In London, England, in 1835, he married Mrs. Mary (King Hale) Dodge, a lady of English birth and parentage, and in 1855 the family came to Ontario. Mrs. Richards recalls that the fifteenth anniversary of her birth was passed upon the ocean, the voyage at the time consuming six weeks. On reaching Ontario Mr. Stockdale and his family settled in Raleigh township, and there he followed farming until the death of his first wife, in 1869. In 1871 he married Mrs. Elizabeth Harborn, and from that time resided in Chatham, where his death took place in 1887. His children, all by the first marriage, were: Charles William, born in 1836 (died in 1865); Mary Elizabeth, born in 1838; Sarah Ann, Mrs. Richards; Louisa Elizabeth and John Philip, twins, born in 1842. Mrs. Richards is the only survivor. She is very highly esteemed in Chatham, and resides in the old home in that city, on King street, which for many years has been the family residence.

A family of ten children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards, viz.: Sarah Louise; William George, a prominent lawyer of Chatham, who married Mildred Heyward, and has one daughter, Edna Marion; Charles Henry, deceased; Walter Stockdale; Alice; Arthur King; Edward Mark, deceased; Henry Gollings; Ellen May; and Olive Bell.

HENRY OSBORNE, clerk of Zone township and one of the most prominent agriculturists of that locality, has resided on his present farm from boyhood, with the exception of a few years during early manhood when he was employed elsewhere. He has become prosperous as the result of thrift and honest industry, and has attained a high position in the community where he resides by uniform integrity and straightforwardness of conduct.

Mr. Osborne was born in West York, Ont., on the Humber river, June 11, 1849, son of Alexander and Eliza (Small) Osborne, the former a native of the North of Ireland, the latter of Devonshire, England. The father came to Canada in 1843, locating in Quebec, where he was married. He was a farmer, and followed that occupation in West York, Ont., for a while, in 1860 moving thence to the County of Kent, and settling on the farm now owned and cultivated by his son, Henry, a tract of seventy-five acres in Lot 13, 3d Concession, Zone township. When he took up this land it was all a wilderness, and he had to make a clearing in the woods before he could put up a house. He set about the arduous work of clearing and improving with a sturdy will which carried him safely through the dangers and hardships of pioneer life, and made a comfortable home for himself and family. There he remained until his death, which occurred Aug. 2, 1870, when he was fifty-six years old; his wife died in April, 1876, at the age of fifty-three. They are buried at Florence, Ont., in the cemetery of the Episcopal Church, of which both were members. Their family consisted of children as follows: Henry is mentioned farther on; William is a farmer at Knoxville, Tennessee; John is a farmer at Bay City, Michigan; Thomas is engaged as a miner in Oregon; Richard, of Brigden, Ont., is a section foreman on the railroad; George is a lumberman of Crossfork, Pennsylvania; Gibson is a miner in Colorado; and Ellen and Ruth both died in infancy.

Mr. Osborne's paternal grandparents, Henry and Ellen (Gibson) Osborne, were farming people in the North of Ireland, where they passed their entire lives. John and Elizabeth (Slee) Small, his maternal grandparents, were farming people of England, and were lifelong residents of that country.

Henry Osborne remained with his parents up to the age of nineteen years, attending the common schools, and receiving a thorough training to farm work. He then farmed for others for a few years, and then clerked two years in a drug store at Florence, Ont., returning to the homestead at the time of his father's death. There he has ever since remained, engaged in the cultivation of the land, and by well-directed industry has brought the place to a highly improved state, which is a credit to the owner. Mr. Osborne has won his way in the world by hard work, but he has also found time to give to local public affairs, and has dem-

onstrated his efficiency in various offices to which he has been chosen by his fellow citizens. He served one year as township auditor, ten years as assessor, and in 1891 was elected to the position he has ever since held, that of township clerk, signing his first report Aug. 17 of that year. He has been re-elected yearly. Such a record of service shows that he is entitled to the position he holds among the honorable, public-spirited citizens of his township.

In April, 1876, in Florence, Ont., Mr. Osborne was united in marriage with Dorcas Sloman, who was born June 28, 1851, in Somersetshire, England, daughter of Frank and Martha (Hunneyball) Sloman, who always resided in England; he was a police officer in Bristol, Somersetshire. Six children have come to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne: Miss Mary, who is at home; Mabel, who married Gilbert Smith, of Euphemia, Ont.; Alexander is engaged in farming on the home place; Miss Edith is a clerk at Iona, Ont.; Eva and Harvey are at home. The parents attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Osborne is a Conservative in politics. Socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Foresters.

DAVID N. FYSH, a leading retired farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, living on the 2d Concession, was born on Victoria street, London, Jan. 3, 1824. The Fyshes are of Norman descent and can trace their line back to the time of the conquest, the ancestors having come over with William the Conqueror and fought on the Norman side at the battle of Hastings. At one time they had large estates and held the positions of old country squires. Originally the family name was Ashdown, but it was changed because they had property willed to them on the condition of their accepting the name of Fysh.

David N. Fysh is a son of Francis and Ann Fysh, both of whom were born in England, where they grew to maturity and married. Francis Fysh was a skilled workman as a carpenter and joiner. In 1833 he emigrated to Canada, via New York, on a sailing-vessel, and the first settlement of the family was made in Paris, County of Brant, where Francis Fysh pursued his trade of carpenter, and later purchased a farm near Brantford. There he made his home for some time, and then bought another farm seven miles east of Brantford, where he lived and died. He improved both these farms, and made them valuable properties. He died leaving a wife and five children, and his widow made her home with her son, David N., until her death, in 1865. The children of these worthy people were as follows: Henry, the eldest, born in England in 1822, grew to manhood in Canada, where he married Miss Ann Elleby, of Brantford; he then moved to Michigan, where he took part in the Civil war, serving until near its close, when he died of yellow fever, leaving one son, Francis Fysh, who died at the home of David N., in 1874; he was one of the telegraph dispatchers of the Grand Trunk Railroad, located at London. David N. is mentioned below. Richard, born in England, in 1829, is unmarried, and resides at the home of David N., having purchased 100 acres of land adjoining which he cleared; his property is now operated by the sons of David N. Jane, born in England in 1835, now deceased, married Allen Purdy, who settled in Brantford, where she died, leaving a family of nine children. Elizabeth, born in Canada, married Wellington Cornwall, of Thamesville, where he died, leaving no family; she subsequently married Andrew McConnell, moved to North Carolina for some years, and then located in Nebraska, where he died, leaving two sons, Frank and Max, both of whom reside in Nebraska; both are prominent in the localities in which they reside.

David N. Fysh was but ten years of age when brought to Canada, and hired out to a farmer in the County of Brant, where he worked until eighteen years of age. At the age of twenty-two he married, in October, 1846, Miss Diana Atkinson, a native of England, born Feb. 4, 1824, daughter of John and Margaret Atkinson, of Brantford. After his marriage Mr. Fysh rented a farm for five years, in the County of Brant, and in 1851 he purchased a tract of 250 acres in Howard township, which is his present home. This he has cleared, making of it two fine farms. His first house was a log cabin, in which he and his family resided until he erected his present comfortable brick residence. He has also built a pleasant home for his son on the same farm, besides erecting good barns, and his property is one of the finest in the county.

The following family has been born to David N. Fysh and his wife: John, the eldest,

born in October, 1848, in Brant, died when a young man of twenty-one years. Frederick W., born in the County of Brant, in 1852, married Miss Christiana McCracken, daughter of Alex. and Christianna (Brown) McCracken, born at Glencoe, Canada, and they reside on the old homestead, he being manager of the farm; they have one son, Henry John, a student of the Howard schools, a very bright young fellow. George, born in the County of Brant, married Miss Annie Secord, of Howard, and they reside on a portion of the homestead. They have two children, David N. and Mary. David, born at the present home in 1855, died in young manhood. Henry, born at the present home in 1859, married Miss Emma Bellis, of Glencoe, Canada, and they reside in Detroit, where he is a motorman on the electric railroad of that city; they have no family. Fred Fysh and his family are Presbyterians and George Fysh and his family are Methodists. All of the men of the Fysh family have been identified with the Reform party. Fred Fysh is now one of the school trustees and is one of the prominent young men of the township. David N. and his son Fred are both members of Masonic Lodge, No. 245, at Thamesville, while George Fysh is a member of the Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Fysh celebrated their golden wedding at their beautiful home in Howard township, receiving many tokens from their numerous friends. Not only is Mr. Fysh himself highly esteemed in the community, but his sons have grown up to be men worthy of their family and parents, of whom all connected with them may well be proud. They are all prominent in advancing measures calculated to prove of benefit to their locality, while Frederick is especially active in school work. Having located in the County of Kent in its early days of development, Mr. Fysh and his sons have nobly borne their part in its advancement and they take a praiseworthy interest in all which concerns their township.

DUNCAN HAGGART, a resident of Harwich township, County of Kent, bears an old and honored name, and comes of two lines of Scottish ancestry of which he has every reason to feel proud. Strong in religious doctrine, firm in patriotism, and courageous in facing the exigencies of life, they have left traits of similar character to their descendants.

Duncan Haggart was born June 26, 1845, on his present home in Concession 3, Harwich township, a son of Neil and Janet (McNaughton) Haggart, the former of whom was born in 1817, in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, and the latter in May of the same year. The grandfather of Duncan Haggart was Neil Haggart, who, with his wife, Isabel (McDougal) Haggart, came to America from Scotland prior to the war of the Revolution. They settled in Caledonia, near the city of Rochester, New York, where Duncan Haggart, the only survivor of the family, still resides. Grandfather Haggart came to Canada very early in the nineteenth century and took up his residence at Aldborough, continuing to follow farming there the balance of his life. He had a large family, as follows: John; Alexander; Angus; Neil; Eliza; James, who died young; Mary, deceased wife of Samuel Muckle, of Harwich; Sallie, deceased wife of Thomas McNaughton; James (2), who died in May, 1877; and Duncan, the only survivor, previously mentioned.

Neil Haggart, son of Neil, and father of Duncan, grew to manhood in Aldborough township, and on Nov. 23, 1841, at Chatham, married Janet McNaughton. They settled on the farm now occupied by their son as early as 1841. By trade Neil Haggart was a tailor, and he carried on that business in connection with farming, his services being in great demand, as may well be imagined. Mr. Haggart first built on his farm a log house, 16x20 feet, and in this humble home he passed many years; it still stands, a typical relic of other times. After he had reared his family he moved to Blenheim, but later went back to the old home, and died there in March, 1883, aged sixty-five years. There his widow died, in February, 1890, aged eighty years. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Haggart served as deacon for a long period. He always took an interested part in politics, and kept well informed, and he never departed from his support of the Reform party. Mr. Haggart was particularly known for his true and sincere Christianity. He was liberal with his time and money, and spared no effort to benefit others, and it was but typical of his character that during the terrible famine in Scotland, in 1847, he should leave no stone unturned in order to collect help, in Canada, for

the starving brethren across the sea. Four daughters and one son, Duncan, of Harwich, were born to Neil and Janet Haggart. Isabella, born Feb. 9, 1843, married Leonard Bentley, who lives in Detroit, and they have children—Mary E., wife of Wilbur Mitton, of Zone, County of Kent; Alice, wife of George Raymond, of Chatham; Duncan H., of Detroit; Barbara, wife of John Shellington, of Blenheim; and Edward, of Detroit. Barbara, born Feb. 1, 1847, married John McCullough, and they reside at Ridgetown; they have children—Lotte, a teacher, and Duncan, at home. Sarah, born Oct. 23, 1852, is the wife of William Haggert, of Chatham, and they have children—Janette, Catherine, Josephine and Mary. Mary E., born Aug. 10, 1855, is the wife of John S. Laird, of Harwich, and they have one son, Joseph, at home.

Duncan Haggart grew to manhood at the present home and attended the best schools in his vicinity. Being the only son, he became the manager of the farm even when quite young. On May 12, 1873, he married Miss Maggie McTaggart, who was born in 1852, in Darlington, Ont., daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Gray) McTaggart, and died July 16, 1889. Mrs. Haggart was educated in the County of Oxford, and was a most estimable lady, sincerely mourned at her death. She left two children, namely: Catherine Maud, born July 31, 1877, married Arthur Wiley, of Harwich, and they reside on his farm; their only daughter, Margaret, is deceased. Neil L., born May 14, 1880, was educated in the local and the Detroit schools, and is now a resident of the Northwest. In 1890 Mr. Haggart moved to Detroit for the purpose of giving his children better educational facilities, but one year later returned to his farm.

Few men are more highly esteemed for admirable traits of character than is Duncan Haggart. For many years he has been active in the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. He supports the principles of the Reform party. In local affairs he is prominent and has served acceptably as school trustee. He is a man of worth and has a wide circle of friends.

ROBERT STUART FISHER, who died on his farm on Lot 11, River Road, June 1, 1897, and was interred in Maple Leaf cemetery, was born near Callander, Perthshire, Scotland, in 1813, a son of John and Catherine (McIntire) Fisher, of Perthshire, Scotland.

John Fisher and family came to the present Fisher homestead in the County of Kent, in 1826, taking up 300 acres, all of which now remains in the family. This property was then nearly a wilderness, but the sturdy pioneers cleared off the land and developed it into an excellent farm. The father died in 1852, aged about seventy, and his wife in 1835, and both were interred on the homestead farm, but in 1870 their bodies were removed to Maple Leaf cemetery, where they now repose. These worthy people were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to their union, all of whom are now deceased, were as follows: John, Peter, James, Robert S., Margaret (who married Alvin Gregory) and Jane.

In June, 1856, in Cleveland, Ohio, Robert Stuart Fisher married Mary Butler, and they had these children: Frances, at home; Stuart, deceased; and Martha, Jean and Arthur, all at home. Mrs. Fisher was born in London, England, a daughter of William and Martha (Sparkes) Butler, of London, England, who emigrated to New York, in 1831, but later returned to England. However, preferring the United States, they again crossed the ocean, and settling in Cleveland, remained until the death of the father in 1856, when he was fifty-eight years of age. He was a retired gentleman, and his father had been a gentleman farmer in England. The mother came to Chatham, Ont., and there resided with her daughter, Mrs. Pegley, until her death in 1872, when she was seventy-six years of age. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Butler were: John, president of a rubber company at San Francisco, California; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Eldridge Stanton; Martha, deceased wife of Charles E. Pegley, an attorney, now also deceased; Samuel, of Chicago, Illinois; Joseph, who died in Chatham; and Mrs. Fisher. The paternal grandfather, John Butler, lived and died in England, where he was very prominent.

The late Mr. Fisher was a mere babe when brought to the United States by his parents in 1816, and they settled first in Pittsubrg, Pennsylvania, for a year, whence they went to West Virginia, and after seven years moved to Detroit, Michigan. At the end of one year,

they located on the homestead farm, and there lived out their lives, consistent in their faith in the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Fisher, like his father, was a Reformer, but never aspired to public office. The brick residence in which his family make their home, was built by him in 1853, but for many years after he and his parents settled in the wilderness a primitive log cabin sheltered them. Mr. Fisher himself, was a man of education, well read, with literary inclinations, which tastes he has transmitted to his children, and the library is one of the pleasantest rooms in the home. MR. ARTHUR FISHER, the owner of the farm, is an enterprising and progressive young man, who stands high in the community, and is following in his father's footsteps with regard to his political and religious convictions. Mr. Fisher was essentially a good man, and as such had an elevating influence upon the community, while in his home circle he was devotedly beloved and revered, and his loss is deeply mourned, not only by his family, but also by all who knew him and appreciated his many excellent traits of character.

MAJOR CONRAD D. ROWE, a prominent brick manufacturer and farmer of Harwich township, was born July 31, 1844, in the Province of Quebec, a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Brewster) Rowe, the former of whom was born Aug. 17, 1798, and the latter Sept. 23, 1805, in the same Province.

Conrad Rowe was a son of John Rowe, who was born in Germany and came to the Province of Quebec as an officer during the war of independence in the Colonies; he died in that Province. The mother of Major Rowe was a daughter of Lewis Brewster, who came from the State of Pennsylvania. In 1853 Conrad Rowe and his family came to Harwich township and settled on the farm now occupied by Major Rowe, which the father continued through life to improve, and he died there June 10, 1875; his wife preceded him to the grave three years before. Both were consistent members of the Church of England and were noted for their religious convictions and estimable lives. Mr. Rowe was an active Conservative in politics. He and his wife had children as follows besides Conrad D., whose name opens this sketch: Sarah A. died at the age of eighteen years. Lucretia, born in 1824, married Joseph Rowe, and lives in the Province of Quebec. Melissa, born in April, 1826, married Aaron Robinson, who lived in Harwich until 1889, when he removed to Ottawa, where she died, leaving children—Rev. John (a missionary to Japan), Elizabeth (wife of Lewis Martin, of Calgary, Alberta), Lucy (an employe in the Ottawa post office), Jennie (wife of Fred Oliver of Vancouver), and Conrad (of the same place). Benjamin Rowe, born in September, 1828, in Quebec, there married Caroline Laughlin, and they settled on a farm in Harwich, where he died in August, 1900, leaving a widow and one child, Albert Rowe, of Harwich. Lewis G., born in May, 1831, married Margaret McCullough, of Howard, and they now live a retired life in Harwich township; their children are Dr. William, of Blenheim, and Mary, wife of G. M. Baird, clerk of Harwich township. Alvira E., born in 1836, married Alexander Laird, a farmer of Harwich, and they have children, Elizabeth, James and Margaret. Mary J., born in 1842, is the wife of William Muckle, who resides in Harwich, and they have two children, William and Melissa.

Conrad D. Rowe is the youngest member of the family. His education was obtained in the district schools of Harwich, where his attendance alternated with work on the farm until he was nineteen years of age. He then became a student at the military school of London, where, in 1872, he had attained to the rank of captain. In 1882 he was promoted to the rank of major, and in 1883 was made major of the 24th Battalion, Infantry, of County Kent Militia, from which position he is now retired. Major Rowe was a well qualified officer and was conspicuous during the Fenian raid, in 1866, when he was a first lieutenant, his tactical knowledge, as well as other qualifications, securing him rapid promotion.

In 1882 Major Rowe became interested in the manufacture of brick and tile, in connection with his agricultural pursuits. For about six years he was engaged in the shipment of apples to Montreal and England, all lines of his activity succeeding on account of the excellent methods he pursues. His home farm, upon which he settled after marriage, is one of the fine properties of the County of Kent, and here,

when not occupied with the management of his brick and tile business, he devotes much attention to agricultural improvements.

In January, 1871, Major Rowe was united in marriage with Miss Janet McCorvie, who was born in August, 1848, the eldest of a family of nine children born to Neil and Mary (McKay) McCorvie, one of Chatham's old pioneer families, who came from Scotland at an early date. A family of nine children has been born to Major Rowe and his wife, as follows: Miss Mary L., born on the present farm; Charles E., who died at the age of eighteen years; Stella J., one of the successful teachers of the County of Kent, who was educated in the Collegiate Institute at Ridgetown and the Ottawa Normal School, where she graduated in 1897; Carrie M., a popular teacher of Harwich township, who was educated at the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute and the Toronto Normal School; Maggie M., who was educated at the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute and Toronto Normal School, and is engaged in teaching in the township of Chatham; Francis N., engaged in farming on a fine property of his own at Manor, Northwest Territory; and Conrad S., Ida I. and Janette L., all at home.

The religious connection of Major Rowe and family is with the Church of England. In politics he is a strong Conservative, but he is no aspirant for personal political preferment. For the past eight years he has found a pleasant winter home in the mild climate of the State of Alabama, where he has made many warm friends. Major Rowe represents an honored old family of the County of Kent, all of its members being respected and esteemed citizens. In every relation of life he is a man deserving of high regard, his record, as soldier, manufacturer, farmer, citizen, and as a beloved member of his family circle, being a record of ability, integrity and sincerity deserving of emulation.

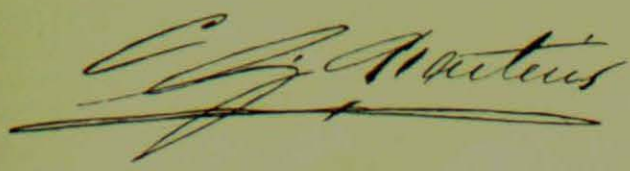
CHARLES GEORGE CHARTERIS (deceased). The death of Charles George Charteris, in February, 1887, at his old homestead in Chatham township, removed from the County of Kent one of her most prominent and useful citizens. He was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, July 25, 1828, the youngest son of Charles and Diana (Reed) Charteris, the former of whom was of Cullivait House, Dumfriesshire, and the latter a daughter of John Reed, of Craggs, Northumberland, England.

The Charteris family is a very ancient one in the annals of Dumfriesshire, and probably originated in France and settled in Scotland in the reign of Malcolm IV, in 1153. A large tract of land was granted to members of the family for important services rendered the Crown, and some of this is still occupied by descendants of those early heroes. Among the family records is found one that certifies that on April 4, 1602, James VI slept at Amisfield on his way to England, this being a family castle, and the bed upon which royalty slumbered is now preserved in the Museum of Antiquities at Edinburgh, as is also a door on which a hero of the Charteris family is represented in the act of tearing the jaws of a lion asunder, this being typical of some act of bravery.

Charles Charteris, father of the late Charles George Charteris, was captain in the 28th Light Dragoons, and on the disbanding of his regiment was made adjutant of the Dumfriesshire Yeomanry Cavalry. Besides Charles George he had one son and two daughters: John Charles, who was an accountant, and died at St. Louis, Missouri: Diana Elizabeth, who married Frederick Charteris, of Australia; and Caroline, who died in infancy.

Charles George Charteris obtained his education in part at the high schools of his native locality and in part at a private academy at Brampton, England. In his eighteenth year he started out to seek his fortune, and emigrated to Ontario, Canada. At Chatham he entered the employ of Witherspoon & Charteris, general merchants and agents for the Gore Bank, the senior partner of this firm being a cousin. About five years later he engaged in the lumber business with William Baxter, who later became his father-in-law, and they continued thus until 1857, when Mr. Charteris was appointed treasurer of the County of Kent, which position he filled until his death. His public career in city and township was conspicuous and honorable. He sat for two terms in the city council, was the second mayor of Chatham, and acted as chairman of the board of school trustees. In numerous ways he rendered service to the community, and was esteemed by all who knew him. In politics





he was a man of strong convictions, and supported the Reform party. At one time he was agent for the Bank of Upper Canada at Chatham, and was retained in the disposal and management of their real estate in the County of Kent.

On Dec. 25, 1849, Mr. Charteris married Elizabeth Baxter (daughter of William Baxter), born April 20, 1833, who now resides on the home farm. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Caroline died at the age of ten years; Diana is the wife of Edward Colles, of Chicago, the inventor and patentee of a steam heater; Charles George died in infancy; Harriet L. died aged five years; Francis W. is mentioned below; Louisa is the wife of Dr. J. W. Mustard, of Mark Center, Ohio; Dr. Charles R. is a resident of Chatham; Frederick G. Y. is a farmer of Chatham.

Elizabeth (Baxter) Charteris, the esteemed widow of the late Charles George Charteris, was born at Epworth, Lincolnshire, England, a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Hawkins) Baxter. In 1834 Mr. Baxter removed with his family to Ontario, and located in the County of Kent on the present site of Chatham, the city being then represented by a small shanty. He soon became extensively engaged in lumbering, and erected the first sawmill on the river Thames, in the County of Kent. Until stricken with paralysis he retained his mental and physical activity. His death took place in February, 1877, at the age of seventy-two years, and that of his widow in March, 1887, at the age of seventy-six years. Both lie at rest in Maple Leaf cemetery, where the remains of Mr. Charteris were also interred. They were devout members of the Church of England. They had the following named children: Thomas H.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Charteris; Jane, Mrs. Isaac Smith, of Chatham; Harriet A., Mrs. H. G. Reed, of Chatham; William R., in the printing business at Chatham; Henry H., of Buffalo, New York; and James H., a farmer in Dakota.

Henry Baxter, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Charteris, was a native of England, and died in that country. He married Elizabeth Wright, who was born in England, but died in Ontario. Their children, William, James, Richard, Henry, John, Mary Bella and Ann, all died in Chatham, Ont. Mrs. Mary Ann (Hawkins) Baxter, the mother of Mrs. Charteris, had two brothers, William and James. The former came to Ontario, and later went to California, where he died. James died in England.

FRANCIS W. CHARTERIS continues to cultivate the old homestead farm on Lot 6, Concession 1, River Road, the place being known as "Beechwood Villa." He was born Jan. 14, 1860, at Chatham, and on April 9, 1890, in Thamesville, married Janet Ferguson MacFarlane. One daughter, Florence Katie, has been born to this union. Mrs. Charteris was born at Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Ferguson) MacFarlane, natives of Glasgow, Scotland, who were married in the County of Kent.

Mr. Charteris has been a member of the board of township trustees since 1902, and is one of the substantial and representative men of his section. Like his father he is a strong Reformer in political opinion. The family has always been devoted to the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Charteris is a member of the Sons of Scotland. His grandfather was a Mason of high degree.

There are few more refined and cultivated homes in this section of the County of Kent than that of Mr. Charteris. A well selected library indicates the studious habits of both himself and Mrs. Charteris, and musical instruments and fine paintings, including valuable family portraits, indicate a cultivated taste and intellectual acquirements.

DONALD HENDERSON, a prosperous general farmer residing on Lot 20, 11th Concession, Dover township, County Kent, owns a fine farm of 150 acres, which he has occupied since 1848. He was born Nov. 1, 1844, son of Donald, Sr., and Elizabeth (McKay) Henderson, who like him were natives of Scotland.

Mrs. Elizabeth (McKay) Henderson was born in 1817. In her young womanhood she became the bride of Donald Henderson, Sr., and she died in her native land at the age of forty-five years. Mr. Henderson married for his second wife, Mrs. Wilhelmina (Simpson) McKay who with his two sons and a daughter accompanied him in his emigration to Canada, and to Dover township, settling on the present farm of our subject, which was then in a wild condition. He died in 1871, aged sixty-three years. The children born to the first marriage of Donald Henderson, Sr., were: John, a

farmer of Dover township; Margaret, who married Thomas J. Collop, of Chatham; and Donald. No children were born of the second marriage.

Donald Henderson, Sr., was a son of another Donald Henderson, and his wife Margaret McKay. Both were natives of Scotland, where they lived and died, the former passing his active years engaged in farming.

Donald Henderson, our subject, has spent his life upon his farm, with the exception of six years. He returned, in 1875, to Scotland, where he spent a few months, but came back to Canada, and in 1882 resumed his life upon the home farm. On Jan. 18, 1882, Mr. Henderson was married in Dover township, at the home of the bride, to Jane Dunlop, and three children have been born to this union: Donald J., Alexandra and David, twins. Mrs. Henderson was born on an adjoining farm, a daughter of John Dunlop. In politics Mr. Henderson is a Reformer and for two years served most acceptably as township collector. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they take an active part, and of which he is a liberal supporter. After many years of hard labor, Mr. Henderson has come to a point in his life when he can rest to a certain degree, and enjoy the fruits of his efforts, although he looks after his affairs and manages everything of importance. Among his neighbors and friends, he is deservedly popular, and he and his family are important factors in the social life of the township.

MURRAY F. GARDINER, late of Tilbury East township, County of Kent, was a worthy representative of one of the old families of the locality and spent a half century on the farm where he died Feb. 11, 1904.

Mr. Gardiner was the youngest son of William Gardiner, and was born July 15, 1846, in Darlington township, County of Durham. He was a lad of eight years when the family came to the township of Tilbury East. During the first winter they occupied a house in Baddertown and in the following spring moved upon the north half of Lot 13, M. R. S., which was purchased of Henry Eberts. Our subject has the Crown deed, which bears the date of Dec. 8, 1847. This land was, at that day, considered of little value, in fact this tract of 100 acres was once traded for a barrel of whiskey, by Charles Grant, the original owner. At that time the land was entirely uncultivated, and a small log shanty stood some rods west of the present comfortable home. This the family occupied for five years, and then erected a larger house of hewed logs, which was occupied by the father until he gave up farming and went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Irwin, of Mersea township, County of Essex, where he died Aug. 15, 1887, in his eighty-second year. The mother died Aug. 3, 1873, aged sixty-eight years.

Some thirty-three years ago Murray F. Gardiner came into possession of the home place, at which time less than one-half had been cleared, so he well understood the labor required in clearing new land. He built the present residence. Mr. Gardiner devoted his entire attention to general farming, owning 300 acres, and was eminently successful, being justly considered one of the substantial men of his locality. He was one of the most esteemed residents of the Scottish neighborhood around Valetta, and was widely and sincerely mourned. Mr. Gardiner was a member of the Reform party in politics and took much interest in public matters. The family all belong to the Presbyterian Church at Valetta, of which Mr. Gardiner was a useful and earnest member for many years, and manager for fifteen years. His funeral services, which were largely attended, were conducted at the house by Rev. P. J. McQuarrie, assisted by Rev. J. B. Scott, and he was laid to rest by his Masonic brethren of Tilbury. The Sunday after the funeral a memorial sermon was preached in Valetta Church by the pastor. In politics Mr. Gardiner was a Liberal.

In 1870 Mr. Gardiner was united in marriage with Letitia Sloan, who was born in Tilbury East township, but was reared from childhood in Harwich township, and to this marriage the following children were born: Samuel, who now farms the homestead (he married Maggie Cameron, and they have one son); Ida May, who died aged nineteen years; and Mattie J., at home.

Grandfather Samuel Sloan was a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, and there grew to maturity and married Mary Banning, who was born in County Armagh. After the family came to Canada they made a permanent set-

tlement in the County of Kent, being one of the first families to locate in Tilbury East. With several of his sons he located on Lot 14, 10th Concession, receiving the land direct from the government at a time when there were but three or four families upon the Middle road. Upon this place the grandfather died and in time the boys separated and the land went into other hands.

Samuel Sloan, father of Mrs. Gardiner, was for a time a resident of Sandwich, where he married Martha Cowan. He soon afterward returned to Tilbury East township, where he purchased a farm on the Middle road which later he sold to John Richardson. He then moved to Harwich township, where he purchased a farm and passed a successful life, dying at the age of seventy-eight years; the mother, aged seventy-seven, is still living. To them were born fourteen children, namely: Mary Jane, wife of Charles Stewart, of Harwich; William, of Chatham; Margaret, wife of John Smith, of Harwich; Letitia, widow of Murray F. Gardiner; Samuel, who died in 1900, aged forty-seven (he was a resident of Harwich); Martha, wife of Adolphus Ball, of Harwich; James Thomas, of Harwich; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Chunith, of Harwich; Agnes, wife of James Mills, of Assiniboia; George Walter, of Harwich; Lucinda, wife of Archie McKeller, of Harwich; Robert John, who carries on the homestead farm in Harwich; Annabella, who resides on the home farm with her mother, and one that died in infancy. [For early family history see sketch of John L. Gardiner of Tilbury East township.]

JOHN JEFFS, a prosperous general farmer of Camden township, County of Kent and the present treasurer of that township, is a native of Ontario, born in the County of Addington, Aug. 28, 1845. His paternal ancestors were of Irish extraction, and he calls himself a thorough Irishman, though the Jeffs are supposed to have come to Ireland with William of Orange.

William and Margaret (Weir) Jeffs, his parents, were from County Armagh, Ireland, where they married and remained until 1843. They then came to Canada, and for a short time resided in the County of Addington, Mr. Jeffs working among farmers. Thence they moved to the County of Hastings, where he purchased a farm of 100 acres and made a permanent home. He was very successful as an agriculturist, and was enabled to add to his original purchase until he had 300 acres. He died in October, 1884, at the age of eighty-four years, and Mrs. Jeffs preceded him to the grave in May of the same year, at the age of seventy-eight years, five months. They were the parents of the following named children: Mary A., who is the widow of Simon Wiggins, of the County of Hastings; James, a retired farmer of Peterborough, Ont.; Isaac, a retired farmer of Camden township, County of Kent; John, whose name introduces these lines; George A., a farmer of the County of Hastings; Sarah E., wife of Jacob E. Hendricks, of Trenton, Ont.; and Thomas W., a physician, of Vancouver, British Columbia. The parents were members of the Methodist Church.

John Jeffs received his education in the public schools of the locality where he spent his youth. He remained on the home farm with his father until he was twenty years of age, after which he commenced clerking in a general store in Trenton, continuing thus for two years, and then embarking in the general merchandise business on his own account in Queensborough, County of Hastings, Ont. In 1878 he sold out and came to the County of Kent, where he purchased 100 acres of his present farm, which lies in the 6th Concession, Lot 6. He has since increased the area of his place, which now comprises 150 acres, well improved, with good buildings and a substantial brick house which Mr. Jeffs erected in 1879. By thrift, industry and careful management Mr. Jeffs has gained prosperity and risen to an excellent standing among the progressive farmers of Camden township. He has taken an active interest in the welfare of the community where he has had his home for the last quarter of a century, and has been somewhat of a leader in political affairs as a member of the Conservative party. In 1899 he was honored with election to the office of township treasurer, to which he has been re-elected continuously since—a record of service which speaks for itself.

On Oct. 20, 1877, Mr. Jeffs was married, in the County of Hastings, to Miss Emily Carleton, who was born Feb. 9, 1859, in the County of Hastings, and their union has been blessed with four children, William J., Thomas W., Ellaminnetta and Luella. All are at home but

Ellaminnetta, who teaches school at Dresden. The parents are members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally Mr. Jeffs is connected with the Independent Order of Foresters.

John Carleton, father of Mrs. Jeffs, was a native of Dublin, Ireland, whence his parents, Lancelot and Rebecca (Stewart) Carleton, came to Ontario in an early day, settling in Prince Edward County. They were farming people. John Carleton passed the principal part of his life in the County of Hastings, where he was engaged as a shoe merchant. He was a man prominent in the public affairs of his locality, serving acceptably as township collector for fifteen years, as tax collector for many years, and as county bailiff for many years. He was married in the County of Hastings to Dorothy West, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Gregg) West, of Belfast, Ireland, where she was born; her parents, who were farming people, were early settlers in the County of Hastings. Mr. and Mrs. West had children as follows: Rebecca, who married Isaac Jeffs (brother of John), of Camden township, County of Kent; Sarah, wife of R. E. Houghson, a farmer of Camden township; Margaret, who is deceased; Fanny, who became the wife of Francis Potts, a farmer of the County of Hastings; Emily, Mrs. Jeffs; and Charlotte, wife of James Williams, a farmer of the County of Hastings. The mother of this family died in 1863, at the early age of thirty-four; the father survived until Oct. 28, 1892, reaching the age of seventy-eight. In religious connection they were members of the Methodist Church.

DANIEL EDWARDS, a prosperous general farmer and formerly school director of Zone township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 1, Concession 5, where he owns 100 acres with fifty acres adjoining, came to his present place from another farm in the same township. His birth took place in Wardsville, Ont., County of Middlesex, May 7, 1841, and he is a son of Daniel and Jane (Stafford) Edwards, of Canada.

Thomas Edwards, his great-grandfather, was a U. E. Loyalist who came to Canada during the war of the Revolution. He was of English extraction, and came to America from England or Wales in an early day, he and his wife, Elizabeth (Rayel) Edwards, settling in Pennsylvania. They lived at Redstone, Pennsylvania, and had a large farm when the war broke out. Refusing to take up arms against the King, the head of the house was taken prisoner, while his wife begged for his release, for he was ill. Finally her plea was granted, upon her promise to return him when he was well enough. He gathered together all he could, and, with his four horses and an Indian guide, with several other families escaped into Canada, crossing the river from Detroit to Windsor in 1784. His son James, then six years of age, died in 1847, when sixty-nine years old. After settling in Canada Thomas Edwards rented farms along the river Thames, in the County of Essex, for several years, when the King granted him 200 acres, Lot 10, Concession 1, Delaware township, on which he remained until his death, in 1810. His property in the States was confiscated.

In 1861 Daniel Edwards, father of the Daniel whose name opens this sketch, located in Zone township, County of Kent, where he died June 24, 18—, aged eighty-three years; his wife was seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death, having been born July 28, 1813. They are buried in Bothwell. They were earnest Methodists, and the father took a deep interest in church and Sunday-school work, being a teacher and class-leader for over fifty years. The children born to this worthy couple were: Lydia Caroline married John Martin, of the County of Lambton; Abel is a Methodist minister at present at Waupoo Island; Daniel is mentioned below; James is unmarried; Thomas Albert is a merchant of Portland, Oregon; Sophia married J. D. Lancaster, a merchant of Portland, Oregon; Harriet Jane married Franklin Konkle, a farmer near Beamsville; Margaret Keziah died in her nineteenth year.

In April, 1866, at his present home, Daniel Edwards, whose name opens these lines, was married to Mary Ann Boam. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards had no children of their own, but have reared several. Mrs. Edwards was born in Beamsville, Ont., daughter of John and Frances E. House Boam, of Pennsylvania and Beamsville, Ont., respectively, the former of whom came to Canada when eighteen years of age, locating at Beamsville. By occupation he was a carpenter. He came to the County of Kent in 1861, locating in Zone township, where



Mary A Edwards



Daniel Edwards

he remained, engaged at farming until his death, April 11, 1895, aged eighty-two years, while his wife died July 2, 1890, aged seventy-seven years. They are buried in Bothwell cemetery. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Boam was in the township council many years and was a man of prominence. The children born to himself and wife were: Sophia, deceased, who married Abraham Culp; Mary Ann, Mrs. Edwards; Margaret C., widow of John Decow, of Zone township; Sarah L., of Zone township, married to Joshua Litster, a farmer and member of the council of that township; Daniel S., of Zone township; and Frances E., who married Reuben Wright, a retired farmer of Kingsville, Ontario.

Until his marriage Daniel Edwards remained with his parents, and then located on his present farm. After farming a short time, until he was twenty-eight years of age, he began teaching in the township and thus continued for twenty years, when he resumed farming. For several years he was on the school board, and served with marked ability. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Reformer, and has always taken an active interest in local affairs. Enterprising, public-spirited, a man of education who understands how to apply practically what he knows to the needs of every day life, naturally Mr. Edwards has always been a leader among his fellow townsmen, but while he has thus attained special prominence he has never lost the friendship of those with whom he is associated. Any community is better for the influence of a man of this character, who is broadened by reading and study, and who can judge of the importance and necessity of projected movements other than from a purely local standpoint.

CHARLES DAVID, a retired agriculturist of Dover township, has, in the steady pursuit of one main industry, made a thorough success of life. His well-improved 100-acre farm, with its substantial brick house and other attractive buildings, beautifully located on Lot 7, along the river front, is a marked evidence of his prosperity and well-directed industry. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Oct. 15, 1839, he is the son of Alexander and Estella (Fauss) David.

Alexander David, for years a prominent business man of Detroit, Michigan, passed his early years in Quebec. There he received careful rearing, and early acquired some practical knowledge of business. As a young man he found plenty of work in Quebec for some years, and there made a good start in life. However, hoping to better his fortunes, he in 1835, went to Detroit, Michigan, and engaged in the dray business. He also took charge of some express wagons, and, giving strict attention to his affairs, soon established a large business, which he continued throughout the rest of his active life, making well out of it. A wise manager, thrifty and industrious, he amassed considerable property. He died in 1845, at the age of fifty-five years.

During his young manhood Mr. David married Estella Fauss, of Quebec, who died in 1839, and is buried in Detroit. He afterward married a Miss Fontaine. By the first union there were five children: Alexander, who was killed in the United States, while in the service during the Civil war; Paul, who went North on a fishing expedition, and was never afterward heard from; Alfred, who died in Detroit, Michigan; Edward, who resides in Cleveland, Ohio; and Charles, who is mentioned below. By the second marriage there were two children: Joseph, who died in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Julius, who is a blacksmith at that place.

Mr. David was a man of ability, with skill in directing affairs. He was exacting, commanding and at the same time considerate, and won the confidence of the general public and the good-will of his employes. A man of marked integrity, honest and square in his dealings, he won an excellent reputation for himself among business men. He and his wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Charles David had the misfortune to lose his own mother soon after birth, but from the time he was one month old found a good home with a childless couple, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Duvan, who about 1851 came to Dover township, and in 1882 settled upon the farm where Mr. David now resides. Mr. Duvan passed his last days with his adopted son, and died in 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-four years; his wife died in 1882. Both were buried in Pain Court cemetery. Under the kind and watchful care of this worthy couple Mr. David received careful rearing, and was trained to habits of industry and thrift. A taste for rural

pursuits decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in agriculture, and for many years he continued the industry upon his foster father's farm. In Dover township, in October, 1861, Mr. David married Sophia Sharrow, who was born in Dover township in 1843, daughter of John and Armine (Bogreau) Sharrow, of Quebec, who after some years settled upon a farm in Dover township, where they afterward resided. To Mr. and Mrs. David have been born thirteen children: John, a farmer of Dover township; Celena, who married Gilbert Boyeau, of Bay City, Michigan, and is now deceased; Mary, who married Edward Equarat; Josephine, who married Israel Noel, of Bay City, Michigan (and is now deceased); Dillama, who married David Blanger, a farmer of Dover township; Louisa, who married Israel Noel, of Bay City; Rose, who married Herbert McIntyre, a farmer of Dover township; sister Rayneria, of St. Francis, who is to be a nun in Lafayette, Indiana; Adelaide, who married Jacob Belange, a farmer of Dover, and is now deceased; Catharine, Ida and William, who are living at home; and Alfred, a farmer of Dover township, who married Bellia Barnier.

After marriage Mr. David settled upon the homestead in Dover township, where he carried on a successful agricultural industry for many years. In 1882, however, with his foster father, he moved to the 100-acre tract, where he now resides. This place he has improved, cultivated extensively and made into one of the most attractive farms in the locality. He has engaged in all kinds of general farming adapted to the locality, and has raised some of the best products marketed in the county. He is now one of the well-to-do farmers of his section, and some time ago he assisted his son to secure a fine 100-acre farm. A short time ago Mr. David retired from active work, and is now enjoying his well earned leisure. In 1903 he had the misfortune to lose his barn, which was accidentally burned, but as he carried insurance the loss was not as heavy as it might have been. He built a fine new barn in 1904.

Mr. David has, in addition to farming, found time for public affairs, and in 1881 and 1882 served as township councilor, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and efficiency. Deeply interested in educational matters, he has acted as school trustee for six years, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to any worthy enterprise. As a Reformer he has always evinced a keen interest in local politics and has been very influential. He is a man of marked integrity, is devoted to his family, and has long cherished the memory of his foster parents, to whom he was ever a most dutiful son. He has erected to their memory elegant tombstones, which were removed at the time of the building of the new church. He has been a good Roman Catholic all his life.

WILLIAM H. VAN DUZEN, an agriculturist on Lot 17, Concession 10, Chatham township, has thoroughly demonstrated that a farmer's wealth can not always be measured by acres alone. By the thorough cultivation of his small tract, and by putting each portion to the use for which it was most obviously designed, he has now one of the most attractive and paying farms in the locality.

Mr. Van Duzen was born in Prince Edward County, Sept. 1, 1847, and comes of a family of successful agriculturists of that locality. His father, Henry M. Van Duzen, who prominently identified himself with the development of the agricultural resources of his section, was also born in Prince Edward County, and there in a well-ordered home grew to manhood. During his early years he received some practical training in agriculture, and both environment and inherent ability decided him upon reaching manhood to continue the occupation. For many years he followed the pursuit in his native county; but later, in 1867, impressed with the excellent agricultural openings in the West, he came to the County of Kent, settling upon a farm in Harwich township, which he cultivated for several years, and which he also greatly improved from time to time. By his well-directed industry, and his careful financial management, he in time became one of the prosperous farmers of his locality. In due time he retired to the town of Dresden, where he died in 1901, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Mr. Van Duzen married Hulda North, who was born in Prince Edward County, and died June 5, 1891. By this union there were eight children, five of whom are now living. Mr. Van Duzen possessed those sterling traits of character that win success for a man at every step in life—energy, foresight, persistence and courage. His square business dealings and his

many winning social attributes attracted to him a large circle of warm friends.

William H. Van Duzen, on his father's farm in Prince Edward County, was reared to a life of strong activity. In the public schools of his vicinity he pursued his studies diligently for several years, laying the foundation for a solid education. Like most farmers' boys he performed his share of the home tasks, and thus acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture, and to some extent of business. A decided taste and an opening right at hand decided him upon reaching manhood to continue the pursuit, and for a number of years, in fact until he was twenty-six years old, he remained on the home farm. Prudent and saving, he was in time enabled to purchase a small tract of his own, and there on fifty acres in Concession 9, County of Kent, he settled and engaged in agriculture for himself. Taking up his work with zeal, he left scarcely a spot uncultivated, and wisely giving his attention to those products which commanded the highest market value, he made exceptionally well out of his industry. From year to year he improved both the buildings and the ground of his farm. Continuing to prosper, he remained there for eighteen years, when he moved to his present 100-acre farm, on Lot 17, Concession 10, where he has carried on his industry very much as on the first farm, always making a careful study of the soil and physical conditions, and putting in crops best adapted to their requirements. Three acres of this fine farm are planted with apple, peach, pear and plum trees, which produce some of the finest fruit marketed in the locality. He and his wife have spared neither time nor energy in beautifying their homestead, and their carefully tended lawn, with rare shrubs and fine shade trees, is a special evidence of their skill and artistic taste in landscape gardening.

Mr. Van Duzen married, December 29, 1875, Lucy Eagleson, of Madoc, Canada, and of this union there have been four children, three of whom are now living at home: Violet, who married Charles Hassan, a farmer of the County of Kent; James A.; Norman S.; and Lester E.

Mr. Van Duzen possesses energy and the power of properly directing it to the duties of life. He is not only a hard worker, but one who derives good money returns for his labor. His achievements and his force of character have brought him to the front among the agriculturists of his community. Fraternally he belongs to the Orangemen, Lodge No. 918, of Dresden. The Baptist Church counts him among its regular attendants and liberal supporters. Politically he affiliates with the Conservatives.

Thomas Eagleson, father of Mrs. Van Duzen, was born in Newton Stewart, Wigtown, Scotland, and when eight years old came with his parents to Canada, and settled with them at Madoc. He embarked upon life as a farmer, and as such continued throughout his active career. About 1873 he settled upon a farm in the County of Kent, where he afterward pursued his industry. He died in 1895. In this country he belonged to the Orangemen, holding membership in Lodge No. 958, at Kent bridge. Mr. Eagleson married Hannah Flog Dale Bacon, granddaughter of Lord Flog Dale, of Itering, Norfolk, England. She was born in the year 1832, and her parents came to Canada when she was five years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Bacon were born seven children, five of whom are now living. Mrs. Eagleson died in Madoc, at the age of thirty-four years.

JAMES McRITCHIE, a leading man of Harwich, belongs to one of the old established families of the Dominion. It was in 1832, before a railroad crossed this great country, and antedating the accession to the English throne of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, by five years, that his grandparents, Charles and Mary McRitchie, came with their children from the Scottish Highlands to Canada, and were among the early pioneers of the County of Leeds. There they reared their numerous family and ended their days. Their children were: James, Charles, George, Alexander, Maria, Elizabeth, Eliza and Margaret, all deceased, all these sons dying in the County of Kent; Annie, who is the wife of James Maitland, and still a resident of the County of Leeds; and William, who lives in Hanover, County of Huron. Of this family,

Alexander McRitchie, the father of James, became a well-known, substantial and much esteemed citizen. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1819. For some years he was engaged as section boss, at Thamesville, on the

Grand Trunk railroad, but in 1859 he moved to Bothwell, where he bought a farm on which he lived until 1866. Selling that property, he bought another, in Harwich township, and another on the lake, where his son Alexander lived until 1901. At this home Alexander McRitchie died, in November, 1901. He married Annie Bushell, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1824, and who still survives him, residing at Blenheim, County of Kent. The nine children born to Alexander and Annie McRitchie were as follows: James, born Feb. 28, 1854, in the County of Leeds, Ont., is mentioned below. Alexander, born in 1856, at Thamesville, married Maude Bell, of Howard, who died in 1895, leaving two children, Victor B. and Clair, the latter deceased; Alexander McRitchie was principal of the Caledonia high school, and occupied the same position for two years in Ridgetown. Annie C., born in 1858, at Bothwell, married Dr. D. K. Stenton, of the County of Lambton, and they have two children, Edna G. and Bonnie A. David H., born in 1860, at Bothwell, is now a merchant at Rodney; he married Pauline Leibner, of Morpeth, and they have children, Herbert, Carl and D. Douglas. Dr. Thomas L., born in 1862, at Bothwell, now resides at McKay's Corners; he was educated at the Western University, at London, in medicine, and also took a classical course; he married Lena Montgomery, of Chatham, and they have one daughter, Gladys. Maria, born in 1864, at Bothwell, married William Steen, of Botany, Howard township, and they have two children, Elda and David K. Agnes, born in 1866, in Harwich, married Isaac Montgomery, and they reside on Concession 8, in Dover township. Josie, born in 1869, for six years one of County Kent's successful teachers, is now the wife of Albert Fletcher, of Blenheim. Albert E., born in 1873, in Harwich, married Emma Spence, of Howard, and they reside on the old homestead; they have one daughter, Freda.

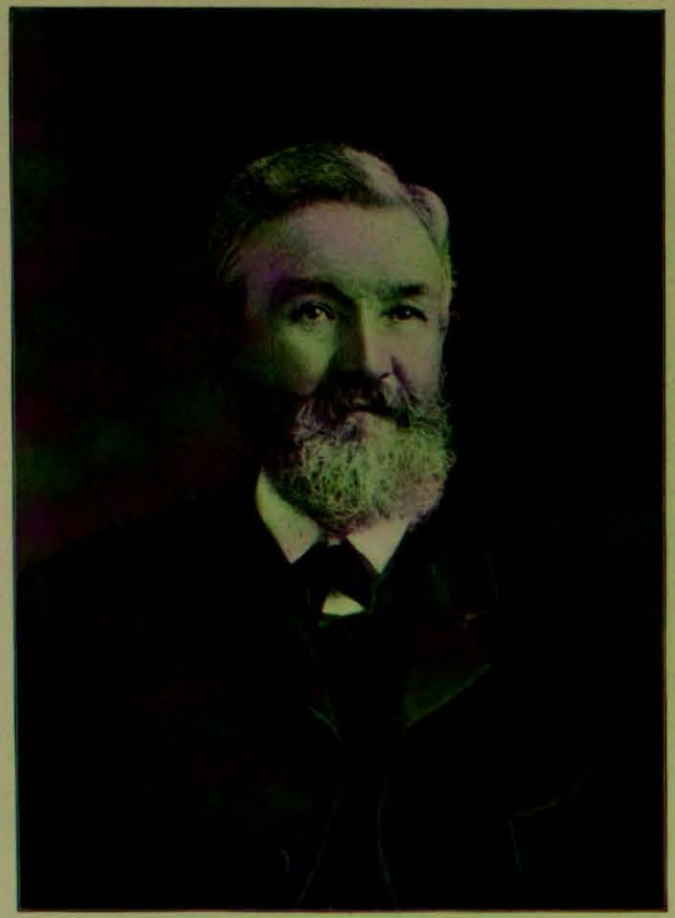
James McRitchie, the eldest of his father's family, grew to manhood on the home farm, and received his education in the schools of Bothwell. He became a practical farmer and managed his father's home farm for several years prior to his marriage, in addition cultivating a farm of his own, which he had purchased in 1879. The latter was known as the John Watson homestead. This has continued to be his home, and here he has made many valuable improvements, in the way of erecting excellent buildings, fencing and draining, as well as the judicious planting of fruit and shade trees. Mr. McRitchie has one of the most comfortable homes of Harwich township.

On Jan. 18, 1881, Mr. McRitchie married Minnie L. Reeder, who was born in 1861, on the Ridge road, in Howard, a daughter of John Reeder, a most respected old settler who now resides at Florence, at the age of eighty-four years. Children as follows have been born to this union: Lionel D., born at the present home, in 1882, who still lives there; James Lorne, born in 1884; Alfred E.; Florene Grace; M. Myrtle; David Stanley and John L. Lyle.

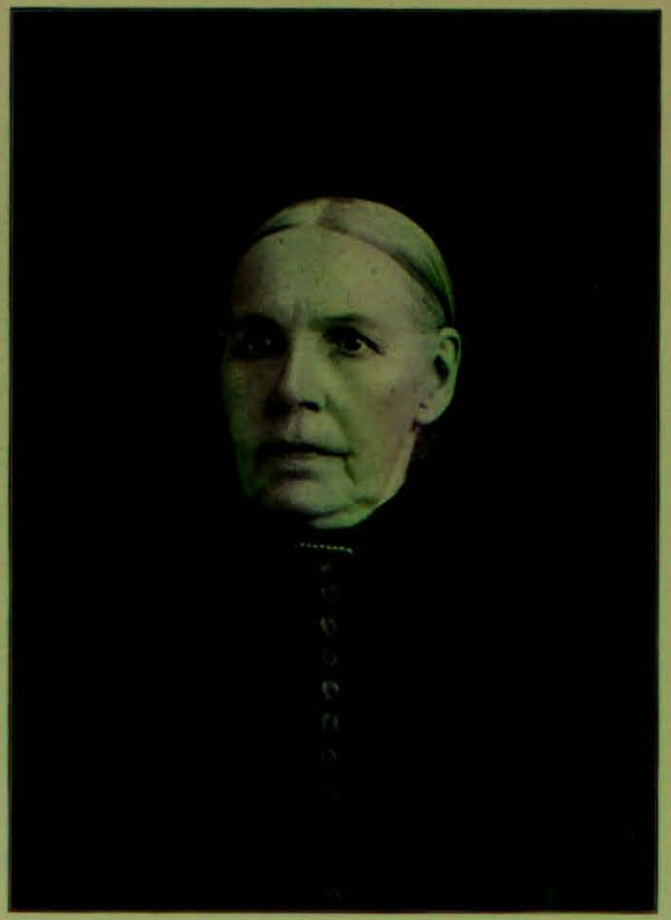
In religious belief the father of Mr. McRitchie was a Presbyterian, and his mother was a Methodist. To the latter church he has attached himself, and for many years has been active in its work. As class-leader, steward and assistant superintendent, he has been diligent and useful. Politically, like his father, he has always been identified with the Conservative party, and is regarded as one of the wise men in its local councils. Fraternally he belongs to the order of Foresters, No. 927, of Morpeth. Mr. McRitchie is justly esteemed in his locality as an honorable, upright, conscientious Christian gentleman, and one of the loyal and representative citizens.

RICHARD L. GOSNELL, a leading barrister of the County of Kent, who for the past twelve years has been in the active practice of his profession in the town of Blenheim, is a descendant of one of the early settled families of the county.

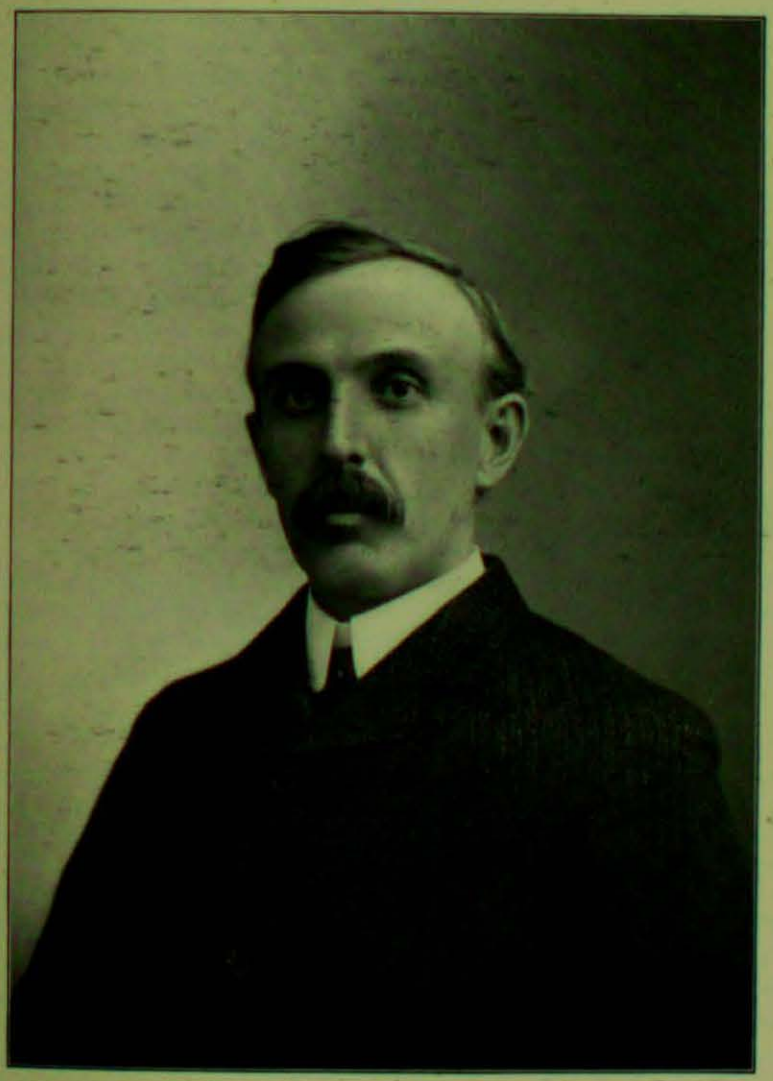
The Gosnell family is of south of Ireland nativity, and contrary to the general religious tendencies of the residents of that part of the Emerald Isle, they are Protestant in religion. Joseph Gosnell, the grandfather of Richard L., was born in Ireland, and there married Mary Webb, also a native of that locality. In 1832, with wife and children, Mr. Gosnell came to Ontario, stopping for a season in Toronto. His journey there ended, his death taking place the same year. The bereaved widow with her children pushed on into the County of Kent and located in 1833 in Orford township, where some of the descendants are still living. The children of Joseph and Mary Gosnell were:



JAMES GOSNELL



MRS. ELIZABETH GOSNELL



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Joseph, George, Lawrence and Henry, all deceased; James, the father of Richard L., still living; Frances and Ann, deceased; Sarah, Mrs. James Ostrander, living in the State of Illinois; Ellen, Mrs. Reycraft, of Orford, deceased; and Mary (twin to Sarah), who died in infancy, in Ireland.

JAMES GOSNELL, fifth son of Joseph, was born in Ireland April 25, 1822, and accompanied his parents to Ontario in 1832, remaining with his mother after the death of his father, and assisting her until his own marriage, in 184—, to Elizabeth Salter, daughter of Thomas Salter, also of Irish extraction. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James Gosnell settled on a farm in Orford township, County of Kent, where they have passed together more than a half century, and are still surviving, surrounded by their many friends. To them were born the following named children: Susan Ann married David Lattimer of Howard township, and both are now deceased. Thomas S. married Maud Walker, and resides in Winnipeg, where he is collector of inland revenue; their only daughter bears the name of Eileen. Joseph, who resides at DeKalb, State of Illinois, married Mary Mills and their three children are Byron W., Richard Roy and Glenn. William A., who resides in Ridgetown, married Allie Mitton, and they have one son, Hal. John J. is unmarried and resides on the old homestead in Orford. George G. died at the age of twenty-two years. Richard L. is mentioned below. Mary Elizabeth is still at home.

Richard L. Gosnell was born May 17, 1863, on the old homestead in Orford township where he grew to manhood, alternately employed in assisting on the farm and attending school. He began teaching when not more than seventeen years of age; and followed that profession for three years, after which he entered the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, preparatory to the study of law. In the fall of 1884 he found the opportunity to begin his legal studies with N. Mills, of Ridgetown, later entering the office of Foy & Kelly, of Toronto, and after passing his necessary examinations, with great credit, was called to the Bar, in November, 1889. On Jan. 10, 1890, Mr. Gosnell announced himself ready for practice in Blenheim, and was so cordially received that it has been his home ever since.

Since 1889 Mr. Gosnell has been notary public. By the request and solicitation of the council of Blenheim he was appointed, June 23, 1891, police magistrate of the town, and ably performed the duties of that office until his resignation, which took place Aug. 1, 1902. Since settling in Blenheim he has been active in politics, not as a candidate for office, but in furthering the causes of his friends and the interests of his party. He is ex-president of the East Kent Reform Association, having held that office for one term. Mr. Gosnell is one of the trustees of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, appointed by the county council in 1901, being one of the three county representatives on the board. In fraternal life he has also been prominent, and is a leading member of the I. O. O. F. and the Masons, having passed through the chairs in both of these orders.

In March, 1892, Mr. Gosnell was united in marriage with Miss Lillie, daughter of William Tape, and granddaughter of Thomas Tape, well-known citizens of Howard and Orford townships, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell are members of the Methodist Church, in which they are active, as they are also in the pleasant social enjoyments of the town, where both are most highly esteemed.

ALEXANDER D. FORSYTHE, one of the prominent citizens of Colchester South, County of Essex, descends from Scottish stock that have long been distinguished in military affairs. For many generations, or as long ago as the battle of Bannockburn, those of the name have been residents of Stirling, several members of the family fighting under Bruce and Wallace in the early Scottish wars.

John Forsythe, the grandfather of Alexander D., was a soldier by profession, and served under Wellington in his Belgian campaign, which resulted in the downfall of Napoleon at Waterloo.

John Forsythe (2), son of John and father of Alexander D., was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in 1815. He entered the military service in the corps of Sappers and Miners, and for efficiency in his work was promoted, at the time he gave up his commission having some 600 men employed under him. He was married in Edinburgh to Euphemia Trupe, and with his family set sail, in 1850, for America.

For two years after his arrival on this side of the Atlantic Mr. Forsythe resided at Lockport, New York, and then removed to the County of Kent, Ont., making the trip from Buffalo to Detroit by steamer, and by the "Plow Boy" to Chatham. He located on Lot 12, Concession 8, in Chatham township, where he purchased 100 acres of thickly wooded land, and there he began preparation to properly provide for his family. With the assistance of his sons the land was soon put under cultivation and the family added to their holdings until they owned 600 acres of land in that immediate neighborhood, the same still being in their possession. Politically Mr. Forsythe was a Reformer, and while a resident of Scotland took a lively interest in local public affairs. He died in 1878, aged sixty-three years, after a life of much arduous toil.

The children of John Forsythe and his wife were as follows: John, who is a farmer in Chatham township, County of Kent; James, also of Chatham township; Alexander D.; Lillie, wife of Andrew Quinn, of Ohio; Margaret, wife of David Nesbett, of the County of Lambton; Robert, the owner of the homestead farm; David, owner of a farm of 230 acres south of the homestead; and Mary, wife of George Shaw, of Chatham township. All are well fixed in life and prominent and representative citizens.

Alexander D. Forsythe was born at Toarwood, in Stirling, almost under the walls of Stirling Castle, a most historic spot, and he was but six years of age when the family crossed the ocean. That was in the days of the slow sailing vessel, and six weeks and three days were consumed on the voyage. When he was eight years old the family located in the County of Kent, where he grew to manhood and obtained the best education afforded by the schools of Chatham township at that time. Until he was thirty years old Mr. Forsythe engaged in farming in Chatham township, and then removed to the State of Kansas. One year there satisfied him that Chatham township afforded more agricultural opportunities, so he returned and bought there a farm of 100 acres on which he resided for ten years. He then sold this property and removed to South Lyon, Michigan, where he organized a stock company which engaged largely in the manufacture of furniture. Subsequently he severed his connection with this company and embarked in a dairy business which he followed for some years. After ten years' residence in Michigan he came back to Ontario, and as a speculation bought a farm of 265 acres in Colchester township South, in 1899. The possibilities of this farm induced him to resume agricultural pursuits and he has since successfully engaged in general farming.

Politically Mr. Forsythe is a stanch Reformer, and while a resident of the County of Kent he took considerable interest in municipal and provincial affairs, and served for a period in the Chatham council. The members of the Forsythe family have always been zealous Presbyterians.

In Chatham township Mr. Forsythe married Margaret Jean McVicar, a native of Argyll, Scotland, and to this union have been born children as follows: Miss Elizabeth Duncan, at home; James Douglas, who married Miss Edna Blanchard and has one daughter, Margaret B.; John Stewart, at home; Duncan, a farmer in Colchester township, who married Helen Craig and has one child, Jean; George and Jessie Gordon, who are both at home. Mr. Forsythe is a man of comfortable means, intelligence and prominence, and he and family are held in the highest esteem in Colchester South.

The McVicar family, to which Mrs. Forsythe belongs, was one of the pioneer families in Chatham township. John McVicar, her grandfather, was a native of Argyllshire, Scotland, where he married Janet McTavish. In 1837, with his wife and twelve children, he came to Canada and settled on Lot 11, Concession 4, in Chatham township. His children were as follows: Duncan, father of Mrs. Forsythe; Jesse; Helen, a resident of Fergus; Barbara; John; Hugh; Neil; Mary; Malcolm, for many years in charge of a college at Atlanta, Georgia, a man of superior mental attainments; and D. H., also a polished scholar, a professor in the Presbyterian College at Montreal.

Duncan McVicar was born in Argyll, Scotland, and there married Elizabeth Duncan. To them were born children as follows: John, a resident of Winnipeg; George, who served in the Riel Rebellion, was taken prisoner, and died in consequence of the hardships then endured;

Margaret Jean, Mrs. Forsythe; Jessie, who died at Spokane, Washington; Hugh, who died in the County of Kent; and Duncan and James M., engineers on the Great Lakes.

ANDREW B. MORDEN. The superiority of Howard township to many other sections of the County of Kent may no doubt be explained by the high grade of citizenship within its borders. Among the prominent retired farmers of that township, one of the most highly esteemed of its citizens, is Andrew B. Morden, who resides on Lot 13, Concession 12.

Mr. Morden was born in London township, County of Middlesex, December 20, 1823, a son of Ralph and Margaret (Banghart) Morden, the former of whom was born in 1797, in Dundas, Ontario, and the latter in 1802, in the State of New Jersey, she being a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Park) Banghart, both of whom were born in New Jersey, of Holland parentage, who settled in the States prior to the Revolutionary war. Ralph Morden was a son of John and Hannah (Sutton) Morden, natives of the State of New Jersey, John Morden being a son of Ralph and Ann (Durham) Morden, the former a native of Yorkshire, England, the latter of Ireland; she was a cousin of Lord General Durham of Canada.

Ralph Morden, the early ancestor, came to America on a pleasure trip with other companions of noble birth, and being pleased with the aspects of the country in the State of New Jersey, purchased a large tract of land there as early as 1742. There he married Ann Durham. When troubles arose which culminated in the Revolutionary war in the States, he being a Quaker, would not fight, and put himself under the protection of a British officer. He lost his life, following which calamity his widow, with her five children, migrated to Canada. Ralph Morden had belonged to a noble family in England, his father being an earl, but no family record tells that the brave widow was assisted by their noble relatives in the care and support of her family. She was evidently a woman of great force of character, and with her family settled at Dundas, County of Wentworth, entering 400 acres of land, given them by the English government in recognition of the fact that the father was a United Empire Loyalist. John, the grandfather of Andrew B. Morden, was the eldest of the children, the others being Ralph, James, and two daughters. All settled in homes of their own in Canada, although at a later date some returned to the States, where their descendants still reside.

John Morden, born in New Jersey in 1769, married Hannah Sutton, and settled in Dundas, County of Wentworth, where he owned several large farms. Afterward he removed to Westminster township, County of Middlesex, where he was a pioneer, and became one of the successful and wealthy men of that locality. He died in 1835. His wife survived him, living to be ninety-one years of age, and dying in Westminster township. They reared a family of eight sons and two daughters, of whom Ralph, the father of Andrew B., was the eldest the others being: (2) William, born at Dundas, married Hannah Cumming, of Canada, and they settled in London township, where he lived and died, leaving four sons and three daughters —Cummings (now a farmer of Chatham, who married Margaret Brown, a sister to Mrs. Andrew B. Morden and has a large family), John, Charles, Sutton, Hannah, Prudence and Mary. (3) John and (4) James, twins, were born in the old home. John married Mary A. Parkerson, of London township, and they settled on Concession 7, dying there; they left children, Rev. John P., of London; Robert, of Wisconsin; Jane; Ann, deceased; Hannah; Ezra; Ellen and Margaret, deceased; and Mary, wife of Meredith Conn, of Windsor. James married Betsey McGarvey, of Canada, settled on Concession 7, London township, and was there a pioneer farmer, clearing up a fine property before his death; he left children—John, James, Moses, Daniel, William, Jemima, Hannah, Sarah A., Ellen and Katherine. (5) Moses, born at Dundas, settled on Concession 5, in London township. He married Phoebe Pratt, of London, and their children were John, deceased; James; Betsey and Hannah, deceased; Margaret, of Michigan; and Phoebe, now Mrs. Brown, of Howard township. (6) McKay, born at Dundas, came before his parents to London township, married Betsey Mudge, and settled on Concession 8, in London township, where both died, leaving children—John and William, both deceased, the latter a Methodist minister; Wesley, of Michigan; and Martha A., of Buffalo. (7) David, born at Dundas, married Hannah Everetts, settled on a farm in

Concession 8, where he lived many years, and died in Dakota, leaving a large family, John and David, being now the only survivors. Susan, Mrs. Aaron, of London, is deceased. (8) Daniel, born at Dundas, married and settled at Westminster, near London, where he died, leaving two sons, Albert and William, the latter living in London, Ontario. (9) Nancy, born in Dundas, married John Rutledge, and they settled on a farm in Westminster township. Their children are all deceased. A grandchild, Dr. Rutledge Lambeth, is a very prominent man in the County of Westminster, and is a member of Parliament. (10) Eleanor, born in Dundas, married Rev. John K. Williston, one of the pioneer ministers of Canada, who was at one time a missionary among the Indians of the Dominion. They died leaving two children, Wesley (deceased) and Ann (who married Rev. William Nailen, and left three daughters).

Ralph Morden, born in 1797, was given as good school advantages as were possible at the time, and learned the tanning business, not following it, however, as agriculture was more congenial. In 1819 he married Margaret Banghart and began the making of a home on a 200-acre tract of land in Concession 5, London township, where he built a small log house. Ere long this was replaced by a frame one and a few years later by a handsome brick residence, where he lived during the balance of his life of activity, although he later bought a farm in Westminster. He died in the city of London, Ont., in June, 1873. Mr. Morden upheld the highest standards of living. Early in life he was ordained a minister, and he acted in the capacity of local preacher in the Methodist Church for many years. His temperance principles were well known and he very frequently lectured on that subject. His most estimable wife, a sharer in the trials of pioneer days, survived him, and died at the home of her son Andrew B., in 1891, in her eighty-ninth year. Of their children the following grew to maturity, namely: John D., born in 1820, married Hannah Lewis, of Westminster, settled on a farm in London township for some years, and then sold the place and moved to the State of Missouri, where he died, his widow and the eight children still living in the States, Charles, Benjamin, Park, Sarah A., Margaret, Elizabeth, Jemimah and Lulu. Dr. Parks, born in London township, was educated in medicine in the New York Medical College, settled in the city of London, where he married Maggie Flock, and engaged there in successful practice for many years, dying in 1883; his only daughter died in young womanhood, but his widow still survives. Andrew B. is mentioned below. Mary A., born in 1824, married Charles Woodhull, who settled in Lobo township as a farmer and lumberman; he died leaving children—Wesley, Margaret (now Mrs. Wood of Chicago), Lena M. (now Mrs. Dobbin of Milwaukee), and Eliza S. (now Mrs. Auld of County of Essex, Canada). Elizabeth, born in 1829 at the home in London, married Charles Gustin, and settled on the shore of Lake Huron, where he engaged in farming; his wife died there in 1890, leaving these children, Dr. Ralph, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; George, of Chicago; Edward, of Manitoba; William, of Manitoba; Frank, on the old homestead; Lena A., now the wife of E. Pratt, one of the wealthy business men of London; and Josephine, wife of Joseph Pratt, of Chicago. Nancy E., born at London, married William Buttry, who settled in the County of Middlesex, and died, leaving six children, Margaret A., now Mrs. Davis, of Dakota; Mary, now Mrs. Andrew Thompson, of Canada; Alberta, now Mrs. George Newton, of Toronto; Charlotte, wife of Artist Whyte, prominent in Boston, Mass.; and Ethelburt and Morden, of the old homestead.

Andrew B. Morden, the second son, is the only surviving member of this old and prominent Dominion family. His education was obtained at the public schools, and he remained at home, assisting on the farm, until his marriage, November 6, 1851, to Elizabeth Brown, the estimable daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Phillips) Brown, both of whom were of English ancestry, born and reared at Halifax, Nova Scotia. They came to the County of Kent as early as 1833, at which time he purchased land in Howard township upon which they lived for three years, and they then moved to Chatham, where Mr. Brown died in 1838, leaving a wife and eleven children. The mother passed away in November, 1873, and but four of the children survive: Ann, Mrs.

James Hea; Eunice, Mrs. Robert Slade; Henry and Mrs. Morden. Mrs. Morden was born in December, 1833, in Nova Scotia.

Following his marriage Mr. Morden settled on his farm in London township and lived there for thirty-five years, building during that time two brick residences, besides barns and outbuildings, and otherwise improving until he made his farm one of the best in London township. In 1885 he disposed of this property and purchased his present large farm in Concession 11, Howard township, this estate containing 120 acres of very fine land; the handsome brick residence and large bank barns, in addition to other substantial improvements, make this one of the most valuable properties of Howard. Mr. Morden has always been a practical farmer, and has adopted those methods which are most sure to bring success, thoroughly understanding the science of farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Morden are the parents of a notable family of children, who have had the opportunity of witnessing their beloved and honored parents celebrate their Golden Wedding, in November, 1901. We have the following record of this family: Dr. Ralph, born in the London township home, was educated in medicine in the city of New York, married Nora Stine, of Ohio, and for the twenty-five years before his death, in May, 1903, was a prominent physician at Circleville, Ohio; his six children were, Elizabeth, Fannie, Marie, Jennie, Ralph and Helen. Sarah E. is the wife of George E. Smith, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, a railroad contractor; their only daughter is Helen. Margaret E., like her sister Sarah, was educated in a Canadian college; she is now the wife of Herbert F. Gardner, managing editor of the Hamilton *Times*, of Hamilton, Ontario, and now Principal of the Ontario Institution for the Blind, at Brantford, Ontario; their three children are Winifred, Alberta and James A. W. Frank, born in London township, is the manager of the home farm, having devoted his life to his parents. Charles A. married Jennie McLain, daughter of Duncan McLain, of Howard, and resides on Concession 11, in Howard; they have one son, Aldrich. Josephine, a lady of education, travel and culture, spends part of her time with friends in various places and welcomes them to the fine old home in Howard. Henrietta married James Chapman, a jeweler of Ann Arbor, Mich., and they have one son, James F. Andrew D., a jeweler, of Columbus, Ohio, married Bessie Flemming, of that city; their children are Andrew and Frances E. George E., a graduate of the Columbus (Ohio) Dental College, is located in practice at Columbus, Ohio. Ida Alexandra, a graduate of the Hamilton schools and a lady of many accomplishments, married John W. Mackenzie, of Howard, and has one son, Arthur M. Maud was born at the old home in London township, and is a very prominent member of the highest social circles; she is a lady of many accomplishments and like her sisters is gifted not only with mental equipments of a high order, but with most winning personal attributes.

Mr. Morden has been a leading member of the Methodist Church for many years, has served as steward and class-leader and both he and wife have been most liberal in their support of its good work. Politically he has always been identified with the Reform party. Mr. Morden has always shown a liberal public spirit, while his private charities have been extended. In the evening of life, a retrospect shows a man of high ideals who has lived up to them, a good citizen who has done his duty, a kind neighbor who has often extended a helping hand, and a father and husband deserving honor and affection.

JOHN KITCHEN WILLSON is a retired farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent, Ont. He was one of the pioneers in this region, the fine farm on which he lives having been only partially cleared when he settled on it in 1853.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Willson was Gilman Willson, a native of Ontario, of English descent, and he married a woman named Sipes, who was born in Pennsylvania, and was of German descent. Gilman Willson was a farmer, and died in Southwold, Ont., where his grandson was born. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Willson was John Kitchen, who married a Miller; both were of Pennsylvania. John Kitchen Willson is a son of Benjamin G. and Elizabeth (Kitchen) Willson, the former a native of Fort Erie, Ont., and the latter of a place on the banks of the Susquehanna river, in Pennsylvania. Their marriage took place in the County of Middlesex, Ont., and there much of their lives was passed, but in

1875 they came to the County of Kent to spend their remaining years among their children. Benjamin G. Willson was prominent in town affairs in his day; among other public offices he held that of county baliff, at Fingal, Ont., and served with the rank of colonel in the Rebellion of 1837. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Willson died at the home of his son Edward, in Troy, Harwich township, in 1885, aged nearly ninety years. His wife passed away at the home of her son, John Kitchen, in 1878, at the age of eighty. Their children were as follows: Gilman, deceased, of Perry Sound, Ont.; John Kitchen, whose name opens this sketch; Philo, deceased, of the County of Middlesex, Ont.; Ann, deceased wife of George Burt, of Michigan; Edward, of Boissevain, Manitoba; Eliza, widow of Hiram Bell, of Nebo; Sarah, wife of William Welter, of Nebo; William, deceased, of Southwold, Ont.; and Benjamin, of Brantford, Ontario.

John Kitchen Willson was born on Talbot street, in Southwold, about four miles above St. Thomas, Sept. 19, 1821. Until he was twenty-one years of age he remained at home with his parents, and then went to London, Ont., where he served a three-years apprenticeship at the trade of harnessmaking. From London he went to St. Thomas, where he worked as a journeyman harnessmaker for a year, after which he moved to Morpeth, Howard township, County of Kent. There he established himself in the harnessmaking business, which he carried on successfully for eight years. Then in 1853, he came to Harwich, and purchased his present farm of 110 acres, described as Gore line, Lot No. 3, Concession 5. Only a very small portion of the land had been cleared, and the only building upon it was a rude log hut. The energy, thrift and industry of the owner are evidenced in the well-cultivated farm and the comfortable home which have been developed from the original wilderness.

On April 2, 1848, Mr. Willson married, in Morpeth, Howard township, Eliza J. Wood, of Bayham, County of Middlesex. Mrs. Willson was born Dec. 11, 1830, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Barnum) Wood, natives, respectively of New Brunswick and Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Wood came to the County of Kent in 1835, locating in Howard township, where they took up a claim of 100 acres, and there continued to make their home. Mr. Wood died in 1865, aged eighty-eight years; his wife survived him until 1869, when she died at the age of seventy-six. They were members, respectively of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. Their children were as follows: David, deceased, of the County of Middlesex; Mary A., deceased, who married William Ruddle, of Morpeth; Willson, deceased, of Morpeth; Anson, deceased, of Harwich; Eliza J., who married John Kitchen Willson; and Samantha, who died young. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Eliza J. (Wood) Willson, were Jacob and Elizabeth (Owens) Wood, natives, respectively of England and of Wales. They were among the early settlers in Howard, County of Kent, and there both passed away. Mrs. Willson's maternal grandparents were Douglas and Mary (Willson) Barnum, the former a native of the United States, the latter of Ireland.

Children as follows have been born to John Kitchen and Eliza J. (Wood) Willson: Willian E., of Detroit, Michigan; James S., of Thompsonville, Michigan; Arthur B., a farmer of Harwich, County of Kent; Tillie, wife of William C. Burse, of Elmwood, Michigan; Anna, widow of Alexander Robertson, living at home with her father; and John G., deceased, who died at home unmarried, at the age of thirty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Willson are members of the Methodist Church, in the work of which they take much interest. Mr. Willson is a member of the Sons of Temperance, and in politics is a Conservative. He is a self-made man who has won for himself and his family a comfortable home and a competence. He is well known in the community as a progressive and thrifty farmer, and he and his wife have a large circle of friends.

EZRA SHERMAN HUBBELL, the oldest hardware merchant in Thamesville, one of that city's most prominent business men, is descended from one of the early settlers of the County of Kent. The first of the family of whom there is any authentic record was Prindle Hubbell, his great-grandfather, who was born in Connecticut, but migrated to Ontario and settled in Howard, County of Kent, at an early day. There he died in 1828. His children were Lucinda, Wheeler, Rufus, Ly-

man, Andrew, Sally, Abigail, Anna, and Polly (who married Mr. McDonald). All of this family resided in the County of Kent, and are now deceased.

Andrew Hubbell, of the above mentioned children, became the grandfather of Ezra Sherman Hubbell, and was born in the County of Kent in 1795; there he died in 1860. By trade he was a shoemaker, and he followed that calling throughout life. He was twice married, his first wife having been Sally Brown, who died, leaving two children, Ezra and Lyman. The second wife of Andrew Hubbell was Susan Edwards, by whom he had: Ebenezer, William, Susan, Sally, Jane, Harriet and Lucinda. Of these children,

Lyman Hubbell, the father of Ezra Sherman Hubbell, was born in Camden township, County of Kent, Aug. 3, 1827. In 1853 he married Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson, daughter of William Hutchinson. After marriage Mr. Hubbell rented his father-in-law's farm for two years, and then moved to Thamesville where he lived for fourteen years. In 1872 he purchased his present farm, adjacent to Thamesville, and still resides upon it, a most highly respected and esteemed citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hubbell became the parents of the following children: Ezra Sherman; Edward, of California; Andrew, of Kent Bridge; Eliza, wife of Alfred Meade; Lomilla, wife of Daniel Forsyth; Lucinda Ella, wife of Ralph Meade; Lydia, bookkeeper for her brother, Ezra; and Lyman, of Thamesville. The mother died in 1899, at the age of sixty-six years.

Ezra Sherman Hubbell was born in Thamesville, Feb. 7, 1854. Upon reaching manhood's estate he learned the tinners' trade, which he followed for five years. In 1877 Mr. Hubbell established himself in the hardware business at Thamesville, and for twenty-seven years he has enjoyed a constantly increasing trade, now doing a business which would reflect credit upon a much larger community than the village in which he is located. In addition to attending to his business interests Mr. Hubbell has become very prominent politically, has served in the town council for several years and for two years was reeve of the place. For eight years he has been a member of the school board. His political opinions make him a stanch Conservative upon all occasions. His social relations are with the I. O. O. F., A. F. & A. M. and A. O. U. W., in which orders he is very popular.

On Sept. 17, 1881, Mr. Hubbell married Miss Maggie Jackman, a daughter of John Jackman, an old settler of the County of Kent, and three children have been born of the union: Garnet C., Orvel J. and Earl D. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are prominent factors in the social life of the community in which they have made their home for so many years.

ALEXANDER CUTHBERT, a harness manufacturer and bailiff of the Third District court, at Dresden, County of Kent, came hither in 1873, from Glencoe, Ont. He was born in Elginshire, Scotland, June 10, 1852, a son of Andrew and Margerie (Anderson) Cuthbert, the former of whom was born in Banffshire and the latter in Elginshire, Scotland. They came to London, Ont., in 1856, and there the mother died in 1865, aged thirty-three years. The father came to the County of Kent in 1874 and located at Dresden, where he followed shoemaking and died in January, 1893, aged sixty-four years. Both were buried in the Dresden cemetery. Andrew and Margerie Cuthbert had two children. The paternal grandparents were Alexander and Betsey (Lannum) Cuthbert, the former a shoemaker and hotel-keeper in Scotland.

Alexander Cuthbert remained with his parents until his marriage, and during this time served an apprenticeship to the harness-maker's trade. In 1873 he came to Dresden and engaged in his present business and has become one of the town's best citizens. For the past eight years he has served in the city council, for three years has been school trustee, and in 1890 was appointed bailiff.

In 1873 Mr. Cuthbert was married (first) in Glencoe to Lydia A. Currie, who was born at Glencoe, Ont., and died at Dresden, in January, 1876, aged twenty years. She left one son, Hugh, a brick mason, contractor and builder at Neepawa, Manitoba, who married Ella Wortman. Mrs. Cuthbert was a daughter of Hugh and Mary (Ontwine) Currie, of Detroit, Michigan, who came to Dresden in 1864. Mr. Currie was a lumber merchant and owner and operator

of tugboats. He died in 1892, aged sixty-five years, and his wife in 1872, aged thirty-five years.

In 1878 Mr. Cuthbert married, at Dawn Mills, Kent County, Mary J. Prangley, and the children born to this union are: William P., Alice M., Andrew, Violet, Mary J., Eva, Stewart, Janet, John A. and Charles P. Mrs. Cuthbert was born in 1853, at Dawn Mills, a daughter of Charles and Alice Ann (Taylor) Prangley, the former of England and the latter of Canada. The late Charles Prangley was born April 14, 1815, in England, and died at Dawn Mills Feb. 1, 1874. His parents came to the County of Kent in 1837 and settled near Bothwell, where they engaged in farming and reared these children: Moses, George, Charles and Eliza. On March 30, 1843, at Dawn Mills, Charles Prangley married Alice Ann Taylor, and they reared the following family: Sarah E., who is the wife of H. S. Hughes, of Dresden; William T., who is a farmer of Camden township; Eliza J., wife of David Gibson, a hardware merchant at Elgin, Manitoba; Charles, a farmer in Camden township, on the old homestead; Mary J., wife of Alexander Cuthbert, of Dresden; Alice M., wife of J. H. McVean, a hardware merchant at Dresden; and Miss Ella M., at home. Mrs. Prangley was born Feb. 16, 1819, in New York City, and is a sister-in-law of Mrs. T. H. Taylor of Chatham. She still resides at Dresden. Mr. Prangley remained with his parents on the farm until the age of fourteen, and then learned the tailor trade. He went into the milling business at Dawn Mills, and until his marriage worked for his father-in-law, afterward beginning farming, although he retained possession of both gristmill and lumber-mill, having them operated for him. In politics Mr. Prangley belonged to the Conservative party. Both he and his wife belonged to the English Church. He was a very prominent and highly esteemed citizen of the County of Kent.

Mr. Cuthbert has most efficiently discharged the duties of bailiff ever since he entered upon the work of his incumbency. In politics he belongs to the Liberal wing and has always taken an active part in party deliberations. For the past fifteen years he has been agent for the insurance feature of the I. O. O. F., and in 1903 was elected Deputy District Grand Master for Kent district, No. 2, I. O. O. F.; he belongs also to the Masonic Blue Lodge. He is a consistent member and a very liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has reared his family.

Mr. Cuthbert has been an interested witness of the wonderful development of his locality and has been very prominently identified with the growth of many of its industries. He is very highly respected for his many sterling qualities and his election to and retention in his present responsible offices give sufficient evidence as to his ability and fidelity to public trusts. He is one of the thoroughly posted men of the place and is considered one of the most reliable and representative men of Dresden.

NEIL WATSON, one of the most prominent citizens of Mull, County of Kent, and who has been an important factor in the advancement of that place, is a worthy member of one of the most respected families in the county. He was born June 10, 1853, on the old farm in Harwich township where his parents settled in 1839, and has passed all his life in the county. The Watson family was established in Canada in 1830, by three brothers, Robert, John and James Watson, who came from Argyllshire, Scotland, where the late James Watson was born in January, 1800. His parents were James and Jane (Ferguson) Watson, both also natives of Scotland.

Landing at Quebec, James Watson soon afterward settled on land near Toronto, and there engaged in farming for five years. In February, 1833, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary McVicar, daughter of John and Mary (McNair) McVicar, the former of whom was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1782, and the latter a few years later. They came to Canada in 1832, on a sailing-vessel, and settled in Vaughan township, near Toronto, where they were among the first settlers. There John McVicar died in June, 1864, and his widow in September, 1865. Of their family three died young, in Scotland, and the others were: Neil emigrated to the West Indies and died there; Margaret, the eldest daughter, came to Canada, and married John McEachran, who settled and died near Toronto, leaving two surviving children—Colon, of the State of Washington, and Donald, of near Toronto; Susan, born in Scotland, is the deceased wife of Colon McEachran, who set-



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tled and died near Toronto; James settled as a farmer on Lake Huron, and died there (he married Bell Maloy, and their only daughter, Mrs. Mary Livingston, lives in Bristol, Ont.); Angus, who was a merchant at Kingston, Ont., married Susan Birmingham, of Kingston, and died there, leaving children—John, a prominent journalist of Detroit, and Annie, the wife of John Armor, of Detroit; Donald, born in Scotland, married Mary Armour, of Vaughan township, and moved to Harwich, where both died, leaving children—John, who died in Toronto (unmarried), and Mary, who married and settled in Canada; Flora, deceased, married Donald Armour, who is also deceased, lived near Toronto, and was the mother of twelve children—Donald and Angus (twins), Alexander, Maggie, Flora, Susan, John (deceased), James (deceased) and four who died young; Mary, who married the late James Watson, was born May 29, 1815, and was educated in the schools of Scotland.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Watson settled for three years in Raleigh township, coming to the County of Kent in 1839. In 1846 he purchased 100 acres of land in Harwich township. The changes which he wrought during his life of industry are almost magical, for his efforts never ceased until almost the whole of this large tract was under cultivation. Here, in this pleasant home, made through his own efforts, Mr. Watson passed away, in November, 1878. His name will ever be associated with the agricultural, educational and religious progress made in Harwich township. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Watson was reared a Presbyterian. Mr. Watson was identified with the Conservative party.

A family of thirteen children was born to James Watson and his wife, as follows: Mary, the eldest, died in young womanhood. Jane died in childhood. Margaret, born in Raleigh, in July, 1838, married Jabez Newcombe, a farmer in Harwich, and they have had children—John, Jabez, Robert, Mary, Asa and Elijah, and James, deceased. James, born in January, 1840, died in August, 1902; he married Elizabeth Ross, of the County of Elgin, and they lived for twenty years in Harwich, for two years in Gosfield, and then moved to a farm in Dakota, where he became prominent and wealthy, and died, leaving a widow and children — Maggie, Ada, James, Meredith, David, Susan and Edna. Jane, born in February, 1842, married Wesley Conn, of Aylmer, near St. Thomas, where he is engaged in the hardware business, and they have children—Mary, Arkison, Susan, Lottie and Jane. John, born in January, 1844, learned civil engineering at Chatham, was in the locomotive works of Illinois for three years, located at Bloomington, moved to Pittsburg and engaged in oil engineering; he married Anna Brown, of Canada, who died in Detroit, and since then he has traveled all over the world, crossed the Pacific three times, visiting Japan, Hawaii, South America and Australia, made a visit to the old home of his ancestors in Scotland, went again to Japan, thence to China, and after a sojourn in Colorado is visiting with his mother. Susan, born in 1846, married Neil McCorvie, who resides on Concession 10, in Harwich. Flora, born in September, 1848, married James Conn, of London, and they have children—Maggie, Mary, Martha, Emma, John and Susan. David, born Oct. 9, 1849, married Ada Palmer, of Toronto, and they reside at Chatham; they have children—Bernice, Veva, Winnie, Ormond, Amy, John and Jean. Angus, born July 27, 1851, is on the home place. Neil, born June 10, 1853, is in business in the village of Mull, in Harwich township. Robert, born in April, 1855, graduated from the London College, for twenty years has been a teacher, and is also engaged in a prosperous insurance business. Barbara, the youngest, born in 1857, married Henry Hamil, of Harwich, a son of Robert Hamil, and they have four children—Guy, Roy, May and Veda. The family has been reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, and politically they are strong workers in the intersts of the Conservative party. Mrs. Watson has reached the age of eighty-nine years, but time has touched her lightly. She is the center of a large family of admiring relatives. Her recollections of pioneer days in Harwich are most interesting, and would form an entertaining volume by themselves.

Neil Watson was reared on the old homestead, and was educated in the public schools. He remained on the home farm until 1881, after which he worked out on farms for two

years. For the next two years he was with H. C. Reece, of Buffalo, New York, buying and shipping staves and heading bolts, which were sent by water and rail all over western Canada. In 1885 he contracted with Sutherland & Innes, of Chatham, for the getting out of timber to be manufactured at Mull, continuing thus until he purchased the plant from the firm in 1896. The plant covers ten acres, and Mr. Watson also has 130 acres more, which he keeps under a fine state of cultivation. He does a prosperous business in his saw and stave mill, giving employment to twenty men, and in connection carries on a general store and deals in grain and produce. He made the clearing for this store, which he built in 1879, renting it until 1887, since which time he has conducted it on his own account. In addition to his business property he has eleven houses in Mull, being the principal real-estate holder in that thriving village, which is on the line of the Michigan Central railroad in Harwich township.

Though his business interests have necessarily absorbed so much of his attention, Mr. Watson has found time to aid the community in other ways, but he has declined to take much active part in the local civil administration. He has been postmaster, however, for the past twenty-four years, and was school trustee for six years, but he has refused nomination to a number of positions because of the pressure of business cares, in 1901 declining the nomination for Member of Parliament. He is well known all over the county, and is popular among all his acquaintances, but especially in the community where the busiest years of his life have been passed, and where he has proved his usefulness and efficiency in so many ways.

Mr. Watson has always been active in religious work, attending and supporting both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, and has sung in the choir for the past twenty-four years. For fourteen years past he has led the choir in the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Free Masons, and for the past twenty-six years he has been master of Ridgetown Lodge, No. 391. In political faith he is a Conservative. He is a representative, progressive business man, typical of the best in the old Dominion pioneer stock and the modern enterprising Canadian, and holds a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen.

ARCHIE McKINLAY belongs to the very same strong, vigorous, manly race which produced that noble statesman and revered ruler, William McKinley, the late President of the United States. They trace their descent to a common ancestor, one branch of the family coming to the United States, the other to Canada, about the same time. The family is of Scotch origin, and has scores of representatives in the vicinity of County Kent, Ontario. Though these have, for the most part, devoted themselves to agricultural pursuits, possessing to a marked degree all the noble race characteristics, they would, undoubtedly, have come to the front in almost any vocation in life. As agriculturists they are thoroughly successful and highly influential—especially is this true of him whose name heads this sketch.

John McKinlay, grandfather of Archie, was born at Callander, Perthshire, in the Highlands of Scotland, in December, 1748, and, in his native land spent his life. In 1784 he married Mary McVean, a woman of good judgment and strong character. After the death of her husband she, hoping to better the condition of the family, came with her children to America, and settled in the State of New York. She died near Rochester, in that State, in 1816. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKinlay, all of whom, in 1818, came to Aldborough, County Elgin, Ontario, and settled on land which they received from Col. Talbot, the English government agent; James made his home in that place for the rest of his life; Duncan, Peter, and Robert, each, later, settled on one-hundred-acre tracts given them by Col. Talbot in Howard township, County of Kent, where they made good farms, which are in the hands of their descendants; Mary married John McClarren, and they settled in the County of Kent, where he died.

Duncan McKinlay, father of Archie, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1791. After the death of his father he came with his mother to New York, where he resided for some time. In 1818, with his brothers and sisters he settled in Aldborough, County Elgin, and, later, as has been said, on a 100-acre tract, given him by Col. Talbot, in Howard township, County Kent. With the hardy spirit of the true woodsman he cleared and broke his land, and, in a short time, transformed the wild forest into a highly improved farm. Here he carried on

agriculture with much success, and, by taking advantage of every desirable land deal, was enabled to enlarge his property, so it finally embraced the extensive area of 450 acres in one body. Upon this he resided for the rest of his life, dying at the homestead, in September, 1875.

In Canada, in 1822, Mr. McKinlay married Sarah MacIntyre, who was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1802. She died at the homestead in 1885. By this marriage there were ten children: (1) Isabella, born at the Howard township homestead in November, 1823, married James McKinlay, of Ridgetown, and is now deceased. (2) John, born in 1825, died in his twenty-second year. (3) Archie is mentioned below. (4) Mary, born in 1829, married Thomas Finley, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and has several children. (5) Sarah, born in 1831, married John Ferguson (now deceased), and she resides near Thamesville. (6) Catherine, born in 1833, died in her young womanhood. (7) Nancy, born in 1835, married Duncan McLaren, has one son James, and they now reside at Monroe, Michigan. (8) James, born at the old homestead, in 1837, never married, and he died at his residence on part of the old home place, in 1900. (9) Duncan, born in 1840, who married a Miss Dodge, and had several children, settled at the old homestead, where he died in 1882. His widow still lives there. (10) Margaret, born in 1843, has never married, and now lives at the home of her brother, James. Mr. McKinlay always put forth his energies on the side of morality and progress. Zealous in religious works, he played a leading part in the movement for the building of the First Presbyterian Church, of which both he and his wife were active members, he serving very efficiently as elder for many years. He organized Sunday schools, and was widely known as a prominent Church worker. In politics he at first affiliated with the Conservatives, but later was a strong Reformer. He made many warm friends during his lifetime, and won the esteem of all who knew him.

Archie McKinlay has for the most part passed his life in Howard township, County Kent, where, on Concession 11, he was born, June 11, 1827. In attending the district schools a few months in winter, and engaging in farm work during summer, his early years were passed, and he developed traits of self-reliance and persistence which have prominently characterized his life-work. In March, 1865, he married Helen McGregor, who was born in 1842, and reared on the family homestead in Howard township. Her parents, John and Mary (Robinson) McGregor, both born in Scotland, were among the pioneer settlers of Howard township. On the eleventh Concession they made a good home for themselves and there resided for the rest of their lives, the father dying there in 1889, and the mother in 1890. By this union there were five children: Helen (now Mrs. McKinlay) and Margaret (who married a Mr. Williams) are still living. Janet, Robert and William died young. Mr. and Mrs. McKinlay have four children, all of whom received their education in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and are living at home: Mary H., Duncan F., John A. and Jennie S.

Before his death the elder Mr. McKinlay divided his extensive homestead among his children, and on his share of the land thus received, Archie McKinlay settled after his marriage, and began developing its resources. Much of it was at that time in a wild state, and this he has cleared and opened, and put under excellent cultivation. Shortly before his marriage, in 1864, he erected a fine modern house, which he has repaired from time to time, and has kept in excellent condition. He has two splendid barns; one, erected in 1891, is of cement foundation and especially attractive and well suited to his needs. He has put the main strength of his manhood into work upon his land, with the result that he now has a farm in which any man might take just pride. He still resides on this place, but, having now reached his seventy-eighth year, is living in retirement.

Mr. McKinlay has always possessed too large a nature and too fertile an intellect to confine his activities to one field of labor. In educational, religious and public affairs he has long been a leader, and the Presbyterian Church, to which he and his family belong, counts him among its strong supporters in all its benevolent and helpful enterprises. Though disinclined to office-seeking, in local affairs, he has, through the merited esteem of his fellow citizens, served as a member of the township council for fourteen years, exercising great

foresight and marked business ability in the management of affairs. In politics he is an unwavering Reformer, and well informed upon all questions of public interest. Personally Mr. McKinlay possesses a strong, determined, forceful nature, softened and refined by his kindness, sympathy, and benevolence. Misfortune appeals to him, and the strength of his manhood goes out to its relief. Wisdom, honesty and fairness mark his dealings with his fellow men. His good work and his admirable traits of character have long been recognized, and few townsmen occupy a warmer place in the hearts of the community than Mr. McKinlay.

JAMES FLEMING. The following is a sketch of the history of James Fleming, who settled on Lot 6, in the 1st Concession, and broken front in the township of Aldborough, County of Elgin, and of his descendants who subsequently owned and occupied that farm and who finally left Elgin for Kent, thus associating them with both these counties. The documentary evidence of that settlement was destroyed by fire in the war of 1812-15, but the statements of himself and wife to their relatives and friends, together with other corroborative evidence, fix the date in 1796. The Historical Society of the County of Elgin, after careful research, concedes that as the probable date, and in consequence gives him the distinction of being the first white settler in Elgin and preceding Col. Talbot's arrival by seven years.

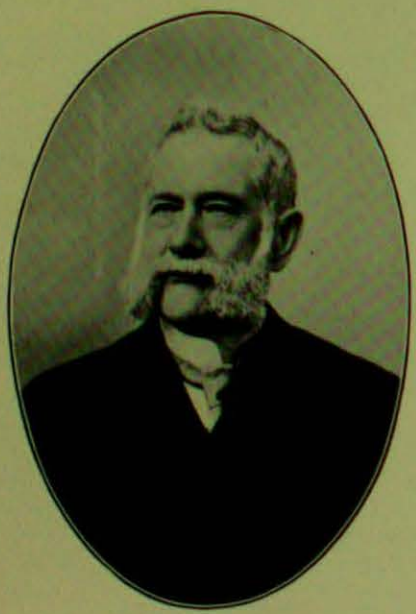
The selection of that farm in the wilds of Aldborough at that early date arose through Mr. Fleming's being one of Governor Simcoe's men when his excellency, accompanied by Col. Talbot as his private secretary, made one of his overland trips to Detroit in 1792 or 1793. That journey was made by sailing to Port Stanley or Port Talbot, from which point the party crossed to Monseytown, and from there proceeded down the river Thames by canoes or row-boats to Detroit. On passing down the river Mr. Fleming was much impressed with the beauty and grandeur of that section of the country, afterwards a part of Aldborough township. It was on that trip that Col. Talbot decided to apply for a grant of land to make the Talbot settlement.

Upon returning to Fort Erie Mr. Fleming opened a general store, and whilst engaged in that vocation got in trouble over some smuggled goods that he maintained he had innocently purchased. This so annoyed him that he said he would leave Fort Erie and go where custom house officers and he would not be neighbors. With that determination he, with his wife and two little girls—one an infant in her mother's arms, took passage on a vessel to Detroit, making the balance of the journey in a canoe, coasting along the south bank of Lake St. Clair to the mouth of the Thames, and up that river between fifty and sixty miles to what was subsequently the Fleming homestead in Aldborough.

Mr. Fleming was born in 1760 in Londonderry, in which city his father was said to own some valuable property. In 1789 James and Andrew, his brother, sailed to America, landing in Philadelphia, and after remaining there and in New York for two years the brothers parted. They never heard of each other afterward, James moving to Fort Erie, preferring "The flag that braved a thousand years" rather than the infant "Stars and Stripes." In 1793 he married Barbara Windecker, of Fort Erie, who was born on the banks of the Mohawk river, in the State of New York, in 1774. Mrs. Fleming's father, Henry Windecker, though of Dutch descent, was a U. E. Loyalist, and, finding matters not to his liking in the new Republic, settled in the Niagara district, where he secured a grant of land, as did also his daughter in subsequent years. In connection with the latter grant there is an entry in the Crown Land Department, Toronto, to the following effect:

"Order in council of Feb'y 9th, 1820, Barbara Fleming, designated of the Township of Aldborough, wife of James Fleming and daughter of Henry Windecker, late of the District of Niagara, deceased, an U. E. Loyalist, being reported by the Inspector General to be privileged as daughter of an U. E. Loyalist. The lot patented to her was Lot 17, in 4th Con., Township of Dawn, Lambton Co., containing 200 acres."

The children of James and Barbara Fleming were five sons and five daughters, the two oldest daughters born at Fort Erie, the other eight children in Aldborough. Henry, the eldest son, born March 23, 1798, was supposed to be the first white child born in the County of



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Elgin. The education of these children was a difficult task, but was accomplished to a limited extent by engaging a Mr. Ward, known as "Commissary Ward;" several of the relatives of Mr. Ward, living then at the little village of Wardsville, attended that school. James, the youngest son, enjoyed further instructions by attending school for two years at Chatham. These ten children all grew to mature years and were the parents of mostly large families. At Mrs. Fleming's death, in 1862, she was represented by seventy-one grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. James Fleming was an adherent of the Episcopal Church. He died in September, 1838, leaving his widow in the care of James, their youngest son, to whom he bequeathed the homestead, and was buried upon the farm on which he had persistently labored for forty-four years. His wife, though brought up in the Episcopal Church, subsequently identified herself with the Methodist Church, through the influence of Rev. Nathan Bangs, who visited at her home in Aldborough in 1804. Mrs. Fleming died in September, 1862. It was through her that much of the history of the hardships and trials of pioneer life was made known. Her age at death was eighty-eight years, sixty-six of which she spent on the old farm in Aldborough she so much loved, notwithstanding that the first twelve years of that period she had no neighbors but Indians and wild animals, both of which were indeed hard to restrain. The nearest white settlers lived at Chatham and Delaware, these places being from twenty-five to thirty miles distant.

James Fleming, Jr., took possession of the farm at the death of his father and promised to be in every way a successful farmer. He at once undertook the improvement of his stock, particularly so his horses and cattle, and was the first farmer in that section to introduce the "short horn" family of cattle. In 1831 he married Ann, daughter of Capt. James Gibb, who came from Fettercairn, Scotland, with his wife and part of his family to Mosa in 1830, leaving a son and daughter with his brother John Gibb, an advocate, in Edinburgh. James Fleming, Jr., was born in 1810 and died in 1848, leaving his widow with four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Fleming lived to 1868, when her remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, whither she had been preceded but a comparatively short time by her husband, son and husband's parents—the pioneers of that county. Her birthplace was Fettercairn, Scotland, the year of her birth 1812. She was in Edinburgh during the famous trial of Burke and Hare, for the murders they committed to supply the medical college of that city with subjects for anatomy. Charles G. Fleming, the oldest of the six children, was born in 1833; while attending school he took ill and died in 1856. Rebecca, the eldest daughter, was born in 1835, married James Gaskerville, now of Chatham, in 1870, and died in 1889, leaving one son, Charles M. Gaskerville, M. D., of Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Catherine E., the youngest of the family, was born in 1845, married Samuel Holmes, of Chatham, in 1868, and died in 1888; she, like her mother and sister, had strong religious convictions, and, like them also, was a member of the Methodist Church.

ROBERT GIBB FLEMING, treasurer of the city of Chatham, was born in Aldborough on Nov. 16, 1837. He attended the rural school and was a pupil of the Wardsville Grammar School, where he prepared for teaching, which calling he followed in Aldborough and Mosa for three years. On Dec. 14, 1869, he married Alto, daughter of the Hon. James McCrory, ex-senator of Mississippi, who came to Mosa in 1858.

Mr. Fleming owned the east half of the homestead upon which he farmed for two years, and selling it in 1871 moved to Chatham, where he engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements with Peter High. The partnership was dissolved in 1882, in which year the Chatham Harvester Co. was formed, with Mr. Fleming as secretary and treasurer. That company ceased to exist in 1889, and he then was appointed treasurer of Chatham, which position he still holds. He served as deputy reeve of Aldborough in 1869, and was in consequence a member of the county council of Elgin. He was elected as a councillor of Chatham from 1876 to 1880, two years of which he was chairman of finance. He was also a member of the public school board for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming had two sons, Lee (deceased) and Carl, a clerk in the office of the Illinois Central Railway Company, of Chicago. In politics Mr. Fleming is a Liberal, is fond of sports, and none more than a game on the bowling green.

DAVID G. FLEMING, M. D., Chatham, Ont., was born on the old homestead in Aldborough Sept. 2, 1840. He was the third son of James Fleming and Ann (Gibb). His education began in the public schools of Aldborough and Mosa, followed by four years at the grammar school at Wardsville, and he finished his general education by attending one year at Victoria University, Coburg. He spent a few months with Dr. George Couse, of Wardsville, as a medical student, after which he attended Rolph's School of Medicine, Toronto, and between sessions was a student of Prof. John Fulton, then of Fingal, Ont. Dr. Fleming got his degree of M. D. in 1868 and immediately went to London for further knowledge in his profession. There he received instructions from such teachers as Sir William Ferguson, Sir Andrew Clarke, Barns Simon, Peacock and other good men. In 1869 he obtained the M. R. C. S., England. Then followed a visit to Edinburgh, where Sir James Young Simson was still teaching his particular branch of the profession and J. Hughs Bennett was in his prime. This was the period when Sir Joseph Lister was making for himself a world-wide name in Glasgow. In the autumn of that year Dr. Fleming passed his examination in Edinburgh and received the further qualifications of L. R. C. P. and L. M., Edinburgh.

After an absence of nearly two years he returned to Ontario, and on Feb. 14, 1870, settled in Chatham to follow his profession; now, after thirty-four years he is still engaged in the same calling.

The Doctor married, on Sept. 1, 1875, Lucy Marion, youngest daughter of Hon. A. McKellar, sheriff of Wentworth. Mrs. Fleming was born March 1, 1855, and died on July 27, 1879, leaving one surviving daughter, Marion Jean, who completed her education at Mrs. Neville's school for young ladies, Toronto, and is now living with her father.

Dr. Fleming was a member of the free library board, a member of the public school board for nine years, and was its chairman during the building of the new Central school and enlargement of the McKeough school. He also served two years as an alderman, one of which he was chairman of the Property Committee. In 1890 he was nominated by the Liberals to contest the West Riding of Kent against Mr. James Clancy, M. P. P., but after a spirited contest in which 5,600 votes were polled he was in the minority by 41 votes. Dr. Fleming was one of the promoters of the Chatham Dredging and General Contracting Company, which company has done the work of reclaiming in Kent and Essex over 25,000 acres of the richest lands by diking and pumping. That company has also made dredge cuts to the extent of perhaps 100 miles, to aid the freer flow of water in these same counties. He has been its president for the last fourteen years.

JAMES W. FLEMING, the youngest son of James Fleming, Jr., owned the west half of the Aldborough homestead, where he remained till 1877, at which time he sold that property and moved to a farm in Dover, Kent County, which he cultivated till 1903. He is now in the hardware business in Blenheim. While farming he took much pride in the good qualities of his horses and cattle, and at the agricultural fairs throughout the country he usually secured an ample share of prizes. He was born in Aldborough Feb. 14, 1843, and before leaving that township was elected deputy reeve, which entitled him to a seat in the county council of Elgin. In Dover he served for three years as deputy reeve and for some time as a member of the school board in his section. He was also for some time one of the auditors of that township. He married Diana, daughter of Henry Hosner, of Aldborough, Dec. 6, 1871. They have three sons: Charles D., of the firm of Clegg & Fleming, Auditors, Detroit; James Gibb, in business with his father in Blenheim; and Harry M., a school teacher in Raleigh. Mr. Fleming is a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Liberal in politics, and enjoys a political contest.

JAMES C. FLEMING, treasurer of the County of Kent, is a son of Andrew Fleming, who was a son of James Fleming, Sr.

Andrew Fleming, the second son of James Fleming, Sr., was born in Aldborough, County of Elgin, March 24, 1800, and there remained until his majority, after which he located on a farm in Mosa township, where he remained until 1866. He then removed to Chatham township, County of Kent, where he lived until his death, Dec. 5, 1884. In April, 1827, he married Frances Ward, who became the mother of twelve children, four sons and eight daugh-

ters. They were: (1) Mary married James Banning, and both are now deceased, leaving a son, Andrew, who is a successful merchant in Red Bluff, California. (2) Ann is deceased. (3) George, who is unmarried, was formerly a superintendent of mines in California, but is now living retired on his ranch at Brentwood, California. (4) Peter F., with his sons, Clifford and Burton, is an extensive manufacturer of farming implements in Huntsville, Missouri. (5) Andrew Miles is a retired farmer living in Los Angeles, California. (6) Sarah J., widow of William Merritt, is living in Chatham. (7) Marie F., Mrs. Allen, is deceased. (8) Elizabeth and (9) Magdalena are twins. Magdalena died in childhood, and Elizabeth married Augustus Thrasher, who died at the age of thirty, leaving two children Walter A. (who is practicing law in Chatham) and Eva (wife of William Singer, Jr., of Chatham). (10) Amanda M., Mrs. Dollin, is the mother of three children, A. F. Dollin, D. D. S., of San Francisco, California; Mrs. John Fleming, of Raleigh; and William, living with his parents in Dover township. (11) Melissa, Mrs. Seward, is a widow living in Chatham. (12) James C.

James C. Fleming was born Jan. 27, 1846, on the old homestead in Mosa township, County of Middlesex. When he was twenty-one years of age, the family moved to the township of Chatham, in the County of Kent. He was the youngest of the family, and remained at home on the farm caring for his parents during their declining years. In 1885 he was elected a member of the council of his township and a representative to the county council, which position he held until 1887, when he received the appointment of clerk of Kent County. He ably filled this position until November, 1902, when he was appointed treasurer of the county. Mr. Fleming has always taken an interest in educational matters. While on the farm he was a member of the local school board, and since coming to Chatham he has been a member of the high school board of that city. Socially he is a member of the K. of P., and politically he is a Reformer.

In 1895 Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Mary Margaret Rutherford, and to this union have come three children: Margaret Frances, born March 2, 1896; Andrew James, born June 19, 1897; and Jean Isabel, born Jan. 11, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming are active members of the Victoria Avenue Methodist Church, Mr. Fleming being the treasurer and also a member of the trustee and quarterly boards. Their pleasant home is on Victoria avenue, where the usual hospitality of the Fleming family abounds.

JAMES BANNING. In the death of Mr. Banning, on May 7, 1897, Chatham, County of Kent, Ont., lost a man of high standing and prominence in the community, a highly respected citizen, the Methodist Church a liberal member, and his family a devoted and loving husband and father.

James Banning was born in the County of Middlesex, June 11, 1825, a son of James and Mary Ann (Ward) Banning, the former of whom was born in New York State, and died in 1860 in Ontario. His wife was born about 1800, and died in 1894. Their children were: John, deceased; James; Alexander; Margaret, Mrs. James Thompson, of Windsor; Miss Lorinda A., of Honolulu; Alfred, of Chicago; William, deceased; George, of Winnipeg; Angelina, Mrs. Peter High, of Honolulu; Libbie, Mrs. Charles Bagwell, of Honolulu; and Sheldon, of Detroit, Michigan.

James Banning was born and grew to manhood on a farm in the township of Mosa, in the County of Middlesex, and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1876, when he settled in Chatham, purchasing a fine home on Victoria avenue. There he lived retired from active business until his death. Mr. Banning was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, a member of the quarterly board and treasurer. He always took a deep interest in all measures tending toward the advancement of the Temperance cause. Following strictly the Bible injunction relative to helping others without being seen of men, his charities were many and bountiful. Mr. Banning was a member of the city council for many years. His political opinions made of him a member of the Reform party, and he always took an ardent interest in all of its movements.

Mr. Banning was twice married, his first wife being Mary Fleming, daughter of Andrew Fleming, who died in 1884, leaving one son, Andrew Couse, who was graduated from the Canada Business College, Chatham, and is now engaged in the mercantile business in Red

Bluff, California, where he married Miss Edna Bell, of Placerville, California. In 1885 Mr. Banning married Miss Isabel Rutherford, daughter of George and Margaret (Fife) Rutherford, and granddaughter of William and Jane Rutherford. William Rutherford was of Scottish ancestry. He died in St. Lawrence county, New York, as did also his wife. Their children were: James, deceased; Robert, of California; Elizabeth, Mrs. Malby, deceased; Isabel, Mrs. Turner, of Illinois; and George, deceased. George Rutherford, the father of Mrs. Banning, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, Oct. 29, 1825, and was married Nov. 29, 1850, to Margaret Fife, born April 26, 1826. The children born to them were as follows: Isabel, Mrs. Banning; Jane A., Mrs. W. A. Ward, of Wardsville; Ellen Rutherford; Nettie H., Mrs. Chinnick, of Chatham; William J., of New York State; Mary M., Mrs. Fleming, of Chatham; and Thomas, of Denver, Colorado. By his second marriage Mr. Banning had two children: Maud Lillian, born Nov. 29, 1888, and Stanley Ross, born Nov. 30, 1890, who died in 1894. Mrs. Banning was a member of the Methodist Church, and, like her lamented husband, very charitable and devoted to her church, being a prominent Sunday-school worker, the treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society, the treasurer of the Ladies' Assisting Society of the Public General Hospital, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Children's Aid Society, when by death her labors ceased, on April 30, 1903.

ISAAC NEWTON CARSCALLEN, a retired hardware merchant of Dresden, was born at Napanee, County of Lennox, Ont., April 4, 1828, a son of Isaac and Hester (Shorey) Carscallen, of that locality. The father was born on the same farm as his son and the mother upon a farm five miles distant. They remained in the County of Lennox, where the father was a farmer and a most excellent and worthy man, highly respected by all. The Carscallens were originally United Empire Loyalists.

On July 16, 1861, in Camden township, Addington, Ont., Mr. Carscallen married Ann Jane Wilde, and the following named children were born of the marriage: Andrew B., who is a barrister of Wallaceburg; Hester M., married to Dr. H. R. Thornton, a dentist of Petrolia; Horatio M., a traveling salesman of Dresden; Stanley N., land agent at Red Deer, Alberta; and Rev. Charles R., a Methodist minister of Black Falls, Alberta. Mrs. Carscallen was born near Napanee, County of Lennox, April 4, 1839, a daughter of Andrew and Catharine (Carscallen) Wilde, of Ireland and County Lennox, respectively. Mr. Wilde was a farmer and very prosperous.

Mr. Carscallen was reared upon his father's farm until he was nineteen years old, when he served an apprenticeship to the joiner's trade, following same for ten years, after which he setled in Addington, Camden township, Ont., and remained on a farm for thirteen years. He then sold that property and removed to Dresden, engaging in a hardware business with his brothers N. B. and James B., the partnership continuing for twenty years, after which James B. and Isaac N. continued the business together until Oct. 1, 1902, when the latter sold his interest to James B. For two years he served as a member of the town council, was mayor for a year, and member of the school board sixteen years, being chairman of same for seven years. In politics he is a Conservative, and does active work in party matters. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church, to which he contributes very liberally. Although somewhat advanced in years he is very active, keeps well posted on current events and is a man of whom Dresden does well to feel proud.

JOSEPH NORRIS McCOY, county commissioner, general farmer and former lumberman of Chatham township, is a prominent citizen of the County of Kent. His residence is on Concession 2, Lot 15, Gore of Chatham, North, and he is the owner of Lots 16 and 17, cultivating 260 acres. In addition he owns 100 acres in the County of Lambton.

Mr. McCoy is of Irish extraction, and was born in Ireland Dec. 25, 1838. He is a son of James and Mary (Norris) McCoy, the former a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and the latter a native of Scotland, who emigrated to Canada about the year 1839. After reaching Canada Mr. McCoy located in the Province of Quebec, buying fifty acres of land in the County of Huntingdon, where he made his home during the remainder of his life. His death occurred in 1868, at the age of sixty-



J. B. McCoy

five, while he was on a visit to his son, Joseph, in the County of Kent, having been taken ill so suddenly that he could not be removed to his home; his wife had passed away about ten years before in Quebec, aged fifty years. She was interred in the Province of Quebec, but the father's remains were laid away at Dawn Mills. He was a member of the Church of England, and the mother was a Methodist. Their children were as follows: Eliza married William Jackson, of Worcester, Massachusetts; Margaret (deceased) married James McCoy (no relative), and died in the State of New York; Joseph Norris is mentioned below; Miss Matilda lives in the State of New York; Sarah married a Mr. Lowell, and died at Lowell, Massachusetts; Anna, who died in the Province of Quebec, was the wife of Merideth Johnson; John, a tanner by trade, died in 1900, at Malone, New York; Phoebe married William Lord, of New York State, where he was postmaster at Churubusco.

Joseph N. McCoy was sixteen years of age when he decided to start out in life for himself. He knew that good strong youths were needed in various parts of the Dominion, and he left home one night at midnight, took a boat to Hamilton and a train to Thamesville, and then walked six miles through the woods to Camden township, County of Kent, where he secured employment on the farm of William Johnson. He remained with him, working eight months for $12 per month, and continued to work for various farmers and lumbermen. Many of these were irresponsible people who often refused to pay him, and he at last drifted into wood chopping, continuing this on shares for two winters, after which he began work for George Campbell, of Windsor, Ont. He attended school during two summer terms at Wallaceburg, and in the winters worked at getting out square oak timber. He then entered into a contract with James Norris, of St. Catharine's, in getting out square oak timber, and later was paid $1,500 a year and expenses to attend to this business in Canada and Michigan. It was his business to see that a certain amount of timber was secured and loaded into vessels, three summer months being allotted for the purpose. Mr. McCoy remained with Mr. Norris for five years and then took a half interest in the business and followed the same for eight years more. Previous to this time he had purchased thirty acres of his present farm and after marriage made his home on the farm. After dissolving his partnership with Mr. Norris he continued lumbering, dealing in elm logs and round oak timber for four more years, and then gave up the lumber business and purchased 225 acres more of land and began farming. The County of Lambton farm was bought with the timber standing, and this he cleared, erected suitable buildings, and rented. Mr. McCoy also owned at one time The Selkirk Mills, at Wallaceburg. His home is of modern structure, comfortable and convenient, and one of the most attractive places in it to Mr. McCoy is the fine library, where may be found much choice literature and all the leading magazines of the day.

On Oct. 10, 1865, Mr. McCoy married Elizabeth B. Palmer, who was born in Sombra township, granddaughter of David and Ann (Bell) Palmer, the former of New Jersey and the latter of the County of Kent. He came to the county at an early day and bought land in Sombra township. Mrs. McCoy's parents were Jonathan and Margaret (McDowell) Palmer, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of the North of Ireland. They were married in the County of Kent and in 1837 located in Sombra township, where Mr. Palmer owned 200 acres of land. He died Nov. 22, 1860, at Wallaceburg, aged sixty years, and his widow survived until Feb. 6, 1892, reaching the age of eighty-two years. They were leading members of the Methodist Church. They had children: Ann (deceased) married William McDonald; Sarah A. (deceased) married Farquir McLennan; Mary died aged two years; Vernal died April 28, 1875; Edmund died in infancy; Elizabeth B. is Mrs. McCoy. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCoy: James L. E., now a prospector in the Klondyke, who previously operated a gristmill in Wallaceburg; Amy H., married to Frank Shaw, a farmer in Chatham township; and William J. N., who married Emilie Fox, of Bay City, Michigan, and resides at home.

For two years Mr. McCoy was township councilor; was also deputy reeve; and during his three years as school trustee one brick school building was erected in Wallaceburg at a cost of more than $20,000. It was mainly through the efforts of the school board that it was secured at that time. He has always been

the friend of education and progress. For the past six years he has faithfully served the county as commissioner, and there are few men in his locality more thoroughly trusted or more highly esteemed. In politics Mr. McCoy votes independently. He is a consistent member and a liberal supporter of the Methodist Church.

ALVIN MALOTT, a prosperous farmer and a descendant of one of the first families to settle in Western Ontario, traces his ancestry back to his great-grandfather, who was a resident of Pennsylvania, and who when a boy was captured by a roving band of Indians and taken to Detroit, where he regained his liberty. In time he came to the County of Essex and made his home in the township of Gosfield. Among his children was a son Joseph, who first lived in Gosfield township where he married, afterward settling in Mersea township, County of Essex. His son Jonas, who became the father of Alvin Malott, was born March 31, 1822, in the township of Mersea, where he married Maranda Crittenden, of Toronto. About 1844 the family came to Tilbury East and the father purchased the Davidson claim, the south half of Lot 27, M. R. S. The government requirements had not been carried out and so he secured a Crown deed. The family resided on this place, and during the first few months the father worked in the States, in order to earn sufficient money to provide for those dependent upon him. The wild land had to be cleared before anything could be produced and the timber was then without value. However, this property was cleared with the assistance of the sons. Unfortunately the brave and hardworking father was killed at a barn raising on April 14, 1874, when only fifty-two years of age. The mother passed away in 1895, aged seventy-four years and eleven months, at which time she was residing in Chatham. In politics the father was a Conservative, and he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The following children were born to these worthy parents: Sidney, a farmer of Tilbury township; Alvin; Lester, who was drowned in Lake Superior; Rebecca, widow of Andrew Gray; Hiram, deceased; Harriet, who married John White, of Mersea township; Lavina, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Neigle, of Chatham; Emily, wife of James Heath, of Chatham; Eveline, married to John Close, an insurance agent of Kingsville; Jonas, of California; and Jane, deceased, who married Joseph Sloan.

Alvin Malott was born in Tilbury township May 30, 1845, and received but limited educational advantages, having three miles to walk to the nearest school. His first teacher was Mr. Foley, and he was later under the instruction of John Coutts. When not yet twenty, in company with his brother Sidney, he purchased Lot 19, Concession 7, which was divided between them, he taking the west half. This property was entirely unimproved, but it is now practically all cleared. In addition to this 100 acres Mr. Malott owns fifty acres in Lot 18, Concession 8, and farms both properties. He is a man of an investigating turn of mind, making it a point to understand the reason for everything, and is a great reader, very well posted upon current events. In politics he is a Conservative, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Workmen of Valetta.

In the township of Tilbury Mr. Malott was married to Jane Cowan, and to them have been born the following children: William Gordon, who works with his father upon the farm; Mary E. Philana, married to Adam Book; Alvin Arthur, who died at the age of twenty years, Oct. 18, 1898; and Eveline, attending the home school. Mr. Malott is a man of substance, standing very high in the community, for his success has been attained through untiring industry, excellent management and unusual ability.

HIRAM McKIM, a representative citizen and highly respected retired farmer of Camden Gore, 4th Concession, Lot 1, is the owner of two very valuable adjoining tracts of land, comprising forty-seven acres in Camden township and forty-seven in Chatham township. He came to his present farm in 1885.

Mr. McKim was born Dec. 8, 1840, in the County of Addington, Ont., and is a descendant of U. E. Loyalists. His parents, Henry and Catherine (Simmons) McKim, were born in Ernestown and Fredericksburg, Ont., respectively, and were married in the County of Addington. There the father died in 1881, aged seventy years, the mother surviving until 1902, and dying in Dresden, aged eighty-five years. They were buried in the cemeteries at Newburgh and Dresden, respectively. They were

farming people, and were most worthy members of the Methodist Church. The children of Henry McKim and his wife were: Maria, wife of Amos Frizzell, of the County of Addington; Hannah, widow of Nathaniel Tackerbury, of Dresden; Hiram; Elias, a farmer at Elk Horn, Manitoba; Willis, in the agricultural implement business; and Philip, a prominent citizen of the County of Addington, where he was constable and also mail agent for many years.

The greater part of Mr. McKim's life has been passed in agricultural pursuits, which he began in boyhood with his father and later with an uncle, after his marriage working on shares for a time. He then bought a fifty-acre bush farm in Chatham township, County of Kent, which he operated for sixteen years, when he removed to his present farm, in February, 1885, in Camden township. Mr. McKim is a practical and successful farmer, although since 1903 he has resigned the cultivation of his land into younger hands. He has been identified with much of the advancement made in his part of the county, and has always displayed interest in having good roads, and in the building of schoolhouses and churches. In religious belief he is a Methodist. In politics he is a Reformer.

On Oct. 6, 1861, Mr. McKim was married in the County of Addington, Ont., to Mary J. McCoy, who was born in that county and died in March, 1896, at Dresden, where she was interred. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Loyst) McCoy, the former of Ireland, and the latter of Canada. The children of this marriage were as follows: Frank A., a merchant at Dresden; Charles, who is in a lumber camp in British Columbia; Elias, of Camden township; Willis, a farmer of Chatham township; Bert, of Chatham; Byron and John, at home, and Ruby, deceased.

Mr. McKim was married (second) at Chatham, in April, 1898, to Phœbe (Gilroy) Wilson, who was born in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, a daughter of John and Angeline (Welch) Gilroy, both of Nova Scotia. After coming to Ontario, Mr. Gilroy settled on a farm in the County of Elgin, and there died in 1892, aged seventy years, his widow surviving until 1898, and also reaching the age of seventy. The father was a member of the Methodist Church and the mother of the Baptist faith. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilroy were: Phœbe, wife of Mr. McKim; William, a merchant in Montana; Mary A., wife of James Court, of London, Ont.; David, an engineer at Winnipeg; Rufus, deceased; Wesley, at Marion, Michigan; Idela, deceased; Lovenia, who married Sylvester Morris Ransom (both are deceased); Ernest, deceased; and Seward, a machinist at London, Ontario.

In 1864 Phœbe Gilroy was married to George Wilson, who was born in Dunwich, County of Elgin, in 1839, and died in September, 1882, on his farm in Fingal, Ont., in his forty-fourth year. He was a son of Jeptha and Merinda (Williams) Wilson, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in England. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Nora J., wife of John Nott, a farmer at Fingal, Ont.; Orlin E., a miller at Dunnville, Ont.; Wilbra, a printer at Detroit, Michigan; and Ethel, who resides at Dresden, the wife of Daniel McDonald.

JOSEPH PARSONS, a successful blacksmith and farmer of Harwich township, residing in the village of McKays Corners, was born in Somersetshire, England, March 24, 1838, a son of William and Anna (Shutler) Parsons. The parents were also born in Somersetshire, England, the father in 1806, and the mother in 1802, and they were married in England. In 1841 they emigrated to America, locating first in New York State, where Mr. Parsons worked at his trade of blacksmith, and after a few years there they moved to Canada and settled at McKays Corners, on the Howard line, in Kent. He started a blacksmith shop, continuing to work at his trade until his death, which occurred in 1853. His wife died Sept. 17, 1891, and both were buried in the McBrain burying ground in Harwich township. Their children were as follows: Mary, born in England, married Malcolm McBrian, who resides in the County of Lambton, and their children are Elizabeth, Hannah, John, Victoria, Duncan and William. William, born in England in 1836, learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked in Howard township for many years; he married Jennie McCollum, and died at McKays Corners Nov. 26, 1900, leaving children—William, a blacksmith of McKays Corners; Sarah J., who married John Clark, of Howard township; Annie, who died in child-

hood; and Albert H., at the old home. Joseph is mentioned below. Rebecca, born in New York State in 1848, married John Glasford, who settled in Michigan, where she died, leaving two sons—Angus, of Michigan, and Melvin, deceased. Hannah died in childhood. Sarah, born in Howard township, is the widow of Thomas George, and resides in Harwich; she has no family.

Joseph Parsons received his only educational advantages in New York, and he learned his trade of blacksmith at Fentonville, Michigan. After learning same he located at McKays Corners, where he opened a shop, and continued in that line until he purchased his present farm from Robert Alexander. At present he divides his time between superintending his farm and working at his trade, and is successful at both.

In 1864 Mr. Parsons was married to Miss Martha Dougherty, of Harwich township, daughter of John Dougherty, an old pioneer of the County of Kent, and two children came to them: Ernest E., born in 1866, studied pharmacy when a young man, and is now located in London, Ont., where he conducts a first-class drug store; he married a Miss Stuart, of Walkerville, who died leaving two sons, Stuart and Errick. Bertha, born in Howard Feb. 2, 1869, married Abram Savage, a merchant of Chatham, and they have two children, Clarence and Adelaide.

In January, 1871, Mr. Parsons was married to Miss Mary Curtis, daughter of Charles and Rebecca (McMullen) Curtis, prominent people of Harwich township. Mrs. Parsons was born in June, 1854, and was reared in Harwich township. Six children have been born to this union: Priscilla, born in December, 1871, was reared on the old homestead, received a fair education, and resides with her parents. Charles, born in 1880, died in childhood. Charles (2), born in July, 1882, is farming at home and is unmarried; he is a young man of many estimable qualities. Nellie, born in July, 1884, Anna M., born in 1891, and Norman H., born in December, 1893, are at school. Mr. Parsons has resided at his present home for forty years, and in 1888 he erected his present brick house in the village of McKays Corners, which is modern in every respect, and one of the best in the community. In addition to his other interests, he owns a fifty-acre farm in Howard township, on the town line, and another sixty acres in Howard. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are members of the Disciples Church, although their parents were members of the Church of England. Politically he has always been identified with the Reform party, but has never aspired to office. Kind-hearted, industrious and energetic, Mr. Parsons is a man who has won the respect and friendship of all who know him, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited.

JOSEPH RETTENMIER, a successful hardware merchant and prominent citizen of Duart, Ont., came to that village May 28, 1855. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Dec. 21, 1831, a son of John and Barbara (Miley) Rettenmier, also of Wurtemberg, who remained there. The father, who was a weaver by occupation, died in 1858, aged seventy-five years, while the mother died in 1856, aged seventy years. The following children were born to them: Joseph; Gertrude, Mrs. Beer, of Germany; and John, who holds a government position in Germany. The paternal grandparents were also of Germany, where they remained.

In February, 1861, in Ridgetown, Ont., Joseph Rettenmier married Sarah Massey, and there have been born to this union children as follows: John, who is in the implement business at Duart, Ont., married Ellen C. Noades, and has three children, William J., Alfred E. and Sarah E.; Edward is deceased; Joseph, who is with the Park Davis Co., at Windsor, Ont., married Mabel McDonald, and has had three children, Grace, Alice and Sarah (deceased); Nathaniel, of Detroit, Michigan, married Victoria Sage, and has one daughter, Catherine; Thomas is with his brother Joseph; Sarah (deceased), married Frank McLean (she has no children). Mrs. Rettenmier was born in Quebec, and is a sister of N. Massey, of Chatham, Ont., a prominent cattle dealer of that city.

Mr. Rettenmier remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, after which he served three years in the army. He then went to New York City, but after a few days went to the "Soo," Ont., and thence to Detroit, Michigan. There he spent a few weeks, when he journeyed to Chatham, Ont., but soon there-

after he came to Duart, where he worked in a sawmill for three years. His next work was at Troy, Ont., where he spent a few months, but then had the misfortune to break his arm. After his arm had healed he peddled tinware upon the road for a firm in Iona, Ont., and thus continued for fourteen years, when he purchased the business and removed it to Duart. However, he has made Duart his home since he first located there. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, while in his political affiliations he is a Conservative. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the English Church.

It is men like Mr. Rettenmier who make Ontario what it is today. Although he had nothing with which to begin the battle of life, aside from his good sense, ability and willingness to work, he had the courage to build up a large and constantly increasing business, and is today one of the most substantial men of his town, standing very high in the confidence of the business world and among his friends.

FINLAY OSWALD. This prosperous farmer of Tilbury East township has since the earliest days prominently identified himself with the development of the agricultural resources of his section, having settled upon a tract of wild land there as early as 1845. His untiring energy and dogged determination, promoters of his success, he has inherited from his good Scottish ancestors.

John Oswald, father of Finlay, a man of ability and culture, was born in New Falkirk, Perthshire, Scotland. In a refined home, and under the influence of well-established institutions, he grew to manhood. Intellectual in taste, he availed himself of every opportunity of pursuing his studies, and thus obtained in the course of time a very solid education. During his young manhood Mr. Oswald married Catherine McCowan, who died in 1881, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and by this union there were seven children, two of whom died very young; Jane, who married Andrew Robertson, of Tilbury East township, is deceased; Lillie, who married Philo G. Belknap, and resided in Detroit, is deceased; Peter died at the age of twenty-one years; Finlay is mentioned below; Catherine, who married William Richardson, is deceased.

After marriage Mr. Oswald continued his residence in Scotland for many years, and in the steady pursuit of business provided a good home for himself and family. About 1845, hoping to better his own fortunes, as well as to assist his children to good openings, he came to Canada, and after a short residence in Hamilton secured of Col. Talbot the north half of Lot 15, M. R. N., in Tilbury East township, his son, Finlay Oswald, taking Lot 14. As transportation at that time was poor, the family journeyed to their grants in lumber wagons. There, on Lot 14, Mr. Oswald first erected a small log cabin, almost directly across the road from where the family residence now stands, and with the Camerons on Lot 16 and the Robertsons on Lot 8 as neighbors, he began the arduous tasks of life in a new country. Wisely-directed efforts enabled him in the course of time to clear and put under thorough cultivation extensive tracts; and after a while he replaced his log cabin residence with a substantial black ash log building, which, though at present unoccupied, is in a good state of preservation. After getting a good start on his farm Mr. Oswald left some of the heavier work of the place to his children, and, taking a position in school district No. 2, gave his attention mainly to teaching, following this occupation for eight or ten years. Strong in discipline, and proficient in imparting knowledge, he gave excellent satisfaction to his patrons, and continued his services in the same community for about ten years. He commanded moderate wages in his profession, and in time became one of the well-to-do citizens of his locality. Delicate health impaired his usefulness during the last years of his life. He died in 1869, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Mr. Oswald was a man of influence, and gave himself unreservedly to the upbuilding of the community in which he dwelt. It was through his influence that in 1846 Rev. Mr. Gale, of Hamilton, sent Rev. Mr. Southerland, of Eckford, as a missionary to Tilbury East township, and effected the organization of the Presbyterian society, which soon afterward erected a log church. Mr. Oswald continued his labors with the organization throughout his life, and in 1862 was one of the leaders in the erection of the present church edifice. A splendid brick manse, erected in 1881, speaks clearly of the flourishing condition of the society which he was instrumental in founding.

Finlay Oswald was born in Perthshire, Scotland, June 29, 1829, and when about seventeen years old came with his parents to Canada. Of a studious disposition, he availed himself of every opportunity of continuing his studies, and during his young manhood attended for some time the excellent school conducted by Rev. William King, at Buxton. Ambitious to start life for himself, shortly after coming to Canada he took up the north half of Lot 14, in Tilbury East township, and there began making improvements. After ten or twelve years of successful work on this farm, in about 1855 he assumed the management of the home place, where he now resides. Much of the land was at that time wholly undeveloped, but by hard work and wise management he soon made some marked improvements there, and opened up an extensive and highly profitable industry, which he is still continuing. In recent years he has made a specialty of raising corn and also clover for seed, realizing good profits from the industry.

Mr. Oswald has never married. He has given his attention entirely to the pursuit of his one main industry, and to the public affairs of his community. As a Reformer he has long been keenly interested in local politics. For many years he has been a leading member of the Presbyterian Church at Valetta, acting as Sunday-school teacher for thirty-nine years.

CHARLES STEWART, one of the self-made men and esteemed citizens of the County of Kent, now a retired farmer of the township of Harwich, residing on Concession 5, Lot 15, was born Oct. 6, 1830, in Appin, Argyllshire, Scotland.

William and Catherine (Hastie) Stewart, his parents, were both born in Argyllshire, and he is a descendant of the historic house of Appin and Ardsheil. His father died in Jamaica, where he went to seek his fortune, in 1842. The mother died in Scotland when their two sons, Charles and Duncan, were but lads. Duncan still resides with his family in Scotland, and is a leading business man of his community. In 1882 he visited his only brother in Canada, and the reunion was very pleasant.

Charles Stewart was eleven years of age when, in 1841, he started for the home of his uncle, Duncan Johnson, who lived in Canada. The long journey was made on a sailing-vessel to New York, and thence he came to Buffalo by way of the Erie Canal, finally reaching the County of Kent by boat across Lake Erie. He was employed by his uncle until he started in life for himself. After earning the means he purchased 100 acres of wild land, erected a little log cabin in the woods, and in 1850 married Harriet Douglass, who died one year afterward, leaving one child, Harriet, born in 1851. She is now the widow of Samuel Rouse, of Chatham, and has two children, Gertrude A. and Victoria Alma, and one child, Grace, is deceased. Mrs. Stewart was a daughter of Dr. Douglass, who lived and died in Scotland, she and two sisters coming to Canada when young.

Soon after the death of his wife Mr. Stewart sold his first homestead, but continued to live in Harwich. In 1875 he married Mary J. Sloan, who was born Oct. 14, 1843, in Tilbury, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Cowan) Sloan, old pioneer settlers of Tilbury, who were natives of Ireland. They lived in Tilbury until 1854, when they purchased Mr. Stewart's farm in Harwich, where Mr. Sloan died in 1888; his wife still survives. Mrs. Stewart grew to womanhood in Harwich, where she was educated. She is the eldest of a family of fourteen children, twelve of whom are still living. In 1876 Mr. Stewart purchased his present home on Concession 5. At that time the land was still wild, but he soon erected a comfortable frame house and commodious barns, and with vigor started in clearing up his second farm. For the past twenty-seven years he has occupied this place, all the time improving it, and there are few 100-acre farms to be found in Canada which are more highly improved or more carefully cultivated than this beautiful one of Mr. Stewart's.

Children as follows have come to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart: William A., born Christmas Day, 1876, who has been thoroughly educated both at home and at Chatham, now owns and operates an adjoining farm, presented to him by his father, and is one of the most worthy young men of the township; Samuel J., born in February, 1879, assists in the management of the home farm; Martha C., born in October, 1881, and Kate E., born in August, 1883, are refined and intelligent young ladies, prominent in Harwich society; and Charles A., born in June, 1885, resides at home. Both Mr. and

Mrs. Stewart are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stewart has been one of its strong supporters, and for many years was one of the officers of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Chatham, of which he was one of the founders, and is now an elder.

Like all intelligent men, Mr. Stewart has taken a deep interest in public matters. He is identified with the Reform party and has filled a number of local offices. For many years he encouraged educational work, was instrumental in the building of schools in the township, and has very capably filled the office of school trustee. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, and possesses a mind well stored with useful knowledge. His early years were filled with hard work, but he always found time not only to cultivate his mind, but also to cultivate a kindness of demeanor which has marked him through life. Naturally Mr. Stewart has many friends. His pleasant smile and hearty handshake make him a welcome guest in any circle. His upright character and sterling honesty entitle him to be called a representative man, one to whom his fellow citizens point with pride. He has always been a successful agriculturist, and his fine farm is an example not only of his industry, but also of the excellent methods which he has pursued. The family is held in the highest esteem all through the County of Kent, and is noted for thrift, intelligence and integrity, as were the forefathers for their courage and loyalty.

HENRY McGREGOR. One of the best known families of Chatham Gore is the one so ably represented by Henry McGregor, general farmer of Chatham Gore, on Lot 22, 1st Concession, where he owns two farms of fifty acres each.

Henry McGregor was born in Camden Gore, July 30, 1838, a son of George and Sophia (Hoffman) McGregor, the former of whom was born at Nova Scotia, and the latter on Lake Erie in County Essex. George McGregor was the son of Capt. James McGregor, a military officer, who served in the Rebellion of 1837, receiving 750 acres of land for his services, and the present Wallaceburg occupies a portion of this site.

George McGregor was brought to Ontario, and was reared upon the river Thames in Chatham township. He lived upon his property, remaining there until his death, which occurred in April, 1873, when he was eighty-four years of age. His wife lived until 1877, when she died aged eighty-four, and they were buried in the Methodist church yard, Salem, Chatham Gore. Both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were: Jane, who died at the age of twenty years; Catherine, who died at the age of twenty years; Susannah, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Deborah, who married Thomas W. Awter; Georgiana, who married Edgar Simpson, a carpenter of Bay City, Michigan; and Henry.

Henry McGregor, the second in the order of birth in the above family, was brought to his present farm by his parents, and he has since lived upon it, making many of the improvements found there. In politics he is a Reformer, and he is interested in Protestant churches, and a liberal supporter of all Christian enterprises.

On Sept. 29, 1875, in Chatham, Ont., Mr. McGregor married Eliza Jane Ruttle, who was born at Duluth, Minnesota, in 1858, a daughter of John and Mary J. (Shaw) Ruttle, of County Sligo, Ireland. The children born of this union were: Sophia, married Walter Bond, a banker of Flaxton, North Dakota; Jane died at the age of nineteen years; Henrietta, of Crystal City, Man., is a milliner; and Thomas W., Malcolm, Lena, John, Gordon, Carson and Donald are all at home.

John Ruttle, father of Mrs. McGregor, came to County Kent at an early day, and in 1895 removed to North Dakota where he engaged in farming. He died there April 28, 1904, aged seventy-six years. His widow, who is well advanced in years, is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Thomas, a traveling salesman in New Zealand; Eliza Jane (twin to Thomas), Mrs. McGregor; James, a farmer of Chatham township; Henrietta, of North Dakota, who married James Moreland; Isaac, a real estate agent of North Dakota; David, deceased; Margaret, deceased; John, a stonemason in North Dakota; Joseph, a farmer of Alberta; George, a farmer at the home farm in North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor, with their children, are well and favorably known through their community, and although he is a man of advanced years, is very active, and does con-

siderable farming himself. In all township matters he is looked up to with great respect, and he enjoys a well earned popularity.

PETER McKERRALL, a successful general farmer of Chatham township, resides on Lot 16, 5th Concession, on his pleasant farm of 100 acres, and also owns 500 acres adjoining, being one of the largest land owners in the County of Kent. He came to the township in 1850 with his parents, locating on his present farm, and has added to his holdings until they reached their present proportions.

Mr. McKerrall was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, May 25, 1837, son of Dougald and Jane (Breckenridge) McKerrall, of the same neighborhood, who emigrated to the County of Kent in 1850, and settled on the homestead farm, where the father died in 1879 aged eighty-five years, and the mother died in 1872, aged seventy-five years, and they are buried in McVicker's cemetery. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The following named children, besides Peter, were born to this union: Hugh, a retired farmer of Chatham; Margaret, widow of Alexander Ralston, of Rockford, Illinois; John, retired farmer of Chatham, Ont.; Janet (deceased), who married Thomas Brody; Jane, deceased, who married John McCoig; and Edward, a farmer of Harwich township.

On March 28, 1874, Peter McKerrall married, in Harwich township, Miss Isabella Young, and children as follows were born to them: Dougald A., with his father, unmarried; George, a farmer on an adjoining farm, who married Anna Seney; Jane A., who died young; and Peter A., who married Myrtle Arnold and is a farmer of Chatham township. Mrs. McKerrall was born in Glasgow, Scotland, April 22, 1842, a daughter of George and Janet (Robertson) Young, of that city, who came to Canada in 1843, settling in Harwich township, County of Kent, and took up 100 acres of land to which they afterward added until they had 300 acres, although but little work was done on any of the land. Mr. Young served as member of the council, township reeve, justice of the peace, clerk of the court, and held other offices in the County of Kent, settling up estates, and drawing up wills of prominent men, although prior to coming to Canada he had been an architect and cabinetmaker. His death occurred in August, 1890, when he was eighty-one years of age, while his wife died in 1880, aged seventy-one years, and both are interred in Maple Leaf cemetery. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Peter McKerrall came to his present farm with his parents and has since made it his home, improving it and making it into one of the best in the County of Kent. In politics he is a Reformer, but has never sought office. He and Mrs. McKerrall are prominently identified with the Presbyterian Church, and they are liberal supporters of its good works. Both are very hospitable, and their delightful home has always been a gathering place for their many friends, by whom they are most highly esteemed. Mr. McKerrall is not only one of the well-to-do men of the County of Kent, but also one of the most popular, and this prominence has been attained because of his many excellent traits of character, quite as much as on account of his wealth. Mrs. McKerrall is equally popular, and they and their children are very important factors in the social life of the community.

PETER GLASGOW, a retired farmer of the Gore of Chatham, residing on Lot 30, Concession 1, owns a fine farm of 151 1-2 acres to which he came in 1865 from Glencoe, Ont. He was born in Scotland July 1, 1829, and is a son of Thomas and Euphemia (Burns) Glasgow, the former a farmer in that country. Thomas Glasgow was born in Linlithgowshire, Scotland, and died in 1843, aged fifty-six years, and his widow died in 1848, aged fifty-seven years. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Janet; Agnes, wife of Thomas Gillen; Elizabeth; Sophia; John; Thomas; Peter; and James, of Australia. Peter and James are the only survivors. The paternal grandparents were John and Agnes (Gray) Glasgow, natives of Linlithgowshire, where they were farming people and spent their entire lives. The maternal grandparents were Robert and Janet (Hume) Burns, of Scotland.

On March 4, 1856, in Newbury, Ont., Peter Glasgow married Jane Bryden, and children as follows were born of that union: (1) James, a farmer of Glencoe, Ont., married Phœbe Stenson, and has three children, Peter



Peter McIntyre

B., Loretta and Florence May; (2) Thomas J., a farmer on the old homestead, married Sarah Hood, and has three children, William J., Mary I. and Hugh Archie; (3) Gordon K. Mrs. Glasgow, who was born in Dumfries, Scotland, died in July, 1888, aged sixty-four years, and was interred in the cemetery at Dresden. She was a daughter of John and Janet (Lockerby) Bryden, of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1855, locating in Newbury, Ont., where the father carried on his trade of blacksmithing.

Mr. Glasgow remained with his parents until after the death of his father, at the age of sixteen years commencing to work for the railroad, and thus he continued, coming to Canada in 1852, at which time he located at Montreal. For two years he continued there, employed in railroad service, and then removed to Newbury, still continuing with the railroad, being section boss for thirteen years. He then purchased his present farm, which was all wild, and which he has since developed into one of the finest pieces of property in the township. Since his retirement from active work Mr. Glasgow has given the property to his son, and built him a beautiful brick home on one portion of the homestead, while he himself occupies the old home. Fraternally Mr. Glasgow is a member of the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian, and takes an active interest in the good work of that denomination. His political views make him a staunch Reformer, but he has never aspired to office. While advanced in years, he retains all his faculties and is remarkably active, taking a deep interest in the work of the farm and the management of affairs. During a long and useful life he has made and retained many friends, all of whom deeply esteem this honorable old gentleman, who in his declining years is still so useful a member of society, and an entertaining companion as well.

MURDOCH McKENZIE, a prosperous general farmer of Dover township, County of Kent, residing on a farm of 150 acres located in Lots 17 and 18, 8th Concession, was born in Ross-shire, Scotland, Jan. 18, 1837, a son of Murdoch and Ann (Urquhart) McKenzie, of that country.

Mr. McKenzie's parents came to Canada Oct. 1, 1844, and settled in Chatham township, County of Kent, Ont. In Scotland the father was a fisherman, but in Canada he became a farmer, first renting a farm in Chatham township for a year; then he was on another farm as a squatter until 1850, when he located on the farm of his son Murdoch, purchasing fifty acres and later fifty more. There he remained until his death, in May, 1879, when he was seventy years of age. His wife died in 1863, aged fifty-two years. They are buried in Jacks cemetery. In religion they were members of the Presbyterian Church. The following children were born to their union: Murdoch; Christena, of Chatham, who married Samuel Montgomery; John, who died in 1860, aged nineteen; Roderick, on a farm adjoining that of his brother Murdoch; Henry, deceased; Anna, married to Jeremiah Donevan, of Chatham; and Jeanette, deceased, who married William J. Montgomery. The paternal grandfather, Murdoch McKenzie, of Scotland, died in his native land.

On June 25, 1872, in the County of Wellington, Murdoch McKenzie was married to Ann Wilkerson, and the following children were born to them: Rev. John, of Toronto; and Alexander, Anetta, Kenneth U., Roland G., Janette C. and Mary B., all at home but Janette, who is deceased. Mrs. McKenzie was born in Puslinch, County of Wellington, Ont., Oct. 25, 1848, a daughter of John and Ann (Kilcrist) Wilkerson, of Campbelltown, Scotland, who were married in Canada; both died in Puslinch, Ont., he in 1877, aged sixty-seven years, and she in 1857, aged forty-two years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and died in that faith. The children born to their union were: Catherine married William Lore, of Beverly, Ont.; Alexander, of Beverly, Ont., is unmarried; Mary married Donald MacIntosh, of Kiladen, Ont., a carpenter; Malcolm is a resident of Puslinch, Ont.; Neil is a farmer of Kiladen, Ont.; Janette (deceased), married Isaac Montgomery; Flora married Hugh Porter, of Dover township.

Murdoch McKenzie remained on the home farm, which he now owns, as well as another farm of 100 acres, in the same township (all of which has been reclaimed from the wilderness of heavy forest), and a 100-acre tract adjoining the old farm—350 acres in all. In

shire, England, and his wife was born in 1818 in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. They were married in 1844 in London, Ont., and settled in Fingal, County of Elgin, where he followed the trade of cabinet-making and undertaking the rest of his life, dying there in 1878. His widow survived until October, 1886. They had children as follows: Mary A., a teacher in the public schools of Kingsville, was for ten years a teacher in Chatham; John, who resides in London, Ont., married Jessie Anderson; Hannah, the wife of Mr. Crouch, was educated in the town of Fingal, and for a period was one of the valued teachers of that vicinity; Elizabeth, born at Fingal, died in childhood; Georgina married Duncan McIntyre, of the County of Elgin, and they now reside in London; Peter, born in the County of Elgin, married Jennie Hunter, and they reside in London; George, born in Fingal, died in childhood.

Mr. Crouch has taken a lively interest in political matters, as becomes a prominent citizen, but he has never aspired to office, simply supporting the Reform party because he believes it offers the best solution to questions of general interest. In religious matters he has long been one of the leaders in the Methodist Church, is one of the trustees and a member of its official board, and in every way demonstrates his consistent Christianity. For a long period he has been a member of the order of Odd Fellows, affiliating with Lodge No. 144, of Ridgetown, and with his wife belongs to the society of Royal Templars of Temperance. He is one of the manly men of Ridgetown, and one whose bright sunny temperament does much toward lightening the burdens of others. His influence is good and lasting, for his exemplary life has won him the esteem and confidence of his fellow men, while his broad charity and liberal support of all good enterprises have given him their respect. Few men in this locality are more highly regarded than is Samuel Crouch.

JAMES PEGG, a retired farmer and prominent citizen of Blenheim, County of Kent, is one of the old settlers of that locality. His birth occurred Jan. 17, 1817, in Norfolk, England, and he is a son of Peter and Caroline (Richards) Pegg, and grandson of James Pegg, the latter of whom was born in England about 1750, passed his entire life there, and died in 1830. By occupation he was a house and stack thatcher, and he was a very worthy man. His children were: Peter, Thomas, Philip, Jeremiah and a daughter.

Peter Pegg, the father of James, was born in England in 1791, and there died in 1841. He followed the same occupation as his father. He married Caroline Richards, who was born and died in England, and they became the parents of the following named children: Thomas, John, James, William (at Hamilton, Ont.), and Mary Ann (widow of John McMullen, of Lovilia, Iowa). These children came to Ontario and became prosperous citizens of the Dominion.

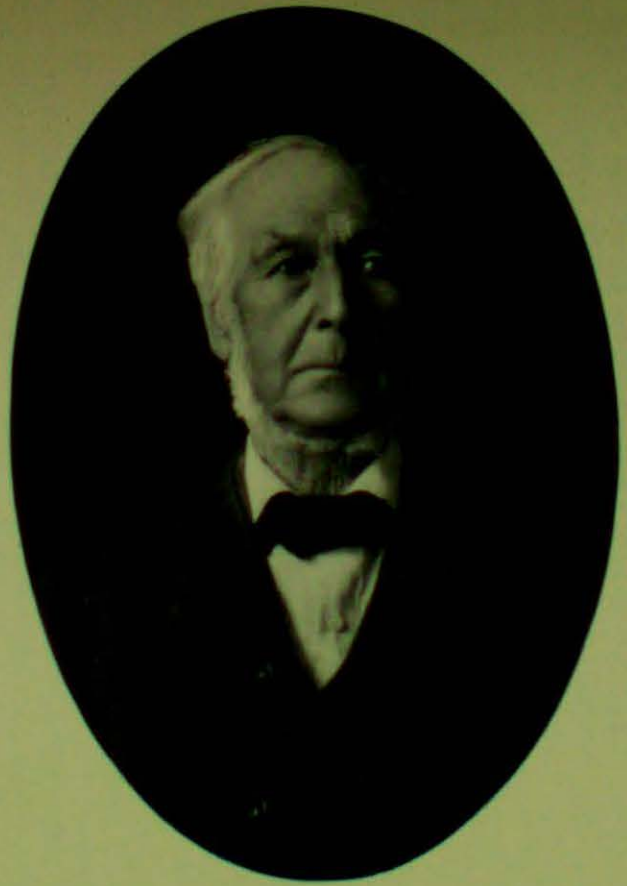
James Pegg made the journey to the New World in 1835. He settled in Burlington, Ont., where he lived until 1852, in which year he went on foot to Blenheim, to locate the land on which he now resides, 139 acres on Lot 9, Concession 2, West Communication road. All of his land was covered with timber when it came into his possession, but by hard labor he cleared it, placed it under fine cultivation, and erected comfortable buildings, now having a farm which is considered one of the best in the County of Kent, and which stands as a monument to his industry. After locating his land Mr. Pegg returned to Burlington for his family. At this time (1852) there were no railroads, and the settlers had no luxuries of any kind. The long journey was made by wagon, and after the little family reached the new home the trips to church were made in a little cart, the wheels of which had come from an old wagon. Still, with all these hardships they were happy, and their hard work did them all good and made them healthy men and women.

In 1849 Mr. Pegg married Miss Elizabeth Wharton, and to this union were born the following named children: (1) Peter, who is living with his father on the homestead, married Keziah Jacklin, and they have had ten children, George Richard, Henry (deceased), Thomas Edward, Emma Elizabeth, William Aaron, John Arthur, Charles Amos, Frances Ada, James Peter and Albert Ernest. (2) Frances Ann is the widow of Joseph Wetherell. (3) Henry is a resident of New Mexico. (4) William, farmer on the place adjoining the homestead, married Lodena Hill, and they have five children, James F., Lydia E., Edith G., Harry and Grace L.

Politically Mr. Pegg is a Liberal, and he



Elizabeth (Wharton) Pegg



James Pegg

takes a deep interest in local affairs. His religious connections are with the Methodist Church. Although past eighty years of age he enjoys good health, and is one of the most genial gentlemen in the County of Kent. His accounts of the history of western Canada, as he saw it lived, are very entertaining. During a long and useful life he has done his duty in every social relation, and he is revered and honored not only by his family, but by all who know him.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Wharton) Pegg was born in 1819 in England, daughter of Henry Wharton, and granddaughter of William Wharton, both also natives of England. Henry Wharton came with his family to Ontario in 1825, locating in the County of Halton, where he took up land and made a permanent home. He became quite prominent in his new location, and had a long and useful career, dying in 1863, at the age of eighty-four years. He married a daughter of Thomas Alton, who was a farmer and passed all his life in England. Mrs. Wharton passed away in 1840. They were the parents of the following named children: Frances (deceased) married James Elliot, who is now deceased. Elizabeth was the wife of Mr. Pegg; she died Feb. 13, 1886, and is buried in Evergreen cemetery, at Blenheim. Charlotte, widow of Thomas Lang, resides in Hagersville, Ont. Hannah (deceased) was the wife of John Cottor. Henry died young. The parents were members of the Church of England.

JOHN H. THUMB, a successful farmer of Harwich township, residing on the town line range in the County of Kent, Ont., was born in that township, at Rushton's Corners, June 9, 1851, a son of Henry and Eliza (Clark) Thumb, old pioneers of the County of Kent.

Henry Thumb was born in York State in 1801, while his wife was born in England in 1817, a daughter of Thomas Clark, who came to Canada in 1823, settling at Woodstock, where representatives of the Clark family are still numerous. Henry Thumb located in Woodstock while still a young man, and followed his trade, blacksmithing, the greater part of his life. In 1843 he came to Harwich township, purchasing the present home of John H. Thumb, which property was then almost entirely wild land. He went bravely to work, erected a home and worked at clearing the land, which has since become so profitable. His death occurred in 1866, but his wife survived him until 1879. Six daughters and one son were born to these worthy people: Augusta, born in the County of Kent in 1839, married Jeremiah Rushton, who settled at Rushton's Corners, in Howard township, and there she was killed by a stroke of lightning in 1892; she left no children. Catherine, born in the County of Kent, married Walter Coleman, of Ridgetown, where both died, leaving no family. Eliza A., born in Harwich in 1848, now deceased, married Henry Redny, who settled on Talbot street, and they had one son, Harry, a druggist of Chicago. Anna M., born in Harwich, married James Alexander in 1874, and they reside on the old Rushton homestead in Howard; they have no family. Emma, born at the old homestead, married John Knight, a resident of Blenheim, and has four children—William, who married Mary Mann and has four children, Maud, Emma, Mabel and Harry (they reside at Blenheim); Wynett Knight, who married Ada Burt, resides in Blenheim and has one daughter, Zelma; Augusta Knight, who married William Huff, of Bad Axe, Michigan (they have no family); and Frank. Ida D. the sixth daughter of Henry Thumb, married John Haggart, of Harwich, and they now reside in Panhandle, Texas; they have no family. John H. is mentioned below.

After the death of his father John H. Thumb, who had been reared upon the farm, became manager, and conducted the property very successfully. In 1879 and 1880 he was engaged in business at Wakeeney, Kansas, but returned at the expiration of two years to the old homestead, and in 1885 was married to Miss Emma Hughes, born in England in 1862, daughter of Samuel and Mary Hughes, who emigrated from England to Canada in 1862. After arriving in Canada Mr. and Mrs. Hughes settled at Dresden, Ont., where they both died, leaving children as follows: Mary, born in England, married William Hughes, of Dresden; Samuel J., born in Australia, is a resident of Dresden; Anna, born in Australia, married B. J. Ingals, of Chatham, and they have three children, Laura, Ralph and Ernest; Emma, Mrs. Thumb, was born in England; William B., born in Canada, is a printer of Vancouver, is married and has three children, Cleaver, Vernon and Ernest; Ernest is a mer-

chant tailor in Brantford. Mr. and Mrs. Thumb settled at the old homestead and began their work of improving the property. Since then they have erected new barns, stables, etc., and remodeled the house, and now have one of the finest farms in the County of Kent. In addition to the home property Mr. Thumb has purchased twenty-five acres adjoining, which is also in an excellent state of cultivation. One daughter, Dell Marian, born April 4, 1901, is the delight of the household. Politically Mr. Thumb, like his father before him, has always been identified with the old Liberal party. By careful attention to his work, with well-directed efforts along progressive lines, he has succeeded even beyond his expectations, and not only gained financial prosperity but also the esteem of his neighbors, and the love and affection of his family and intimate friends.

JAMES R. RHODES, a prominent retired farmer of Raleigh township, belongs to an old English family which has been established in Yorkshire for many generations. James Rhodes, his grandfather, with other members of the family, engaged there in the manufacture of woolen goods. He lived to the age of eighty-six years. He was the father of the following named children: John and Thomas, who died in England; James, father of James R.; Joseph, who died in Bristol, England; Samuel, who came to the city of New York, representing the manufacturing interests of the family, and died there; William, who died at Chester, Pennsylvania; Abraham, who represented the woolen concern at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he died; Ann, who died in England; Sarah, who married a Mr. Wilson, at Manchester, England; Mary, who married J. Wright, an officer in the British army; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Ingraham, of Manchester.

James Rhodes was born in 1799, at Saddleworth, Yorkshire, England, and in 1827 came to Montreal as a representative of the great Rhodes woolen house. There, in 1832, he married Jane E. Kerrison, who was born in 1815, in London, and died aged sixty-five years. In 1842 James Rhodes left the woolen business and went into the employ of Gilmore, in the buying of wheat at Port Hope. In 1853 he came to the County of Kent, where he passed the remainder of his life, finally retiring, and he died there in 1887. In politics he was a Conservative. His family consisted of two children: James R., born in 1833; and Clara, born in 1835, who is the widow of Urotes Slater, and resides in Oakland, California.

James R. Rhodes came to Raleigh township, County of Kent, in 1853, and located on property owned by the Reynolds family. From time to time he acquired land until he had a large acreage. In 1869 he bought 121 acres from the Canada Company; in 1874, fifty acres; in 1878 he added twenty-five adjoining acres; in 1885, sixty acres; in 1893, fifty acres. From 1853 to 1900 Mr. Rhodes carried on farming extensively, but in the latter year he retired, having given each of his sons a farm. He carried on a general line of agricultural work and used methods which brought him continued success. In one year he raised and sold as much as 3,000 bushels of wheat. His sons have adopted his methods and are proving themselves also practical and progressive farmers.

In 1860 Mr. Rhodes was married to Dorothy Stover, daughter of Peter Stover, one of the early settlers of Raleigh township, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German descent, and in young manhood moved to Nova Scotia. In the early thirties he came to the County of Kent with Col. Talbot, locating at Morpeth, Howard township. In 1837 he came to Raleigh township, where he took up a Col. Talbot grant of 200 acres, James Stover now living on a part of it. Peter Stover married Martha Bury, who died aged seventy-six; he died in 1846, aged sixty-nine. Their children were: Elisha, who was drowned in Lake Erie; John, who served in the Civil war in the States; Jane, now deceased, who married Richard Lark; Elizabeth, a widow, living in California; Richard, deceased; William, deceased, who was a farmer of Chatham township; Dorothy, wife of Mr. Rhodes; Joseph, of Sombra, Ont.; James, of Raleigh township; and Edward, a farmer of Raleigh township.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes are as follows: Laura is the wife of Charles A. Keil, a farmer on Concession 8, and has three sons, Charles, John and James. William James, who is a farmer opposite the homestead, married Lena Keil, and they have two sons and two daughters, Nettie, Mena, William and Robert. Annie is the wife of George Laurie, a

thrifty farmer on Concession 8, and they have one son, Wilfred. Orlando, who is on the homestead, married Bertha Ritchie, and they have one son, Cecil. John, a farmer on Concession 7, married Bertha Buthroyd, and they have one daughter, Dorothy. Eva married J. J. Morrison, of Detroit, and they have two sons, Bryce and James.

Both Mr. Rhodes and his wife are very prominent, active members of the Methodist Church, of which he is one of the trustees, and he gave very material assistance toward the building of the beautiful church which was completed in 1901. In politics he is a Conservative. The Rhodes family is one of the leading ones in the township. Mr. Rhodes is well and widely known and enjoys the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens in a marked degree.

JOHN GREENWOOD. In a rich farming country are found more prosperous, substantial and contented citizens than in almost any other region, and Camden Gore is no exception to these general conditions. John Greenwood, the owner of a fine place of 100 acres in the 12th Concession, Lot 8, was born on his present homestead, Aug. 15, 1851, son of Ira and Mary (Gibson) Greenwood.

The early part of Ira Greenwood's life was passed in Lower Canada. He married there, and afterward carried on a farm in that section until 1837. In that year he moved to County Kent, and bought a farm along the river, in Harwich township. After living on it four years he sold the place, and bought another in Camden Gore, where he remained five years. He then settled down permanently on an adjoining farm, the one upon which his son now resides. At the time he bought this last place there was only a small clearing on it, but under his ownership it was brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Greenwood lived to extreme old age, his death occurring in 1902, when in his ninety-third year. His wife died many years previously, July 2, 1873, at the age of sixty-one. Both are buried in Butler's cemetery, in Camden township. He was active in public matters, and for several years was township councillor. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, as follows: Emory, deceased, of Wallaceburg, Ont.; Sarah A., who married Harry King, a farmer of Dawn Mills; Nancy, deceased, wife of Henry Johnson; Frances Florence, the wife of William Law, a farmer in Ontario; Albert, of Concord, New Hampshire; Ira, deceased, of Camden Gore; and John.

The paternal grandfather, William Greenwood, was a United Empire Loyalist during the time of the American Revolution. He migrated to Canada then, and settled there permanently. By occupation he was a carpenter, and followed that trade all his life. He died at his home in Lower Canada.

John Greenwood has passed his days on the farm he inherited from his father, and has pursued the same occupation to which he had been reared in his youth. He was married in Florence, Ont., Feb. 27, 1878, choosing for his wife Maria, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Shreeve) Smith. To this union have been born the following children: Olive, wife of Charles Snarey, a farmer in Camden Gore; Oscar, Raymond and Gladys, at home; Myrtle, deceased; and Ernest and Dora, at home. Mrs. Greenwood died in December, 1893, at the age of thirty-nine, and was buried in Butler's cemetery. She was born near St. Thomas, Ont., and her parents were farming people from Norfolk, England, who came to Canada and settled in County Lambton in the early days.

John Greenwood is an unusually versatile man, who can turn his hand successfully to almost any work; besides doing the usual work of a farm, he is part owner of a threshing machine, and is also a carpenter. In his political ideas he belongs to the Reform party, but takes no active part in political life. He attends the Methodist Church, and is a member of the C. O. C. Friends.

GEORGE BOOTHROYD, one of the excellent farmers and most valued citizens of the County of Kent, who has had much to do with her progress and development, belongs to the pioneer family of the name, and was born in December, 1829, in Yorkshire, England, of English ancestry.

Richard Boothroyd, the father of George, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1778, and there married Mary Smith, who was born in Hertfordshire, England, in 1800. In 1830 they came to Canada, making the trip by way of the city of New

York, thence by the Erie canal to Buffalo and on to Canada. A year of hard and faithful work for Col. Talbot enabled Mr. Boothroyd to accumulate enough money to purchase a tract of 100 acres in Concession 6, Howard township, and here he erected a log cabin in the great forest and took up the duties of a pioneer farmer. Some years later he purchased the home east of Ridgetown, on Concession 10, where his son Joseph now resides, and there he erected buildings of a substantial character, cleared and cultivated the land and made one of the finest farms in Howard township. He and his wife were people of consistent but unobtrusive piety, members of the Church of England, and much was due to their efforts in the establishing of the church in the locality. Mrs. Boothroyd died in 1858, on the second farm, and he passed away in 1879. During the Rebellion of 1836-37 in Canada he was loyal in his service. In politics he was active in the Conservative party, doing just what he believed to be right, this being his guiding principle in both public and private life. Of the nine children born to the above most worthy parents (1) Thomas, born in 1827, in England, came to Canada and settled in Howard on the 11th Concession. He was killed by a wild hog, and left a wife (since deceased) and four children. (2) Ambrose is deceased. (3) Hannah became the wife of F. McKericher, of Howard. (4) Elizabeth became the wife of Alfred Street, of Howard. (5) Margaret married John McIntyre, of the 11th Concession, Howard. (6) George is the subject proper of these lines.

George Boothroyd passed his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm, little opportunity being given him to acquire an education. In 1870 he married Margaret Newcomb, daughter of Daniel and Janet Newcomb, the former of whom was born in New Brunswick, and the latter in Scotland. Both came to Canada, married and settled on a farm in Orford township, County of Kent, where they died leaving a large family. Mrs. Boothroyd, the second member of their family, was born in 1834, the others being: Daniel, a resident of Thamesville; Duncan, a resident of Alvinston, County of Lambton; Jerusha, a member of the family of Mr. Boothroyd; Nancy, the wife of Peter Gayner, of Raleigh, Canada; Sarah E., the wife of Daniel Mitchell, of the State of Washington; Bell, the wife of Leslie Johnston, of Keewatin, Ont.; and Catherine, the wife of John Hayes, of Ridgetown.

In 1853 Mr. Boothroyd purchased the wild land which now, transformed, is his fertile and attractive home farm. Prior to his marriage he had cleared it and made some improvements upon it, and after his marriage he erected a most comfortable residence, barns and outbuildings, and has continued his efforts until it is one of the very finest farms in the township. Mr. Boothroyd has seen something of the world. In 1861 he made a trip to California, via New York and the Isthmus of Panama, and worked in the mines in the Golden State for two years and in Oregon and in San Francisco as a dealer in real estate, remaining in the far west until 1869. He then returned, married and settled down on his property. Two daughters have come to him and his wife: Janet, born in 1875, was educated in the Ridgetown high school and is now the wife of Edward Smith, of Howard; their children are Grace B., George C., Frances H. and Clarissa Rose. Mary, born in 1878, is at home.

Mr. Boothroyd was christened in the Church of England, while Mrs. Boothroyd was reared in the Presbyterian faith. Politically Mr. Boothroyd has for many years been identified with the Reform party, but has always avoided the cares of office, although he is a man eminently fitted for many positions. Both the Boothroyds and the Newcombs are among the old, settled and honorable families of the County of Kent, representative of its best class of citizens.

SAMUEL STEWART, A. B., M. D., C. M. One of the leading medical men of Thamesville, County of Kent, is found in the person of Samuel Stewart, who has been located in this pleasant part of the county since 1892, prior to which he practiced at Wallaceburg. Dr. Stewart is of Irish ancestry, a son of John and Martha (Logan) Stewart, and a grandson of John and Martha (Culbertson) Stewart.

John Stewart, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in 1785, in Ireland, where his wife was born some two years later. By occupation he was a farmer, and he also owned and operated a flax mill. He and his wife both lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years. Their children were: Peter, James, John, Rebecca, Catherine, Mary, Martha, and Eliza.



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Peter Stewart died at the age of thirty-four years, in Ireland, leaving five children. James Stewart came to Ontario in 1852, but soon went to the copper regions of the north, and later to the gold fields of California, where he made a handsome fortune; he returned to Ontario, living retired in Brampton. Rebecca, Catherine and Mary are all deceased, while Martha lives in Australia and Eliza in the State of Pennsylvania.

John Stewart, the third son in the family, was born in Ireland in 1835; his wife, who was also a native of that country, was seven years his senior. Their children were as follows: James, a merchant in Ireland; John, a resident of Chicago; Dr. Samuel; Mary, a resident of Ireland; Peter, who is employed in the post office at Portland, Oregon; Mathew, a resident of Ireland; Matilda, a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey; and Margaret and Logan, deceased. The mother of this family is a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Williamson) Logan, and a granddaughter of Mathew Logan. Samuel Logan was the father of two sons and five daughters, namely: Mathew, James, Mary, Catherine, Margaret and Ann, deceased, and Martha. For a number of years Mathew Logan was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Gortin, County Tyrone, Ireland. James Logan came to Ontario, locating in St. Vincent township, County of Grey, where he died at the age of fifty-six years.

Samuel Stewart was born in Ireland Sept. 30, 1859, and in 1874 came to Ontario to join his uncle James. He immediately entered school at Albion, and later became a student in the high school at Brampton, in 1877 entering the Toronto University, from which institution he received, in 1881, the degree of A. B. The summer of 1881 was pleasantly and profitably spent with his friends and relatives in Ireland, and in the fall of that year he entered upon the study of medicine at the Toronto School of Medicine. In 1883 he received from Victoria College the degree of M. D., C. M., and in 1884 he graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto. The same year he was licensed to practice medicine by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Toronto. In June of that year he located at Wallaceburg, where he engaged in practice until 1892, when he removed to Thamesville, where he has since been continually engaged with eminent success. Dr. Stewart not only possesses the technical knowledge of his noble profession, but he has had ample experience and is a deep student and close observer. He keeps in touch with the discoveries and inventions of both medicine and surgery, and takes an active part in both the Ontario Medical Association and the Canada Medical Association. He is one of the coroners for the County of Kent.

In 1885 Dr. Stewart was married to Miss Margaret McFarlane, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Ferguson) McFarlane, the former a retired merchant of Thamesville and the latter a sister of Robert Ferguson, Member of Parliament. The children born to this union are: John, Katie, Logan and Martha Edith.

Fraternally Dr. Stewart is a Royal Arch Mason, and has attained to the fourteenth degree, Scottish Rite; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and C. O. F. Politically he is a Conservative. The Doctor has always taken a keen interest in educational affairs, having been chairman of the Wallaceburg public school board while residing there, and also a county representative on the board of the Chatham Collegiate Institute. Since coming to Thamesville he has served on the public school board there, and is at present (1904) its chairman. He has also been continuously a member of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute board, since the beginning of 1895, one year of which he was chairman. In religious membership the Doctor adheres to the Presbyterian Church, being an elder and clerk of session in Thamesville Presbyterian Church. His skill has made him well known through the County of Kent, and he is popular in Thamesville, both professionally and socially.

NELSON H. SHEPLEY, now a resident of the Talbot Road, Tilbury East, was until within two years a resident of Raleigh township, where he took a leading part in local affairs and for three years served as reeve.

The Shepley family is of German descent. Grandfather Shepley located in Harwich township, on the river Thames, some two miles east of Chatham, and was here married to a member of the Messmore family. They reared five sons and one daughter. The children grew to maturity, married and at present are scattered. Nelson H. Shepley and his family being the only survivors in the County of Kent.

Samuel Shepley, father of Nelson H., was born Dec. 31, 1807, on the home farm in Harwich township, where he grew to manhood. On coming to Raleigh township about 1829, he drew government land, Lot 10 in the 11th Concession. Upon this tract he built a home, cleared a goodly portion and carried on farming under the hard conditions of the time and locality. In 1852 he purchased one-half of Lot 21, 12th Concession, in Raleigh, and on March 22 of that year he came to his new home, where he passed the balance of his life, his death occurring Sept. 21, 1888. Politically he was a strong adherent of the government party and took a lively interest in the affairs of the township, serving several years as township treasurer and being also interested in educational matters. The family were members of the Methodist Church at Charing Cross and took an active part in its work. Samuel Shepley married Hannah White, a member of one of the first families to settle on the Middle road, extended mention of which will be found elsewhere. The children of this union were as follows: Jane Ann, widow of Thomas Pardo, is a resident of Harwich township; Martha Hannah died in 1852, aged sixteen years; Mary Melissa married William Doswell, of Zone township; Nelson H. is mentioned below; Dina Dorcas, deceased, married William King, of Raleigh township; Joseph Messmore is a blacksmith at Charing Cross; Sarah Hester, deceased, married John Ashton, of Orford township; Harriet Elizabeth married William Guttridge, of Tilbury East; Rebecca Laura married Philip Ashton, of Orford township; Rachel Olive died at the age of sixteen.

Nelson H. Shepley was born June 4, 1837, on the farm near South Buxton. His opportunities for education were very limited, although he had the good fortune to attend for a short time the public school conducted by R. J. Morrison, the present Representative in Council. In time he came into possession of the homestead farm, Lot 21, 12th Concession, upon which he resided until 1901, when he sold it and purchased Lot 166, of 240 acres, on Talbot road, Tilbury East. This property, known as the McDonald place, was owned by those taking it up from the Government until purchased by Mr. Shepley. The latter, with the assistance of his sons, carries on farming and dairying very extensively, his operations being among the largest in the township.

Since 1883 Mr. Shepley has been identified with the Government party. At that time he was made assessor of Raleigh township and has taken a prominent part in township and county affairs ever since. For several years he served most efficiently as township councillor, also as deputy reeve, and in 1898, 1900 and 1901 was reeve of the township. The Shepley family are all identified with the Methodist Church at Charing Cross. Mr. Shepley has also been prominent there, serving as representative on the Quarterly Board and for a period of some seventeen years acting as leader of the choir; since locating in his present home he has accepted a stewardship in the church nearby. In all the relations of life Mr. Shepley has shown himself a man of honor and integrity and he enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

On Dec. 30, 1863, Mr. Shepley married Miss Jenner, daughter of Thomas Jenner, extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere. The following children have been born to this marriage: Luella Maria, now the wife of Arthur Curtis, of Merlin; Eliza Gertrude, wife of Frank Patchen, of Detroit, who has two children, Lydia Rachel and Marjory Belle; Thomas Judson, who married Ella May Shepley, and resides on the home place; Elizabeth Jane, at home; James Morris, who also assists his father in farming; Leslie Harmon, a teacher for the past seven years; and Ira Edgar, serving his fourth year as teacher in Raleigh township. The family is one of the most respected in East Tilbury.

GEORGE HOLMES, one of the prosperous farmers of Tilbury township, East, is a native of the County of Grenville, Ont., where his ancestors settled at a very early day.

George Holmes, his grandfather, was born in Yorkshire, England, and there married Mary Nichols. In 1829, almost immediately after their marriage, the young couple emigrated to Canada and settled in the County of Grenville, Ont., first purchasing 100 acres of wild land in a locality where the nearest neighbor was a mile away. The farm was located in the township of Edwardsburg. There George Holmes passed away aged eighty-six years, possessed of 250 acres, to say nothing of prop-

erty he had given his sons. His first wife died considerably younger, and he remarried. By his first union there were children as follows: William; George, of Edwardsburg township; John, of Manitoba, where he has a grant of land; Elias, who died in Edwardsburg township; Thomas, of Edwardsburg township; Margaret, who married Thomas Campbell, moved to Manitoba, and is deceased; Marcus, who died in Edwardsburg township; and Mary, who married Alexander Riddle, of Edwardsburg township, and died in 1901.

William Holmes, the father of George, was born Feb. 13, 1830, and has always lived in Edwardsburg township, where he was married to Sarah McGowan, a native of Wigtownshire, Scotland. He still follows farming, owning 150 acres about two miles from his birthplace. In politics he is a Conservative, and in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church. Children as follows were born to William and Sarah Holmes: George is mentioned below. James lives in Edwardsburg township, where he is a blacksmith. Mary married John Wilson, of that township. William is on the homestead. John, born Aug. 27, 1864, since 1885 has been a resident of the County of Kent, now owning a farm on Lot 1, Concession 5, Raleigh township; he married a daughter of John Marshall of Raleigh township. Robert E. is a plumber in Chicago. Janet married David Fletcher, of Tilbury East township; Marcus is a bookkeeper in Chicago.

George Holmes was born in Edwardsburg township, County of Grenville, in 1854, and there grew to manhood. In 1881 he came to the County of Kent, and in 1885 purchased 150 acres of Lot 2, Concession 6, Tilbury East township, about twenty acres of which were cleared and provided with log buildings. All of the land is now cleared, and the log cabins have given way to a large frame house and substantial frame outbuildings. Mr. Holmes has also purchased several adjoining tracts, and now owns 200 acres, being one of the extensive general farmers and stock raisers of the township. He has been very successful in his work.

Mr. Holmes was married to Rebecca Fletcher, daughter of David Fletcher, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere, and to them two sons and one daughter have been born. Bella Fletcher, the only surviving child, is a student at the Chatham high school, and a very bright and charming young lady. In politics Mr. Holmes is a Reformer in his views, and fraternally he is a member of the Workmen at Valetta. The family are connected with the Presbyterian Church and very prominent in its good works. Throughout the entire community Mr. Holmes is well and favorably known and the success which has attended his efforts is conceded to be well merited.

ROBERT McELRAY, a prosperous general farmer of Camden Gore, residing on Lot 10, Concession 2, where he owns and operates a fine farm of fifty acres, came to this locality in 1876 from the County of Halton, Ont. There his birth occurred July 12, 1838, and he is a son of Thomas and Martha (Lesley) McElray, of Ireland, who were married in their native country and on coming to Canada settled in the County of Halton. There the father died in 1878, aged sixty-two years, after which the mother went to Youngstown, Ohio, with her four sons. There she died in 1901, aged ninety-three years. Both parents were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born of their union, besides Robert, were as follows: Mary A., of Ohio, widow of William Hogg; Margaret, living in the County of Halton, who married Thomas Scott; Joseph; Williah, of Ohio; David, who died in Ohio; Matilda, of Washington, who married Frank McMasters; Joseph, an iron worker of Youngstown, Ohio; Thomas, an iron worker of Youngstown, Ohio; and Frank, of Washington, D. C., employed by the United States government, a man of prominence.

In the County of Halton, Ont., Robert McElray was married to Agnes Turner, and there were born to this union children as follows: Clark, a farmer of the County of Lambton, married Edith Gray; Anna, of Camden township, married David Steel, a farmer; Nellie is at home. Mrs. McElray was born in the County of Leeds, Ont., in 1849, a daughter of Robert and Sarah Turner, of Ireland, who came to the County of Leeds, Canada, in 1832, locating in County Kent later on.

Mr. McElray remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age, at which time he went to Toronto, where he served as a papermaker for twenty-one years. He then came to his present farm, when it was a wilderness and swamp, and made a clearing for a log cabin. After years of effort he has developed it into extra fine farming land. However,

after he had made his first clearing, about 1876, putting into the property some one thousand dollars, he returned to Toronto in the fall of 1877 and worked at his trade until 1883, when he once more located on his farm. While in Toronto he worked for one firm, that of Barber & Bros., for twenty and one-half years, being the chief engineer for the last ten years, a very responsible position, as upon the man who holds it depends many things, including the coloring of the product, in itself a very delicate process.

Mr. and Mrs. McElray are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but he does not aspire to public honors. After many years of useful labor, he can rest assured of a pleasant and peaceful old age, made happy by the reflection that he has made the most of the gifts and abilities bestowed upon him, and done what he believed was his full duty.

WILLIAM G. McGEORGE. Looking over the fertile fields and fruitful orchards, noting the handsome residences and substantial barns, it is difficult for the observer to believe that the time is not so long past when this section of Ontario—County Kent—was under water. That it has not only been made habitable, but that it represents one of the most fertile portions of the Dominion, is due to the engineering ability of men skilled in the profession, who have devoted the best years of their lives to the accomplishment of such grand results. To William G. McGeorge, of Chatham, Dominion surveyor and accomplished civil engineer, County Kent owes much.

Born in Wales, although of sturdy Scotch ancestry, Mr. McGeorge was by nature fitted for the active life he has led, inheriting from his father characteristics which settled his career in life. His grandfather, William McGeorge, was born in Scotland, and there lived and died, leaving a family of four daughters and three sons, the latter being: Matthew, John and William.

William McGeorge (2) was born in Scotland, and there married Jessie Graham, daughter of Samuel Graham, also of Scotland. William McGeorge was liberally educated, attending the University of Edinburgh, it being his father's wish that he should enter the ministry. It was, therefore, in opposition to parental wishes, that he turned his attention to scientific work, and fitted himself for the profession of civil engineer, a profession he followed the greater part of his life with eminent success in England, Wales and Scotland, and after locating in Ontario, where his name became well known in his particular line of work. In 1848 he and his family emigrated from Wales to the New World, and for a time he engaged in engineering work in the States of New York and Vermont, later coming to Canada, beginning, in 1857, his work on the surveys of the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad, an enterprise which was finally abandoned by its promoters. In the same year Mr. McGeorge settled his family at Blenheim, County Kent, and there he died in 1866, his last work being in and around Montreal. His children were born in Wales, and those who grew to maturity were: Joseph, now deceased; William G., of Chatham; Margaret, who married George Flater, a carriage manufacturer of Blenheim; and Miss Jessie, who resides at Blenheim.

William G. McGeorge was born in Wales, Aug. 19, 1838, and was ten years of age when his parents moved to America. Under his proficient father he learned the principles of practical civil engineering, and this profession he has since followed continuously, with the exception of four years, during which he taught school in County Kent.

In order to better realize the problems which confronted Mr. McGeorge in the pursuance of his profession, it may be of interest to recall a few facts concerning the locality in which so much of his important work has been done. Forty years ago the land of County Kent was largely submerged, and to the reclaiming of this land, and its conversion into the garden spot of Ontario, Mr. McGeorge directed his best energies, accomplishing his most satisfying results by two methods, ditching and dyking, the water collected being pumped over the dykes. The natural watershed for the western townships of County Kent, south of the river Thames, is close to the shores of Lake Erie. this making the natural trend of the water toward the river and Lake St. Clair, while the course of the water in the eastern and southern portion is in the direction of the river and Lake Erie. The crest of the watershed along Lake Erie is about 100 feet above Lake St. Clair, and the elevation of the city of Blenheim, County Kent, is about 130 feet above Lake St. Clair. The townships of County Kent north of the

river Thames, drain naturally into the Rivers Thames and Sydenham and Lake St. Clair. The extent of land drained artificially by the work of Mr. McGeorge is large, the Skinner Works draining 5,500 acres, and the Pike Works 3,000 acres, and on Pelee Island a large area, this being but a small portion of the great drainage system operated by the ability of the Dominion surveyor. The expense attendant upon the reclaiming of lands in Kent has been enormous, the canals being necessarily long, wide and deep. One of the drains in Raleigh township is five miles in length, from thirty to ninety feet wide at the top and from twenty to eighty at the bottom, the cost of this one drain amounting to $46,000. The total cost of the Bear Creek drain in Chatham aggregated $60,000. These illustrations show the great undertakings successfully carried through by the practical knowledge of Mr. McGeorge. To this work in County Kent and other portions of Ontario, Mr. McGeorge gives attention. He has done the engineering for the County of Kent for very many years, and his complete knowledge of his work has been fully demonstrated; he makes no mistakes, and Ontario is fortunate in having at command so efficient a public officer.

Mr. McGeorge owns a farm of 500 acres in Chatham, a great part of which has been made highly productive by drainage methods.

In 1873 Mr. McGeorge was married to Miss Jane Gardiner, daughter of James Gardiner, extended mention of whom is made elsewhere. Mrs. McGeorge passed out of life on Jan. 3, 1901, leaving four children: Ethel, Sybil, Flora and William. Politically Mr. McGeorge is a Liberal. Few men in his line of work in the Dominion excel him in practical results, and in many ways he is a living exponent of the energy and intelligence which have made life not only so pleasant and profitable, but actually possible in many parts of the County of Kent.

THOMAS ASHER, a successful general farmer of Dover township, residing on his fine farm of seventy-five acres, Lot 18, 10th Concesssion, and operating an additional fifty acres on Lot 16, 9th Concession, was born at his present home, May 24, 1841, a son of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Asher.

John Asher was born in Lincolnshire, England, Jan. 1, 1801. He grew to manhood in his native land, and there married Elizabeth Lynn. Emigrating to Canada in 1835, they located at Bayquinte, Ont., for a few years, and then went to Paris, County Kent. In 1837 they located in Chatham, and later in Dover township, locating on the home of our subject, in November, 1840. They took up 100 acres of land, and cleared it in thirteen years, after which another 100 acres, adjoining, was obtained and cleared and worked, but later Mr. Asher divided the property between his sons, Thomas and William. John Asher died in October, 1884, aged eighty-three years and ten months; his wife died Oct. 2, 1879, aged seventy-one years, and both were buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which faith they died. To John and Elizabeth Asher were born: William, who died at the age of twenty-three years; John, a watchman at Detroit, Michigan; Mary J., widow of John Cartwright, of Dover township; Thomas, of Dover township; Elizabeth A., who married Richard Garvis, of Chatham; Ellen, deceased, who married William Foy, of Dover township; William, a farmer on an adjoining farm to that of our subject.

John Asher's parents were natives of Lincolnshire, England, where both died of cholera in July, 1801. The father operated the old Windgrist Mills. Mrs. Elizabeth (Lynn) Asher's parents were also natives of Lincolnshire, England, where they lived and died; her father was a tailor by occupation.

On Nov. 28, 1865, Mr. Thomas Asher married Henriette Weese, and their children were: Elmer J., of Calgary, Ont.; Richard T., a bookkeeper at Thessalon; William H., at home; Ethel M., deceased, who married Robert Foster, and had one daughter, Hazel B., with our subject; and Edmond B., at home. Mrs. Asher was born in County Northumberland, Ont., Sept. 12, 1846, daughter of Hiram and Anna (Butler) Weese, of County Northumberland and County Carlow, Ireland, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Weese were married in County Northumberland, and in 1843 came to County Kent, locating in Chatham township, where they purchased 100 acres of wild land, and there Mr. Weese died in December, 1869, aged fifty-two, while the wife and mother died

in July, 1900, aged eighty-nine, and she is buried in Dresden cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Weese was a class leader for more than twenty years. He also served as tax collector and was a man of prominence in his community. The children born to them were as follows: Mrs. Asher; Jane Ann, who married William H. Windover, of Moore township, County Essex, Ont.; Mary L., who married Alex. Marr, and died aged twenty-eight. Previous to her marriage with Mr. Weese, Mrs. Weese had been wedded to Edmond Harris, and the children born to them were: Harriet J., deceased, who married John Aiken; and William J., of Dresden, Ont. The paternal grandparents were of German and Scotch extraction, and died in Northumberland county. The maternal grandparents were James and Anna (McGill) Butler, of Scotland, who died in Northumberland county. James Butler served in the 89th regiment, British army, and had one son in the British army in the East Indies.

Mr. Thomas Asher has lived upon his present farm all of his life. It is in a fine state of cultivation, and he takes great pride in its condition, although his health has been impaired for some years. In politics he is a member of the Conservative party, but does not desire office. Mrs. Asher and the family are members of the Methodist Church, which Mr. Asher attends and to which he contributes liberally. The confidence and esteem in which he is held throughout the community are fully deserved, having been gained by the exercise of the virtues of thrift, honesty, and uprightness of purpose, and he is numbered among the leading exponents of the agricultural interests of County Kent.

CHARLES DAVID GILLETT, a prosperous general farmer and oil dealer of Zone township, owns and operates a fine farm of 118 acres, to which he came in April, 1874, from the County of Middlesex.

Mr. Gillett was born ten miles from Kingston, Ont., Oct. 19, 1844, and is a son of Samuel and Charlotte (Powley) Gillett, of Pennsylvania and Kingston, Ont., respectively. The father came to Canada when a young man and died in Allegan county, Michigan, in 1899, aged ninety-two years, having returned to the United States in 1858, and spent his declining years in Michigan. The mother died at Yarmouth, Ont., in 1851, aged thirty-six years. The children born to this couple were: Avery, a farmer of Michigan; George, who was killed when young by a saw log; William, a farmer of Marchmont, Ont.; Lydia, of Chatham, who married William Allen; Olive, Mrs. Cook, of Aurora, Illinois; and Charles D. The father married three times. By his wife Catherine (Done) he had the following children: John, George and Samuel, all deceased; and Anna, who married John Kidney.

In 1865 Charles D. Gillett married, in Newbury, Ont., Elizabeth Miller, and the following children were born to them: William, a farmer of the County of Middlesex, Ont.; Sarah, of Fingal, wife of Sidney Teir; Maggie, of Detroit, Michigan, married to Isaac Corduke; Lotta, who died young; David, at home; John, of Detroit, Michigan, foreman in the radiator shops; Clara, who died in infancy; Pearl, deceased, who married Roland Blackwell; and Hattie, of Detroit, Michigan, who married William Duzan. Mrs. Gillett, who was born in Dunnville, Ont., died in March, 1901, aged fifty-six years, and is buried in the beautiful city of the dead in Bothwell. She was a daughter of Fred and Elizabeth (Richards) Miller, the former of whom was a farmer of the County of Kent for many years, but later went to Osceola county, Michigan, and there died.

Until he was eighteen years of age Mr. Gillett remained with his parents, and then went to Canada as a laborer, locating in the County of Elgin, whence he came to the County of Kent in 1863, during the oil excitement. He soon found employment in the oil fields as a teamster, and has continued successfully in the oil business ever since, gradually accumulating enough of this world's goods to place him beyond the question of worry for the future. He owns and occupies part of Lot 1 and also Lot 21, and on the latter are ten oil wells, which were developed by the Clark, Elliott & Crody Co., Mr. Gillett having one-eighth royalty on the product of 200 barrels per month.

Mr. Gillett is very prominent in the Temperance lodge and the Reform party, although he will not accept of office, for he is too busy with his own affairs. The Methodist Church finds in him an earnest member and faithful Christian man, and all who know him respect him.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES (deceased), for many years one of the leading men of Orford township, was born in Sussex, England, March 31, 1830, and met his death while attending to his farm duties, March 18, 1896.

Mr. James was a son of George and Mercy (Goring) James, of England, who came to Canada in 1843 and located in the County of Haldimand, where they took up a farm which is still owned by the family. There the father died in September, 1882; he was born April 24, 1808. The mother, who was born March 8, 1809, died Jan. 31, 1874. They were very active members of the Methodist Church. The children born of this union were as follows: Christopher; Harriet, who married Alexander Turnbull, of Oneida, Ont.; John, a farmer of West Williams, Ont.; Edward, a farmer of the Rainy river district; Charles B., a farmer of Fort Arthur, Man.; Sarah, who lives in Minnesota, widow of Andrew Cranson; Alfred, a farmer on the old homestead in the County of Haldimand; Phœbe, unmarried, who is on the old homestead; and Albert, a farmer of Oneida, Ontario.

Christopher James was twice married, first in 1854, to Ada Bell, of Oneida, Ont., by whom he had the following named children: Isabel, deceased; Mercy, who married John Allison, of Orford township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; Anna, deceased; John, of Highgate, Ont.; and William G., deceased. The mother of these died in 1860, aged thirty years. She was a daughter of William and Isabella (Walker) Bell, of England, who came to Canada at an early day, settling in the County of Haldimand, where they took up land and spent the remainder of their days.

On Dec. 18, 1866, in Caledonia, County of Haldimand, Ont., Mr. James married Sarah Templeton, and there were born to this marriage children as follows: Agnes died at the age of sixteen years; Harriet, widow of John Layman, resides with her mother; Margaret married George Dubs, of Orford township, a farmer; Alberta, of Spokane, Washington, married George Gray; Alexander is with his mother; Sarah married Harry Tirnmath, a farmer of Manitoba; Christopher died in infancy; George and Katie are at home.

Mrs. Sarah James was born at Kirkcudbright, Scotland, Jan. 31, 1846, a daughter of James and Agnes (Armstrong) Templeton, of Scotland, who, like so many others of that country, came to Canada and founded their family in the new land. The date of their emigration was 1858, and they settled at Oneida, Ont., where the father engaged in farming. There he died in 1892, aged seventy-four years, while the mother died in 1891, aged sixty-eight years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and most excellent people. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Templeton were: Thomas, who died in infancy; Sarah, Mrs. James; Margaret, who married Andrew McConachie, of Oneida, Ont.; Jane, deceased; Agnes, widow of Robert Smith, of Oneida, Ont.; James, a farmer of the County of Haldimand, Ont.; John, a bricklayer of West Lorne, Ont.; Catherine, who married Harry Bull, of Hamilton, Ont.; Isabella, who married Alexander Hunter, of Oneida, Ont.; Eliza, who married William Cummings, of the County of Haldimand, Ont., a farmer; and Thomas George, who died young.

The life of Christopher James does not require any mere words of commendation, it speaks for itself. During his young manhood he lived as other farmer boys, upon his father's farm, acquiring what education he could from the neighboring schools, and when he married he took his bride to a fifty-acre farm of his own in Oneida, Ont. There he remained until 1876, when he purchased the place now owned by his widow, ninety-three acres lying in Lot 21, 7th Concession, and removed to it. His life work was that of farming, and he did that well, developing his farm into a very valuable property. He was a good man, never neglecting a duty, or wronging a single individual. A deeply religious man, he found the creed of the Presbyterian Church best suited to his needs, and was ever a faithful and generous member of that body. While he always exercised his right to vote, and supported the principles of the Reform party, Mr. James was not a politician, nor would he accept office, preferring to spend his time on his farm and with his family. He was killed while at work, a straw stack falling upon him. His remains were interred in the McLain burying-ground in the County of Elgin.

Mrs. James is a lady of pleasing manner and excellent business ability, and with the assistance of her children carries on her property in a very successful manner. She, too, is a

member of the Presbyterian Church, where she finds many congenial friends, and much good work for her busy hands to execute.

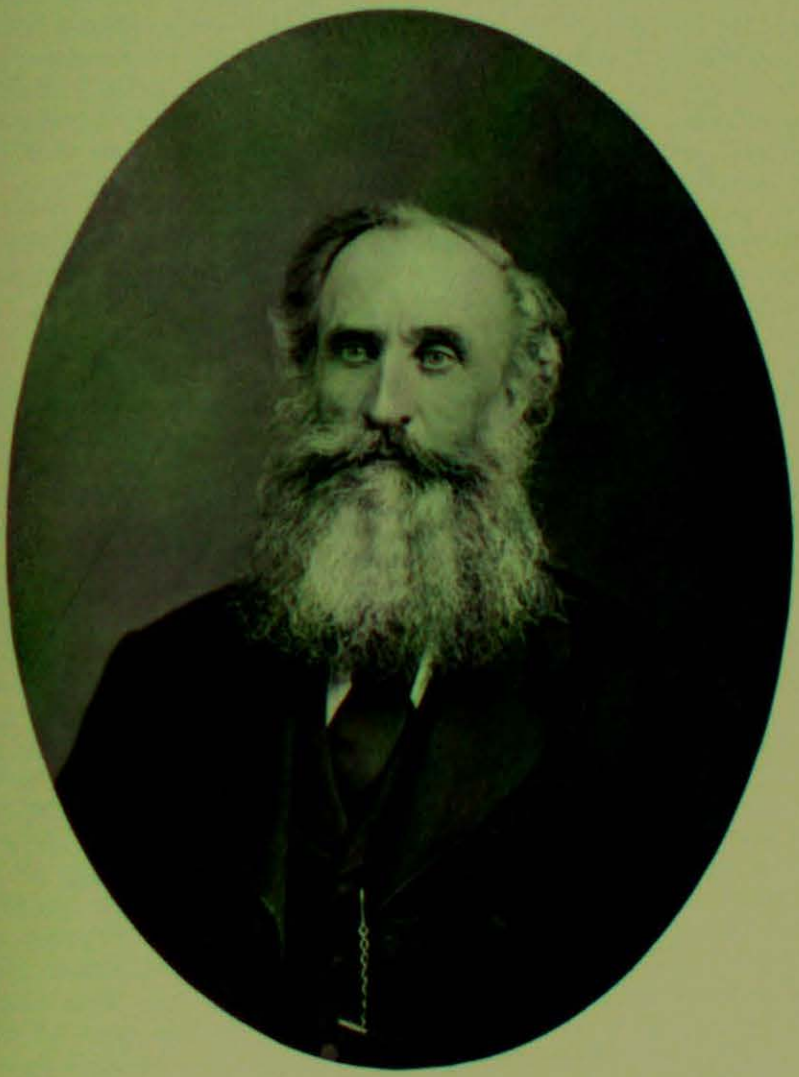
WILLIAM RYAN, who departed this life at his residence in Chatham, Nov. 15, 1893, was one of the well known and highly respected residents and successful business men of that city. His life had covered many fields of activity, and in each one he proved himself able to cope with circumstances, and to mold them to his own advantage. In turn he was a marine engineer, a soldier, a banker and an all-round business man. Mr. Ryan was born Oct. 19, 1819, a son of James and Eunice Ryan.

James Ryan was of Irish-Scotch extraction, although a native of Orange county, State of New York, where he was born in 1763. Being a United Empire Loyalist, he settled in Ontario, during the trouble between the mother country and the American Colonies. On coming to Canada he settled in the Niagara District of Ontario, and was crier in the courts of that district for some time. He served in the War of 1812. His death took place in 1856. James Ryan was twice married. His first wife, Eunice, died in 1832, at the age of sixty-three years. To this marriage were born children, as follows: Richard, John, James, Isaac, William, Mary, Sarah, Margaret and Eunice, all of whom have passed away. Soon after his second marriage he settled in Mt. Pleasant, Ontario, where his last years were spent. He had been a loyal, faithful citizen all his life.

William Ryan, the fifth son of James Ryan, was born in the Niagara District, but while he was still a small boy, the family removed to Central Ontario, where he attended school until the age of fourteen years, when he began the study of pharmacy, with his brother-in-law, Dr. Winer. The lad, however, was of too mechanical a turn of mind to enjoy the quiet life of a druggist, and he soon made his way to Detroit, Michigan, where he entered an establishment which taught him the principles of marine engineering. Mr. Ryan was the engineer on the first boat, the "Argo," of the steam ferry across the Detroit River, about 1835. In 1836 he became the engineer of the "Cynthia," a boat plying between Chatham and Detroit, and he also engineered on the "Detroit," on the Thames. In 1837 while thus on duty on the "Detroit," between Detroit and Buffalo, the vessel encountered forty inches of ice, and it was only by his skill that neither accident nor loss of property resulted. For a short time he was an engineer on a vessel plying between Chicago and Milwaukee. In the fall of 1837 he returned to Ontario, and loyally shouldered a musket in defense of what he believed to be right, in the Rebellion. When the war was over, Mr. Ryan returned to his engineering, and followed the trade until 1848, when failing health made it necessary for him to give up a sea-faring life. He then settled in Chatham, and as he had providently saved his money, he was able to embark in business, in the course of time accumulating a handsome fortune. His private bank was also a successful business enterprise, and he became possessed of a large amount of real estate.

On August 20, 1844, Mr. Ryan was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Montreuil, who was born in the County of Essex Jan. 31, 1824, a daughter of St. Luke and Elizabeth (Labadie) Montreuil, and a granddaughter of Louis Des Comte Labadie. St. Luke Montreuil, the first of this family of whom there is any data, was born in 1785. In 1803 he located in Sandwich, County of Essex, and served in the war of 1812, during which time he was delegated to protect the gristmill of Chatham, known as McGregor's Mill. After the war of 1812, he settled in what is now Sandwich East, on the Labadie property, where he married Elizabeth Labadie, daughter of Antoine Des Comte Labadie. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Montreuil commenced farming and milling, and resided on the property above mentioned. St. Luke Montreuil died in 1851, and his wife in 1850. To them were born the following children: John is deceased; Felice married Alexander Chapton, and both are deceased; Emlie married George Irving, and both are deceased; Salina maried Gregoise Langlois, and both are deceased; Orilla married Belanial Langlois; Lucy is the widow of William Ryan; Luke is a resident of Sandwich, County of Essex; Anna, deceased, married Alexander Marentelle; and Henry, of Indiana, married Victoria Walker, of Detroit.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan consisted of four sons and five daughters, viz.: Angeline, Mrs. William Richardson, of Chatham; Mary Ann, a resident of New York; Lucy Elizabeth, of Chatham; James, who died leaving three



William Ryan

children, Mary, Daisy and Harry; Charlotte, of Chatham; William Henry, who died at the age of three years; John Alexander, who died in 1895; Eunice Henrietta, who died Jan. 24, 1883; and Luke W., a physician and surgeon, of Caro, Michigan, who married Ida Putman, and has one daughter, Felice.

In politics Mr. Ryan supported the Reform party. While not a member of any religious body he attended the services of the Methodist Church, the other members of his family belonging to the Catholic Church. He was a man whose genial personality attracted to him many friends, and his death was a distinct loss to Chatham.

DANIEL LEITCH, one of the remaining pioneers of Harwich township, who can still recall the hardships of early Canadian days, was born in April, 1833, in Argyllshire, Scotland.

James and Christina (McFarlane) Leitch, his parents, were born in the same locality in 1798 and 1800 respectively. In 1848 James Leitch started for Canada by way of New York, taking passage on a sailing-vessel which consumed five weeks on the voyage. From New York by way of the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and thence by steamboat they reached Port Stanley. The family remained with Mr. Leitch's brother-in-law, John McFarlane, near St. Thomas, while he traveled on into Howard township, County of Kent, for the purpose of looking up a suitable location for a home. This he found in the neighborhood of Botany, where he purchased 100 acres of land, erected a round log cabin, settled his family and cleared up a fine farm. Here he and his wife died, the latter in August, 1872, and Mr. Leitch in 1880. They both belonged to the little band of Presbyterians who established the church in that section. In politics he was a strong Reformer. Of the children born to them two, Mary and John, died in Scotland, the others being as follows: Daniel, the eldest of the family, is mentioned below; James, born in 1839, resides on a part of the old homestead, and has a fine farm adjoining (he has never married); Malcolm, born in 1840, died in boyhood at the old homestead; Duncan, born in 1842, who resides on his home farm in Howard, married Kate Anderson, of Howard, and has one daughter, Christina; Alexander, born in 1846, married M. Anderson, and has two children, William and Katy (he lived on the old homestead some years, but is now retired in Chatham); Christina, born in Howard, married Michael Cosgrove, of Ridgetown, and they have three children—James (a teacher in the high schools of Chatham), Beatrice, and Arthur (who is a student of the Chatham College).

Daniel Leitch attended school for a few months before coming to Canada, but never had any educational advantages after settling in this country. In his locality at that time there were neither schools or students, but while he worked on his father's farm, and followed agricultural pursuits, he improved his mind in every possible way and is now a well-read, intelligent, self-educated man. In 1869 he started out in life for himself, marrying Miss Elizabeth Robertson, daughter of the late John and Mary Robertson, old Scotch settlers who came to Canada at a very early date. When Mr. Leitch and his wife began domestic life the present home farm of 100 acres was merely a great tract of bush land, with a little log cabin located in the clearing. Mr. Leitch still retains this first home. His energy and industry have done wonders for his property and he now owns a farm which under his excellent management produces every grain and fruit of this climate. Mrs. Leitch died in February, 1881. She was one of the faithful members of the Presbyterian Church and a woman of exemplary Christian character. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Miss Mary J., born in December, 1869, resides in Chatham; Christina, born in March, 1871, married Edward Cosier, an expert machinist of Chatham, and they have one son, James Morley; James, born Aug. 24, 1872, was well educated, and is now manager of the home farm; Walter, born in May, 1874, died in November, 1899; Duncan, born Aug. 23, 1877, works at the carpenter trade; and Isabella, born in March, 1879, resides in Chatham.

In August, 1882, Mr. Leitch was married (second) to Mrs. Margaret (Bobier) Johnston, widow of Robert Johnston, and the estimable daughter of John and Matilda (Scarlett) Bobier, prominent people of the County of Kent. John Bobier was born Dec. 22, 1804, in Ireland, and died in February, 1881, in the County of Kent. His wife was born in 1814 in England, and died in eastern Kansas, where

they lived for some years. In 1857 they settled in Euphemia. Mrs. Leitch was born in September, 1853, and in 1869 married Robert Johnston. They settled in Dawn, where he died, leaving her with six surviving children, as follows: Lunday M., who married Albert Stephenson, of Harwich; James, who was drowned when a young man in the river Thames; John, residing in the County of Kent, who married Lilly Ramsdall, and has had four children—Orla, (deceased), Myrell, Lunday and Loran; Rosie, who married Joseph McQuaid, a farmer of Dawn; Thomas W., who lives in Manitoba; Isaac, who resides in Dawn; and Charles E., who resides in the County of Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Leitch have four surviving children. The eldest daughter, Anna, born in December, 1883, was given a collegiate education and is at present a student in pharmacy at Bothwell; Maggie M., born in August, 1885, and Pearl, born in January, 1888, reside at home; John died in childhood; and Albert, born in November, 1890, attends the local schools.

Politically Mr. Leitch has always been identified with the Reform party, and for the past ten years he has been the efficient and popular roadmaster. Religiously he has always worshipped at the Presbyterian Church, which his father and mother attended for so many years. Mrs. Leitch is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Leitch can recall many interesting events of his early life in Canada. In looking over his well-cultivated farm and noting its modern improvements it seems almost impossible that comparatively so few years have gone by since here were heard the howls of the wolf and other wild forest animals, while visits from the equally wild savages were a daily occurrencé. Some of these thrilling stories equal any tale of fiction that has ever been written, and it is interesting to meet those who have participated in such exciting times. Daniel Leitch needs little personal mention in a work of this kind, for in his locality he is well and widely known. Being the eldest of the family, many burdens were placed on his young shoulders. He assisted his parents to the limit of his ability, and has reared a family creditable to himself and his locality. His neighbors speak of him in terms of the highest praise.

RICHARD L. ARNOLD, a prosperous general farmer of Chatham township, residing on Lot 17, 4th Concession, has a fine farm of 175 acres to which he came in 1876. He was born on the same concession, Lot 15, Sept. 13, 1846. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Dack) Arnold, of Chatham township and Dublin, Ireland, respectively, the former of whom died on Lot 15, 4th Concession, in 1860, aged fifty-two years, while his wife died July 30, 1893, aged seventy-nine years, and they are buried in the Arnold cemetery. They were consistent members of and workers in the Methodist Church. During the Rebellion of 1837 Mr. Arnold was mail carrier between Windsor and Dresden, Ont. The following children were born to these worthy people: John W., who lives retired in Wallaceburg, Ont.; Thomas H., deceased; Richard L.; Samuel S., a traveling salesman of Toronto; Jacob S., a farmer of Chatham township; Ninian James, a carpenter of San Francisco; Martha J., who married William Leak of Chatham; and Mary E., widow of Marshall Stonehouse, of Chatham township. The mother of these children was Jacob Arnold's second wife. He first married Amy Dolsen, and by that union had two children: Sarah A., who married Gilbert Morton, of Louisville, Ont., and Amy, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandfather, Lewis Arnold, a very highly respected man, lived in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather, John Dack, of Dublin, Ireland, came to the County of Kent about 1840 and there died.

On April 4, 1875, Richard L. Arnold was united in marriage with Martha J. Taylor, and the children born of this union are: Alice B., Myrtle A. and Lyle R., at home. Mrs. Arnold was born in Chatham, County of Kent, Sept. 12, 1859, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Bolton) Taylor, the former of whom was a farmer and millwright of the County of Kent, who died in Chatham.

Richard L. Arnold remained with his mother upon the homestead farm until his marriage, when he formed a partnership with his brother Thomas and continued farming until 1876, in that year locating upon his present farm, which he has brought into an excellent state of cultivation, and supplied with good buildings. His premises denote that he is a

good farmer and a careful, thrifty manager. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. F., while his political affiliations are with the Conservative party. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and are earnest, devoted Christian people.

GAWIN CRAIG (deceased). Among the prosperous farmers of Howard, County Kent, Ont., was numbered Gawin Craig, who resided on the 12th Concession, in this locality, at the time of his death, Dec. 20, 1866. He was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1818, son of Gawin and Elizabeth Craig.

The parents were natives of Ireland, and the mother died in her native land, but the father came to Canada in 1846, and spent his declining years with his namesake son, dying at his home in County Kent.

Gawin Craig, the younger, married, in 1839, in Ireland, Jane Scott, born May 20, 1816, daughter of Hughy and Elizabeth Scott, who were born in Ireland where they lived and died. Four years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Craig came to Canada on a sailing vessel, taking six weeks to make the voyage. The first settlement they made was at Port Stanley; later they remained at Aldborough for a short time, but as it was the intention of Mr. Craig to become a farmer, a suitable home was found on the 12th Concession, where they began their new life in the woods on fifty acres of wild land. A little frame house was erected and for a number of years was the home. In addition to the fifty acres, 200 more were purchased adjoining, and Mr. Craig, with the assistance of his sons, as they grew to manhood, cleared off the timber, and the boys are now located on excellent farms adjoining the homestead. The energy and industry of this good man was all the more commendable from the fact that he had accumulated a comfortable fortune in Ireland, of which he was deprived through the failure of a friend whom he had assisted and trusted. All the earnings of years were swept away, and the sturdy young man resolved to start anew in a new country, where land could be obtained at reasonable prices. Before the untimely death of his noble father, the original fifty acres were all paid for, but a debt remained upon the additional 200 acres. Although Gawin Craig had passed away from this world, he left worthy representatives of him in the persons of his wife and sons, who labored early and late to clear the land and finish paying for it.

The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig was as follows: Hugh, born in Ireland in 1840, is unmarried, and he resides on his farm of 105 acres in Howard; James, born in Howard in 1844, married Miss Hannah Woods and settled on a farm near the lake where he died in 1890, leaving three sons, William, Henry (who married Cathran Woods, of Morpeth, and has four children: Thirza, Maggie, Burten and Jessie Frances), and Usual (who married Elizabeth Conn, of Morpeth, and has two children: Alma and Edith May); Robert, born in 1847, is unmarried and resides on his property of fifty acres in Harwich, where he erected a fine brick house in 1889; John, born in 1850, married Miss Mary Stewart, of Howard, and resides on his fifty-acre farm in Harwich, adjoining his brother Robert's (he has no family); Cyrus, born in 1853, married Frances Buchanan, born in Canada, and they live on his farm of fifty acres in Harwich, on the town line (they have one son, Herbert); William, born in 1856, married Miss Isabell Buchanan, of County Kent, and resides on his farm of 125 acres adjoining the old homestead (they have two sons, Arthur and Frank); Charles, born Dec. 13, 1862, married Miss Maria Trudgen (born near Hamilton, in 1866, daughter of John and Mary A. Trudgen, residents on the Talbot Road in Howard) and they live at the old home where they take care of his mother, now eighty-eight years old (they have no family).

The political opinions of all these sons are Conservative, and they have all held local offices in Howard, where they are held in highest esteem. They are likewise all members of the Presbyterian Church, with which Mrs. Craig has been connected for over sixty-five years. There can scarcely be found a more beautiful example of devotion of mother and children than is shown in this family. When the mother was left a helpless widow with a large family to rear, she did not despair, but resolutely took up the task of being both father and mother to her beloved children, who, as they grew into honorable and respected manhood, repaid many fold the devotion lavished upon them in their youth. Even now, although they are grown men, with families, in some instances, about

them, these sons are not parted from her, but are settled about the old home upon fine farms purchased by their industry, integrity and strict adherence to the lessons of morality and thrift instilled into their youthful minds by her, who, for so many years, has followed the teachings of her Church and the promptings of a noble nature. That a good mother makes good sons is proved in the lives of these who bear the name of Craig, for they are held in well-deserved esteem, and have won the confidence of the entire neighborhood, becoming a credit to the community, as well as to their family. Not only is Mrs. Craig venerated and loved by her family, but she occupies a very warm place in the affection of hosts of friends, all of whom have reason to praise and esteem the charitable neighbor, unfailing friend and estimable Christian. The father's name is held in tender memory by the family, and all who knew him, for he, too, possessed rare traits of character and a sturdiness of purpose which served him well in meeting the adverse changes in his life.

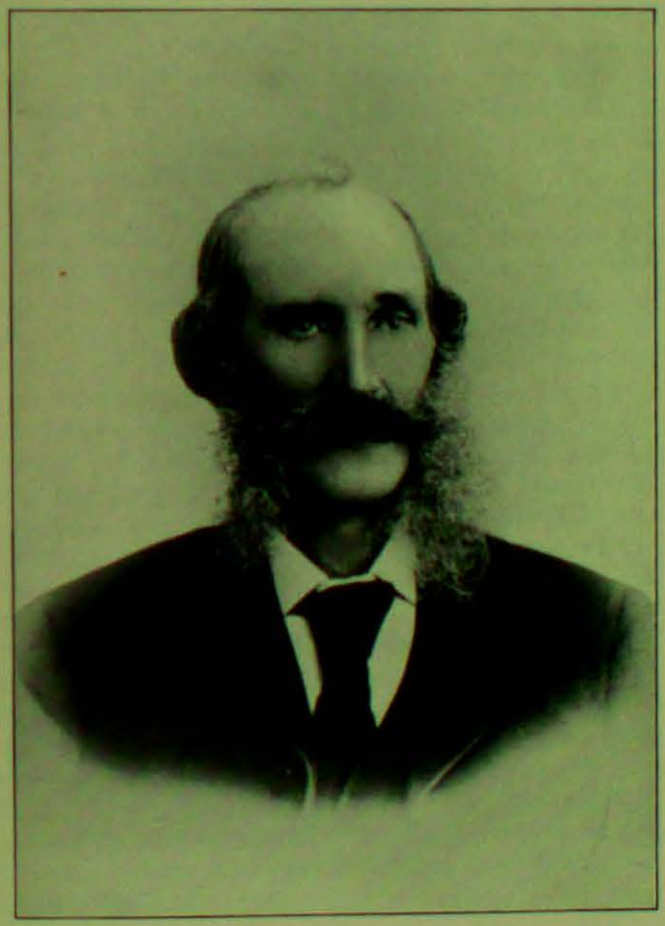
JOSEPH SCANE. In the death of this man, Jan. 30, 1902, Howard township lost a worthy representative of one of its pioneer families. The fourth white child born on the Ridge, from a mere stripling he took a strong hand in transforming the section from a rugged wilderness to the well-cultivated, prosperous farming region which it now is.

John Scane, father of Joseph, an Englishman, was one of the first to locate in the township. During a prospecting tour through the country he purchased from Col. Talbot, the English Government agent, several hundred acres of wild land, and there, on the farm now occupied by his son James, he erected a log house, and with his wife began making a home for himself. It was no easy matter tramping through the woods to Detroit for groceries and other supplies; clearing the land and breaking it; cutting the grain with a hand sickle, threshing it with flails, and stamping it out with oxen; but, possessed of a vigorous constitution and a large capacity for work, Mr. Scane managed to endure these hardships and many more; and, with the aid of his sons, to transform the land into as desirable farming property as any in the vicinity. For some time he and his family occupied a rude log house plastered together with mud, roofed with clapboards split from pine and walnut logs, and heated by a large fireplace; but later he erected more substantial buildings. He was always one of the first to introduce into his house and upon his farm the latest improvements, and his first cook stove was for some time a curiosity to the neighbors for miles around.

Before settling in this county Mr. Scane married Elizabeth Mitton, who was of great assistance to him in all his undertakings. Among their children were some of the most prominent farmers in this section: James, who now resides on a part of the family homestead, was the first white child born on the Ridge in Howard township, and spent his early days in companionship with Indian children of the vicinity; Joseph is mentioned below.

Mr. Scane possessed to a marked degree the sturdy English virtues of honesty, thrift and industry. His word was never questioned, and was everywhere considered "as good as a bond." Public-spirited and large-hearted, he always gave his sympathetic support to every movement for the betterment of mankind. His well-directed efforts, both in the line of agriculture and in the management of public affairs, have left their stamp upon the community.

Joseph Scane, the fourth son of John and Elizabeth Scane, was reared in the new country, and there imbibed much of the hardy, thrifty spirit of the pioneers. In the primitive district school of Ridgetown he obtained his education, developing those traits of self-reliance, attention to business, and alertness of intellect, which characterized him through life. In 1858 he married Harriet Spence, who was born Nov. 21, 1837, third child of John and Elizabeth (Broadbent) Spence, early settlers of Howard township, and in the district schools of her neighborhood received her education, the deficiencies of which were more than made good by excellent rearing in a well-conducted home. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scane: (1) Elizabeth A., born on the old homestead in 1864, married William Brien, who now resides on his farm in Howard township, where she died Jan. 29, 1895. To this union were born seven children, Joseph E., James P., Lillian M., Charles H., Harry, Fred C. and George S. (2) Louisa J. was born at the old homestead in Howard township, and received her education in the public schools of Ridgetown. In 1897 she married William



JOSEPH SCANE

Thorald, of Ridgetown, who is now a prominent business man of that place. They have no children. (3) Minnie E., born Jan. 14, 1868, married Albert Savage, and resides in Ridgetown. They have one son, Earl Savage. (4) Mabel, born in December, 1871, married Albert Crowden, and resides in London. They have two children, Margery and Edward. (5) Anna, born April 14, 1874, married George Laing, of Ridgetown, and they have one son, Joseph L. (6) James M., born Aug. 12, 1876, and reared on the home place, married Hattie McDonald, of Ridgetown, and they now reside on the homestead. Of this union there have been two children, John and Olive. (7) Maud M., born in August, 1878, married James Craig, a dentist, and lives in Pullman, Ill. (8) Hattie Ethel, born Oct. 27, 1882, married Roy Gammage, of Ridgetown, where they now reside, and has one child, Joseph James. The deceased were, Jane Ann, Ellen, George and John.

Directly after his marriage Mr. Scane settled upon the family homestead in Howard township, where he afterward succeeded his father in the management. Conducting his farming somewhat along the lines of his predecessor, he not only kept the place thoroughly intact, but also made extensive improvements thereon. He first erected a very substantial house, where he and his family resided for many years, and later, in 1890, he built the present residence, a large and handsome brick structure, nearer Ridgetown than the first dwelling. From time to time he purchased improved machinery, enabling him to conduct his farming along progressive lines. Exercising good judgment and marked foresight in his management, he seldom met with a failure of crops, and won for himself the respect and confidence of agriculturists far and near.

Like his father Mr. Scane was a large-hearted man. In his home he was always indulgent and considerate. Of a genial disposition and many social attributes, he won for himself friends at every step in life. He was always a consistent Christian, and both he and his wife, as well as the family, were influential members of the Methodist Church. In politics he was an unwavering Conservative, but wholly disinclined to office seeking. His business success was mainly due to his thorough and conscientious pursuit of one line of industry, and his high integrity. Mrs. Scane survived until March 11, 1904, when she, too, entered into rest.

John Spence, father of Mrs. Scane, and one of the pioneer settlers of Howard township, was born in Yorkshire, England, Dec. 20, 1806, and in that country grew to manhood. As a wise provision for the future he learned at an early age the trade of a weaver. Confident of a good opening for himself in the new settlements of America, in his young manhood he came to Canada, and after a while settled at Botany, Howard township, County of Kent, Ontario. Like many another early settler he cleared a home for himself from the wooded tracts of that section, erected a log house and set about farming. Making the most of his time and opportunities, he followed his trade of weaver in winter, and carried on his farm in summer. Successful in both lines, he was enabled in time to make extensive improvements on the place, among them the erection of a large and substantial frame house. Here, July 1, 1884, he died.

After coming to America Mr. Spence married Elizabeth Broadbent, who was born in England in 1811, daughter of Thomas and Mary Broadbent, who came to Ontario at an early date, and there in Howard township, County of Kent, purchased land of Col. Broadbent. Here Mrs. Spence grew to womanhood. She died Aug. 24, 1882. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Spence were as follows: Ann, born May 3, 1834; Mary, Oct. 10, 1836; Harriet, Nov. 21, 1837; George W., May 10, 1839; Sarah Jane, April 5, 1840; Louisa, Sept. 7, 1843; Robert, Oct. 10, 1845; Zacharias, Oct. 1, 1847; Thomas H., April 10, 1849; Rebecca A., Jan. 21, 1852; John B., Dec. 10, 1854.

AMOS T. RIPLEY, a successful and thrifty general farmer of Camden township, County of Kent, came to his present fine farm of seventy-five acres in Lots 3 and 4, 3d Concession, in 1890, from Chatham township.

Mr. Ripley was born in Nova Scotia Feb. 24, 1842, son of Henry and Matilda (Riley) Ripley, of Nova Scotia, who died there, the father in 1881, aged eighty-three, and the mother in 1856, aged fifty-five. They were successful farming people. They were consistent in their adherence to the creed of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were as follows: Henry died in 1901 in the

County of Elgin, Ont., where he was a farmer; Sarah died in Nova Scotia at the age of sixteen; William is a painter of Nova Scotia; Amos T. is mentioned below; Gilbert is a farmer of Iowa; Mary, who died in Nova Scotia, married Robert Lowther. Henry Ripley, the paternal grandfather, was a native of England, moved to Nova Scotia in an early day and spent the remainder of his life in that province.

In April, 1866, in Nova Scotia, Amos T. Ripley married Selina Amelia Ripley, and to this union have been born children as follows: Howard, now of Erie, Pennsylvania, married Ella Madden, of Brantford; Allen, who is superintendent of the House of Refuge at Chatham, Ont., married Hattie Waffle, of Dresden; Eva married Vening Hicks, of Dresden, Ont., who is in the insurance business; Hilliard, unmarried, lives at home; Flora is at home. Mrs. Ripley was born in Nova Scotia April 22, 1845, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Reed) Ripley, also of Nova Scotia, where the father died. Mrs. Ripley is a sister of Joseph Ripley, of Dresden, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, and a cousin to her husband.

Amos T. Ripley remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, and served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, following same until 1869, when he removed to the County of Kent and located in Chatham township, there remaining until 1891, when he purchased his present home. Thoroughly understanding, as he does, the work of farming, he has made it a success, and is justly regarded as one of the representatives of the best agricultural interests of the county. He is a prominent member of the order of Foresters, and in religion he and his wife are consistent Methodists. In politics he is a Tory.

JOHN LEE GARDINER is one of the old settlers of the township of Tilbury East and is now living retired after years of successful labor.

William Gardiner, his grandfather, was a lifetime resident of Dundee, Forfarshire, Scotland, where the family had flourished for generations. He was a soldier and was stationed at the Dundee Barracks, and died Feb. 9, 1825, aged about sixty years. He was married Feb. 22, 1792, to Ann Gallaway, and to them were born the following named children: Janet, born May 23, 1794, died Dec. 3, 1832; Andrew, born May 24, 1796, died in 1797; Andrew (2), born Jan. 6, 1798, died October, 1798; James, born Aug. 27, 1799, died in February, 1800; John, born April 24, 1801, died in February, 1803; Margaret S., born Dec. 13, 1803, married William Dizard, and lived in Wisconsin; William, born March 31, 1806, is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born Dec. 1, 1808, married a Mr. Duncan, of Scotland; Mary Ann, born Aug. 27, 1811, died in February, 1812; and Catherine, the youngest, born March 24, 1813, married Mathew Morrison. The mother of this family lived at her home in Dundee for some years after her son and grandchildren came to Canada. After her death the old leather-bound Bible, containing the foregoing records, was sent to John Lee Gardiner.

William Gardiner, father of John Lee, was born at Dundee and there grew to maturity. He learned the weaving craft and became foreman in a factory where coarse linens were manufactured. The family was also interested for a time in a grocery business. He married Jane Lee, of Dundee, and to them came children as follows: John Lee, born Jan. 8, 1829; David, of Fargo, Harwich township; James, who was formerly a liveryman of Chatham; Margaret, widow of James Gilanders, of Mersea township, County of Essex; William, of Leamington; Nancy, deceased, who married Thomas Irwin, of Mersea; and Murray F., a farmer of Tilbury East, who died Feb. 11, 1904.

The family set sail for Canada in the fall of 1838, in a little vessel that took nine weeks to reach Montreal. They then came up the St. Lawrence river and Lake Ontario to the County of Durham and settled in Darlington township, near the village of Bowmanville, where the father took up a grant of 100 acres of wild land. For sixteen or seventeen years the family resided there and contended with the hardships that are to be met with in all new countries. Finally the father came to the conclusion that he must secure more fertile land in order to provide for his family, so he sold this farm, and, with all the children except John L. and David, who followed later, removed to the County of Kent, locating on the Middle road in Tilbury East. He purchased of Henry Eberts 100 acres of wild land in Lot 13, M. R. S., and here began a second time the life of a pioneer. Later he added another 100 acres

to this farm, purchasing from the government. This fine estate was owned and occupied by his son Murray until the latter's death. William Gardiner died in Mersea, County of Essex, Aug. 15, 1887, in his eighty-second year, at the home of a daughter. His wife died Aug. 3, 1873, aged sixty-eight years.

John Lee Gardiner was born at Dundee, Scotland, and was nine years old when the family came to Canada. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Darlington township and then purchased a small farm near by where he began for himself. Eighteen months after the family removed to Tilbury East he followed and purchased of William Hope, Sr., seventy-five acres in Lot 5, M. R. S. At the time he settled on this place the Middle road had been slashed through, but his land was still wild and unimproved. He built a small frame house which is still standing, now utilized as a hen-house. The clearing and cultivation of this property was beset with many difficulties, mainly because of the lack of drainage. Often his small crops were drowned out at considerable loss. The nearest mill was at Chatham and was reached over nearly impassable roads. As time went on and other industrious and energetic men settled near conditions improved, but no crops were certain until drainage was conducted on a large scale. That Mr. Gardiner is now one of the substantial men of the locality is due to his careful attention to farming and the introduction of modern methods and appliances. From time to time he added to his land until finally he possessed 425 acres in close proximity to his home, as follows: 200 acres, Lot 4, M. R. S.; fifty acres Lot 5, M. R. S.; and 100 acres, Lot 6, besides the original purchase. Some of the old log barns are still standing and present violent contrast to the immense and substantial structures which supplanted them. For several years Mr. Gardiner has been retired from business activity. His possessions are the result of his past labor and enterprise. Time has touched him gently, and, still hale and hearty, he takes delight in visiting at the comfortable homes of his children who have located near him. Politically he is of the Reform party. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian.

In March, 1850, Mr. Gardiner married Mary Ann Graham, of Darlington township, who was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, and died July 15, 1902, aged seventy-one years. The following named children were born to this union: Jane, born Jan. 8, 1851, widow of John Ball, resides in Raleigh; Matilda, born Sept. 11, 1854, is the wife of George T. Sales, of Tilbury East township; William, born Aug. 5, 1857, who carries on the home farm, married Amelia Waddill, and they have two daughters, Ella Alberta and Minnie; Mary Ann, born May 24, 1859, is the wife of Charles Marshall, proprietor of a mill at Comber, County of Essex; James W., born Dec. 19, 1861, married Jane Moorhouse, and they have seven children; Robert married Margaret Rogers, since deceased, and lives in the township of Tilbury East; and Elizabeth, the wife of John Sloan, resides in the same township, near Valetta.

HENRY W. REEDER, a prominent and representative farmer of the County of Kent, who resides upon a well improved and finely cultivated farm in Lot 14, Concession 9, Howard township, was born on that concession in June, 1834, a son of George and Mary (McKeracher) Reeder, old established residents of this section.

The grandparents of Henry W. Reeder were Henry and Ann Reeder, who were born and reared in England, and who emigrated to Canada, via New York, in 1819. They made the journey by means of horse and wagon from New York to their pioneer home in Canada, and settled on Concession 12, in Aldborough township, County of Elgin. The log cabin long sheltered the family and it took much hard work to clear the land and put it under cultivation, but they acquired a comfortable home, although Mr. Reeder did not survive many years to enjoy the fruits of his toil. In 1826, after his death, his widow with her three sons, Henry, George and John, and her two daughters, moved to the County of Kent and located in Howard township, on Concession 9. The land was secured from Col. Talbot. Of the sons, Henry never married; John married Ellen Gosnell, and settled on the farm in Concession 9 for some years, and then bought a farm in the Gosnell settlement, in Orford township, where he lived and died (he had no family); Charlotte, the eldest daughter, born in England, married Thomas Scane and settled on a farm on Concession 10, in Howard township, where both died, leaving five children; Sarah,

born in England, married John Gosnell, and they settled as farming people in Orford township, County of Kent (they left a large family who are still residents of the county).

George Reeder, the father of Henry W., was born in 1800 in Derbyshire, England, where he was reared to young manhood, accompanying his parents to Canada in 1819. Being the second oldest in the family, his education was limited, his assistance being required in the support of the family. George Reeder built a log house on Lot 15, Concession 9, after moving to Howard township, and with the assistance of his sons cleared up the whole of the 100 acres where the old homestead house still is standing, although later he erected a comfortable frame one and also a commodious barn. Here he and his wife passed many happy years, Mrs. Reeder cheerfully sharing in all the trials and deprivations entailed by the exactions of pioneer life. She was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, a daughter of Findlay McKeracher, who came to Orford and settled as a pioneer farmer in 1831. Mr. Reeder died in 1871, and his wife passed away in 1884. They were among the founders of the First Presbyterian Church of Howard township and were always liberal in its support and active in its work. In politics he belonged to the Reform party. They had a family of seven children born to them, the eldest being Henry W., of this biography. Findlay, Mary and Elizabeth all died young. George, born at the old homestead in 1837, still resides there, unmarried. Janet, born in 1840, resides with her brothers on the old homestead. John, born in 1849, is also still a member of the family at the old homestead.

Henry W. Reeder grew up on his father's farm, doing his part in the clearing and cultivating of the land. He acquired his education in the little log schoolhouse which many old residents will remember as standing on the corners between the Reeder home and Ridgetown. The sessions were of but three months duration, but these short terms, in the rude little schoolhouse, turned out men and women who have intelligently and capably borne parts in the building up and development of the agricultural social and moral life of this community. On March 17, 1864, Mr. Reeder was united in marriage with Rebecca A. Gosnell, who was born in 1838, in Orford township, County of Kent, daughter of John and Sarah (Reeder) Gosnell. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Reeder settled in the present home, which had been willed him by his namesake and uncle, Henry Reeder. The improvements which have been made by our subject, the building of his house, barn and necessary outbuildings, have made it one of the most valuable farms of the neighborhood. On Sept. 19, 1901, the devoted wife and tender mother passed out of life, leaving a beautiful record behind her. She was devoted in her attachment to the Methodist Church, with which she had long been connected. Four children were born to this union, as follows: George L., born in 1865, died in young manhood in 1901; Sarah J., born in 1867, is her father's capable housekeeper; Henry John, the fourth of the name, born in 1871, married Ida Harrison, of Howard township, the adopted daughter of John J. Harrison, and they reside on his farm on Lot 16, Concession 9, in Howard (their two children are Mary E., born in March, 1897, and Louella, born in October, 1900); and William H., born Aug. 12, 1878, is still at home, unmarried.

For a number of years Mr. Reeder has very acceptably served as school trustee. His political sympathy is with the Reform party and he has been active in its movements in his locality. With his wife he belonged to the Methodist Church for many years. His fraternal connection is with the Order of Orangemen.

Mr. Reeder worthily represents a fine old family whose sons have been noted for their industry and good citizenship, and whose daughters for their housewifery and manifold accomplishments. A family that includes so many upright, honest, sober, charitable and intelligent members is one to deserve being called thoroughly representative of the best citizenship of the Dominion.

WILLIAM D. SAMSON, a leading business man of Blenheim, County of Kent, is a member of one of the early pioneer families of that county, being descended from James Samson. The latter was born in Scotland, where he lived and died, and for many years was the manager of a large estate. He was twice married, and from James, a child of the second marriage, descends the branch of the family treated of in this article, he being the grandfather of William D.

James Samson (2), the grandfather, was also born in Scotland, and died in 1818. He, too, was twice married, and by his second wife had a son, Mungo Fairly Samson, the father of William D., who was born in the Parish of Galston, Ayrshire, Scotland, near the birthplace of the poet, Robert Burns, in 1808. In 1830 he and his brother William came to St. Catharine's, Ont., and there remained until 1837, when they removed to Chatham, County of Kent, locating on the Thames river. Soon after his arrival Mungo F. Samson joined the volunteers in support of the government, in the Rebellion of 1837, but he discovered certain existing conditions which made him during the remainder of his life an uncompromising Liberal. In 1841 he purchased eighty acres of timber land in Harwich township, one and one-half miles from Blenheim, now known as the Samson homestead, and arranged with a man to erect for him a log cabin to which he could bring his bride, for in 1842 he married Miss Nancy McBrayne. Upon reaching their property Mr. and Mrs. Samson found no home awaiting them, so until he could build one they lived with R. De Clute. Later he replaced this primitive cabin with a better house, and on the spot where she began life as the wife of a pioneer resides the bride of sixty-two years ago, aged eighty-five years, her birth having occurred Dec. 24, 1818. Sixty years have wrought many changes. The timber has given way to fields of grain, and in place of the old hamlet of Blenheim, of the days of 1842, stands the present town of fine residences, substantial business blocks and public buildings. Mrs. Samson is residing with a son and a daughter, and is very active for her age. Mr. Samson remained upon this property in Harwich township until his death, which occurred Feb. 9, 1899, and his loss was deeply felt by many outside his home circle. He led an industrious, useful life, and was always highly respected wherever he was known, for his many sterling qualities of character. As one of the pioneers of the county, and a public-spirited and active citizen, he occupied a position of influence and high standing. To himself and wife were born the following children: Dr. James, for many years one of the most prominent physicians and politicians of Blenheim, in 1898 removed to Windsor, where he is equally prominent; John (deceased) married Mary Nichol, and had two children, Minnie and Maud; Isabella is deceased; William D. is mentioned below; Mary is deceased; David is a resident of Harwich; Effie is deceased; Archie, clerk of the court at Blenheim, married Margaret Goulett, and has four children, James, Duncan, Norma and Wilfred; Malcolm is a resident of Blenheim; Marion married Capt. Asa Ribble, mayor of Dresden, and has one daughter, Annie; Annie resides on the home farm.

Mrs. Samson's family is of Highland Scottish extraction, and her parents, John and Mary (Campbell) McBrayne, came to the County of Kent in 1828, locating on the town line between Howard and Harwich townships, where both died, he in 1869, aged eighty-four years, and she in 1870, aged seventy-seven years. John McBrayne and his brother Archie were both men of considerable educational attainments and both were strong types of that army of Scottish emigrants who came to America in the early half of the past century. It was Archie McBrayne who, when he found himself settled in the then almost untouched forests of the now wealthy township of Howard, named the district Botany because of its lonely suggestion of Botany Bay, where England's convicts were transported to in those days. The neighborhood still retains the name of Botany and will for a long time to come. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Samson was Malcolm McBrayne, and her maternal grandparents were Archie and Nancy (Fisher) Campbell.

William D. Samson was born on the old homestead in Harwich township June 26, 1851, and there grew to manhood. At the age of twenty years he began teaching, which he continued for five years, and in 1877 he embarked in a mercantile venture in company with Mr. W. Swanson, under the firm name of Samson & Swanson, the partnership continuing until 1882. Mr. Samson has since conducted the enterprise alone, and he is now a leading hardware merchant not only of Blenheim, but of Western Ontario. In addition to carrying on his hardware establishment Mr. Samson runs one of the most up-to-date plumbing and tinsmithing establishments, and he is president of the Western Peat Field Co., organized in 1899, with a capital stock of $100,000. The plant is located at Rondeau, on the Erie & Huron railroad.

Like his father Mr. Samson is a Liberal,

and socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1879 he married Miss Maria Hall, a daughter of Joseph Hall, and they have one daughter, Edna.

ROBERT RANSOM, one of the representative retired farmers of Harwich, County of Kent, has been a resident of that place since 1868. Although nominally retired, he is too active a man to enjoy idleness, and finds his recreation in assisting his son in the management of their farms.

Robert Ransom, his grandfather, was born Sept. 22, 1770, in Herkimer county, New York, and there married. His wife, Abigail, a native of the same place, was born Oct. 24, 1787, and died Aug. 26, 1860. They passed their entire lives in Herkimer county, where Mr. Ransom was a farmer. They had eight children, and their son, William, became the father of Robert, whose name introduces this sketch.

William Ransom was born Oct. 24, 1804, in Herkimer county, New York. On Nov. 21, 1829, in Oneida county, New York, he married Silva Ann Crofut, a native of Massachusetts, born Nov. 8, 1806. They continued to reside in York State until 1854, when they moved over to Canada and settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, Ont., on the town line. One year later they took up 100 acres of land in Lot 4, Concession 1, on the old Communication road, only a small portion of which had been cleared, and on this farm they passed the remainder of their lives. They acquired other land, at one time owning 300 acres in one tract. Mrs. Ransom died April 26, 1887, and Mr. Ransom died Aug. 23, 1887, at the age of eighty-three. Both are buried in Blenheim cemetery. They were people of prominence in their vicinity, and both were members of the Universalist Church. They had the following children: Menerva, born in 1831, married Griffin Peabody, and died in 1898; Erastus, born Feb. 5, 1833, died in Harwich township March 10, 1888; Almira L., born Sept. 24, 1834, died Nov. 19, 1863; Robert; Lucy J., born Feb. 10, 1839, married Francis Kitchen, of Detroit, Michigan, and died Oct. 20, 1870; Oliver A., born Sept. 5, 1842, is a retired farmer of Ridgetown, Ont.; James H., born Feb. 11, 1846, is a retired farmer of Harwich township; George W., born March 17, 1853, is a retired farmer of Blenheim, Ontario.

Robert Ransom was born in Oneida, Madison county, New York, Oct. 24, 1835, and came with his parents to Canada, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then engaged in farm work for a year, after which he went to Ionia county, Michigan, where he was employed at teaming in the lumber woods. After one and one-fourth years at that he returned home to be married, and, taking his bride to Michigan, was employed for a few years longer in the lumber woods. He then bought a farm of eighty acres of wild land, and had cleared about fifteen acres when the Civil war broke out. Having no desire to go into the army, he rented his farm and returned to the County of Kent, Ont. Later he sold his original farm, and bought, on credit, a rough farm of 100 acres, which he also sold after clearing about twenty acres. With the proceeds of this sale he bought his present farm of 100 acres, described as on the Gore line, Lot 8, and consisting of unbroken forest. With characteristic energy he cleared this tract, and he is now, in company with his son, the owner of several farms. In 1889 he rented the home farm to his son, who carries it on, although the father still takes an active share of the work. Father and son both live on the farm, but each has his own home.

Mr. Ransom married (first) Oct. 29, 1858, Maria J. Schuberg, who was born in Howard township Dec. 5, 1835, and died Feb. 5, 1892. She is buried in Blenheim cemetery. The children of this union were as follows: William C., born in Ionia county, Michigan, Sept. 5, 1859, married Catherine Hutchinson, and has three children, Mary J., Sylvia E. and Archie; and James F. died when one and a half years old. On Dec. 12, 1893, in Cedar Springs, Harwich, Mr. Ransom married (second) Mrs. Madalana (Storey) Ransom.

Mrs. Madalana (Storey) Ransom was born in Raleigh township, Dec. 16, 1840, daughter of Ralph and Mary (McGowan) Storey, natives, respectively, of Ireland and England. Mr. and Mrs. Storey were married in Lower Canada, and came to the County of Kent in 1835, locating in Raleigh. Later they moved to Harwich, where they took up land and there remained. They were members of the Methodist Church. The father died in 1857, at the

age of seventy-five preceded by the mother, who died May 21, 1853, aged fifty-five, and both are buried in Crawford cemetery. Their children were as follows: Margaret and William (twins), who died young; Ralph, a farmer of Harwich; Alfred, a carpenter of Blenheim; Louise (twin of Alfred), widow of James Claws, of Raleigh; Ellen (or Ella), deceased, wife of Edward Dalton; and Madalana, wife of Robert Ransom. By a previous marriage Mr. Storey had a family of five children, all deceased, namely: Robert, Ann, Eliza, Susan and Thomas.

Mrs. Madalana (Storey) Ransom was first married to Edgar Ransom, by whom she had the following children: Andrew R., a carpenter of Cedar Springs, Ont.; Martha E., wife of George Beamer, a traveling salesman of Charlotte, Michigan; Sarah L., wife of Charles W. Lowes, a farmer of Harwich; Lutie J., unmarried, living with her mother and stepfather; and Mary C., unmarried, and living in Cedar Springs. Edgar Ransom was born in Herkimer county, New York, son of Samuel and Caroline (Ives) Ransom. He came to the County of Kent, Ont., in 1851, and settled in Raleigh, where he spent his life as a farmer. He died in 1869 in Cedar Springs, at the early age of thirty-two.

In politics Mr. Ransom is of the Reform party, and he and his wife are members of the Universalist Church. Mr. Ransom is a wide-awake, progressive farmer, and the fine farm on which he lives gives evidence of his industry, capability and thrift. Both he and his son are men of wealth, and the owners of fine farming properties. The family is well known and highly respected throughout the community.

EDWARD A. HORNICK, one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Tilbury East township, was born June 18, 1857. The Hornick family is of German extraction, and its representatives left Germany during the religious troubles resulting from the teachings of Martin Luther, settling in the south of Ireland.

John W. Hornick, the father of our subject, was born in County Wickford, Ireland, and when still a very young man he emigrated to the United States, and for some time engaged in contracting and building, traveling through various sections of the country. In the course of his travels he went South, and was there during a scourge of yellow fever. In 1853 he came to Canada, and located at Kitley, near Brockville, a few years later moving to Madoc township, Hastings, where he resided nearly ten years. In 1869 he came to Tilbury township East, and for three years rented a farm on the Middle road, after which he bought a fifty-acre farm in Lot 22, Concession 8. This property he cleared up, and lived upon it until his death, which occurred Dec. 11, 1890, aged seventy-two years. He married, in Merricksville, Isabella Wood, and to this union there were born five sons and four daughters, all but one of whom reside within a few miles of the home place. Their names are as follows: Margaret Ann married William R. Davidson; John W. married Susan Cowan; Edward A.; Mary married Arthur Cowan; Thomas H. married Miss Kelley; Alexander married first Miss Whitney, and second a Miss Heath; Herbert is on the old homestead; Isabella married Robert Challis; and Ann Lucretia married Rev. Thomas Brown, who has a charge at Meaford.

Edward A. Hornick was twelve years of age when the family moved to Tilbury East, and his educational advantages were limited on account of the scarcity of schools, all the instruction he received being obtained during the winter months for three years. After he was fourteen he was expected to devote his time to working upon the farm, clearing it off in company with his elder brothers. Having early learned how to work, he was only seventeen years of age when he started out for himself, and at the age of twenty years he was able to purchase fifty acres on Lot 23, Concession 9, where he began clearing. When he was twenty-four he married and settled upon his property, which was then much improved, and he has since made it his home. He has added to his holdings very considerably, now owning 200 acres, all of which was wild when it came into his possession. He now farms 105 acres all cleared by himself, carrying on general farming. Aside from his farm work, Mr. Hornick keeps himself well informed upon matters of general interest, and is deeply concerned in educational affairs, serving for many years as a member of the school board of Section 5. In his religious affiliations he is a member of the

Congregational Church. His fraternal associations are with the I. O. O. F., of which he is a charter member of the lodge of Tilbury.

In 1881 Mr. Hornick was married to Miss Rachel Kelley, a native of Wentworth, and to this union were born children as follows: Alfred W., who assists with the farming; Pearl, who died aged five years; and Nellie Pearl and Albert Edward, both at home. Mr. Hornick is one of the most enterprising men of his community, and is a very good conversationalist, his views being sound and well founded as well as ably expressed. Needless to say he is very highly esteemed by a large contingent of warm friends, and that his home is a pleasant gathering place for his neighbors.

JAMES WELLINGTON FLEMING, one of the prominent and public-spirited farmers of Dover township, was born in Aldborough, County Elgin, Feb. 18, 1843, son of James and Ann (Gibb) Fleming, natives, respectively of County Elgin and Scotland.

On Dec. 6, 1871, in County Elgin, Ont., Mr. Fleming married Diana Hosner, and the children born to this union were as follows: Charles, of Detroit, Michigan, is a member of the firm known as the J. H. Clegg Audit Company, and is constantly occupied in auditing company and private accounts; James Gibb is a member of the firm of J. W. Fleming & Co., of Blenheim; and Harry Malcolm is a school teacher, and was elected president of the School Teachers Association of West Kent, at the last annual meeting, and for the second time he was appointed one of the examiners for the entrance and public school leaving classes. Mrs. Fleming was born in County Haldimand, Nov. 19, 1848, a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Conklin) Hosner, of Herkimer and Otsego counties, New York, who came to Canada in 1846, settling in Hamilton, where Mr. Hosner became a lumberman, but he died in County Elgin in 1884, aged eighty years. During the latter part of his life, he lived retired on a farm. Mrs. Hosner survived him two years and passed away aged eighty years. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: John, a farmer of County Norfolk; Horace, of County Haldimand; Melzar, deceased; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, who married William Jack of Haldimand; Diana, who became Mrs. Fleming.

James W. Fleming spent his boyhood days upon the farm with his parents, and after they had entered into rest, he began farming on his own account on the old homestead. In 1877, he removed to a farm of 100 acres on Lots 19 and 20, 5th Concession, of which at that time but forty acres were cleared. His perseverance and systematic labor wrought many changes, and he placed it all in a fine state of cultivation. This farm he has since sold, and he is now engaged with his son James Gibb, in the hardware business in Blenheim, under the firm name of J. W. Fleming & Son. A growing trade has rewarded their efforts, and their fine stock of goods includes, besides the usual hardware, stoves and tinware, an exceptionally fine line of paints, farm implements, buggies, wagons and sleighs. Upright business methods and prompt and considerate attention to customers have been the means of the firm's gaining a substantial place in the commercial world. For a number of years, Mr. Fleming has attended the Presbyterian Church, and although not a member, contributes liberally toward its support. In politics he is a Liberal and for three years served most acceptably as member of the township council; for nine years as school trustee, and was deputy reeve in County Elgin in 1874. The success which he has been able to attain is of a kind which does credit to his ability and enterprise. Both as a private citizen and public official, Mr. Fleming has faithfully discharged the duties assigned him, and is a man of whom the township may well feel proud.

WILLIAM CHARLES INGALLS, of Thamesville, has much more than a local reputation as a contractor of reliability and a builder of taste and skill. Mr. Ingalls is a native of the County of Kent, where he has spent the greater part of his life, which numbers more than sixty years. He was born April 5, 1840, and has every reason to feel a loyal and patriotic interest in this county, for his ancestors for several generations have been among its most valued citizens.

When that stanch little vessel, the "Mayflower," reached the American shore, in 1620, two passengers, brothers, Edmund and John Ingalls, landed with the others. They located in the State of New Hampshire, and founded the Ingalls family of both the United States

and Canada. Later, Otis Ingalls was born into a branch of the family which had drifted to the State of New York, and after he grew to manhood he owned and cleared a part of the land upon which stands the city of Buffalo, his wheat fields being of notable extent. Otis Ingalls was twice married, the children of his first union being two sons, Justis and Samuel. To the second marriage came one son, Otis, and two daughters, Emma and Margaret. He later moved to Ontario, and at the time of the outbreak, in 1837, was conducting a grocery store in the County of Kent, this store being plundered and its proprietor taken prisoner. His release soon followed, and he passed his last days at Flint, Michigan.

Otis Ingalls (2), son of Otis, was born in the State of New York in 1806, and was fourteen years of age when the family removed to Ontario, locating first at Brantford and then moving to Paris, where Mr. Ingalls engaged in a tannery business. From Paris Mr. Ingalls moved to Chatham and was engaged for a time in a bakery business. In 1837 he settled on Lot 9, River range, on what is known as the old Ingalls homestead, being a pioneer of the locality. He married Edith Arnold, daughter of Frederick Arnold, another pioneer settler of the County of Kent, and the following children were born to this marriage: Otis, deceased; Frederick, deceased; Eunice, widow of John Chase Fleming, of Thamesville; Margaret, deceased; William Charles, of Thamesville; Robert, of Buffalo; Borelli; Louisa, deceased; Charlotte, the wife of Joseph Fleming, of Thamesville; and Samuel Justis, of Thamesville.

William Charles Ingalls was born on Lot 9, on the old homestead, April 5, 1840, and remained there, attending school in his boyhood and assisting on the farm in young manhood, until 1861, when he went to Houghton, Michigan. There he engaged in mining for a time, returning to the County of Kent. It was not his desire to follow an agricultural life, and in search for another opening he went to Toledo, Ohio, where for two years he was employed by the Toledo & Wabash Railway Company. Mr. Ingalls had always been skillful with tools, and decided at this time to learn the carpenter's trade, returning to the County of Kent to serve his apprenticeship. For thirty-three years Mr. Ingalls has been engaged in building and contracting and much of his work is in evidence in Thamesville and the surrounding country, the neat, attractive residences, and the imposing business houses, demonstrating his ability and taste. His long experience enables him to construct buildings perfect in architectural proportions and completely suited to the purposes for which they are intended. His reputation for reliability is such that his name suffices to establish values in private as well as public contracts.

In 1866 Mr. Ingalls was married to Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Benjamin P. and Harriet Arnold, and to this union was born one daughter, Alice Eunice. She married John Minshall and passed away at an early age, leaving one daughter, Alice May, who resides with her grandparents.

Politically Mr. Ingalls is a Reformer, and socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. For many years he and Mrs. Ingalls have been members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Church in Thamesville.

THOMAS WOOFENDEN, retired farmer and prominent citizen of Concession 9, Harwich, County of Kent, was born in Dublin, Ireland, June 17, 1833, son of Robert and Anna M. (Kilnor) Woofenden, the former of whom was born in Lancashire, England in 1807, and the latter in Dublin, Ireland, in the same year.

By trade Robert Woofenden was a machinist, and from 1847 to 1851 he was manager of a machine shop in Dublin, after which for four years he and his brother Jonathan engaged in the manufacture of engines, etc., in Belfast. Returning to England, he remained there until 1857, when he emigrated to Canada, settling in Toronto. He found immediate employment at his trade, although he came to the New World with the intention of farming. In February, 1858, he removed to the County of Kent, and located on land now owned by his son Thomas. With his wife and only child, Thomas, he lived in a little log house, and as the son grew up he gradually assumed the care and management of the farm, while the father worked at his trade at Morpeth, Chatham and Buffalo. In the last named city he became ill, and returned home, dying a few days later, Dec. 26, 1863, from blood poisoning. His wife died Aug. 20, 1879. Both parents were consistent members of the Church of England. Politically the father was

a stanch Reformer. He was a good and worthy man, and made many friends wherever he lived.

Thomas Woofenden was well educated in the schools of London, Dublin and Belfast. He took a scientific course in mechanical designing, etc., as well as one in French and Latin, and later, in the schools of Dublin, he became a practical and skilled mechanic. He also benefited by his father's instruction. The family finally removed to Canada, hoping in the new land to enjoy greater freedom and obtain property. Young Thomas cleared the farm, and gave his parents true filial devotion as long as they lived.

In February, 1860, Thomas Woofenden married Miss Catherine Tyler, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Newcomb) Tyler, highly respected pioneers of Harwich, who came from Nova Scotia, where they had lived after emigrating from England. This branch of the Tyler family is related to John Tyler, tenth President of the United States, now deceased. Mrs. Woofenden was born Sept. 4, 1841, near McGregor's creek, Concession 12, Harwich, where she grew to womanhood and received a fair education. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Woofenden settled on their present farm, in the old log house, which had been remodeled by Mr. Woofenden, and they made it their home until 1878, when the present pleasant and comfortable brick house was erected, which is recognized as one of the finest in the County of Kent. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Woofenden: (1) Clara E., born in 1861, married Alfred Bloxam, a native of England, now a business man of London, Ont.; they have a family of five children, Thomas H., Eva B., Edith, Percy and Harry. (2) Robert A., born in 1863, married Miss Maggie Patterson, of the County of Kent, and they reside in Harwich township; they have five children, Virgil, Lloyd, Ross, Bernice and Helen. (3) Sarah A., born in 1865, married Alexander Patterson, of Harwich, and they reside in Mull, Harwich township; they have four children, Marvel, Cecil, Mabel and Clara. (4) Esther M., born in 1867, married John Rouselle, and they reside in Detroit. (5) Frank E., born in May, 1870, received a fine education at the home schools, and in September, 1897, married Amelia Smith, of Morpeth, who was born in 1874, daughter of John and Hannah Smith, of Howard township; they reside at his father's old homestead, of which he is manager, and he is one of the enterprising young men of the community; three children have been born to himself and wife, Herman J., Esther Rose Victoria and Lila M. (6) Marian A., born in 1872, married John Birchman, a native of Sweden, and they reside in Detroit. They have five children, Graydon, Charles, Otto, Oscar, and Ruth. (7) Rosie E., born in 1875, married Robert Ganley; they reside at Wyandotte, Michigan. (8) Catherine L., born in 1878, married Asa Burnham, a resident of Mull, Harwich township, and has two children, Gladys E. and Arthur D.

The political convictions of Mr. Woofenden make him a stanch supporter of the Reform party, to which his sons also belong. He has never desired office. Mr. and Mrs. Woofenden and their family were reared in the faith of the Church of England, but are now connected with the New Swedenborgian Church. Living in his pleasant home, surrounded by comforts and luxuries his industry has procured, Mr. Woofenden is a fine type of an old English gentleman, while his family is one of which any father may well be proud. The family name carries weight, not only in the County of Kent, but wherever its representatives make their homes, and all credit and honor is given, not only by the immediate relatives, but by friends and acquaintances, to the genial, noble-hearted gentleman who has carried out in his life the principles of honesty and integrity he instilled into his children from their infancy. As a citizen, a householder, a man of property and influence in the community, as well as in his family, Mr. Woofenden fills all the duties of life nobly and acceptably, and of him may well be said: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

JOSEPH DUNDERDALE is a prominent resident of the Gore of Chatham, where he owns two fine farms. He was born three miles from the old town of Lancaster, Lancashire, England, Oct. 23, 1846, a son of Richard and Ann (Jolleys) Dunderdale, both natives of the same locality. There the father spent his life, dying in 1877, aged seventy-two years; his widow, who survived ten years, also died at the age of seventy-two. They were consistent members of the Church of England. Mr. Dunderdale was a man of considerable importance,

holding many local positions of responsibility. Their children were: Elizabeth, widow of Richard Mackereth, of Lancashire; Miss Bridget, of the same place; James, a retired farmer in that neighborhood; Misses Ann and Jane, residing with Bridget; Joseph; Richard, John and Robert, all farmers in their native locality. The grandparents of Joseph Dunderdale were John and Bridget (Roskel) Dunderdale, and Joseph Jolleys, all farming people of Lancashire.

Joseph Dunderdale came to Toronto, Ont., at the age of twenty-two years, and engaged in farming for three years. He then went to Moore township, in the County of Lambton, where he was engaged in the sawmill business for two years. The following two years he spent at Wallaceburg, conducting the "West Hotel," but returned to the sawmill business, in which he continued for five more years. Mr. Dunderdale was next engaged in the operation of a hoop and stave mill for a period of fifteen years, only giving that business up to engage in farming and gardening. During his residence at Wallaceburg, he served in many important positions, being chief of the fire department for seven years. Mr. Dunderdale's fine farm, on which he has erected a commodious and comfortable residence, comprises sixty acres on Concession 1, Lot 9, and he also owns another valuable bit of farming land, comprising thirty-five acres, in the same township. Both properties are under fine cultivation and show the effect of careful and competent operation.

On Oct. 6, 1874, at Dresden, Mr. Dunderdale was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Southgate, who was born July 18, 1858, at Fakenham, Norfolk, England, a daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Mitchell) Southgate, natives of Norfolk, who came to Canada in 1872. They were people of means and education. Mr. Southgate was soon engaged as a bookkeeper at Toronto, but one year later came into the rural regions and settled in the Gore of Chatham, where he has been a very successful farmer and market gardener, having been a valued citizen of the locality ever since settling there. Formerly he was engaged in mercantile business in England, but met with reverses. From the age of eighteen years Mr. Southgate has been a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters and is probably the oldest member in America. His fine education has made him available for a number of positions, and for thirteen years he served as judge of vegetables in his county, being considered an authority on gardening, a branch of industry in which he has taken the greatest interest. His daughter, Mrs. Dunderdale, was given excellent collegiate advantages in Lincolnshire, England, and is a lady of literary culture and not unknown in the newspaper field. Mr. Southgate is still bright and active, at the age of seventy-nine years, but his wife died in 1900, aged sixty-two years. Their children were as follows: Sarah J., Mrs. Dunderdale; Robert S., county constable, who resides with his father in the Gore of Chatham; and Samuel, a decorator, living at Wallaceburg. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Dunderdale were Samuel and Ann Southgate, and her maternal grandfather was Col. Mitchell, of the British army.

Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunderdale: Anna M. is the wife of Alexander Lozon, a molder of Port Huron, and they have four children; Jennie B. is the wife of George J. Linn, a glass blower at Holton, Illinois, and they have one child; Susannah is the wife of William Day, a glass blower at Wallaceburg, Ont., and they have one child; Samuel R., Elizabeth E., and M. Grace are still at home. Joseph J. died Sept. 26, 1903.

In politics Mr. Dunderdale is a Conservative. Like all the other members of his family he belongs to the Church of England. Mr. Dunderdale is a man highly esteemed in his locality, where he is looked upon as one of the substantial and representative men.

HORACE H. HILLS is a general farmer and prominent resident of Orford township, County of Kent, residing on a farm of 100 acres in Lot 17, Concession 5. He was born at Eramosa, six miles from Guelph, Ont., July 31, 1834, a son of Levy and Ruby (Pangborn) Hills, who came from the United States. They came to Canada, being Loyalists, and the father died in Guelph in May, 1846, aged thirty-four years, while the mother died near Howell, Michigan, in December, 1894, aged eighty-four years. By occupation Mr. Hills was a cabinetmaker, and he was quite successful, although he died in the prime of life. He and his wife were consistent members of the Congregational

Church. The children born to them were as follows: Horace H.; Hiram H., deceased, who was a farmer in Kansas; Levy, who died in the County of Perth, Ont.; and Mary, of Howell, Michigan, who married John Vine, a farmer. The paternal grandfather, Levy Hills, was from the United States, and died in Hamilton, Ont., where he was engaged as a farmer and carpenter.

On April 15, 1853, in Orford township, Horace H. Hills married Rachel Hewson, and they had four children: Charles E. died aged thirty-one years; Horace H. died at the age of twenty-eight years; Ruby J., unmarried, is at home; Thomas W., also with his parents, married Helen D. Haining, and they have one son, Charles H.

Mrs. Hills was born in Bastard, County of Peel, Ont., Jan. 1, 1837, a daughter of Thomas Hewson and Jane Hunter, of Yorkshire, England, and the County of Durham, respectively, who came to the County of Kent in 1843, locating in Orford township, in the village of Muir Kirk. Mr. Hewson, being a farmer, took up 100 acres of land, where he died in 1891, aged seventy-nine years; while the mother died Oct. 3, 1884, aged seventy-one years; they are buried in the Gosnell cemetery at Highgate, Ont. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born of this union were: Rachel, Mrs. Hills; William, a farmer of the County of Lambton, Ont.; and Mary Jane, widow of J. L. Street, of Palmyra, Ontario.

Horace H. Hills remained with his parents until the death of his father, and then commenced to work out among the farmers. He first came to the County of Kent in 1851, and for the first three years worked with the farmers, later starting in with Tait Bros., who operated a rake factory in Duart, this township. He continued thus fourteen years, and lived for a time in Blanshard, County of Perth, Ont., whence, after he had worked in the rake factory as above stated, he in 1879 came to his present farm in Orford township, which he purchased and where he has since continued. Twenty-five acres of his farm was a tamarack swamp, but he has put it under cultivation, and has made the remainder very valuable property also. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, while his political affiliations are with the Reform party. He enjoys in the highest degree the confidence of his neighbors and friends, and is a representative man of the township.

CHARLES E. DAUPHIN, deceased. Among those who bore an active part in the business life of Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., was Charles E. Dauphin, who was born in Chatham township July 9, 1853, a son of John and Cecelia Dauphan, old pioneers of the county, of French descent.

John Dauphin, father of Charles E., served as a soldier at the time the Americans invaded English territory along the Detroit river. For some years he was a resident of land lying along the shores of the Thames river, near Chatham, and later removed to that city, where he died in 1892. His wife died when Charles E. was a small boy, leaving a family of seven children.

Charles E. Dauphin was reared and educated in Chatham, and there learned the trade of carpenter, engaging in that calling for some years. During a portion of his life he traveled all over the States, and for some time was a resident of the Pacific coast. Returning from his trip in about 1876 he settled in Ridgetown, where after about two years he embarked in a fruit business which he successfully continued until his death, which occurred Sept. 21, 1900. Associated with him was his brother Frederick, who still carries on the enterprise. They were men of integrity and conducted their business upon upright principles. Beginning in a small way, they were very successful, and the house is now the leading one in that line in Ridgetown.

On Dec. 15, 1880, Charles E. Dauphin was married to Miss Jennie Brown, of Duart, County of Kent, daughter of David and Dorcey Brown, prominent people of Niles, Michigan, where they still reside; they are natives of England. Mrs. Dauphin was born in Niles, Michigan, Aug. 8, 1861, and was reared by her grandparents, Robert and Mary Robinson, in Orford township, County of Kent; she is the only member of her father's family residing in the Dominion. After his marriage Mr. Dauphin purchased a valuable property near the high school in Ridgetown, and there they resided very happily for sixteen years, but in 1896 he erected, on Head street, a large and





handsome brick residence, all finished in hard wood, with all modern improvements, including hot water, bathrooms, etc.—one of the finest and most comfortable homes in the city. Here Mrs. Dauphin now makes her home, surrounded by the luxuries her husband's care has provided for her. Three children came to Mr. and Mrs. Dauphin: Ralph, born in Ridgetown, in April, 1889, a student in the Collegiate Institute; Muriel, born in July, 1890; and Gladys, born in February, 1895.

Politically Mr. Dauphin was a stanch member of the Reform party. His religious connections were with the Church of England, of which body Mrs. Dauphin is also a member. Mr. Dauphin was an active member of the Odd Fellows, affiliating with Lodge No. 144, of Ridgetown, and was also a member of the Encampment. For twenty-four years he was one of the prominent business men of Ridgetown, always alive to the city's best interests, and active in promoting those measures he believed would advance its prosperity. In all of his transactions he always maintained the high standard of honor he had raised upon entering his life work, and no man enjoyed a higher degree of confidence than he. In his death Ridgetown suffered in that a public-spirited man, a loyal subject and an honorable gentleman was removed from a sphere of activity, but the influence of his life remains, and his memory is held in loving reverence by his family as well as his large circle of friends. He was a self-made man, having had no assistance from any one.

CHARLES JEROME, a retired railroad man and well known resident of Bothwell, Ont., came to this city May 30, 1873, from Hampshire, England, where he was born Feb. 14, 1832, a son of John and Fanny (Mitchner) Jerome, natives of the same locality, where they lived. The father was a shepherd, and he died in 1878, aged eighty-eight years, while the mother died in 1852, aged fifty years. They were members of the Church of England. The children born of this marriage were: Mary, who died in England, married Henry Goodall; Lucy married John Gregory, and died in England; John died in England; Samuel died in Lancashire, England, from smallpox; Sarah died in Hampshire, England, the wife of William Hurst; Charles; Henry was a soldier and died in India; Eliza, of Hampshire, England, married George Portsmith.

On Nov. 11, 1861, Mr. Jerome was married, in Hampshire, England, to Mary S. Smith, and these children were born to their union: John, bookkeeper, cashier and ex-preacher, whose voice gave out, and who taught vocal music in Hamilton, Ont., and Appleton, Wisconsin, and now lives in Detroit, Michigan; Rev. William, a clergyman of the English Church in Algonac, Michigan; Henry, editor of a paper in Florence, Ont.; and Arthur, Fred C., Kate, and Ernest, all deceased. Mrs. Jerome, who was born in Hampshire, England, Dec. 2, 1837, a daughter of James and Mary A. (Willis) Smith, the former a tailor there, died June 2, 1902, and lies buried in the beautiful Bothwell cemetery.

Charles Jerome was reared upon the farm as a shepherd with his father, and later he worked in stores until he came to Bothwell where his first work was in helping the masons build the town hall. He then obtained employment with the Great Western railroad, which later became the Grand Trunk road. The first year he was made watchman, and he continued to hold that position for twenty-six years, being stationed in the yard, but in November, 1900, after so many years of honorable service, he retired. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. F. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church, and he has always given liberally toward its support. Mr. Jerome is a Reformer in politics. Few men have led as hard a life as he, for not only did he work with might and main, but used to rise at three in the morning in order to learn to read and write. His father, while a very good man, did not appreciate the advantages of an education, and so the lad was forced to struggle along alone on the thorny path of learning. When he came to have children of his own, Mr. Jerome realized still more fully what he had lost, and he endeavored to give them the advantages he had missed, with the result that they are offspring of whom any father may well be proud, as they are of the sturdy, upright man whose integrity has never been called into question, nor whose faithfulness to duty has never wavered. By such men and their sons is the rich, noble nation, of whom we are all so proud, kept mistress of the seas, and her domain extended from the rising even unto the going down of the sun.

WILLIAM W. DOLSEN, a prosperous farmer and prominent resident of Raleigh township, County of Kent, is a descendant of one of the founders of the county. His grandfather, Isaac Dolsen, was a life-time resident of Raleigh township, living on the River road, where he died March 2, 1853, aged seventy-eight years. He was twice married, his second wife being a Miss Armstrong. The greater portion of Lot 13 on the river front belonged to him, and he was an enterprising and thrifty farmer. His children, all of whom are now deceased, were as follows: Polly married Mr. Crow; John Isaac married a McIntosh and remained on the homestead; Daniel located in Dover township; Sophia married Mr. Grandbois; William was the father of William W.; Abby married Mr. Nicholson, of Tilbury township; Peter also remained on the homestead.

William Dolsen was born in Raleigh township Dec. 6, 1806, and there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Chatham. Later he opened the "Farmer's Exchange Hotel," on the site of the present "Garner House," and for fourteen years conducted same successfully. In 1855 he sold the hotel and purchased a farm of 100 acres in Raleigh township, on which William W. Dolsen now makes his home, and there he carried on farming until his death, which occurred Sept. 4, 1883. He married Nancy Evans, who was born in Pennsylvania May 26, 1814, daughter of Israel Evans, and died June 20, 1886. She bore her husband the following named children: Abigail married William Smith, of Sarnia, Ont.; Eliza Jane has been twice married, and is now the wife of Henry Poyle, of Chatham; William W. is mentioned below; Orville Israel lives in Chatham; Malcolm A. resides with William W.; Euphemia married S. Arnold, of Harwich; Louise married John Barry, of Michigan; Maryetta, unmarried resides in Chatham; Almon and John are deceased.

William W. Dolsen was born in Chatham March 10, 1838, and enjoyed the advantages of the city schools. In 1855 he removed with his parents to the farm in Raleigh township, where he has since resided, and in time he inherited a portion of the farm, on which he put up a very comfortable brick house, doing the greater portion of the carpenter work himself, as he also did upon his barn, erecting the latter in 1880. Mr. Dolsen is a general farmer and has had more than ordinary success, owing to his good management, industry and thrift. In politics he is a stanch Reformer, but takes no active part in local affairs.

On Oct. 25, 1871, Mr. Dolsen married Alice Inez Wilcox, a daughter of Isaac Wilcox, and granddaughter of Hezekiah Wilcox, a descendant of one of the early settlers of the County of Kent. Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Dolsen: Alice Nancy, born July 18, 1873, died Dec. 2, 1882; and Emma Laura, born June 25, 1884.

WILLIAM DAWSON, a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Romney township, County Kent, is a son of John Dawson, one of the pioneers of this locality.

John Dawson, a son of Thomas and Hannah Dawson, was born near St. John's Chapel, Parish of Stanhope, County Durham, England, July 6, 1789. He was married in England, Sept. 21, 1812, to Sarah Potts, who was born in the same place July 8, 1789, a daughter of Joseph and Jane Potts. In the handwriting of John Dawson is found an account of his coming to Canada, which reads as follows: "John Dawson with his wife Sarah, and his sons, Joseph and Thomas, and his daughter, Hannah, emigrated from England to Canada, British North America, sailed from Sunderland in the County of Durham, May 21, in the year 1817, and lost the vessel they sailed in on the Orkney Islands, and landed at America, in New Brunswick, in the month of July, 1817."

Upon landing, the family came directly to Long Point where the father secured employment under Col. Nichols, but after several years he moved to Mersea township, County Essex, and settled upon a farm some three miles west of Wheatley, now owned by Russell Fox, and there his wife died in October, 1823. Later, in Gosfield township, Mr. Dawson married Mary Edwards, a daughter of John and Sarah Edwards, who was born Sept. 2, 1808, and died Dec. 16, 1882. To John and Sarah (Potts) Dawson were born the following children, the first three in England, the others in Canada: Joseph, born July 6, 1813; Thomas, born Jan. 16, 1815; Hannah, born Nov. 1, 1816; Robert, born at Long Point, May 20, 1819; Walter, born at Long Point, July 22, 1821; and John, who died young. To John and Mary (Edwards) Dawson were born: Randolph, born

May 5, 1827, a resident of Romney; John, born March 6, 1829; William, born April 29, 1831; Merrideth, born July 30, 1833; Henry, born May 11, 1836, died in British Columbia; Mary Jane, born April 16, 1838, married William Wickwire, of Romney; Peter, born March 9, 1840, is deceased; Albert, born April 11, 1842; Theodore, born Aug. 8, 1844; Sarah Hannah, born Sept. 9, 1846; Betsy, born Sept. 18, 1848, died Feb. 22, 1862; and Eliza, born Jan. 28, 1852.

In the early twenties John Dawson came to Romney township, settling upon Lot 194, where he underwent all the privations incident to pioneer life, but he was rewarded by seeing the country change from a wilderness to a thickly settled community. He cleared a good part of the land upon which he settled, and the second house which he erected is still standing. As soon as his land was under cultivation, he engaged in tobacco raising, shipping his product by boat to Montreal. For some years he carried on a store in his house for Col. Little, of Raleigh. In politics he was a Conservative, but he also believed that in local events it was wiser to consider the worth of the man rather than the party. His death occurred Oct. 14, 1872, when he was eighty-three years of age.

William Dawson was born on the homestead farm, in the little log house first erected by his father, and was there reared. He received but a limited education, as school teachers were scarce, and he and his brothers were needed to work the tobacco. At the age of thirty-six years, he came into possession of fifty acres of the homestead, which he cleared, and he erected upon it a house, part logs and the remainder frame. Through hard work, thrift and good management he was able to add to his property, until now he owns 200 acres of excellent farming land, and in 1889 he built his present beautiful brick home. During a long life of toil, he has demonstrated that farming is an occupation that can be made to pay, and his youngest son, Joseph, is carrying out his ideas on the old homestead.

William Dawson has been twice married, his first wife having been Nancy, daughter of John Carr, and to them were born: George, born Feb. 1, 1856, died April 6, 1885; Mary A., born Feb. 14, 1858, is a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota; John C., born Sept. 11, 1859, is captain of the tug "Geyser" of Bay City, Michigan; Eli, born Oct. 9, 1861, is a marine engineer in Chicago; Henry, born April 27, 1864, is captain of the steamer "William Miller," of Chicago; Joseph Wesley, born March 10, 1866, married Annie E. Colvin, and has one child, Blanche; Alice Cecelia, born Feb. 4, 1868, died Feb. 1, 1872. The mother of this family died Jan. 29, 1870.

John Carr, father of Mrs. Nancy (Carr) Dawson, was born in County Durham, England, Sept. 15, 1815. He was twice married. In 1838, in England, he married Ann Wilkinson, daughter of Timothy and Mary Wilkinson, and four children came to bless this union: Nancy, born May 24, 1839, became the wife of William Dawson; Alice, born Nov. 7, 1840; Joseph, born March 24, 1842; and Mary, born June 30, 1844. The mother died in 1846, and about 1848, for his second wife, John Carr married Ann Towitt. In 1854 he brought his wife and family to Canada, settling near Port Alma, in Romney township, County Kent. He died there Feb. 19, 1875, and his wife died Jan. 8, 1904.

On Dec. 1, 1886, William Dawson married (second) Nancy Lucinda Lowes, daughter of John Lowes. The latter was born in England in 1814, but came to Romney township when a young man, and here married Molly Coatsworth, daughter of Robert Coatsworth.

PETER GRANT. Few agriculturists of Dover township, County of Kent, have evinced more determination, perseverance, and thorough attention to details in their work than has this well-known farmer of Concession 7. As a result he now has one of the valuable farms of his locality, a splendid 150-acre tract, well improved and under excellent cultivation.

Mr. Grant was born in Chatham, Ont., April 2, 1851, and comes of a fine Scotch family. His father, Charles Grant, was born in Scotland, and passed many years of his life there in Inverness-shire. As a preparation for future activities he early entered a distillery, and by close application to business soon learned the trade. When a young man he married Anna McPherson, of Inverness-shire, Scotland, who died in July, 1875, at the age of fifty-two years. By this union there were children as follows: Catherine, who never married, died in 1897, at the age of fifty-four years; Mar-

gerie, who has never married, is now living at home; James, a steamboat engineer, married Nellie Nooney, and resides in Chicago; Peter is mentioned below; Robert died in infancy; Alexander, who has never married, now resides at home.

In 1846 Mr. Grant decided to try his luck in America, and, coming to Canada, he first located in Toronto. Here he found no difficulty in obtaining work, but not being of a robust constitution he found the deep snow intolerable, and so after two years he moved to Tilbury township. Here, however, he was afflicted with ague, and soon moved to Chatham, where he secured a position in a distillery owned by a Mr. Aulderidge. There he continued for the rest of his life. A perfect knowledge of his trade, and the conscientious performance of each task, enabled him to command good wages. Frugal and thrifty, he always managed to provide a comfortable home for himself and family. He died in 1859, at the age of thirty-five years. He and his wife are buried in Maple Leaf cemetery in Chatham. Both belonged to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Grant was a man of good business qualifications, energetic, far-sighted, and economical. Though cut short in his career by an early death, he lived to reap some good money returns from his well-directed industry. He was honest, just and square in his dealings.

Peter Grant passed his early life in Chatham, and there in the well-conducted schools acquired his early education, becoming well grounded in the rudiments. About eight years old when his father died, he afterward found a home with his brother and sister upon the farm in Dover township where he now resides, coming there in December, 1862. Here he was at once initiated into farm work, and taking to his tasks with a lively interest he developed a taste for rural pursuits, which he has since retained. Upon reaching manhood he took up the work of the homestead in earnest and gradually assuming the management of the place, he has since continued there. He has improved the property, remodeled the buildings, and kept large tracts under thorough cultivation. A student by nature, he puts into effect the latest scientific methods adapted to the particular needs of the farm, and as a result the place yields large and abundant crops, which command the highest market prices. Mr. Grant gives his time unreservedly to the work of his farm, and to public affairs. For four years he has, with marked fidelity, and careful attention to details, served as a member of the local board of health, and for four terms he has acted as school director. In 1901, as a further acknowledgement of his efficiency, he was elected to the township council, and again in 1902. He has always evinced a keen interest in politics, and espouses the cause of the Reformers. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, he attends that church. Mr. Grant has never married.

LESLIE ENGLISH, one of the leading agriculturists of Harwich, County of Kent, comes of Irish ancestors, and the family is traced back to William English, his grandfather, a native of Ireland, who lived and died there. He and his wife Jane had the following named children: William, Andrew, James, Mary Jane (who married Andrew Leslie) and Margaret (married James Kinney). Of these Andrew was the first to leave Ireland, and he settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was a cotton weaver. Returning to Ireland, he induced the whole family to emigrate to Ontario, Canada, and they located in Harwich township, County of Kent, engaging in farming. In 1834 they settled on Lot 19, Concession 7, in the same township.

William English, the father of Leslie, was born in 1805, in County Down, Ireland, and there married Martha Wylie, who was born in County Down, daughter of James Wylie. In 1834 they emigrated to Canada, and came at once to the County of Kent, settling in Harwich township. The land upon which they located was in the midst of the woods, and they became true pioneers in the New World. A little log cabin was the home for a number of years, but in 1855, the year of his death, which occurred March 2, Mr. English completed the frame house, and also a good barn. At the time of his death Mr. English owned 400 acres of land, a part of which was under cultivation, and at this home he had made for her his wife died in 1875. William and Martha (Wylie) English were the parents of the following children: Andrew, born in Ireland, Jan. 15, 1834, is unmarried and makes his home with his brother William; James, born April 21, 1836, died in childhood; William, born May 13, 1838,



Leslie English and family

married Catherine McCall, and resides in Harwich township; Thomas is a farmer of Harwich township; James, born Aug. 28, 1842, now a farmer near Onawa, Iowa, married Mariah Hamel, of Harwich township, by whom he has eight children, Parthena, Margaret, William, Arthur, Sarah, Wylie, John, and Verna (deceased); Leslie is mentioned below; Robert, born Aug. 19, 1848, is a prosperous farmer on a part of the old homestead, and has five children, William W., Mary B., John L., Robert B. and Kenneth M.; Margaret, born Aug. 19, 1851, married William Smith, of Blenheim, and died April 3, 1897, leaving five children, Frank, Martha, Howard, Lulu and Hilburn.

Leslie English was born Dec. 19, 1845, in Harwich township, County of Kent, where he grew to manhood, and about 1875 he began to work for himself as a farmer in the township, his uncle Andrew, who was a bachelor, having bequeathed him the old original English homestead, taken up in 1833. There he remained, working and prospering, until 1900, when he retired to Blenheim, but after a two years' residence there he returned to the old place, of which he retained possession until November, 1902. He then sold it and came to his present place, Orchard Home, which is just two miles from Chatham. This farm, which is in Lot 2, Concession 4, in Harwich township, comprises 200 acres, and is one of the most up-to-date farms in the county. It is most appropriately named, there being 10,000 apple trees, 10,000 pear trees and 10,000 spruce trees on the place, Mr. English conducting a spruce nursery. The farm gives every evidence of the utmost care and pride on the part of the owner, and his home is one of the handsomest in the country, the fine brick dwelling and surroundings being most carefully looked after.

On June 29, 1876, in Blenheim, Mr. English married Mary Ann Mattice, who was born Oct. 26, 1851, daughter of Reuben and Mary Jane (Hunter) Mattice, who had a family of four sons and five daughters, viz.: James Harvey Mattice, of Hamilton, married Sarah Louise Crompton, and had two daughters, Marion Eve and Hortense. Emily, of Ridgetown, married Daniel O'Loane, and their children are James Harvey, Minnie, Lizzie, Reuben, Willie, Walter, Howard and May. John Eastman, of Huron, South Dakota, married Maggie Milne; they had no children. Mary Ann is the wife of Leslie English. Martha Ellen married Dr. R. C. Young, of Ridgetown, and has one child, Clinton. William Francis, of the Township of Harwich, Ridgetown, married Ellen Scane, and has three children, Clayton, Harry and Marie. Matilda Elizabeth married Francis W. Wilson, of Chatham, and has three children, Clinton, Percy and Walter. Annie (who died, aged thirty-six years) married William T. Prangley, of Dresden, and had two children, Alice and Willie. Walter Mattice, a resident of the township of Harwich, Ridgetown, is unmarried.

Reuben Mattice was born at Weston, Ont., May 23, 1823, and died aged sixty-seven years. After his marriage he moved thence to Caledonia, Ont., and in 1869 came to Kent, purchasing a farm of 250 acres at Rushton's Corners, in Harwich township. There Mr. Mattice engaged in farming for the rest of his active years, retiring some six years before his death, which occurred on the farm in 1889. Mrs. Mattice passed away in April, 1883, at the age of fifty-six years, and they are buried in the Shewburg cemetery. They were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Mr. Mattice was quite a prominent man during his active years, but he never aspired to political honors, or public recognition of any sort.

Reuben Mattice had three sisters and one brother, viz.: Hannah, deceased; William, aged eighty-six years, living in Hamilton; Mary Ann, aged seventy-nine years, also living in Hamilton; and Elizabeth, deceased. They were the children of Nicholas Mattice and Rachel Eastman. Nicholas Mattice was born at Cornwall, Ont., March 25, 1793, fought in the war of 1812-14, and received a government grant of 100 acres of land in Chiquacocy. His brothers were William, John, Solomon and Jacob. Nicholas was the son of William and Elizabeth Mattice, the former of whom, born in Schoharie, New York, came to Canada in 1783, and settled near Toronto in 1807; he fought under Sir John Johnson in the King's Royal Regiment during the Revolutionary war. His brothers were Abraham, John, Nicholas and Michael; his sisters were Mary, who married Adam Brown; Margaret, who married James Jackson, a Methodist minister; and Sarah, who married John McVean, and of whom the McVean family, of Dresden, Ont., are descendants. William Mattice was the grandson of

George Mattice, who was born in Germany, and came to the British colony of New York in 1709 from England, being sent out by Queen Anne.

Mary Jane (Hunter) Mattice, wife of Reuben Mattice, and mother of Mrs. R. C. Young, was the daughter of Joshua Hunter, born in England, and Rosanna McConnell, who came from Ireland. Her sisters were: Eliza, Mrs. Wilson, deceased; Sarah, deceased, who married Thomas Langstaff; Marjory, deceased, who married John Nolton; Rosanna, who died unmarried; her brothers were William, living in Winnipeg, Man.; and Thomas, deceased.

In Canniff's history of the Settlement of Upper Canada, we find that the Young and Mattice families were U. E. Loyalists and came from Albany, New York, to Canada, the former settling in Hamilton, in which city is a street named Young, in honor of James Fleming Young, one of the first settlers in that vicinity, the latter settling near Cornwall and Prescott. Both families took an active part in the wars of Upper Canada.

The name Mattice, originally written Mathias or Matthias, pronounced Matteeas, according to history can be traced back to the time of Corvinus Matthias, the Great, King of Hungary and Bohemia, born 1443, died 1490. Rudolph Matthias II, born 1552, died 1612. History also gives one Matthias, Emperor of Germany, born 1557, died 1619, who compelled his brother Rudolph to cede to him Hungary, Austria and Moravia. He was crowned King of Bohemia 1611. At this time the Empire was at war with the Turks. After a short period of peace the war was renewed, in 1618, and continued thirty years. One hundred years later many of the Mathias family removed to England, and they fought under the Duke of Marlborough during the reign of Queen Anne, in the Spanish Succession war. It was during this period in English history that Queen Anne sent many out to the British Colony of New York, among the number being many of the Mattice family, who took an active part in the wars with the French and Indians, after which, as U. E. Loyalists, they removed to Canada. At the present time the following are in the British service: Col. Henry H. Mathias, A. D. C., C. B., commanding the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, Captain 1879, served in the Nile Expedition 1884-85; Hugh Broderick Mathias, D. S. O., Major Royal Army Medical Corps, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders; Lieut. G. M. Mathias, D. S. O., 1902, Imperial Light Horse, served in South Africa; Lieut. Col. Gregor Mattice, Montreal, Canada.

To Mr. and Mrs. English have come three children, all born in Harwich township: Miss Martha Etta is an accomplished artist, and has a number of pictures and china articles to show for her devotion to this line; Harold L. manages the home farm; Reva M. is also at home. Politically Mr. English is a Reformer, and he is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. English come of old and well-known families, and they stand very high in the estimation of their neighbors and other friends.

BENJAMIN T. RICE. This well-known agriculturist, residing upon his attractive and well-managed farm on Lot 19, Communication road, Harwich township, has achieved success by unwavering devotion to his one main industry, giving to it careful study, well-laid plans and thoroughness of execution.

Mr. Rice comes of one of the prosperous pioneer families of his locality, being a grandson of Benjamin Rice, a well-to-do Englishman who came to this country from England and first settled in Toronto, remaining there for some time. In 1838, soon after the Rebellion, he purchased 240 acres of some of the best wild land in Harwich township, where he settled and began making improvements. Here clearing up large tracts and erecting handsome buildings, he made for himself one of the most attractive farms in the county. He remained there during the rest of his active life, and died there in his eighty-third year. He and his wife, Mary, were married in England, and she died soon after coming to Harwich township, leaving three children: (1) Emma married Philip Rice, now a resident of Port Lambton, and they settled in Marine City, Michigan, where she died. By this union there was one daughter, Annie, who married Richard Cottrel, and settled in Michigan. She is now deceased. (2) Frederick, born in England, married Esther Brown, an aunt of Benjamin T., and they settled on the family homestead in Harwich township, where he died. She is now

living in Ridgetown. By this union there were three children—Grace and Birdie, who are now living in Ridgetown; and George, who resides in Edmonton, Canada. (3) George is mentioned below.

Mr. Rice possessed marked ability and excellent business qualifications, and commanded respect from all who knew him. As an Independent in politics he was influential in local affairs.

George Rice, father of Benjamin T., though cut short in his career by an early death, achieved considerable prominence as an agriculturist. Born in England, during his early life he came with his parents to Canada, remaining in Toronto for some time and later settling in Harwich township. Under the careful oversight of a good mother and an intelligent father he received excellent rearing, and after coming to Harwich township assisted in the development of the new land, thus gaining considerable practical training in agriculture. Good openings in this line upon his father's extensive estate decided him upon reaching manhood to make agriculture the business of his life, and settling upon a portion of his father's farm, he there made his home throughout the rest of his life. With much energy he cleared up large tracts, and there followed several branches of agriculture, of each of which he made a thorough success. He had proceeded a considerable way on the road to fortune when death, in 1862, unfortunately cut short his activities.

Soon after reaching manhood Mr. Rice married Sarah Brown, a descendant of an old and prominent pioneer family of Chatham, who originally came from the United States. After the death of Mr. Rice she married John Morrow, and they settled upon Concession 10, in Harwich township, where she still resides. He is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Rice were born four children: (1) Elizabeth married James McCartey and they resided in St. Thomas, where she died. They had one daughter, Elizabeth. (2) Benjamin T. is mentioned below. (3) Rufus, born in 1859, was reared and educated by his uncle, Philip Rice, who was captain of the first steam barge on Lake Erie, and who followed the lakes for forty years. Rufus was drowned at the age of eighteen, at Saginaw, Michigan, while making a trip with his uncle. (4) Frederick, born in Harwich, in 1862, lived with his uncle until he attained his majority, and then moved to Aldborough, where he married Martha McCloud of the County of Kent. They now reside upon his farm in Aldborough, in the County of Elgin.

Mr. Rice inherited the refined, gentlemanly traits which mark a man of good breeding, and also much energy, push and sound business judgment. Kind and courteous to all, he made friends at every step in life. He was a well-informed man, and like his father, espoused the cause of the Liberals in politics.

Benjamin T. Rice was born on Lot 22, West Communication road, in Harwich township, in November, 1857. Being only a small lad when his father died he was reared in the well-regulated home of his grandfather Rice, and there received practical training for life's activities. During his early years he attended the public schools of his locality, cultivating habits of attention, alertness, and keen perceptive powers, which have since characterized him through life. The need of assistance upon his grandfather's farm decided him upon leaving school to give his attention to agriculture, and he at once assumed the management of the fine old homestead. Making a splendid success of his work, he continued there until his grandfather's death. Then, coming into possession of 100 acres of good bush land, with some improvements, left him by that worthy gentleman, he settled there and began making a home for himself. A wise manager, and a hard worker, he soon cleared up large tracts, which under excellent cultivation brought in good money returns for his labor. Other improvements followed, including handsome and substantial buildings, and the farm gradually took on an air of high cultivation and prosperity. Continuing here, he has cleared nearly all of the full hundred acres, and he has for years been conducting an extensive and highly flourishing industry, embracing all branches of general agriculture adapted to his locality. A close study of the market and of the latest methods has enabled him to carry on the industry on an exceedingly practical and profitable scale, and he is now one of the solidly prosperous farmers of the county.

On Jan. 4, 1888, Mr. Rice married Ellen

M. Mills, who was born in Oakville, Canada, in 1857, and who acquired her education in the schools of Duart. No children have come of this union. Mr. Rice is a born gentleman, and as such commands the respect and admiration of all who know him. Genial in disposition, courteous in his bearing, he wins friends wherever he is known. He is modest and retiring, but none the less influential. In politics he is a strong Liberal and his word carries weight in local affairs. A high sense of honor, an unswerving devotion to duty, and a thorough and ready performance of the task in hand, are among his salient traits. Socially few men stand higher in the community, and he is an influential member of the C. O. of F. Lodge, No. 49, at Fargo. His wife is one of the leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James Mills, father of Mrs. Rice, is descended from one of the old and prominent families of eastern Canada, who originally came from Ireland. In the early days he settled in Aldborough, County of Elgin, and after ten years' residence there purchased a tract of land on Concession 11, in Harwich township, where he located and continued for many years. He is now living in the Northwest. During his young manhood he married Sarah Granger, whose people originally came from England, and to Mr. and Mrs. Mills were born seven children. (1) James, who resides in the Northwest, married and has four children. (2) George G., born in Aldborough, is now a resident of the Northwest Territory. He was married in February, 1903, to Carrie May, daughter of W. W. McDonald, ex-member of Parliament, and they have had one child, Luella. (3) Sarah, born in Aldborough, married George Duddy, and they reside in Marine City, Michigan. Six children have come of this union, Ella, Thomas, Ethel (who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Rice), Sarah A., George and Selena. (4) Maggie married Kenneth Corbett, and they reside in the Northwest. Two children have come of this union, James and Kenneth. (5) Josephine died in Harwich township during young womanhood. (6) Luella, born in Harwich township, resides in the Northwest. She was married in November, 1903, to Robert Rutherford. (7) Ellen M. is Mrs. Rice.

OSCAR B. SHELDON, deceased, who for many years was a prominent figure in the commercial life of Blenheim, County of Kent, Ont., passed away Dec. 1, 1899, in Blenheim, leaving many friends to join with his family in mourning his loss. He belonged to the well known Sheldon family, which has taken so active a part in the development of this locality, and which is traced back to a Scotch progenitor, William Sheldon, who had a family of four children: Joseph, Darius, William and Daniel. Darius Sheldon was born in New York State, was there united in marriage with Lydia Hatch, and both lived and died in that State. They had the following children: John Bishop, William, Charles P., Luther, Marian, Deborah and Mary Ann. Of this family John Bishop Sheldon, also born in New York State, in 1812, married Mary W. Hall, who was born in 1816. In 1846 they came to the County of Kent, locating at Morpeth, where they remained about five years, and then located in Blenheim, where Mr. Sheldon was engaged in milling, and also operated a hotel for many years. Retiring from business he was succeeded by his son Oscar B. His death occurred in 1887. His widow still survives, aged eighty-five years. The following children were born to John Bishop Sheldon and wife: Charles S.; Oscar B.; Orlow, deceased; William, of Chatham; John L. and Lucena.

The late Oscar B. Sheldon was born in 1841, in Watertown, New York, and was reared and educated in Blenheim. For many years he was engaged in the hotel business, and in 1893 built the popular "Sheldon House," on the site of the old house conducted by his father, which he conducted until his death, Dec. 1, 1899. He married Martha Augusta Hart, who bore him the following children: Mary Eva, who married William O'Brien, of Chatham, and has five children, Jennie, Mary, William, Helen and Augusta; Frank Stanley, who married Nettie Breeze, and has one daughter, Frances; George Bishop; Rosa; and Bessie.

WILLIAM CALL, a retired farmer of Morpeth, Howard township, County of Kent, was born in 1833, in his present home, a son of William and Mary (Williams) Call, one of Howard's old pioneer families. The father was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and the

mother on the banks of the river Thames, in Canada.

The chosen family name was William, and the grandfather, William Call, was born in Ireland, as was also his wife, Elsie Hoe. Prior to the Revolutionary war of the States, they emigrated to the United States, and located near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the Allegheny river. About the time of the Revolution, they removed to Canada and lived for a time at Chatham, and then moved over on the River Thames, where they were living when the War of 1812 occurred. In that struggle his sons participated, and William (2) and his brother Samuel were both wounded in that war. William Call was drowned in the River Thames soon after the close of the war, and left a large family of children: (1) Hamilton, the eldest son died unmarried. (2) Samuel, who married Mary A. Shernon, and left three children, Sarah, William S. and Lemuel, died on his farm near Morpeth. (3) John, born in Pennsylvania, married Miss Nancy Martin, and settled in Morpeth, as a farmer, and there died, leaving five daughters, namely,—Anna (who died young), Dorcas (who died the wife of P. Wood), Mary (widow of John Moody), Elizabeth (wife of Philip Monk of County Kent) and Catherine (wife of Jacob Shoe). (4) Samuel, born in Pennsylvania, died after the war of 1812. (5) Thomas, born in Pennsylvania, died without family. (6) James moved when a young man to the State of Iowa, and died leaving no family. (7) Jesse, born in Pennsylvania, married Mary Leadbeater, of Canada, and settled on the Talbot road, where he died leaving children. (8) Mary, born in Pennsylvania, is deceased. She married John Unsworth, son of the first jailor of Windsor, and first settled on the Howard Ridge, where they lived and died, leaving three children, Isaac, a banker at Florence, and James, of Florence; and Sarah Jenkins, of Windsor. (9) Betsey, deceased, was born in Pennsylvania, and married Joab Hall, of Ireland, and both died in Florence, leaving children since deceased. (10) Nancy, born in Pennsylvania, married David Sherman, and settled at Thamesville, where they made their home, and died leaving two sons, Lemuel and William Sherman. (11) William (2) completed the family.

William Call (2) grew up in Pennsylvania, but had no school opportunities after the war. In 1815 he married Mary Williams, and they moved to the home near Morpeth, where he erected a log cabin and began life as a pioneer. He and his wife were the first settlers on the Lake Erie shore, and at Howard, County Kent being then a wilderness. A path was cut through the forest to reach the river Thames at this point, and this whole section owes much to the industry and perseverance of James, Jesse, William, Samuel and Thomas Call, brothers. They were the men of hardy enterprise and indomitable spirit, who dared every danger and privation, and who succeeded in developing the country with wonderful rapidity. William Call (2) set himself the task of clearing up a farm of 200 acres, the other brothers doing the same, and five productive farms resulted. Their milling and trading was done on the river, and by packing on horseback, or by using ox-teams. There was much that was picturesque about those early days, but with our modern ideas of comfort, we can but wonder and admire the self-denying lives of our forefathers, whose efforts have served to make this beautiful country what it is today. Until 1845 the little log cabin was the family home, and the father then erected the present large frame house. The barns, which were built in 1836, are still in a good state of preservation. William Call (2) died at this home in 1860, his widow surviving until 1876. They were christened in the English Church, and were devoted to its teachings. In politics Mr. Call was a strong supporter of the Liberal party. Their twelve children were as follows: (1) Isaac, eldest, was born on the banks of the Canadian Thames, and died in his home there in young manhood. (2) John grew to young manhood, and then went to Illinois, where he married and died, leaving one son. (3) James, who was born at this home, married Miss Jemima Pettuth, and settled in Morpeth, where he lived until his death, in 1888, leaving one son, John, who lives in Morpeth. (4) Annie married Alexander Moody, who settled on the Talbot road, in Howard, and she died leaving three children, William (of Thamesville), Mary (deceased, wife of Albert Unsworth), and Hannah (wife of John Jackman, of Thamesville). (5) Hannah, born at the old homestead, married

Henry Lee, and settled in Iowa, where she died leaving five children, Edward (of Michigan), Mary A. (deceased, wife of John Green, of Manitoba), Margaret (now Mrs. George Smith, of California), Frances (wife of John Mason, of Howard), and Hannah (wife of Robert Hall, of Michigan). (6) Elcy, born at the old home, now deceased, married M. Anger, who died in Howard, and their three children were—Laura (deceased), Ann (the wife of George Reynolds of Harwich), and Mary (wife of Charles Gerow, of Harwich). (7) Margaret, born in the present home, is deceased; she married Uin Swisher, who settled and died in Howard, leaving eight children, Dorcas (now Mrs. Handy, of Howard), Mary (wife of John Bailey, of Ohio), Ann (the wife of John Pierce, of Ohio), Margaret (wife of Henry Rodgers, of Ohio), Adaline (wife of Corliss Higgs, of Detroit), William (of Ohio), James (deceased, in Howard), and Jane (of Ohio). (8) Susan, born in the old home, became the wife of John Hazard, who settled at Thamesville, where she died, leaving these children, William (deceased), Rev. Leonard (a Methodist minister at Detroit), Mary A. (deceased, wife of John Madden, of Michigan), and Priscilla (wife of Thomas Thom, of Detroit). (9) Harriet, born on the old homestead, married Henry Duck, and they settled in Michigan where she died, leaving three children, of whom Mary was reared by our subject and sister, and she married William Robertson, of Blenheim, by whom she has children, Homer, James, Findlay, Whitney, Mary and Anna. (10) Frederick, born on the old home, married Miss Frances Knight, of Howard, and they settled on a part of the old homestead where they died, the parents of the following children: George (of Windsor), Richard (of Cleveland), Charles (of Cleveland), and Mary (wife of Gordon Levi, who lives on the Island near Lake Erie). (11) Mary, born in the present home, was educated in the schools of Morpeth, and ever since the death of her parents has been the careful and efficient housekeeper at home, making comfortable her brother (12) William.

William Call, the third of the name and the youngest of this large family, grew up on the old home farm and obtained his education in the schools of Morpeth. Upon the death of his parents the property was divided, and he remained on the farm, becoming its owner and manager, although for many years prior to the death of his father, he had the management of the latter's business. Mr. Call has never married. In politics he has always taken an active interest in the Liberal party. Both he and sister are valued members of the Methodist Church in Morpeth, and are among its most liberal supporters.

These early settlers of Calls were model men and women, and were not dreamers of a future, but were planners for the present, and they lived where the stress of life made heroes. They were ambitious to make homes, not in the pursuit of wealth or position, and their lives show that they were men of character, who bravely fought with all adverse conditions in order to secure comfort and safety for their children. By courage and perseverance they attained their desires, cleared up their virgin land, and were permitted many years in which to enjoy the ease and comfort they had earned. William Call and wife left a family which was a solace and comfort to them and a credit to the country. Like their parents, they are pursuing lofty aims, and when Time shall be no more for this devoted sister and brother, who are now the family representatives in the old home, they, too, will be remembered with universal respect and warm affection.

JOHN TEETZEL, of Blenheim, one of the early settlers of the County of Kent, was born in the County of Elgin, Ont., Aug. 29, 1819, a son of Jonathan J. and Mary (Lawrence) Teetzel.

Jonathan J. Teetzel was born in the State of New Jersey in 1795, a son of Johns S. Teetzel, who was born in 1750, in Germany, and emigrated to the United States, settling in the State of New Jersey at the age of twenty years. There he married and had a family of eleven children born to him, the fourth child being Jonathan J., the father of John Teetzel. By his second marriage, to a Miss Campbell, he was the father of three children. John S. Teetzel was a man of fine mind and liberal education, having a knowledge of the dead languages, and for years he was engaged in teaching in New Jersey. In 1802 he moved to Ontario and settled in the County of Niagara, where he became very prominent in Masonry and for years was the secretary of the lodge in that locality.

After his second marriage he moved to the County of Halton, where he died.

Jonathan J. Teetzel moved from his native State to Ontario and in 1814 located in the County of Middlesex, Ont., on a farm obtained from Col. Talbot. There he followed agricultural life until his death, in 1879. He first married Mary Lawrence, who was born in 1797, and died in 1855, the mother of the following named children: Mary Ann, John, Elizabeth, Susan, William, Marguerite, James N., Milton, Altham, Edgar, Ezra and Charles. The second marriage of Jonathan J. Teetzel was to a Mrs. Caughel, and there were no children by this union.

John Teetzel in 1842 settled in the County of Middlesex, Ont., where he engaged in farming until 1847, when he moved to the County of Kent, locating at Morpeth. There he opened a foundry, being the first one to engage in the melting of iron in that locality, and remained for about ten years, during which time he suffered considerable loss by fire, and he finally retired to a farm in Harwich township. As the infirmities of age began to creep upon him he gave up active labor and retired to Blenheim, where he still resides.

Mr. Teetzel has been twice married. In 1842 he married Eliza King, a daughter of Hooper King, Sr., and to this union were born the following children: Rosana, who is the wife of S. T. Martin; Maryette, who died at the age of twenty-two years; William Henry, a resident of Chicago, who married Carrie Eggleston, and has two sons, William and Clayton, the latter a professor in the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, Michigan; James D., a resident of Detroit, who married Alice Walters, has children, Ada, Percy, Reginald, Irene, Hazel and Alma; Elizabeth, widow of William Smith, of St. Thomas, who has two children, Minetta and Harold; and Dr. J. K., of Detroit. The mother of this family died May 25, 1890. The second marriage of Mr. Teetzel, in 1891, was to Miss Elizabeth Cornwall.

In politics Mr. Teetzel belongs to the Reform party. In religious belief he is a member of the Church of Disciples of Christ.

Levi Cornwall, the father of Mrs. Teetzel, was a highly respected citizen of Ontario and a successful farmer in the County of Welland. His father, Nicholas Cornwall, was born in the State of Connecticut, of English parents, and about the year 1800 settled at Thamesville, Ont., in the County of Kent, where he operated a sawmill for some years. Later he moved to Morpeth and there continued in the mill business. His death took place there, in 1885. His children were: Levi, Ira, Nancy, Annie, Joseph and Frances S.

Levi Cornwall was born at Thamesville in 1806, and on reaching manhood moved to the County of Welland, where he purchased a farm. Later he exchanged farms with his brother Ira, and settled in Morpeth, where he lived until his death, in 1885. Levi Cornwall married Sarah Hoover, who was born in 1812, in the County of Welland, and died in 1881. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall were as follows: Hiram, born May 24, 1837, resides in Morpeth; he married Cora Lent, and they have children, Fred, Irene and Marguerite S. Elizabeth became Mrs. Teetzel. Annie is a resident of Blenheim. Jane, Mrs. John H. Thompson, has three children, Eustace G., Frederica and Annie.

Mr. Cornwall favored the Reform party in politics. In religious connection he was a member of the Methodist Church. Both the Cornwall and Teetzel families are prominent in the County of Kent.

JOHN GALBRAITH, a prosperous farmer residing in Harwich township, County of Kent, on the town line range, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Nov. 23, 1834. His parents, Lachlan and Mary (Glen) Galbraith, were born in Argyllshire, he in January, 1804, and she in 1806, were married in Scotland, where they engaged in farming until 1847, when they emigrated to Canada, coming to Quebec on a sailing-vessel, the "Ann Rankin," the passage taking six weeks. There were seven hundred passengers aboard. From Quebec they came by steamer to Montreal, on to Hamilton by boat, thence overland by wagon to London, and on to Morpeth, arriving in Harwich Aug. 23, just two months from the day they sailed from Glasgow. The father purchased 100 acres on Lot 18, on the town line range of Harwich, where he started the life of a pioneer. Later he purchased different tracts of land until he owned 400 acres. Lachlan Galbraith died in Harwich township Feb. 9, 1879, his wife surviving until May 2, 1884.

They were the parents of children as follows: Lachlan died in Scotland. Alexander died on the trip to this country. John is mentioned below. Robert, born in Scotland, in 1841, died in 1869 on the old homestead; he was a well educated young man, and taught in the schools of the County of Kent. Duncan married Miss Elizabeth Galbraith, a daughter of John Galbraith (deceased), and they reside on his farm, adjoining that of our subject. Donald, born in Scotland in 1847, married Mary Winters, and settled on the old homestead in Harwich; they have no family. Mary, born in Scotland, in 1836, and who died in 1896, married Levi Pangburn, who died on the farm in Harwich township, leaving one son, Lachlan, who resides in the same township, and is known as Galbraith, having taken his mother's maiden name.

Lachlan Galbraith's parents died in Scotland. He was the eldest of their family, the others being as follows: Donald, who died in 1839; Mary, wife of Alexander McLeist, now deceased, who was a wealthy farmer of Middlesex; John, who settled and died in West Williams, in the County of Middlesex, leaving a family; Margaret, who married Neil Galbraith, and settled and died in the County of Middlesex, leaving one son, Angus; Christina, Mrs. John McKeich; Isabella, Mrs. John McKenzie; and Duncan, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, in Glasgow.

John Galbraith was well educated in Scotland and Canada. He remained on his father's farm until his marriage to Miss Milcah Maw, who was born in Howard township in April, 1849, daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Smith) Maw, natives of Lincolnshire, England, who came to Howard township as early as 1846. They settled on the town line range in that township, where Mr. Maw cleared up a farm and spent the remainder of his life, his wife still residing on the old homestead. She is over eighty. Mr. and Mrs. Maw had five children: John, of Harwich township; Jacob, who is on the old homestead; Mary, who married Henry Holmes, of Harwich township; Sarah, who married Dougal Clark, of Howard township; and Mrs. Galbraith, who was reared and educated in Howard township.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith settled on their present place, then comprising one hundred acres of wild land purchased by his father. By hard work and good management he has developed this into a most excellent farm, has erected a large farm house, good barns and fences, and keeps his premises in first-class condition. He and his wife have become the parents of the following children: John, born in 1867, is unmarried and lives on the homestead, where he is manager; Duncan, born in 1869, married Miss Annie Hutchinson, of Harwich township, and they reside in the original Galbraith home with his uncle and their three children, Alexander, Archie and Neil; Robert, born in 1872, married Miss Maggie Winters, of Howard, and resides in Howard township (they have one son, James E.); Jacob, born in 1874, is unmarried, and resides on the homestead; Lachlan, born in 1877, was graduated from the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and is a farmer in Harwich township (he married Priscilla Parsons, and they have one son, Donald); Mary died when two years old; Susan, born in 1883, has been highly educated, and is now the wife of Alverda McCoig, a farmer of Harwich township; Lizzie, born in 1885, is unmarried and resides at home; Ethel was born in 1889; Rosa Lena was born in 1892; Maggie Ruth was born in 1895.

Politically Mr. Galbraith has always been identified with the Reform party. Religiously the entire family are connected with the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Galbraith was one of the founders of St. James Church, in which he has served as elder, and of which he has been a liberal supporter. Mrs. Galbraith comes of a staunch old Methodist family. Mr. Galbraith has always lent his support to measures calculated to advance the best interests of the country, and he and his wife dispense a gracious hospitality in their comfortable home, surrounded by their intelligent and promising family.

PATRICK McGARVIN, residing upon his extensive well-improved farm in Dover township, about three miles from Chatham, is one of the leading agriculturists of the County of Kent, owning about 284 acres, largely under cultivation. He is progressive and energetic, and, during his twenty-six years' residence upon his present property, has made some marked improvements there.



Patrick McGavin

Mr. McGarvin comes of a prominent family long known in this section. His father, Michael McGarvin, a man of marked force of character and ability, was born on the river Thames, and passed many years of his life along that river, in Harwich township. Reared to a life of strong activity, he early developed habits of industry and self-reliance of much value to him in later years. A taste for agriculture, and good openings in that line in his vicinity, decided him as a young man to embark upon life as a farmer. Energetic and thrifty, he soon secured a good farm, which he improved and cultivated extensively, making it one of the most attractive places in the vicinity. This fine old homestead, embracing 200 acres, he worked for many years, and there he passed his last days, dying Nov. 5, 1897, at the age of ninety-one years.

During his young manhood Mr. McGarvin married Olive Wood, who lived to the good old age of eighty-six years, and they had ten children: Susan, the widow of David Wilson, residing in Harwich township; John, a farmer of Dover township; Joseph and George, farmers of Harwich township; Catherine, who married Robert Smith, a farmer of Dover township; Patrick and Louisa, twins, the latter the widow of Bruce Holmes, and a resident of Harwich township; James, who died March 27, 1897, at the age of forty-five years, being killed by the explosion of an engine; Peter, a farmer of Harwich township; and Robert, a farmer and sawmill operator of Chatham. Mr. McGarvin was not only a highly successful and prosperous farmer, but a man of influence in all the affairs of the community. His keen business discernment gave weight to his word in all matters of public interest. Large-hearted and generous, he gave his support to all worthy enterprises, and the churches especially found him a liberal supporter. Though christened a Roman Catholic, and reared as a Methodist, he usually attended the Presbyterian Church.

Patrick McGarvin was born, in Harwich township March 7, 1848, and there on his father's well-regulated farm, grew to manhood. As a youth he received plenty of training in agriculture and business, and was given sufficient leisure for the cultivation of the intellectual faculties. The need of assistance upon the home farm decided him as a young man to remain with his parents, and there he carried on agriculture for several years. Having made a good start, about 1872 he secured his present farm in Dover township, then embracing 227 acres, 100 of which were under cultivation. This place he cleared, improved and added to until it now embraces 284 acres, all under cultivation. Here he is still engaged in all lines of general agriculture, and in conducting one of the largest enterprises in his line in the county. He is one of the largest growers of sugar beets in the county, having seventy acres in beets in 1903. For a number of years past he has been an importer of blooded horses—Norman stock—and still continues that line. A wise financial manager, as well as a successful agriculturist, he has now won for himself a very solid prosperity.

In Chatham township, in December, 1881, Mr. McGarvin married Jennie Brodie, who was born in St. Catharine's, Ont., and died Jan. 31, 1901, at the age of forty-one years and five months. Of this union there were three children: Ellen, Nettie and Johnnie, who are all at home.

Mr. McGarvin has achieved his success through his untiring efforts in one main industry, preferring to perfect himself in one line to scattering his forces over several. He is progressive, keeps well posted upon all the latest scientific methods, and has been remarkably successful in selecting those especially adapted to the needs of his farm. As a Conservative he has always evinced a keen interest in public affairs, though he has been wholly disinclined to office seeking. He is a man of firm religious convictions, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS BRODIE, father of Mrs. McGarvin, came from Scotland to the County of Kent in the early days, and, settling upon a splendid tract of land there, made a fine home for himself. He married Janet McCarl, of Scotland, and they had six children: Thomas and John, farmers of Chatham township; Jennie, Mrs. McGarvin; and three others, now deceased.

JAMES R. McDONALD (deceased) was long one of the most active and prosperous farmers of Orford township, County of Kent. He was born in 1837, at Utica, New York, and died on the present homestead on Concession 8, Lot 15, June 1, 1902, aged sixty-five years. His remains rest in the Gosnell cemetery.

The parents of the late James R. McDonald were William and Margaret (Faulkner) McDonald, of Inverness, Scotland, who came to the United States first, and in 1837 located in the County of Kent. They took up 100 acres of land in Howard township, and there the father died in 1868, aged seventy-three years, and the mother in 1878, at the same age. They were buried in the cemetery at Ridgetown. Both were loyal in their devotion to the faith of their fathers, the Presbyterian religion. They were the parents of the following children: Donald and John, both deceased; Isabel, widow of Alexander McKinzie, of Howard township; Robert, a retired farmer of Howard township; Broughton, a retired farmer of Ridgetown; and William, James R., Hugh and Alexander, all deceased.

On Oct. 13, 1856, James R. McDonald married Ellen R. Gosnell, and children as follows were born to this marriage: Ellen R., who married John Spence, of Turtle Mountain, Man., and has one child, Nellie; Miss Margaret, at home; John B., a farmer in Orford, who married Catherine Murphy, and has four children, Lillie, Anna, Nellie and James; William, also a farmer of Orford, who married Maggie Young, and has one child, Ernest; Naomi, wife of George Simpson, a farmer in Manitoba; Bertha, deceased, wife of John Maxwell; Ellathea, a school teacher in Manitoba, now the wife of Albert Dobbyn, a farmer of Melita, Man.; James A., a school teacher in Manitoba, who married Alice Beatle; Ezra, who married Annie Blum, of Orford township; and Florence, at home. Mrs. Ellen R. (Gosnell) McDonald was born July 15, 1839, in Orford township, daughter of James and Ann Gosnell, and a sister of Lawrence J. Gosnell.

James R. McDonald remained with his parents on their farm until he was eighteen years of age. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at the same until his marriage, after which he resumed farming. A few years were spent in Howard township, and then he moved to a farm in Orford township, living there until he came to the present family home in 1871. It is difficult to realize, as one views the fine improvements and the high state of cultivation to which the land has been brought, that as late as 1871 it was nothing but a wilderness. Its present condition is a speaking testimony to the energy and industry of Mr. McDonald. His handsome brick residence was erected in 1886. He was a man of progressive ideas, and was one of the first in his locality to introduce natural gas into his fine home for heating and lighting. It has been in use for five years, Mr. McDonald believing in making use of modern methods to make life comfortable. The family belong to the Methodist Church. In politics he was a Reformer. He is sadly missed in the home circle, as well as by hundreds of warm personal friends.

ALBERT BEDFORD, a prominent citizen of Harwich township, County of Kent, and a leading farmer of that locality, residing on Lot 15, Thames river road, was born at the old homestead May 9, 1842, a son of Ebenezer and Susanna (Reynolds) Bedford, old pioneers of the county.

Ebenezer Bedford was born in Ontario, Canada, near Amherstburg, in December, 1797, and was a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Edwards) Bedford, who came to Canada during the Revolution from Pennsylvania. They were of Welsh descent. Robert Bedford first settled in Malden, but later located in Chatham township, as early as 1800, and one of his sons, John, participated in the war of 1812. Robert Bedford received 200 acres of land from the government in Chatham, and there engaged in farming in the summer, while in the winter he taught school; he enjoyed the honor of being one of the first school teachers in his section of the country. Of their large family none are now living, but all were useful men and women, and bravely bore the parts assigned them in the struggle of life.

Ebenezer Bedford grew to manhood in the County of Kent, and received a fair education while learning the art of farming. In March, 1823, he married Susanna Reynolds, who was born in Canada in July, 1807, daughter of George and Catherine (Arnold) Reynolds, who were of German parentage. They emigrated from Pennsylvania, settling on the river Thames, among the United Empire Loyalists who came to Canada about the time of the Revolution. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bedford settled on the farm now owned by their son Albert. This property was then wild land, but he cleared it of the timber and brush, all except a small field which the Indians had robbed of its virgin wood. On this cleared

spot he erected a small log cabin, and he and his wife began life as pioneers in the vast wilderness. They lived in the cabin for many years, later building an addition to it, and there Mr. Bedford died in 1876. His widow survived until Sept. 11, 1883, dying at the home of a daughter, Mrs. G. Purser, of Harwich township. Religiously they were members of the Methodist Church, and were prominent in the early history of that denomination in Harwich township. Politically Mr. Bedford was a Conservative; he never aspired to office. This hard-working father made his own way in life from a position of poverty to one of affluence, becoming one of the leading men of the county before his death. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: (1) Eve, born at the old homestead, died at the age of twelve years. (2) Daniel, born in the County of Kent, married Rachel Sicklesteel, of Chatham; he settled in Harwich township on a farm, and there lived and died, in June, 1883, leaving five children, four of whom are living, Oscar (deceased), Manda (married to Arthur Stewart, of Chatham township), Sylvia (married to Thomas Edwards, of Buffalo), Nelson (of Petrolia) and Daniel (of Canada). (3) John, born in Harwich township, resides in that township, near Chatham. (4) William, born on the present farm, married Kezia McKinsey, of Harwich township, and settled on the Thames in Harwich, where he died, leaving a wife and children—Ebenezer, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Lettie, unmarried, who is in Chatham with her mother; Maud, at Chatham; Alfred, unmarried; Emma, and Stella, twins, unmarried; four died in infancy. (5) Frederick, born in Harwich township, married Lizzie Maryfield, a native of England, and they reside on his farm in Harwich township, where he is very successful. They have a son, Hilliard, who is married and settled in Harwich township. (6) Nathan, born in Harwich, died in boyhood. (7) Ebenezer, born in Harwich, engaged in lumbering while a resident of Harwich township, and later moved to Detroit, where he is still engaged in that line, having become one of the prominent men of the city. He married Naomi Dixon, of Chatham township, and has two children, Walter of Humboldt, Michigan; and Annie, who married a Mr. McIntyre, of Detroit. (8) Eliza J., born in Harwich township, married Gideon Purser; they are now residents of Harwich township and have a family—Salem, Albert, Anna, Della (married to H. Graves, of Thamesville), Pearl (married to John Collins, of Harwich township), and Pansie (married to Ira Ferguson, of St. Thomas). (9) Albert is mentioned below. (10) Susan, born in Harwich, married Edward Spashett, of Pontiac, Michigan; they have no children. (11) Caroline died young.

Albert Bedford was educated in the public schools of Harwich township, and has always made his home on the farm owned by his father, who left it to him. On Dec. 9, 1863, he married Maria Winter, of Harwich township, who was born in the County of Halton, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Zavitt) Winter, old pioneers of that locality. Mr. Winter moved to Harwich township, where he and his wife passed away; both were born in Canada, of German parentage. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bedford settled on the old Bedford homestead, where they have since remained, and here, in 1876, Mr. Bedford erected his fine large brick house, which is equipped with all modern improvements and conveniences. The present excellent barns and outbuildings have all been built by him since he took charge of the farm. He owns 250 acres of the original homestead, and also a good farm at Dresden, as well as other real estate. His father owned at one time 400 acres, all in one piece, on the river Thames, and also about 500 acres now in Harwich township, at the same time, all of which he divided among his sons.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedford: Oliver W., born in October, 1864, received a good education on the homestead, and now resides in Chatham, where he is engaged in dealing in farm implements; he married Martha Smith, of Harwich, and has three children, Gerald, Merle and Audrey. Ida A., born in August, 1866, married Bedford Ripley, of Camden, County of Kent, a farmer; they have no children. Irwin C., born in November, 1868, married Miss Clara Ripley, of Camden, and has two children, Verna and Lester; they reside on his farm near Dresden. Frank M., born in January, 1871, was educated in the Chatham Business College, is now a traveling salesman, and resides in Chatham; he married Mary Reid, of Harwich

township, and has two daughters, Florence and Grace. Bernice C., born in June, 1873, married Joseph Smyth, of Harwich township; they have no family. Lawrence H., born in October, 1878, was educated at the Chatham Business College; he is unmarried and at home. Clarence E., twin brother of Lawrence, born in October, 1878, is now a fireman on the Canadian Pacific railroad and resides in Toronto; he married Olive Merritt, who died in 1900, the mother of one son, Carl. Ernest A., born Oct. 21, 1884, is at home.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Bedford are members of the Methodist Church, in the work of which they have always taken an active part, and he has served for many years past as Sunday-school superintendent. He is also recording steward in the church, having held the latter office for a number of years. Politically Mr. Bedford has been a loyal Conservative, but he has never desired office. A good neighbor and kind Christian man, it is his pride that he has never been obliged to call upon the law, nor has he ever had any differences with others. As an evidence of the confidence reposed in him by his fellowmen, we may mention that he has been appointed executor by two of his neighbors, one on each side of his home place. He has been secretary of the school board for nine years, taking a deep interest in educational matters. Few men stand higher in the community than Mr. Bedford, who richly deserves the confidence of his neighbors, and his upright, honorable life points a moral to the coming generations, that truest success is attained by honest methods and hard work, if ably directed along the proper paths.

CAPT. ASA RIBBLE, Superintendent of Agriculture for the Dresden Sugar Refining Company, and conducting a lumber business also at Dresden, is one of the leading citizens of that place, and has been six times honored with election as mayor.

Capt. Ribble is the youngest son of Anthony Ribble, one of the pioneers of the County of Kent, and was born in that county in September, 1841, on Lot 1, 1st Concession, Camden Gore. He remained on the farm until the age of fifteen years, when he began sailing, and in 1860 went to California, but prospects were not encouraging there on account of the outbreak of the Civil War, and he returned to Canada. Resuming his life on the water, he had, in 1865, attained the position of captain, and still retains an interest in navigation, owning several boats running between Dresden and Detroit. In 1889 he was first elected mayor of Dresden, and so faithfully did he meet the desires of the people that in the following year he was re-elected, by acclamation.

For some years prior to this Capt. Ribble followed lumbering in the winter, and sailing in the summer, and he has been master of a number of vessels. He also engaged in a stage and livery business, and for a few years ran what was known as the "Lower Mill," for the sawing of ship timber, still later turning his attention to the cordwood and elm business. In this line alone he has been the means of bringing many thousands of dollars into the country. He is also engaged in farming, owning a well-cultivated tract of 156 acres at Dresden. Although his fellow citizens claimed him for continued honors, the press of private business compelled him to decline for a time, but in 1901 he was again elected mayor, being re-elected in 1902, 1903 and in 1904, by acclamation. But such honors have not come to him undeservedly. He has always been one of the most public-spirited men in Dresden, ever ready to further all movements looking to the permanent improvement and substantial growth of the place, and to his untiring efforts Dresden owes the location of several large enterprises within her boundaries, enterprises that give employment to many and bring all the benefits of industry and prosperity to her doors. In 1901 the Captain secured for Dresden the lighting plant and the flax mill, and he was also instrumental in having the canning factory located there; and the largest establishment of all, the Dresden Sugar Refining Company, was brought there by his efforts alone. What this means to the town may best be realized when it is known that the plant represents an investment of $800,000, foreign capital. The Captain acted as assistant agriculturist for some time, but since August, 1902, he has been superintendent of agriculture for the company. Thus, and in many lesser ways, Capt. Ribble has endeared himself to the people of the city he reared so well, and where his name will ever be synonymous with the best and most healthful stage of her growth.



Asa Ribble

He is justly regarded as a public benefactor throughout his section of the country, and is shown high honor wherever he goes. It was during Mayor Ribble's first term of office that the magnificent bridge at Dresden was built under his supervision.

In 1861 Capt. Ribble married Miss Sarah King, who died in 1886, leaving two daughters: Amanda, who married W. B. Helmer, an engineer at Vancouver, B. C., and has one daughter, Gladys; and Mary, who married John McWha, a farmer at Dresden, and has two children, William D. and Louise. In 1888 Capt. Ribble was again married, this time to Miss Marion Sampson, and two daughters were also born to this union: Jessie, who died aged four and a half years; and Anna, at home.

Mrs. Ribble was born in Blenheim, County of Kent, daughter of Mungo and Nancy (McBrain) Sampson, natives of Ayr and Argyllshire, Scotland, respectively, who were married in Detroit, Michigan. The former came to the County of Kent in 1832, in young manhood, locating in Harwich township, on the River Thames. He died in February, 1899, aged ninety-two years. His widow still survives, a venerable lady, having been born Dec. 24, 1815. Both she and her husband were leading members of the Presbyterian Church for many years. They had children as follows: Dr. James, of Windsor, Ont.; John and Isabella, deceased; William, a hardware merchant in Blenheim; Mary, deceased; David, a farmer on the old homestead; Effie, deceased; Archibald, clerk of the court at Blenheim; Malcolm, engaged in an agricultural implement business; Marion, Mrs. Ribble; and Anna, a trained nurse. Mrs. Ribble is a lady of education and refinement, and for seven years was a successful teacher, having been the sixth member of her family to follow that profession. She was given excellent training and fine opportunities by her father, who was wealthy and prominent, and was one of the most progressive men of his locality at that day. The present state of education and morality in this locality is due, in great measure, to his efforts and generous support.

For many years Capt. Ribble has been prominent in the Masonic fraternity, and he has filled all the positions in the Blue Lodge from the lowest to that of senior warden. He is also an Odd Fellow. In political attitude he is a Reformer, and he has ever been a strong supporter of temperance. Both he and his estimable wife attend the Presbyterian Church.

RICE FAMILY. The late Allen Benjamin Rice, of Camden township, County of Kent, was born in the State of Ohio, and died on his farm here Aug. 28, 1860. His remains were interred in Traxler's private burying-ground in Camden township.

Mr. Rice was the only child of John and Lucretia (Lane) Rice, natives of the United States. His mother later married Tyler Harris, a farmer, and they came to Canada, locating on the present farm, which Allen inherited, as there were no other children. The first marriage of Allen B. Rice was to Margaret Stewart, and they had one daughter, Lucretia, now deceased, who married James Jones, of Michigan. On Nov. 11, 1851, Allen B. Rice was married (second) to Jane Wallen, by whom he had children as follows: John T., born on the present farm Oct. 3, 1852, died unmarried Jan. 9, 1897; Alexander W., born on the present farm Oct. 7, 1855, was married by the Rev. R. M. Croll Dec. 28, 1892, in Dresden, to Elizabeth Fox, and their children are Allen J., George A., Eva M., and Alexander A.; George A., born on the farm Oct. 18, 1858, was married Sept. 29, 1886, in Warren county, Iowa, by Rev. H. C. Preston, to Jennie O. Harsh, and they have had children—Mary E., Estella, James A., Susan J. (deceased), Verna M., Walter A., Ernest, Alma and Cora.

Mrs. Jane (Wallen) Rice was born May 22, 1826, in Camden township, County of Kent, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Boyle) Wallen, the former of Detroit, Michigan, and the latter of Chatham township, on the river Thames. At the age of twenty years Mr. Wallen came to the County of Kent, and here as a farmer lived a long and useful life, dying in Camden township in 1875, aged seventy-four years; his wife died in 1855, aged forty-five years. Mr. Wallen was buried in Butler's cemetery, Mrs. Wallen in Traxler's burying ground. They were most worthy and active members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Wallen was a man of intelligence and education, and was prominent in county and township affairs, serving many years as quartermaster clerk of the courts, and in other responsible positions. His children were: Jane,

Mrs. Rice; Elias, James, Elsie and George, all of whom died young; John, an oil speculator at Oil Springs, Ont.; Rebecca, deceased, who married Cornelius Cronk; Andrew, living in the state of Illinois; Harry, of Dresden, a farmer; Margaret, deceased, who married Andrew Weaver; and Mary, who married Robert McWha, a retired baker of Dresden.

Mr. Rice came to the County of Kent in 1849 and settled on the present Rice farm, and spent his life in improving and cultivating it. He held a number of township offices with satisfactory results and was well and favorably known all through the county. In politics he belonged to the Reform party. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Fox) Rice, wife of Alexander Rice, was born July 1, 1871, in Chatham township, a daughter of George and Nancy (McCall) Fox, the former of whom was born in England, and the latter in the County of Kent. Mr. Fox came to Canada at the age of five years, and was reared at Toronto, Ont., coming to the County of Kent previous to his marriage, which occurred in 1868, at Chatham. He died at Dresden in February, 1901, aged seventy-three years, and was buried there. By trade he was a brickmason. Mrs. Fox still resides at Dresden. She is one of the most highly esteemed residents of that place, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church, noted for her many Christian virtues and estimable character.

Mrs. Jennie O. (Harsh) Rice, wife of George A. Rice, was born in August, 1865, in Preston county, West Virginia, a daughter of George and Mary (Ervin) Harsh, both of West Virginia. Mr. Harsh was a farmer all his life. In 1867 he removed to Warren county, Iowa, where he died.

ALEXANDER AND GEORGE R. RICE have handsome brick residences on the fine old farm, which they operate in partnership, and in addition have a first-class brickyard. The latter industry was started in 1873 by David McCane, and has a capacity of 600,000 bricks annually, which are of such superior burning that they meet with ready sale. The enterprise of Messrs. Rice is very favorably regarded in their neighborhood, where they have been engaged in this business since 1883. They are excellent farmers, thrifty, intelligent and industrious.

Both brothers are known among the fraternal orders, Alexander belonging to the I. O. O. F., and George A. to the Woodmen of the North and the I. O. O. F. The Reform party has claimed their political allegiance and both take a deep interest in passing events. Their religious connection is with the Baptist Church. The Rice family is representative of the stability and integrity of Camden township's citizens.

WILLIAM A. WALTERS, a prosperous farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 86, was born at the old Howard home in August, 1855, a son of William and Jane (Shuburg) Walters, the former of whom is now deceased.

William A. Walters, of whom we write, was the eldest of a family of five children, and received a good education in the Howard schools. He remained at home until he married, with the exception of one year spent in Indiana. On Dec. 29, 1880, he married Miss Lizzie A. Spencer, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Adaman) Spencer, members of old pioneer families of the County of Kent, and after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Walters settled on a farm he owned, which he had purchased from Jonathan Palmer, and which consists of 104 acres of fine farming land. On this he erected new buildings, making of it one of the most desirable properties in the township. He is much interested in agricultural matters generally, and has been president of the Howard Branch Agriculture Society. Two children have come to himself and wife: Dora A., born in 1882, a finely educated young lady, resides at home; Roy, born in 1884, died in childhood. Politically Mr. Walters is a member of the Conservative party. He is secretary treasurer of his school section, which position he has held for nine successive years. His fraternal affiliations are with the Ancient Order United Workmen, Lodge No. 15, of Morpeth, of which lodge he is now past master. Mr. and Mrs. Walters and their daughter are members of the Church of England, in the work of which they take an active part, Miss Walters being organist.

The second member in the family born to William and Jane (Shuburg) Walters, is Alice, who was born at the old Walters home in 1857, married J. D. Teetzel of Detroit, and is the mother of six children; Ada, Percy, Riggs,

Irene, Hazel and Alma, the last named now deceased. The third in order of birth was Alberta Walters, who died when four years of age. Albert Walters, born in 1861, married Miss Lizzie Bevins, of Howard township, and they now reside on the old homestead; they have a family of three children, Osten, Mary, and Ethel. Adaline, born in 1864, married David Beedee, and has one son, Dewey Beedee; they reside on the old Walters homestead.

The name of Walters is well known throughout the County of Kent, where it stands for integrity, uprightness of character and honesty of purpose. The various members of this old pioneer family are all worthy of their parents, good, Christian people, and they have been instrumental in forwarding the welfare of the several communities in which they have made their homes. The influence of such members of society upon the prosperity of a locality is great, and in addition to promoting material success in life the Walters have always taken the side of law, morality and order, working hard in their endeavor to uplift humanity and bring about a better condition of affairs generally.

ISAAC L. HUGHSON is a prosperous farmer of Raleigh township, County Kent, and comes of United Empire Loyalist stock.

George Hughson, the first of the name to locate in Ontario, was born March 1, 1762, probably in Nova Scotia. In young manhood he located in the State of New York. On Feb. 7, 1787, he was united in marriage with Hannah Lansbury, who was born March 8, 1762, in Schoharie county, New York. Her mother's name was Letson, and this has been handed down to relatives now living in Raleigh township. George Hughson and wife located at Carmel, Dutchess county, New York, and there his family was reared. When a boy of eighteen years, he entered the British service and took part in the battle at Charleston, South Carolina, where he received a bayonet wound in the side. Being in sympathy with England, he naturally sided with the mother country when troubles arose between her and the Colonies, which led up to the War of 1812-14, and, seeing that war was inevitable, he disposed of his property, and with his family, some of whom had grown to maturity and married, crossed the State of New York and reached Canada by way of Niagara, the day before President Madison issued his declaration of war against Great Britain. For a few years the family made its home near the border, but in 1817, came to County Kent, and received of Col. Talbot, the government agent, Lot 156, Talbot Road, Raleigh township. Upon this property Mr. Hughson settled, and there he died July 19, 1841; his wife passed away Nov. 3, 1848. Their remains are interred in the Union cemetery in Raleigh township. To them were born children: (1) Robert, born March 20, 1789, took up land, on Lot 158, Raleigh township; he married Elizabeth Smith, in New York, and had five children, George, Smith, Susan, Hannah and Mary. (2) John L., born June 3, 1791, married Nancy Pardo, and they had children: Thomas, deceased, who married Elizabeth Hines, and their daughter Louisa is the wife of James W. Simpson; John P., of Raleigh township; Joshua and Richard, deceased; Sarah, who married William Coatsworth, of Romney township; Nathaniel; Lois, wife of Hugh Russell, of Tilbury East; George, deceased, of Colchester; Samuel, also of Colchester, and William L., a farmer of County Essex. (3) Sarah S., born Oct. 11, 1793, died aged seventy-five years; she married Joshua Corbin and lived at Norwich, County Oxford. (4) Salome, born Nov. 1, 1795, lived to her ninety-first year, and was buried on her birthday. She married John Cox, of Niagara, and was the mother of nine stalwart sons. (5) Zilpha, born Sept. 30, 1797, married Francis Xavier Goulet, mentioned elsewhere. (6) Nathaniel, born Oct. 21, 1800, was the father of our subject. (7) Rachel, born Feb. 13, 1804, married Thomas Pardo, mentioned elsewhere.

Nathaniel Hughson was about seventeen years old when the family located in Raleigh township. He took up land in Lot 164, T. R., and was a thrifty man, taking an active part in home affairs. He married Mary Willcox, daughter of Hezekiah Willcox, one of the early settlers on the River Road, Raleigh. Politically he supported the Government party, and for a number of years served on the township council, and was also in the county council. Besides the 200 acres of land that he took up, he owned the farm now in the possession of our subject. He died aged eighty-three years, and his wife passed away at the age of eighty-

two. Both were buried in the Union cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Church. To them were born the following children: Robert, who married Sophronia Crawford, lived in Blenheim, was a miller and farmer, and died aged eighty years. James, who died aged forty-five years, was engaged in a milling business in Blenheim; he married Jane Sample. Sarah married Caleb Lowes, of Harwich. Isaac L. is mentioned below. Hezekiah died aged fifty-three years, lived on the old homestead, and married Mary Askew. Hannah married Charles McNeil, of Raleigh township. Mary married Isaac Bostwick, of Romney.

Isaac L. Hughson was born April 13, 1831, on the homestead. He married Miss Annie Boosey, a native of England, and they at once settled on their present home on Lot 164. The first house was destroyed by fire one night, ten years after they moved into it, and was a total loss. The present residence was built in 1900. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hughson consisted of children as follows: Robert Wentworth died aged eighteen years; Josiah married Maggie West, and they live at Thamesville; William is at home; Charles E. for the past year has owned a ranch at Calgary; Letson and Louisa are at home; Edith married Henry Schmidt, of Chatham, and has one daughter, Anna B.; Asa is at Calgary with his brother Charles.

Mr. Hughson has always engaged in farming and has been very successful in his efforts. With the assistance of his sons, he operates 200 acres, and engages largely in stockraising. In politics he supports the Government party. His attention is confined to his farming industries, and he neither seeks nor desires political office.

BYRON H. BENTLEY, township councillor of Harwich township, and a prominent and influential citizen and substantial farmer of the County of Kent, comes of old pioneer stock. He was born Nov. 29, 1850, on Talbot street, Howard township, son of Samuel and Mary (Scratch) Bentley, who for many years were honored residents of Kent.

Samuel Bentley was born in 1800, at Niagara Falls, State of New York, a son of Jacob Bentley, who was of American birth, but of German parentage. Jacob Bentley settled in New York prior to the war of 1812, in which he lost his life at the battle of Niagara. Samuel was a lad of thirteen years at the burning of Niagara, and he was taken and held by the Americans as a prisoner of war for one and a half years. In 1821 he joined other emigrants and came to Canada, locating in Howard township, County of Kent, securing land from Col. Talbot, on Talbot street, Harwich. Here he established his permanent home, remaining until he retired from active life, in 1872, when he moved to Blenheim, where he died in 1877. Samuel Bentley was married (first) to Deborah Bell, of the State of New York, and their children were: Sarah Ann (deceased) married James Mallory. Jonathan (deceased) married Susan Story, and their children, all residents of the locality, are: Catherine, who married Samson Gosnell; Michael James, who married Pennilia Todd; Wesley, who married Annie Bustin; Emmie, who married Norris Mallory; Adah, wife of Joseph Jenner; and John, who married Louise Jenner. James (deceased) married Melvina Brown. Ira, of Morpeth, married (first) Eliza J. Pardo, and (second) a Smith. Martha married J. B. Jackson, of Detroit, and has three children, Charles (a barrister of Wallaceburg, Ont.), Harry and Hattie. Samuel Bentley married (second) Mary Scratch, who survived him three years. They left a family of three children, namely: (1) Leonard, born in 1844, married Isabel Haggert, of Harwich, and they now reside in Detroit. Their children are Mary, wife of Wilbur Mitton, of Camden, County of Kent; Alice, wife of George Raymond, a builder in Chatham; Duncan, a merchant in Detroit; Edward, also a merchant in Detroit; and Barbara, wife of John Shelington, a merchant of Blenheim. (2) Byron H. was the second in the family. (3) Deborah, born in 1853, married Frank Guyett, of the County of Kent, and they resided on a part of the old homestead in Howard until 1892, when they moved to Tuscarora County, Michigan. Their children are Perzes, Hallie, Mary, Sarah, Bell, Hale and Clifford.

Byron H. Bentley was reared on the home farm and received a fair education, the best the time and locality afforded. Remaining with his father, he managed the homestead farm until his marriage, and then purchased from the Bentley heirs his present fine place. Mr. Bentley owns 200 acres of valuable land, and in 1899 he erected his handsome brick resi-



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Polly P Bentley

dence. In 1901 he built his substantial and commodious barn, which is in keeping with his other buildings, all testifying to thrift and prosperity.

In 1872 Mr. Bentley was married to Miss Polly P. Grant, born in Harwich April 23, 1851, a daughter of Allen and Lucinda Grant, well-known pioneers of the neighborhood, mention of whom is made elsewhere. Four children came to this union, namely: Eva, born June 12, 1874; Arthur, June 12, 1879; Oscar, Sept. 8, 1882; and Stewart, Feb. 23, 1894.

Mr. Bentley, like his father, has always been identified with the Reform party. In 1900 he was elected one of the councilmen of Harwich, and has been re-elected each year since. He was one of the trustees and has also been the secretary of the school board, for the past six years. He has been particularly active in favoring plans for township development, and has long been looked upon as one who has achieved notable results in agriculture. His parents belonged to the Disciples Church, but he and wife are among the leading Methodists in this locality. Mr. Bentley has been liberal in his support, and has faithfully served the church as trustee, and for ten years as steward. He is of social nature, and is a valued member of the order of United Workmen, Lodge No. 15, of Morpeth.

WILLIAM WESTCOTT, a retired farmer of County Kent, residing on Lot 81, in Howard, was born in April, 1831, in Devonshire, England, a son of George and Ann W. Westcott, the former of whom was born in 1790, and the latter in 1795.

George Westcott, the father of William, came to Canada in 1835, bringing his wife and family thither in 1836, and settled in Tuckersmith township, County Huron, where he bought a small improved farm, later purchasing more land, and gradually accumulating large means, so that at the time of his death, which occurred Dec. 29, 1868, he was considered one of the substantial men of the vicinity. His wife had died at the homestead in October, 1877. They were consistent members of the Church of England, while living in their old home, but later became active in the Presbyterian church, and assisted in its founding in County Huron. Politically Mr. Westcott was a Conservative, and was prominent in municipal work, efficiently filling many offices and doing his duty as a first-class citizen. The children born to George Westcott and wife were the following: George died in childhood; Esther A., born in 1819, in England, is the widow of Henry Young, residing in the town of Clinton, County Huron; Mary, born in 1821, in England, was the wife of Richard Sweet, of Manitoba, where she died, leaving a family; George(2), born in England, grew up on the homestead, become a mechanic and married Jane Loomis, of County Huron, settled in Detroit and died there in young manhood, leaving a wife and one daughter, Ellen; Elizabeth, born in England, is the widow of John Young, of County Huron and still resides there with her family; Jane, born in 1840, in Canada, is the wife of Henry Young, and they reside with a family, in County Bruce, Ont.; William; and Sarah, born in 1838, in England, was the wife of John Smith, and lived in Bruceville, County Huron, where she died, leaving a family.

William Westcott had but few educational opportunities, but his great love of reading has made him acquainted with all kinds of literature and he is a great student of history. Instead of spending his youth in school, it was passed in hard work on the farm, and through life he has devoted the greater part of his attention to agriculture. In 1864 he was married to Miss Caroline Smith, daughter of William and Annie (Trager) Smith, natives of Glasgow, Scotland, and pioneers of County Huron. Mrs. Westcott was born in Glengarry, Canada. After marriage, Mr. Westcott continued to reside upon his father's old homestead in County Huron, but in 1877 he sold this property and purchased what was known as the Daniel Morden farm located on the Talbot Road, in Howard. The comfortable brick residence was on the farm at the time of purchase, but Mr. Westcott erected the two commodious barns, and made the other valuable improvements which have made this one of the finest farms in the locality. Mr. Westcott owns here 134 acres of fine farm land, and has it all under a fine state of cultivation, a testimonial to his energy and industry. His wife died July 6, 1888, the mother of eight children, viz.: George, born in County Huron, in 1865, is unmarried and lives at home, operating his father's farm; Sarah, born in 1869, married Joseph Spencer, of Howard, and is now deceased; William, born in 1869,

is unmarried and is a successful farmer in Manitoba, where, in association with his father, he owns a section of land; Miss Elizabeth, born in 1871, resides at home; John and Catherine died in childhood; Miss Jane, born in 1873, resides at home; Catherine (2) was born in County Kent.

In his political views, Mr. Westcott has always favored the old Conservative party, but he is no politician, and has only consented to hold the office of school trustee, the duties of which he has performed for a number of years. In the work of the Presbyterian Church, however, he has long been active, and for many years was the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and in the absence of the pastor, has frequently conducted the church services. Mr. Westcott is a man whose honest worth and Christian character are known to all, and his kind neighborliness and devotion to friends and family, have made him a much beloved member of the community. Few men are spoken of with higher praise. His fraternal connection is with Morpeth Lodge, No. 15, United Workmen, in which he has long been interested.

WILLIAM JOHN CROWE (deceased). For many years one of the highly respected residents of Gore of Chatham was William John Crowe, who was born in Pain Court, Dover township, March 8, 1845, and died on the present farm in Gore of Chatham, 4th Concession, Lot 13, in June, 1893, and is interred in the Wallaceburg cemetery.

Mr. Crowe was a farmer all his life, and made a success of his operations. When he located on the present farm of 100 acres in May, 1876, all the land was a wilderness, and he cleared it off and developed the property into one of the best farms in County Kent. This land he purchased from Gladstone. During a long and useful life, Mr. Crowe attended the Methodist Church, and died firm in its faith, to which his widow, MRS. CLARISSA J. CROWE, also adheres. In politics he was a Reformer, but never took an active part in local affairs. When he died, the Gore of Chatham lost a representative citizen, his neighbors a kind friend, and his family the best of husbands and fathers. Although he has passed from this world, his memory is held in loving reverence, and no history of this locality would be complete without a record of his life, which shows him to be an honest, hardworking, capable man, thrifty and kind-hearted, whose friends were to be found throughout the county, and whose many good deeds live after him.

ROBERT GETTY, eldest son of Charles Getty, who settled in Romney township in 1837, is one of the successful farmers of his native township, and a man who enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

Charles Getty, his father, was born at Durham, County Mississquoi, Quebec, in 1817. In 1837, in company with his brother, he came to Romney township, County Kent, where for a few years he made several purchases and changes in his place of residence. For a time he owned 100 acres in Lot 11, Concession 3, and the present homestead, Lot 11, Concession 4, he purchased of his brother. Upon this, with the help of his elder sons, he did nearly all the clearing, and had a fine property when he died Jan. 20, 1887. Charles Getty married Phoebe Healy, who was born in 1825, and who still survives, remembering very clearly the events of those early days nearly three-quarters of a century ago. To Charles Getty and wife were born the following children: Robert; Maria, deceased, married Horace Hyatt; Amanda married John Whittal, a farmer on the northeast quarter, Lot 12, Concession 4; Henry, a farmer on the Campbell side road, married Alice Pinch; Ralph lives in Michigan; Orilla married Frank Whittal, a farmer of Tilbury East; Phoebe died young; Elizabeth married Gilbert Thornton, of Michigan; Mary married Duncan Campbell, of Mersea; Ellen married George Morris, a mill owner at Coatsworth; Charles lives in Gosfield; Amelia married Isaac Hodgson, of Wheatley; Jane married Jacob Hyatt, a farmer on the north half of the south half Lot 12, Concession 4; and Roxanna married Thomas Jones, a farmer on the north half of the south half Lot 19, Concession 5.

Robert Getty, the eldest of the family, was born on the homestead, June 18, 1848, and was educated in the little log school house torn down in 1903. At the age of twenty-two years he bought fifty acres of wild land, Lot 12, Concession 4, upon which he resided for four years, clearing twenty acres. He then sold the property and retired to the home place. For a number of years before his father's death he

carried on the farm, and now owns and operates 100 acres of some of the best farming land in Romney township. In politics he is a Reformer, and for eight years was a trustee of school section No. 7.

Mr. Getty married Catherine Pinch, a native of England, and to this union have been born children as follows: Phoeba, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, married Isaac G. Hodgson, of this township, and had three children, Florence, Charles and Robert; Maria married Henry T. Hodgson, of Romney township, and has three children, Bertha, Manly and Milo; Hugh, a farmer of the township, married Edith Wigfield, and has a son, Edwin; Elsie married John Fury, of Mersea township, and has three children, Roy, Guy and Harvey; Amanda married Robert Drummond, of Mersea, and has two children, Harold and Ina; and Harvey is at home. Mr. Getty is recognized as one of the representative farmers of County Kent, and the success which has attended his efforts is certainly well merited.

JAMES W. CAMPBELL, reeve of Tilbury East township, and one of the large stock farmers of his section, is a grandson of one of the early settlers of the region. The first of the family to come to the County of Kent was Charles Campbell, of Scottish ancestry, but a native of the North of Ireland, where he grew to manhood and married Margaret Lamon, a native of County Antrim; their family was born in the Emerald Isle. In 1830 the family emigrated to Canada, and for a short time made their home at Prescott, County of Elgin, coming later to Tilbury East. Charles Campbell received of Col. Talbot, who was the Crown agent, a grant of the north half of Lot 9, M. R. N., of 100 acres. The land was wild and the roads had not been cleared, and here he began the life of a pioneer settler, and as such was forced to contend with many hardships. He was accidentally killed by a falling tree in 1848, at the age of sixty-seven years. To Charles and Margaret Campbell were born the following named children, the only survivor being the youngest: Andrew took up government land, the north half of Lot 10, M. R. N., and married Bridget Finnessey. John began farming in Harwich, and at the time of his death resided in Illinois; he married Grace McNeil. James was the father of James W. Campbell. Mary married Thomas Willan and lived at Mersea, County of Essex, Ont. Grace married John McNeil and moved to Iowa. Charles, who located on one-half of Lot 6, M. R. N., married Jessie Mann. Martha married Dr. Horatius Mills and resided in Romney township. William died unmarried in Tilbury East. Isaac, who began as a farmer on Lot 5, of the 8th Concession, married Maria Willan and is a resident of Assumption, Illinois.

James Campbell, father of James A., was born at Ballymoney, County Antrim, Ireland, Sept. 21, 1822, and was but a child of eight years when the family came to Canada. In the course of time he came into possession of a part of his father's land, and he obtained one-half of Lot 4, in Concession 9, 100 acres, of Crown land, upon which he located and lived through the experiences of a first settler. He prospered in his undertakings, and added to his original holdings from time to time, at one time owning land aggregating 575 acres in the township of Tilbury East, the north half of Lots 4 and 5, in Concession 9, 200 acres; south one-half of Lots 4 and 5, in Concession 8, 200 acres; south one-half of Lot 5, Concession 7, 100 acres; north one-half, Lot 9, M. R. N., seventy-five acres, this including the land he drew from the government. Mr. Campbell was counted among the very successful farmers of his day in his township. In politics he was a stanch Reformer. In religious belief the family are all Presbyterians, and the father was an elder in the church at Valetta for about twenty years.

On Nov. 22, 1849, James Campbell married Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Mathew Martin, one of the early settlers of the township. She died May 21, 1887, aged fifty-four years. To this marriage children as follows were born: Mathew, born April 7, 1854, married Catherine Closson, and resides on Concession 8. James William, born Feb. 12, 1856, is mentioned below. Mary Ann, born Oct. 1, 1862, married John Sinclair, of Tilbury East, Lot 7, Concession 6. John J., born April 28, 1864, married Elsie Robertson; he is traveling in Manitoba for the Manson Campbell Fanning Mill Co., of Chatham. Ellen Agnes, born June 28, 1868, married David L. Gardiner, of Lot 9, Concession 7, Tilbury East. Charles Thomas, born Dec. 16, 1870, married Henrietta

Forest Gardiner, and they live at the old homestead.

James W. Campbell enjoyed the advantages provided in the local schools and was reared on the farm to agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-two he located on the farm taken up by his grandfather, and after a residence of sixteen years there purchased 120 acres on the Back Line, where since 1896 he has had his home. Mr. Campbell owns considerable land and engages largely in stock farming, making a specialty of export cattle. Ever since becoming a qualified voter, he has taken a lively interest in political matters, in sympathy with the Reform party, and has filled many official positions. During 1888-89 he was collector; in 1890 he was assessor; served on the township board in 1892-93-94-95-97-98-99 and 1900; and on Jan. 1, 1903, was elected reeve, being re-elected to that incumbency Jan. 1, 1904.

In 1878 Mr. Campbell married Janet Hodgkin, who was born in 1858 in Harwich, a daughter of Isaac and Ellen (Stevenson) Hodgkin. Mrs. Campbell's parents resided for some thirty years in Tilbury East, the father dying at the age of eighty-two, and the mother at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Hodgkin was a daughter of Alexander and Janet Stevenson, and was born in 1814. Mr. Campbell and his wife have three children, namely: Ella M., born July 14, 1883; Gordon W., born March 30, 1885; and Anna M., born Jan. 23, 1887, who is a student in the Chatham high school.

WILLIAM R. HALL, M. D., physician and surgeon, president of the Chatham Hedge Fence Co., president of the Chatham Mineral Water Co., and vice president of the Chatham Oil Co., is a native of Richmond Hill, County of York, Ont., born Feb. 10, 1852, son of Henry Hall.

Henry Hall was born in February, 1819, and married Miss Elizabeth Lennon, a native of Ireland, born in 1825, by whom he had the following children: Hannah, Henry C., Ellen A., George John, Mary, William R. (M. D.), James L. (M. D.), Thomas B. (M. D.), Maria, Elizabeth, Norman and Frank W. (M. D.). The father was a manufacturer of agricultural implements, and very successful in his business affairs. During all of his life he was an enthusiastic church, Sunday-school and temperance worker, accomplishing much good, and gained the respect and affection of a large circle of friends. He died in Blenheim, Ont., in 1877. His widow lived in Toronto, where she died Dec. 2, 1903.

William R. Hall gained his literary training in the public and high schools of Richmond Hill, and in 1874 began the study of medicine, receiving his degree of M. D. in 1878, from the Detroit Medical College, now the Detroit College of Medicine. After five years of practice Dr. Hall took a post-graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate School and also attended Trinity College, Toronto, for two terms, receiving the degree of M. C. P. S. O. in 1884. Dr. Hall has been medical health officer of Chatham for many years, filling that position with ability, and under his careful supervision the sanitary conditions of the city have been materially improved. He is connected with several fraternal associations, viz.: The Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F. (in which he has passed all the chairs) and Encampment, A. O. U. W., P. S. O. E., K. P., W. O. W., and Chosen Friends. The Doctor has always been interested in all measures tending toward the advancement of the best interests of the city, and is a public-spirited and charitable man. On the formation of the Chatham Hedge Fence Co., in 1900, he was chosen president, and on the organization of the Chatham Mineral Water Co., in 1901, he was also made president of that institution; both firms are in excellent financial condition, owing to his able and progressive management. The Chatham Oil Company, of which he is vice-president, is the most successful company in its line in the County of Kent.

Like his father, who went out as a volunter in the Rebellion of 1837-38, Dr. Hall is an ardent Conservative in politics, and in 1898 he was the candidate of his party for Parliamentary honors, Mr. Pardo being the successful candidate in that contest.

In 1881 Dr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor L. Minturn, daughter of A. Minturn, of Detroit, and one son and one daughter have been born to this union: Fred W., a student at Toronto University, class of 1905, M. D., is color sergeant of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, in which his father holds the position of honorary captain and paymaster.



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Edith, the daughter, read the address of welcome to the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, on his visit to Chatham in August, 1903.

Dr. Hall is a member of the Chatham Medical Society, the Canadian Medical Society, the Pan-American Health Officers Association and the Canadian Health Officers Association, of which latter he is ex-president. Aside from his popularity as a physician, Dr. Hall has many friends in the city where he has made his home for so many years, and none enjoy in higher degree the full confidence of the community.

EDWARD QUENNELL, a retired farmer and successful business man of Wallaceburg, Ont., came to this city in the fall of 1902, from Chatham township, but is already well and favorably known in the community. He was born in County Surrey, April 4, 1831, a son of Edward, Sr., and Sarah Quennell, natives of England.

In 1845 Edward Quennell, Sr., and wife settled in Rochester, New York, but as they were not pleased with their new home, they moved to Toronto. While in England the father had been a wood sawyer, but after arriving in Canada, he worked upon a farm for a few weeks, and was killed by lightning, at the early age of thirty-seven years. The widow resides at Brookville, Ont., near Toronto, and although she has attained the remarkable age of one hundred and three years, she is in excellent health. Both she and her husband early connected themselves with the Church of England. The children born to their union were: Edward; Walter, a retired farmer in Ontario; James, in charge of a wood and coal yard at Toronto, Ont.; George, of Detroit, Michigan; William, deceased. The mother married William Tewsely, and bore him the following family: Elizabeth, of Coatsville, Ont., with whom the mother resides, married Edward Waterhouse; Mary A. of Detroit, Michigan, married William Sherton, and later a Mr. Crawford; John is a moulder of Toronto. The paternal grandparents were Edward and Mary Quennell, of England, where they lived and died.

In 1857, in Wardsville, County Elgin, Ont., Edward Quennell, the third in direct line to bear the name, married Mary Ann Gibb. To this union came children as follows: Mary J., who married Thomas Sudds, of Wallaceburg; Walter, an electrical engineer; George, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Sarah E., who died at the age of eighteen years; James, who owns a restaurant and confectionery store in Wallaceburg; William, a farmer of Chatham township; Andrew, who died at the age of nineteen years; John T., who died at the age of one year; Mary Ann, who died in infancy. Mrs. Quennell was born in County Elgin, Ont., and died in 1885, aged fifty years, and lies buried in the Wallaceburg cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Mary Gibb, of Scotland and Canada, respectively. They died in County Elgin, where the father was a farmer, stave manufacturer and ship builder, and a man of prominence.

Until he was seventeen years of age Edward Quennell remained at home, and he then worked in the lumber camps and sawmills until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Chatham township, County Kent. After remaining there four years, he purchased a farm in the same township, and remained until 1902, at which time he removed to Wallaceburg, and since then has lived retired. In politics he is a Reformer, but he has never been willing to run for office, although he was appointed both poundmaster and postmaster, and served in these capacities for a number of years. Fraternally he is a Mason. Both he and his wife early connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church. Through his industry, enterprise and thrift, Mr. Quennell has raised himself to his present position of affluence and prominence, and he is heartily esteemed by all who know him.

THOMAS SHAW, one of the most prominent, wealthy and influential men of County Kent, comes of an honorable old Irish family which was established in Chatham township in 1852 by his parents, Thomas and Mary A. (Charlston) Shaw, natives of County Sligo, Ireland.

Thomas Shaw brought his family to Canada, and located at Toronto in 1851. He was a farmer, and later settled six miles from Chatham in the Scotch settlement, but afterward moved near Wallaceburg. He died in Chatham township in 1854, aged sixty-five, and the mother, in 1875, at Wallaceburg, aged seventy-four years. They were members of

the Methodist Church. Their children were: Margaret, deceased, who married John Colter; Eliza, who died in County Kent, wife of James Shaw (no relation); Rebecca, who married John Colter, in County Sligo; Mary J., who married John Ruttle, of South Dakota; Ann, who died in Michigan, wife of John Rogers; Isaac, a farmer of Chatham township; Thomas, a retired farmer; Joseph, a merchant at Wallaceburg.

Thomas Shaw was born in County Sligo, Ireland, July 4, 1839, and accompanied his parents on their emigration to Canada. He remained on the old homestead until he was sixteen years of age, and then took up fifty acres of wild land to make a home of his own. His mother, then a widow, remained for a time with him, and after she left he lived alone until his marriage. He was persevering and industrious, and soon added to his first fifty acres, and kept on adding until he became the largest landowner in the county. Mr. Shaw owns 450 acres of land at the present time. His operations in land and lumber have all proved successful on account of his excellent business judgment, and he is probably one of the largest capitalists in the agricultural regions of this part of Ontario. In 1902 he retired from active farming life, and settled at Wallaceburg. His money is well invested and brings satisfactory returns. Mr. Shaw has a wide circle of friends who have known him through his years of early struggle and his days of prosperity, and they all unite in holding him in high esteem as a man of strict integrity. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Conservative.

On Dec. 29, 1869, Mr. Shaw married in Chatham township, Margaret E. McKean, who was born in Lockport, N. Y., daughter of Thomas and Agnes (McAllister) McKean, of Denny and Campbelltown, Scotland, and granddaughter of David and Janet (Rankin) McKean. In 1849 the parents of Mrs. Shaw removed to Lockport, N. Y., where they lived for three years, and then located in Chatham township, County Kent, where they secured 100 acres of fine land. Here they remained until they died, the father in 1898, aged eighty-two years and the mother in 1900, aged eighty-two years also. They now lie at rest in the Dresden cemetery. They both were members of the Presbyterian Church. These children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKean: Elizabeth married Edward McKerrall, who owns a fine farm in Harwich; David is a farmer near Harbor Beach, Michigan; Margaret married Mr. Shaw; Janet married J. A. Cortney, a machinist at Dresden; Agnes married Donald Angus, at Chatham; and Isabella, deceased, was the wife of John Holmes. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were: Alfred T., a farmer on the old homestead in Chatham township, married Ada E. Shaw, and they have twin daughters, Marie D. and Margaret E.; Rev. D. Stanley, a minister in the Methodist Church, married Cariola C. C. Idle, and they reside at Detroit, Michigan; and Miss Anna A. is at home.

ALFRED T. SHAW was born on the present farm May 17, 1872, and is the eldest child of Thomas and Margaret E. (McKean) Shaw. He operates the fine farm of 150 acres on Concession 2, Lot 19, and occupies a handsome brick residence erected by his father in 1891. He obtained an excellent education, and attended The Canada Business College at Chatham prior to taking charge of the farm. On Dec. 26, 1900, he married Ada E. Shaw, of Bronte, Ont., who was born in September, 1873, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Marlow) Shaw, natives of Counties Antrim and Westmeath, Ireland, respectively. A few days after her parents' marriage in 1854, they started for Canada and settled at Woodstock. Until 1883 the father followed railroading, and then retired to a farm in County Halton, Ont. He still survives at the age of seventy-eight years, his wife dying in 1899, aged seventy-two years. They had these children born to them: Robert A., the station agent at Langdon, North Dakota; Thomas W., C. P. R. agent, of Field, British Columbia; John J., train dispatcher at Vancouver, British Columbia; Richard H., station agent at Silvana, Washington; Rev. Dr. Marlow A., a Presbyterian minister at Boston, Massachusetts; and Ada E., who became Mrs. Shaw. In politics Mr. Shaw is Independent, voting for the candidate he believes best fitted for the office. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Church.

HENRY E. JOHNSON, of Wallaceburg, Ont., has been town clerk since 1883, and librarian since 1898, and discharges the duties of both offices in a manner which reflects credit

on himself and on the city. His birth occurred in Wallaceburg, Sept. 10, 1845, and he is a son of Lionel H. and Mary P. (Burnham) Johnson, of County Kent and New Hampshire, respectively. For many years the father, who was born in 1818, was a merchant, and he died in Wallaceburg, in 1882. From 1867 to 1881 he served as a member of the council; was reeve for a number of years; county warden and postmaster for a long time, and was one of the prominent men of Wallaceburg. The mother was born in 1822, and she now makes her home in Detroit, Michigan. She is a devout member of the Methodist Church, of which her husband was also a member. The children born to this worthy couple were: William, Albert and Clarence, who all died young; Henry E.; Eliza, Herbert and Florence, who died young; Alice M., of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who married Samuel Griffith, a printer; Emma M., who married J. M. Barber, proprietor of a tannery at Bracebridge, Muskoka, Ont.; Olive, who married Dr. J. F. Berry, of Chicago; Lizzie, who married Rev. Charles Smith, a Methodist minister, at Toronto; Hattie, who married William Judd, a bookkeeper at Detroit, Michigan; Lena, who married W. S. Weir, circulating agent of the Detroit *Journal*. Lionel H. Johnson was a son of Col. James and Margaret (McCollum) Johnson, of Northumberland, England, and the Isle of Mull, respectively. Col. Johnson emigrated to New York State at an early day, but later, under the solicitation of Lord Selkirk, came to County Kent; he was a Loyalist, and served in the war of 1812.

In December, 1871, Mr. Henry E. Johnson was married in Wyoming, County Lambton, to Miss Charlotte Mott, and the children born to this union are: Nellie G. of Tower, Minnesota, married William Anderson, a bookkeeper; James A. is a miner of Dawson City; Harry C. died at the age of six years; Maud M. and Lyle H., Daniel F. and George F. are at home. Mrs. Johnson was born in Brooklyn, Ont., in 1849, a daughter of Dr. George B. and Esther (Smith) Mott, of Petrolia, Ontario.

Henry E. Johnson worked in his father's store from boyhood, and when he was fourteen years of age, he began clerking in a general store in Wallaceburg, where he continued four years. In 1861 he went to Saginaw, Michigan, and spent a year clerking, after which he returned home, and began sailing on the lakes, thus continuing four years. He then took a course in a commercial college at Toronto, and, returning, entered his father's store, there remaining until he was appointed first Dominion Telegraph agent, an office he retained until 1884. For some time he clerked for an uncle in Chatham Gore, in a general store, but after two years, he returned to Wallaceburg to accept the office of town clerk, and in addition to his other duties, he also conducts a general conveyancing business, being very successful in all his ventures. In politics he is a Conservative, and he has always been prominent in local affairs.

CHARLES BENEDICT, who was well known in the County of Kent, for many years prior to his death, especially as an advocate of the temperance cause, was born in the County of Elgin, March 30, 1831.

Charles Benedict, Sr., his father, was born in the State of Vermont, June 13, 1788, and, when a boy, moved with his parents to the State of New York. In his young manhood he came to Canada, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. On April 12, 1820, he was married in Elgin to Mary Burwell, who was born Oct. 6, 1796, daughter of James Burwell, a British soldier of the Revolution. Mr. Benedict drew a 200-acre farm on the north side of the Talbot Road, in Lot 12, Southwold township, County Elgin, and he lived there until early in the fifties, when he located in Raleigh township, County Kent, and at the time of his death May 10, 1857, he owned a farm near Cedar Springs. To Charles and Mary (Burwell) Benedict were born children as follows: Elijah, born June 30, 1821, married Maria Wilson; Hannah, born Nov. 4, 1823; James, born April 22, 1826; Mary, born April 5, 1829, is the widow of Elijah Gilbert; Charles, born March 30, 1831; and Ann, born April 10, 1833. All are deceased except Mrs. Gilbert. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Benedict married Sophronia (Crawford), and to this marriage came: Sarah A., born Sept. 21, 1836, married William Pardo, and is now deceased; Louisa, born June 30, 1838, married R. J. Morrison; Elizabeth, born Feb. 5, 1840, married James Toll, and is deceased; Elisha, born July 2, 1842, married Salome Pardo, and is

deceased; and Elias, born March 1, 1844, married Villa Kennedy, and resides in Michigan.

Charles Benedict, son of Charles, Sr., was a carpenter, and followed that calling for some years. After his marriage he settled in his home in the town of Blenheim, then only a village, and in the fall of 1865, removed to the farm now occupied by Mrs. Benedict. This property of 100 acres was given to Mrs. Benedict by her father, Thomas Pardo, and adjoins the homestead, and it is as fine farming land as can be found in the County of Kent. Mr. Benedict was a lover of home and good books, and took a great deal of interest in the education of the young. For about fifteen years he gave efficient service as school trustee. He was an active temperance worker, being one of the only two in his polling division who voted for the Duncan Act the first time it was tried in Raleigh township. Among the earliest advocates of temperance in his locality, he gave much time and thought to the work of advancing its cause, and by his quiet manly influence did much good.

On July 3, 1861, Mr. Benedict married Lois Louisa Pardo, who was born May 6, 1837, on the place adjoining the present home, and to this union two children came: Mary Louisa, born July 6, 1862, it at home; and James Douglas, born June 23, 1868, carries on the home farm, and is a very successful manager, to judge from the evidence of thrift and care about the premises.

When Mr. Benedict was taken away, his death occurring in Raleigh township, Aug. 15, 1889, the township lost a good citizen, and his home a loving husband and father. Mrs. Benedict and her two children are justly numbered among the representative people of Ouvry, and that part of the county, and are very popular among their many friends.

EVERETT SIMPSON, township councillor, is the eldest of three brothers who are operating the homestead farm of their family, a property acquired in 1832, by their grandfather, John Simpson, whose brother, Peter Simpson, settled on the Talbot road in 1816.

John Simpson was born in Market-Wheaton, Yorkshire, England, in 1807, where he grew to manhood. There he married Elizabeth Burley, and upon their marriage day in the early spring of 1832, they set sail for Quebec, spending thirteen weeks on the water. From Quebec they came up the river to Montreal, thence by boat to Long Point, after which they followed the Talbot Road to the residence of his brother Peter, in the township of Tilbury East, where the summer was passed. In the fall of 1832 they settled on government Lot 13, Concession 3, a 100-acre tract of wild land, which was a perfect wilderness when they located there, they being the first settlers in the neighborhood. John Simpson lived to see the greater portion of his land cleared, and in the little log house he built on the west fifty acres, were born all his children. This primitive home was replaced in 1865 by the present substantial house. The wife and mother passed away in 1851, aged forty-three years, survived by her husband until May 14, 1893, when he, too, entered into rest. Their children were: Elizabeth, widow of Isaac Cates, lives in the township; Margaret, deceased, who married James Shanks; Sarah Ann, deceased, who married Joseph Featherstone; John; William, a carpenter at Leamington; and George, who owns half of the homestead.

John Simpson, Jr., was born Sept. 28, 1838, on the homestead, and there grew to manhood, receiving but a limited education in the log cabin, the entire time he attended school being but eighteen months. He remained upon the farm and did much toward its ultimate development, being the head of affairs for some years prior to his father's death, and he has devoted his entire life to farming. His property consists of fifty acres of the old homestead, and 100 acres in Concession 3. On Oct. 7, 1868, he was married to Ann Askew, a daughter of Thomas Askew, and their children are: Charles, a farmer of Romney, who married Mary S. Greaves; Everett; and Alvin, Mina and Watson, at home. Everett, Alvin and Watson are all engaged in assisting their father in his farm work. In politics the father is a Reformer, and is well informed on matters of general interest. The family all attend Zion Methodist Church.

Everett Simpson was born in the home place, Oct. 7, 1873, and received the usual school advantages. His life has been spent in farming, and he never took much interest in public affairs until three years ago, when he was elected as a member of the council, since which time he has been twice re-elected. He

is the eldest of the three brothers at home, and a most worthy and excellent young man, a favorite with all who know him.

The Askew Family in Canada traces back to Thomas Askew, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and who came to Canada in 1816, in company with Robert Shanks and Peter Simpson. With a two-wheeled cart they made their way over the Talbot Road to Lot 173, upon which Mr. Askew settled, and carried out the government conditions, receiving the Crown deed for the 200 acres. He married Mary Willan, and to them were born the following children: William, of Gosfield township, County Essex; Elizabeth, wife of the late George Russell; John, who married Mary Ann Russell; Margaret, deceased, who married Thomas Coatsworth; Thomas, who married Alice Carr, and who resided on Lot 173, until his death some five years ago; Mary, who married Hezekiah Hughson; Isaac, who married Eleanor Lewis, and who resided on the homestead until his death; Ann, who married John Simpson; Henry, who married a Miss McNutt, and died in Leamington; Harriet, who married first Robert Lott, and second Thomas Coatsworth.

ALEXANDER PETERKIN, a successful general farmer of Dover township, residing on Lot 14, 13th Concession, was born in Forres, Morayshire, Scotland, Jan. 10, 1832, a son of James and Marjory (Mitchell) Peterkin, natives of the same locality.

In 1836 the parents emigrated to Canada, locating in Dover township upon a farm taken up by the mother's brother, Robert Mitchell, Esq. Both men worked on the farm, until the sons of Mr. Peterkin became old enough to operate it. James Peterkin died Dec. 31, 1870, aged eighty-five, and his wife died June 14, 1870, aged seventy-six years, and both are buried in Owens cemetery, Dover township. During their declining years the parents were tenderly cared for by their son, Alexander. While living in Scotland, the parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, but there was no church of that denomination in Dover township. The two children born to them were Alexander; and James, unmarried, who resides with Alexander and for a number of years was constable.

Alexander Peterkin came to his present farm in 1864, although he had located in Dover township in 1836, with his parents. This farm is one of the finest in County Kent, and comprises 200 acres of highly cultivated land, all of which has been cleared by Mr. Peterkin, who found it covered with forest, and who was compelled to make a clearing to put up the log cabin that served as the first home. In politics he is a member of the Reform party, served as school trustee, and is now lieutenant of the militia company for Sir Edmund Walker Head, baronet governor, receiving his commission Aug. 9, 1856. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in whose good work they take an active part.

On March 5, 1864, Mr. Peterkin married, in Chatham, Ont., Miss Catherine Crawford, and the following children have been born of this happy union: Catherine M. married Arthur D. Wemp, of Dover township; Mary J. married John J. Currie, a teacher at Indian Head, Northwest Territory; Christina E. and Janet A., are young ladies at home; James G. is at home; and his twin sister Ellen M. is deceased; Caroline M. married William Mills, Dover township; Rebecca E. married Robert G. Dewar, Saint Ann's Island, Ont.; Sarah A. is a young lady at home; Alexander M. and John are also at home. Mrs. Peterkin was born March 3, 1842, at Auchreoick, Cowell, Carra, Argyllshire, Scotland, daughter of Dougal and Catherine (McCollum) Crawford, of the same locality, where they were married. On Sept. 3, 1853, they located in Chatham, Ont., where for two years Mr. Crawford was overseer from Chatham to Baptist creek of the Great Western railroad, now the Grand Trunk, then in process of construction. Later, he removed to Little Bear Creek, Dover township, and settled on a farm owned by George McCollum, of fifty acres, which Mr. McCollum afterward gave to his sister, Mrs. Crawford. From time to time other land was added to the original fifty acres, until at the time of his death, Mr. Crawford owned 1,000 acres all of which is now in the possession of his sons. Mr. Crawford would accept of public office, other than that of school trustee, which he held for many years. He was born in February, 1803, and died Dec. 26, 1882; while his wife was born in 1814, and died Feb. 5, 1901, and both are interred in a private burying ground on the old farm. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and died in that faith.

The children born to these parents were: Janet, deceased, married Alexander Gorden of Dover township; Christena married Thomas Rogers, of Texarkana, Arkansas; George died at the age of eighteen months; Mrs. Peterkin; Peter is a farmer and ex-school teacher of Dover township, also a member of the council; John is a farmer, living in Ailscrag, Ont.; Dougal is a farmer of Dover township; Mary A. married James Wemp, Dover township; and George is a farmer on the old homestead. The paternal grandfather, Dougal Crawford, married Catherine Thompson; they were both natives of Scotland where he was an overseer of a large estate; they both died there.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin are very justly numbered among the leading people of Dover township, in which they have made their home for so many years, and their children are regarded as important factors in the social life of the community. The prosperity which has attended them, is the result of hard work, judicious management, and careful economy, and the example they set in their lives is one worthy of emulation.

GEORGE W. COATSWORTH, treasurer of Romney township, County of Kent, and a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of that locality, is one of the prominent men of his community. He is a grandson of Robert Coatsworth. John Coatsworth, one of the sons of Robert Coatsworth, was born in England, and was three years old when his parents settled in Romney, coming almost direct from England. There he grew to manhood, and during the Rebellion of 1837-38, he and his two older brothers served as volunteers. When he began farming for himself, John Coatsworth located on the farm on which George W. now resides, being the west half of Lot 193, Talbot Road, consisting of 116 acres. This property he cleared, and resided upon it the remainder of his life, with the exception of five years spent at Rondeau, where he owned and operated a mill. With the exception of this one venture, his entire life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and his efforts were crowned with success. In politics he was a Conservative and he took considerable interest in local affairs, serving as collector for twelve or thirteen years. He died March 1, 1892, aged seventy-seven years.

John Coatsworth married Hannah Goulet, daughter of Francis Xavier Goulet, of Raleigh township, an account of whom appears elsewhere. Mrs. Coatsworth died in 1899, aged seventy years. The following children were born to this union: George W.; Harriet, wife of Albert Dawson, of Wheatley; Winthrop, of Chatham; Leonidas, of Chicago; Levi, of Coatsworth; Miss Tamer, who resides in Chicago; Kenneth, of Romney; Frank, of Chatham; William, of Chicago; and Louis, a wholesale florist in Chicago.

George W. Coatsworth, the eldest of the family, was born on the home place, Oct. 25, 1846, and has there made his home ever since. As his brothers turned their attention to other occupations, he continued on the farm, for some years prior to his father's death carrying on the work, and since 1890 he has been in possession. In addition to the homestead of 116 acres, Mr. Coatsworth owns a farm of forty-two acres one mile east, and devotes his entire attention to farming. In politics he is a Conservative, and is regarded as one of the leading men of the township, and has often been called upon to accept office. In 1879 he served his first year on the township council, and has since served four years as a member of that body, in addition to one year as reeve, and by virtue of that office he was on the county board in 1889. In 1899 he was appointed treasurer of the township, an office he has since continued to fill. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Dawson, and she was also a member of the family of one of the early settlers of the township. Three children have been born of this marriage: Jennie M. and Kate L., who died in early womanhood; and Miss Stella Belle, a most charming young lady residing at home, who is an important social factor.

GEORGE BARR, a prominent citizen of Chatham township, County Kent, where he is successfully engaged in general farming on Lot 1, 6th Concession, has resided upon his fine farm of seventy-five acres since 1876. In those days the country was all a wilderness and he was obliged to make a clearing for his frame house. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, Jan. 23, 1845, son of John and Ann (Allen) Barr, both of that locality.

John Barr came with his wife to Canada, settling near Hamilton, where he farmed until

his death, which occurred in October, 1902, when he was eighty-four years of age. His wife passed away in 1860, aged thirty-seven years. The children born to this union were: George; Thomas, a farmer residing near Brantford, Ont.; John, of Waterford, Ont.; Joseph, deceased; William, a farmer residing near Waterford, Ont.; Ann, who married Willis Hall, a farmer of Villanova, Ont. The paternal grandparents of George Barr were John and Eliza Barr, natives of England of Scotch descent, who lived and died in England.

George Barr was married, first, in Collingwood, Ont., to Mary J. Reed, and one child, John, now deceased, was born to their union. Mrs. Barr was a native of Canada, and died in 1869, aged twenty-one years. In 1870 Mr. Barr married, in Dover township, Mary Ann Richmond. Their children were as follows: David married Maggie Grant, and they reside with our subject; Lettie, of San Francisco, California, married Andrew Dalton; Mary E. and Maggie (twins) reside with their aunt, at Niagara, New York. Mrs. Barr was born in Dover township, and died in April, 1876, aged twenty-nine years, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Mary Richmond, of Lancashire, England, who were among the first settlers in Dover township, where Mr. Richmond was a stone cutter, although he also followed farming, having taken up land after his settlement in Ontario.

George Barr came to Ontario with his parents in the spring of 1849, when four years of age, and when he had attained his majority, he worked among the farmers. Renting a farm at Collingwood, Ont., he remained upon it five years and then purchased his present property. Mr. Barr has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for a number of years, and gives liberally toward its support. He has acted as school trustee since the handsome brick school house in his section was built in 1890, and was instrumental in securing its erection. In politics he is a Conservative, and strong in his support of the principles of his party. Fraternally he is an Orangeman, and was a member of 66th Infantry in the Fenian Raid, serving all through that conflict as guard of prisoners at Toronto. His farm is one of the best in the township, and although nearing the sixty year milestone, Mr. Barr is as active as a young man, and takes a pride in superintending all the details of his farm work. He is highly respected throughout the community, and has many friends, for he is a man who wins them not only on account of his numerous admirable traits of character, but also because of his genial manner and kindly spirit.

ISAAC E. SIMPSON, an honored resident of Merlin and a well-known miller in Raleigh township, descends from one of the first families to settle on the Talbot Road, in the present township of Tilbury East. Early records of this family will be found elsewhere.

Thomas Simpson, father of Isaac E., was born on the homestead place on the Talbot Road, where he grew to manhood. After beginning for himself, he resided for a short time some two miles east of Blenheim, on property now owned and occupied by James Griffith. He then traded for Lot 163 on the Talbot Road in Raleigh township, and there he lived for some fifteen years, engaged successfully in farming. Still owning this place, he moved to Lot 161, now occupied by his son James W., and there he died. He supported the political measures of the Government party. With his family he belonged to the Methodist Church. Thomas Simpson was twice married. His first wife, Fanny, daughter of Isaac Russell, was the mother of but one child, Isaac E.

Isaac Russell was a native of Northumberland, England, and was there employed in the lead mines. With his wife and family he came to Canada, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, and spending thirteen weeks on the water. Settling first in Mersea township, County Essex, he soon after came to Lot 167, Talbot Road, and here both he and wife died. Their children were: George, who died in Leamington; William, who lived on a part of the old homestead, and died in 1902; Hugh, a resident of Oxley, Colchester township, County Essex; Joseph, who died at Leamington; Fanny, mother of our subject, who died aged twenty-four years; Mary Ann, deceased, who married John Askew; Sarah, widow of Peter Simpson, of Leamington; Elizabeth, wife of John Thomas Linch, of Manitoba; Margaret, who married LeRoy Hooker, pastor of a Presbyterian Church at Chicago.

Isaac E. Simpson was born Feb. 22, 1851,

in Harwich township, and he grew up in Raleigh, on the lake road, and in time came into possession of the east half of Lot 163. He erected the present buildings and engaged extensively in farming, and also in the potash business. In the fall of 1893 Mr. Simpson moved to Merlin, where he erected his present grist mill, to which he has given his entire attention. Some years ago he sold his farm to Joseph Teskey. By his enterprise Mr. Simpson has added materially to the prosperity of the village of which he is one of the substantial citizens.

Ever since his young manhood Mr. Simpson has taken an active part in Church work, and, as a member of the Methodist congregation in Merlin, he has been untiring in his efforts to add to the strength and influence of the Church. At present he is serving as one of the trustees, and as secretary of the circuit. He is ably seconded in Church work by his wife, daughter and son.

On Oct. 30, 1872, Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Rebecca Lewis, a native of Westminster township, County of Middlesex, and to this union were born four children: Isaac Newton, born July 31, 1875, died Aug. 13, 1877; Adda Alena, born May 12, 1877, died April 25, 1892; Ada Avilla, born Oct. 10, 1878, a talented young lady, who is organist of the Methodist Church at Merlin; and Russell Oliver, born May 12, 1881. Politically Mr. Simpson is a zealous Government supporter, and he has served as a member of the Raleigh Council. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the Foresters, of Merlin. The family is one of prominence in Raleigh township.

DAVID LEWIS ARNOLD, a retired farmer of Chatham township, residing on Lot 12, Concession 3, came hither May 3, 1853, at a time when the entire country was a wilderness. He was born at Louisville, Chatham township, Jan. 19, 1830, a son of Lewis and Mary (Sherman) Arnold, of that place, where they remained, the former being busily engaged as a farmer and shoemaker, until his death in 1890.

On May 3, 1854, in Harwich township, Mr. David Lewis Arnold married Mary Mills, and the children born to this union were: Sylvester W., a farmer of Chatham township, who married Martha Boulton; Margaret A., of Chatham, who married John H. Oldershaw; Salem L., a farmer in Chatham township, who married Annie McLean of Dover township; and Edith E., who married Harry Bakewell, a jeweler at Toronto. Mrs. Arnold was born at Mossley, County Middlesex, Ont., April 13, 1832, a daughter of Barney and Margaret A. (Nelson) Mills, of Nova Scotia and Ireland, respectively. The father, who was a retired farmer, died near Port Huron, Michigan, April 24, 1880, aged seventy-nine years, and the mother died in Ontario, July 3, 1852, aged fifty years. Both were members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Nelson, deceased; Hamilton, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of James Edwards; Ruben M.; Barney, a lumberman of Michigan; Jane E., deceased, who married Ansley Griffith; Mary; Margaret A., who married Samuel Arnold, a brother of our subject; James, a farmer and miller, in Washington; Diana, of Chicago, Illinois, who married Flavis Gillett.

Mr. Arnold was reared by his grandparents, Lewis Arnold and wife, from the time he was three months of age, and he remained with them until he located upon his present farm. This property he conducted himself until 1902, when he retired in favor of his son, and the two families live in houses about 100 yards apart. They are all members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Arnold was steward in the same for thirty years. In politics he is a Conservative, but he has never desired office. After a well-spent life, he is enjoying his declining years, surrounded by those he loves, and provided with the comforts of life supplied by ample means. Throughout the entire county he is highly esteemed, and he has many warm personal friends.

DANIEL P. McDONALD (deceased), who took an important part in the upbuilding of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, was born at Port Lambton, Ont., Feb. 23, 1850, and died in Wallaceburg Oct. 25, 1886. He is interred in the beautiful Wallaceburg cemetery.

Mr. McDonald was a son of James and Nancy (McDonald) McDonald, of the County of Kent, Ont. During his younger years James McDonald was a farmer, but during the later portion of his life he was a general merchant at Port Lambton, where he died in 1898.



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aged seventy-seven years; his wife died in October, 1875, aged sixty-five years. They were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were: Frances, of Los Angeles, California, married to J. E. Melligan, a retired farmer; Daniel P.; and Fanny, of Los Angeles, California, married to Richard Melligan, a large ranchman.

On July 3, 1875, in Sarnia, Ont., Daniel P. McDonald was married to Miss Lizzie Bury, and they had children as follows: Clara A. married T. D. Tanner, a toolmaker of Albion, Michigan; Olin E. is a druggist of Detroit, Michigan; Lemuel H. is at home. Mrs. McDonald was born in Sombra township, daughter of John and Sarah (Ellis) Bury, of Brockville, Ont., and New York State, respectively, who came to Canada and took up a farm of 300 acres in Sombra township, where the father died May 1, 1896, aged seventy-six years; the mother died July 13, 1893, aged fifty nine years. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bury were: Lizzie, Mrs. McDonald; Mary A., of Bay City, Michigan, who married V. W. White; John E., who was drowned in the Detroit river Nov. 26, 1901; George H., a farmer on the old homestead; and Sarah C., who married John Stokes, a farmer of Sombra, and died May 9, 1903.

Mr. McDonald was reared upon a farm, but after his marriage he removed to Wallaceburg and embarked in a general merchandise business, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. In politics he was a Conservative, and he was very active in party matters, serving as a member of the town council for two years. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, and the A. O. U. W. His religious views made him a Methodist, and he served as a representative to conference and missions for many years, was also Sunday school superintendent for a long time, and was always interested in church work of all kinds. His life was a lesson to others and he died as he lived, a charitable, kind hearted, Christian gentleman, whose memory is tenderly cherished, and whose loss is mourned by those he has left behind, as well as in the community at large.

ARCHIBALD PARK is a familiar figure in the business circles of Chatham, where as a member of the firm of Park Bros., proprietors of the Chatham Engine Works, he has gained a substantial standing. The boiler and machine shop which they conduct was established many years ago, and is one of the prosperous institutions of that thriving little city.

The Park family is of Scottish extraction. David Park, father of Archibald, was born in 1831, in Scotland, and married Juliann Gardner, who was born in 1834 in Dundee, Scotland. A large family blessed this union, the seven eldest born in Wiltshire, England, namely: David J., deceased, who was in partnership with his brothers Archibald and John M. until his death; Archibald; John M., in partnership with Archibald; George, who died young; Arthur, who died young; James, of Chatham, who works with his brothers in the machine shop; Augustus, who is deceased; George, who is bookkeeper for his brothers; Jessie, wife of H. G. Gorham, master mechanic for the Canada Northern Railway Co.; Jennie, who died when twenty-two years old; and Marian, a trained nurse, of Winnipeg, Man. In 1866 David Park brought his wife and family, then consisting of seven children, to Canada, and their first location was in Hamilton, Ont., but as they did not like the place they remained there only two weeks, coming to Chatham. Here the father became foreman in a machine shop for Hyslop & Ronald, continuing thus until 1873, when he moved to Muskegon, Michigan. There he remained for four years, operating a large sawmill for Hackley & Company, and on his return to Chatham in 1877 he and John Hyslop purchased the machine shop of Andrew Hyslop. They were in partnership for only one year, David Park in 1878 buying Mr. Hyslop's interest, after which he carried the business on alone until 1884, in which year he sold out to his three sons, Archibald, John M. and David J. He and his wife are now living retired, in Leamington, Ont. They are members of St. Andrew's Church. John Park, the father of David, passed all his life in Scotland. He was a weaver by occupation.

Archibald Park was born Dec. 11, 1856, in Wiltshire, England, came with his parents to America in 1866, and for some time attended the Chatham schools. He learned the

trade of his father, and in 1884, in company with his brothers, David J. and John M., took up the business on his own account, the fine machine shop now conducted by Park Bros. being erected that year. The works cover an acre of ground, and regular employment is given to about thirty-five men, the business having attained quite extensive proportions. The three brothers were in partnership until 1892, when David J. died, and since that time Archibald and John M. Park have continued together.

In February, 1887, Archibald Park was united in marriage, in Chatham, with Miss Albertena Thomson, of Hamilton, Ont., daughter of Andrew and Ann (Ferguson) Thomson, of that place, and four children have been born to them, viz.: Charles A., who died when six years old; Hazel, who died when seven years old; and Evaline and Archibald B., both of whom are still with their parents.

Mr. Park's religious connection is with St. Andrew's Church, and socially he fraternizes with the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W. and the Sons of Scotland. He is a stanch Conservative in political sentiment, but his time is devoted principally to business, and he cares nothing for public office or other honors. There is no more respected citizen in Chatham than Archibald Park. He may truly be called a self-made man, in the best sense of the term, and is deserving of great credit for the use he has made of his opportunities. As a business man he is favorably known among a large circle of associates, and personally his character is above reproach.

ARCHIBALD BELL, Judge of the County Court of Kent, was born at Toronto, Ont., Nov. 16, 1840, third son of the late Archibald Bell, Sr., and his wife, Agnes Hood.

Archibald Bell, Sr., and his wife were natives of Paisley, Scotland. In 1832 he emigrated to Canada, ultimately settling in Lobo, County of Middlesex, where he engaged in farming. He was devoted to his family, and made every effort to prepare his children well for their various careers. He died in December, 1887, in his seventy-ninth year.

Judge Bell passed his early years in Lobo, and attended the public school there, and subsequently the grammar school in the City of London. For some years he engaged in teaching, using his spare time to further perfect his own knowledge. His legal studies were pursued in the office of the late Judge John Wilson, of London, Ont., and in 1866 he was called to the Bar. He practiced successfully in Chatham and Strathroy. Judge Wells, at that time, was Judge of the County Court of Kent, and upon his resignation Judge Bell was, on Oct. 2, 1878, appointed his successor. He was then the youngest Judge on the Ontario Bench. In 1887 he was appointed revising officer under the Dominion Electoral Franchise Act, for Bothwell. In 1901 he received the appointment of local master of the Supreme Court, to succeed the late C. J. O'Neill. Since its foundation, in 1881, he has been president of the Chatham Loan and Savings Company. From 1886 to 1900 he was chairman of the Chatham Collegiate Institute Board, when he declined a further reappointment.

In 1874 Judge Bell was united in marriage with Elizabeth Cameron, eldest daughter of Malcolm Cameron, of Lobo. They are both adherents of the Presbyterian Church, and are equally interested in its good work.

CORNELIUS JOHN O'NEILL, LL. B., who passed away in Chatham, Ont., Feb. 18, 1901, was a well-known and most highly esteemed citizen of that place and a prominent member of the Ontario Bar, at the time of his death serving as Master in Chancery.

Mr. O'Neill was a native of Streetsville, Ont., son of Thomas and Jane (King) O'Neill, both of whom were born in Ireland. Thomas O'Neill followed the profession of surveyor in Ireland and came to New Brunswick to survey that portion thereof which was later ceded to the United States by the terms of the Ashburton Treaty. He subsequently went into business in Streetsville, after which he was engaged in teaching for some time in western Ontario, giving private instruction in Greek and Latin. He had a fine classical education, being especially proficient in these two ancient languages, and the latter part of his life was given to educational work. For some time before his death he had charge of the public school at Wallaceburg, Ont., where he passed away. His wife also died at that place. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill were the parents of five children.

Cornelius John O'Neill received his literary training under the able instruction of his

gifted father and the late Dr. Cornelius, S. J., and like his father became a fine classical scholar. During his young manhood he taught for a time in the public schools of Chatham, and was later in the registry office of the County of Kent before he took up the study of law, with Houston & Scane, of Chatham. He was called to the Bar, and the following year received his degree of LL. B. Mr. O'Neill commenced the active practice of his profession in partnership with the late Mr. Douglas, was later associated with John Coutts, of Thamesville, and subsequently a partner of J. N. McWhinney. He was appointed Master in Chancery, and held that position continuously until his death. He was likewise a prominent factor in the political life of his section, serving for many years as president of the Conservative Association of the County of Kent, and as such exerted a potent influence for good in the community where his active years were spent. He was a Roman Catholic in religious faith.

In 1884 Mr. O'Neill was united in marriage with Miss Lina McBrady, daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Broderick) McBrady, both natives of Ireland. They came to Canada, locating at Whitby, Ont., where Mr. McBrady took up a large quantity of land, and there he still resides. Mrs. McBrady is deceased. Their family consisted of five children. Mrs. O'Neill was educated in Toronto and in a collegiate institute, and she now holds the position of assistant librarian in the Legislative Assembly Library of Ontario, at Toronto. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill were born three children: Robert McBrady, James Basil and Dermott.

WALTER J. DEVEREUX, a well known and very successful farmer of Howard township, residing on Lot 8, 8th Concession, was born in Chatham in February, 1854, a son of Robert and Hannah (Boothroyd) Devereux, old and prominent pioneers of the County of Kent.

Robert Devereux was born at Niagara, Canada, in 1829, and his wife was born in Howard township, the daughter of Richard Boothroyd, one of the first pioneers of this county. Robert Devereux settled at Chatham, where he followed carriage-making for some years, until the death of his wife, who left him with one child, Walter J., then fourteen months old. He then removed to Plainfield, Illinois, where he followed general blacksmithing until, his health failing somewhat, he sold out that business and became an extensive dealer in oils. He married a second time, to Miss Susan Caughill, of Niagara Falls. Four of his children are living, three deceased: Rebecca died in childhood; Emma died in young womanhood; Robert died in childhood; Stella, the eldest daughter, is unmarried, and a teacher in the schools of Illinois; Bertha, formerly a teacher, married Thomas Jerrims, a resident of Chicago, where he is a director and stockholder in one of the large stock exchanges of the union stockyards; George, born in Illinois, is married and settled near Plainfield, as a farmer; Harry, born in Illinois, is unmarried, and a teacher in the Illinois schools. Mr. Devereux and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church.

After the death of his mother Walter J. Devereux was taken by his grandfather, Richard Boothroyd, who reared him to manhood. His education was received at the Reeder schoolhouse, while he was helping his grandfather conduct his farm. Remaining in this excellent home until he was twenty-one years of age, he then paid a visit to his father, at Plainfield, Illinois, but after remaining with him some time, helping him, he traveled to Florida, and remained one year. The Centennial celebration occurring in 1876, he went to Philadelphia in June of that year, and in the fall journeyed to London, Ont., and there worked on a farm by the month for George Leach. Returning to Howard township, his grandfather gave him fifty acres of land in the 11th Concession, and for two years he conducted his farm, meantime keeping bachelor's hall. In 1879 he purchased what was known as the Elder George homestead, formerly the Reed farm, where he has since made his home. Upon entering into possession of his new property Mr. Devereux found a small frame structure upon it, which served as a home until 1886, when he erected a fine brick residence, supplied with all modern improvements and admirably fitted to insure the comfort of his family. All over the farm signs of the improvements he has made are to be found, and his property is justly considered one of the best in the township. His buildings being situated in the center of the farm, Mr. Devereux has very appropriately named his

place Central View, as every part of it can be seen from the site of the buildings.

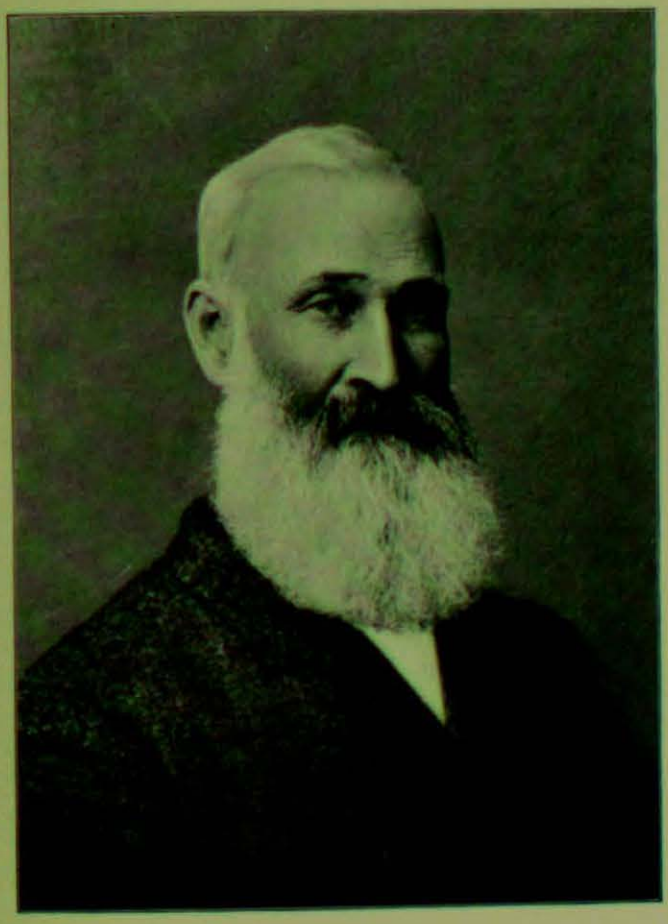
In 1880 Mr. Devereux married Miss Mary I. Johnson, daughter of James and Mary Johnson, who came from Ireland and settled in Harwich. Mrs. Devereux was born in Ireland in 1854, and in 1866 came to Canada with her parents, who died at their home in Harwich, leaving a family of five sons and three daughters, now residing in different parts of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Devereux have had four children: Mary Lulu, born in January, 1881, was educated in the Howard schools, and Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, and is an intelligent and refined young lady; on Nov. 25, 1903, she was united in marriage to Mr. C. Benson Stirling, fourth son of Mr. Samuel Stirling, a prominent farmer of Harwich, near Rond Eau. Rosa, born in 1886, is a student of the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown; she received her second-class certificate in July, 1903, but being too young to enter the Model school returned to the Collegiate Institute and took up first-class work. Mabel, born in 1889, attended the home schools and is now a student of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute. Joseph Lancely, born in 1892, is at present attending the Ridgetown public schools, preparing to enter the Institute.

Politically, Mr. Devereux has always been one of the independent voters of the township. He has never desired office. The family is very popular. They all belong to the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Devereux has held different positions, being now a member of its quarterly board, and he is prominent in church work, a good and worthy citizen, prosperous and happy, and a man whose success in life is but the just reward of well spent years and natural ability, directed by intelligence.

LANGFORD. The Langford family, one of the old and highly respected families of the County of Kent, owes its origin to the North of Ireland, where John Langford, the first of whom any definite record can be obtained, was born in 1800. He married a Miss Armstrong, who was of Irish extraction, and they came to Ontario, settling at Florence, where Mr. Langford took up the occupation of a farmer. In 1861 he removed to the river Thames, in the County of Kent, Camden township, and his death occurred on the old homestead there in 1876. His political opinions made of him a Conservative. His religious affiliations were with the Methodist Church, in which he was a faithful worker. John Langford was three times married, and by the first union six children were born: Mary Ann; Matilda, Mrs. William Everitt; Maggie, Mrs. D. P. Riggs; Melissa, Mrs. John Patterson; John A., deceased; and Edward P., a resident of Harwich township. By the second union there was one son, George R., now a resident of Camden township. To the third marriage were born six children: James, Raymond, Sultana, Didamia, Sophrona and Emily.

John A. Langford was born at Florence, Ont., April 28, 1835. There he grew to manhood, and he accompanied his father on the removal to the river Thames when twenty-six years of age. He went to California, where he was engaged as a sheep herder and miner, remaining there until 1863, when he returned to Ontario and engaged in farming until 1877, in that year embarking in a partnership with his brother George, in a general merchandise business, at Kent Bridge. After ten years John A. sold his interest, resuming farming and continuing agricultural pursuits until his death, July 28, 1897. His religious home was in the Presbyterian Church, and he died firm in the faith of that body. Like his father, John A. Langford was a Conservative, and he was active in politics and public matters generally, having been identified with all the important affairs of the county from 1870 until 1895. During that quarter of a century he was prominent in the municipal life of Harwich, serving as reeve for ten or fifteen years, and warden for the year 1878. For many years he was a member of the county council, and was chairman of the Property Committee during the time the county buildings were being erected. During the construction of the old Erie & Huron railroad he served as trustee.

On July 11, 1866, Mr. Langford married Miss Mary Grover, who was born June 26, 1840, daughter of J. B. and Alvira (Shaw) Grover, and is still living, residing in Camden township. To Mr. and Mrs. Langford were born the following children: Charles Baldwin; George Sherman, of Harwich township; Ida,



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deceased; John Stewart, of Detroit; Alfred, at home; Roena, at home; and a child who died in infancy.

CHARLES B. LANGFORD was born June 27, 1867, in Harwich township, where he made his home until 1879, when he removed to Camden township. He received his preliminary education in the public schools near his home, and in 1882 entered the Toronto Collegiate Institute. In 1884 he entered the Medical Department of Toronto University, from which he was graduated in 1888, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, and also graduated from Victoria University the same year, from the latter institution receiving the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. The year following he spent as house surgeon at the Toronto General Hospital. Finally, on June 3, 1889, he settled in Blenheim, where he has now been in practice for fifteen years, building up a large and constantly increasing patronage, and has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of the locality.

On Nov. 9, 1892, Dr. Langford was married to Miss Jeanett Bisnett, daughter of A. L. Bisnett, and one son has come to them, Grover Cameron, born Jan. 9, 1897. Politically, Dr. Langford is a Conservative, and during the year 1898 was a member of the board of aldermen. His religious membership is with the Presbyterian Church, in which both he and his wife are very popular. Dr. Langford is a man of wide reading, large experience and great ability, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading representatives of the medical profession in the County of Kent.

LAMARSH. The well-known family in Mersea township, County of Essex, bearing the name Lamarsh is of French stock. The name was originally spelled La Marshe, but after the emigration to Canada it gradually came to be written generally Lamarsh.

The first to come to America was Samuel La Marshe, a native of France, who on reaching manhood located in the Province of Quebec, Canada. Later he removed to Kingston, Ont., and still later to Amherstburg. His last location was in Gosfield township, County of Essex, where he died. During the war of 1812 he served in the British army. Of his eight children several settled in the United States. Among them were: Samuel, who died in Ohio; John, who died in Mersea township; Joseph, who attained the age of ninety-four years, and passed away in Gosfield township; Elizabeth, who married Peter Malott, of Gosfield township; and Rachel.

John Lamarsh, son of Samuel, the emigrant, was born in Kingston, Ont., and was brought to the County of Essex by his parents in 1801. They located at Fort Malden, now Amherstburg, and later removed to Gosfield township. He, too, played a soldier's part in the war of 1812, and after its close settled in Mersea township, where he drew a tract of 200 acres of the Col. Talbot grant, on Talbot street. This tract was then an unbroken wilderness, but his pioneer spirit was undaunted by the thought of the mighty task of preparing a home and clearing a farm there. He built a log house, and resolutely bent his energies to the cultivation of his land, in which he was eminently successful, in time becoming one of the large land holders of the county. Besides his home farm he also owned a tract of 200 acres where the town of Wheatley now is, half of which is owned by his grandsons. He attained the ripe age of seventy-eight years, and was buried in the Roache cemetery on Talbot street. His education for the day and locality was fair, and he was looked upon as one of the leading men in his township, having been appointed commissioner of the township by the government, and holding other town offices. Politically he was one of the first Liberals in the township, and he was always well posted on current topics. He belonged to the Methodist Church. His wife, Mary Ann Burke, was born in Quebec, a daughter of James Burke, of Ireland, whose wife was a French woman. Mrs. Lamarsh lived to the age of eighty-one and was buried by the side of her husband. Originally she belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, but she afterward joined the Methodist faith with her husband and children, and she was ever a noble Christian woman, cheerfully bearing the privations of life in the wilderness that she might do her share toward winning a home for her children. To John and Mary Ann Lamarsh were born eleven children, as follows: Ann, deceased, who married Morris Roache, of Mersea township; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Benjamin Quick, of Mer-

sea township; John (2); James, deceased; Mary Jane, who married Matthew Howard, and died in Michigan; Robert, a well-known farmer of Mersea township; Nancy, who married William Roache (now deceased), and makes her home in Mersea township; William, a farmer on part of the homestead; Peter, who also farms on the homestead; Margaret, widow of Alexander Gunn, of Mersea township; and Joseph, deceased.

John Lamarsh (2), son of John, was born at the old home on Talbot street in 1821. As schools were few and teachers incompetent his educational advantages were hardly worth mentioning, but as he had a studious and acquisitive disposition he improved his opportunities, and by reading and observation became well informed. He remained with his father until early manhood, when he settled on ninety-four acres of the farm which now adjoins the town of Wheatley, and building a log house, proceeded to clear his land. Later, as he prospered, he so improved the place, with a brick house, substantial barns and outbuildings, that he had one of the best farms in the township. He devoted his time to general farming and stock raising. Like his father he was a stanch Liberal, and for many years he was a justice of the peace. He was a lieutenant in the militia, and was a volunteer in the rebellion of 1837-38, being stationed at Sandwich and Amherstburg. He was a communicant of the Church of England. John Lamarsh married Jane Gibson, a native of Northumberlandshire, England, who is still living on the homestead, and to this union were born fourteen children: Joshua, of Detroit, Michigan; Robert, who died in infancy; Mary Ann; James, of Romney township, County of Kent; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Edward, a resident of Romney township; John, a prominent man of Romney township; Oliver and Arthur, both also of Romney township; Peter; Lucy, who married John J. White, a manufacturer of Wheatley; Helene, widow of Oliver Hillman; a daughter that died in infancy unnamed; and Joseph, residing on the homestead. John Lamarsh (2) died in September, 1899, aged seventy-eight years, and was buried in the cemetery at Wheatley.

PETER LAMARSH was born on his father's farm near Wheatley, Nov. 25, 1859, and remained at home with his parents, attending the public schools. When his father retired from farming he gave to Peter the north half of the farm, a tract of forty-seven acres, on which the latter built a house and good barns. There he has made his home, engaging most successfully in general farming and stock raising. He was the first importer of Duroc Jersey swine, which he bought at Philadelphia in 1889, and exhibited at the Toronto fair in 1891. Since then he has raised them in large numbers, shipping them all over the Dominion, as far east as Nova Scotia, and in the States to Rhode Island and elsewhere in New England. All his stock is thoroughbred, and he has made a careful study of all things pertaining to their successful and scientific care.

Like all his family Peter Lamarsh has always been a stanch Liberal, and he has been, since casting his first vote, an earnest worker in his party. He was appointed by the government Inspector of Fisheries for the district comprising the Counties of Kent, Essex, Lambton and Elgin, an office he has filled to the credit of himself and to the very great satisfaction of the public. In 1901 he was elected to the county council for Mersea township and Leamington, district No. 4, and he was re-elected in 1903, a fact which attests well to his faithful care of the interests of his constituents. He is domestic in his tastes, and devoted to his home and family. His character is upright, and he receives the merited esteem of all classes of people.

In Mersea township, in September, 1884, Peter Lamarsh wedded Adelaid Lounsbury, daughter of Ephraim and Emma J. (Cooper) Lounsbury, of Romney township, County of Kent. She is an active worker in the Methodist Church, and, while he is not a member of any denomination, Mr. Lamarsh ably and liberally seconds his good wife in all her church work. Six children have come to them, namely: Edgar, Herbert, Wiona, John, Evaline and Hume.

WILLIAM H. PIERCE, who carries on general farming in Zone township, County of Kent, has resided in that township all his life, having been born there May 27, 1861.

Lorum L. Pierce, his father, was born April 20, 1833, in Southold, Ontario, son of Samuel and Susan Pierce, of Southold, Canada, who brought their family to the County of Kent in

1852 and located in Zone township. This family took up 500 acres in all in that section. Samuel and Susan Pierce had three children: Alvira married Henry Fortner, a farmer, now retired, and is still living, at the advanced age of eighty years, in the County of Middlesex; Wells, who came to the County of Kent with his parents, is deceased; Lorum L. is the father of William H.

Lorum L. Pierce came with his parents to the County of Kent in April, 1852, and, taking up 100 acres of land in what was then a wilderness, made a permanent home thereon, living there to the present day. He made a clearing for a log cabin, and at once commenced clearing the land, which he put under cultivation as rapidly as possible, succeeding well as a farmer. He is now retired from active labor, enjoying in his old age the fruits of early toil, and the respect that a life of industry and thrift always commands. He was married in the County of Middlesex to Sarah R. Willie, a native of the County of York, born Oct. 10, 1847, whose parents, Robert and Mary Willie, were natives of England; her mother was educated in France. Mr. and Mrs. Willie settled in the County of York on their emigration to Canada, and there he engaged in farming until his death. He became quite prominent in his section. Their children were as follows: Edward is a retired farmer of McGillivray, Ontario; William is deceased; Louisa, deceased, was the wife of Edward Seram; Anna, who now resides in the County of Middlesex, Ontario, has been twice married, first to S. Mathers, a farmer, and subsequently to Mr. Smithers; Sarah R. is the mother of William H. Pierce; Mary, of Komoka, Ontario, has been twice married, first to T. Robins.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have come five children: Esther S. is the wife of H. Stephen Mathews, a farmer and blacksmith of Zone township; William H. is mentioned later on; Lavinia married Henry Beaton, a railroad man of Highgate; Manor L. and Leslie are both unmarried, and live with their parents on the old homestead. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. Pierce unite with the Baptist Church.

William H. Pierce was born on his father's farm in Zone township, received his education in the common schools of the vicinity, and was reared to farming on the home place. He remained there, assisting his father, up to the age of twenty-five, after which he worked among neighboring farmers for a few years before commencing on his own account. He kept "bachelor's hall" for one year before his marriage. Mr. Pierce began farming for himself on a tract in Lot 10, 2d Concession, Zone township, thence in 1889 removing to his present place of fifty acres in Lot 15, 3d Concession, where he has remained continuously to the present time. He has combined the old-fashioned virtues of thrift and industry with up-to-date methods and twentieth century enterprise, and the appearance of his place speaks for the wisdom of the course he has adopted. He holds a high place among the farmers of his locality.

On Nov. 27, 1889, in the County of Lambton, Mr. Pierce married Miss Margaret McGregor, who was born June 19, 1863, on a farm in that county adjoining their present place, it being on the line of Kent and Lambton. She is a daughter of James and Lydia (Outhouse) McGregor, who are mentioned elsewhere. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Clifford E., Frederick V. (deceased), Lydia V. and Edgar N. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce hold membership in the Baptist Church. In politics he takes an independent stand, supporting such men and measures as he deems most worthy.

JAMES McGREGOR, a retired farmer of Euphemia township, in the County of Lambton, whose place is located on the line dividing Lambton and Kent, has been a resident of that county for over seventy years, having come here with his parents in childhood. He was born Aug. 14, 1826, in Perthshire, Scotland, son of Donald and Margaret (McGregor) McGregor, and grandson of Duncan McGregor, all natives of Perthshire. The grandfather came to Canada in 1854, and here passed his remaining days.

Donald McGregor came to America with his family in 1831, and, settling in the County of Lambton, Ontario, took up 100 acres of land, devoting the remainder of his life to its cultivation and improvement. There he passed away Aug. 14, 1866, at the advanced age of eighty years, and his wife followed him to the grave in March, 1874, at the age of seventy-five; they were buried in Butler's cemetery. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of seven chil-

dren, namely: Duncan and Gregor, both deceased; James; Daniel, who is a farmer of Michigan; Robert, who is a resident of Chicago, Illinois, engaged with a railway company; John, who resides in Michigan; and Janet, deceased.

James McGregor came to Canada with his parents when five years of age, and has lived in the County of Lambton ever since. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, after which he worked for other farmers for some time before purchasing his present place. He spent one year in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he learned the trade of brickmaking. When he purchased his present place, comprising 100 acres, it was all a wilderness, but by hard and persistent work he succeeded in bringing it to a profitable state of cultivation, and it is a credit alike to the owner and to the section in which it lies. Of late years he has given up active labor, and now lives retired, enjoying the results of his industry, his son Frank at present having charge of the farming. Mr. McGregor has made many substantial improvements on his place, and in 1874 erected a fine brick residence, the brick for which he made himself.

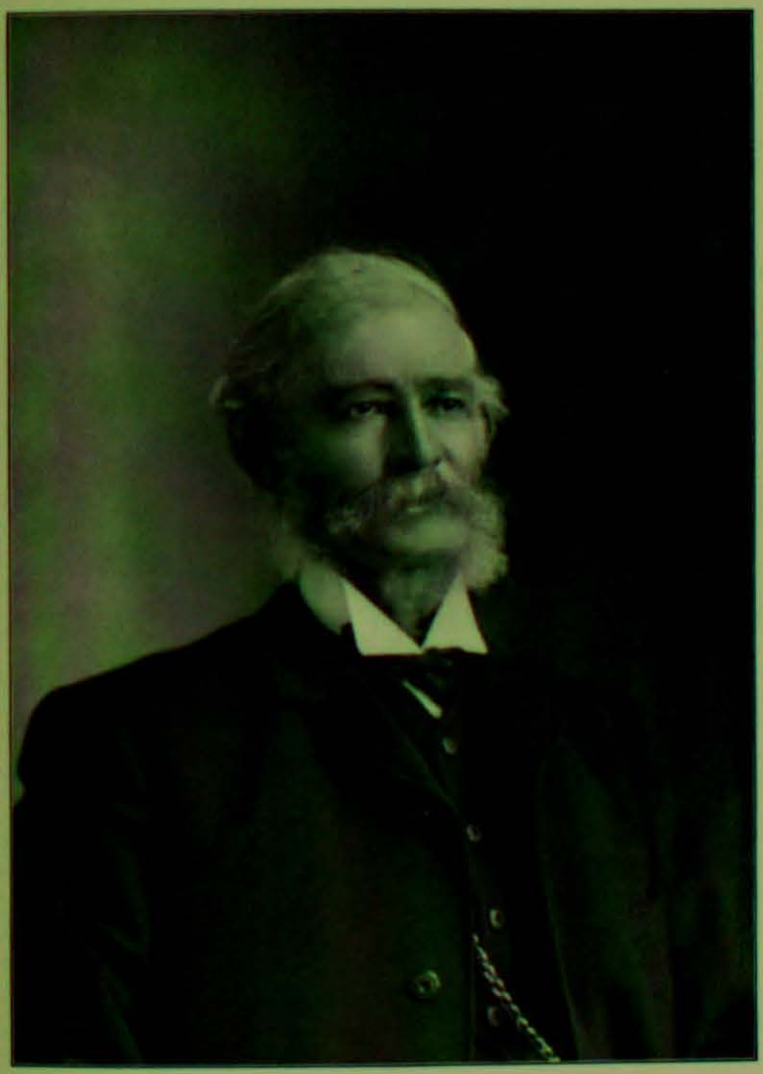
On July 4, 1862, in Detroit, Michigan, Mr. McGregor was united in marriage with Lydia Outhouse, who was born Sept. 10, 1841, in Zone township, County of Kent, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Outhouse, who were early settlers in that township, coming from Nova Scotia. Mr. Outhouse took up 100 acres of land, on which they made a permanent home, and there he died May 25, 1877, at the age of seventy-two years. He was married in Lower Canada to Elizabeth McDermont, who survived him, dying in December, 1885, at the age of seventy-four. Both are buried in the cemetery at Bothwell. Mr. and Mrs. Outhouse had a family of nine children: Johiah, a farmer of Zone township; Prudence, widow of Alexander Bourne, of Windsor, Ont.; Hannah, deceased; Lydia, Mrs. McGregor; Frederick, a miner of California; Susan, widow of John McGregor, of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Elizabeth and Harriet, twins, the former of whom is a trained nurse in Chicago, Illinois, the latter the wife of Alexander Catto, of Detroit, Michigan; and Georgina, who married Charles Webb, of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. McGregor have had children as follows: Margaret, who is the wife of William H. Pierce, of Zone township; Malcolm, a farmer of Dover township, County of Kent, who married Susie Stacy; Wellington, an engineer, of Chatham, Ont.; Frank, who lives with his parents and carries on the home farm; Frederick R., who died young; Alexander, who is engaged in farming in Zone township; Nellie, of Cleveland, Ohio, a trained nurse; and Louisa, who died in infancy.

The parents of this family are not connected with any church, but contribute to the support of all, especially the Methodist Church, which they attend. Mr. McGregor is a Reformer in political faith. He is a prominent man in his community, and has considerable influence in his section, which he uses for the advancement of everything which will contribute to the welfare of his township and county.

JONATHAN McCULLY, M. D., who combines with his professional duties the occupation of farmer and fruit grower, is one of the busiest men in Harwich township, County of Kent. He comes of a highly esteemed family, and his own sterling characteristics have won for him personally the respect his attainments and natural ability won for him professionally. Dr. McCully was born in Howard township, near Ridgetown, Ont., Nov. 29, 1834, son of Samuel and Sarah (Bennett) McCully.

Samuel McCully was born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, son of Rev. Samuel and Hannah (Pipes) McCully, who were natives of Nova Scotia, of Irish and English extraction, respectively. The former was a Baptist clergyman and shipbuilder. In Nova Scotia Samuel McCully married Sarah Bennett, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, daughter of William Bennett, who held a government position there. She was a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1833 the young couple located in the County of Kent, Ont., finding a home first in Harwich township. They spent one winter near Rushton's Corners, and then went to Howard township, where they secured land and remained. In about 1835 Mr. McCully walked from about three miles out of Ridgetown, Ont., to Sandwich, a distance of seventy miles, on the blazed path along the shore, to record his deed of 100 acres of land. This walk was all made in a day, as another party was about to record a



JONATHAN McCULLY, M. D.

claim over his head. Mr. McCully carried food with him and ate as he walked. He became one of the prominent and progressive men of his town, and was keenly interested in public affairs. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 he was an ardent sympathizer of William Lyon Mackenzie. For a few years he was township clerk, and for some time prior to and until his death he was magistrate. He supported such noted Liberals as Mr. Harrison, Hon. Malcolm Campbell, Hon. George Brown, Hon. Archibald McKellar, Hon. David Mills and Mr. Robert Ferguson. He formed the first agricultural society in Howard township. His death occurred in 1879, when he was aged seventy-three, and his remains lie buried in the Newcomb burying-ground in Harwich township. Mrs. Sarah (Bennett) McCully, though born in February, 1808, is hale and hearty, and while she resides with her son, Dr. Jonathan, during the summers, she goes back to the old farm for the winters. She is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and during her girlhood in Nova Scotia was a Sunday-school teacher of the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, attending church under the latter's father, Dr. Tupper, a well-known divine. To Samuel and Sarah (Bennett) McCully were born four children: Dr. Jonathan; Hannah, who married Charles Eastlake, now living in retirement in Kingsville, Ont.; Margaret, who married Louis J. Rowe, a retired farmer of Harwich township; and Dr. Samuel, who graduated from Victoria College, and is now a successful practicing physician of Kansas City, Missouri.

Jonathan McCully remained on the farm with his parents until 1864, when he went to Toronto and began his professional studies with his brother. He then entered Rolfe's College of Medicine, and in 1867 received his degree from the Victoria University. Returning home he engaged in the active practice of his profession, and for two years met with a success that would have turned the head of a less well balanced young physician. His early years on the farm had fostered in him a natural love of nature, and during his years of study it was his keenest delight to get out into the county, so after two years of practice he turned his back on the success he had won, and, going to Cedar Springs, Ont., in 1872, he purchased eighty acres of his present fine place, then known as the "Jeff Terrill" farm. Since then the cultivation of this farm has been his work, his profession, with which he still keeps fully abreast, and which he also practices, holding a secondary place in his affections. In 1902 he purchased an adjoining farm, so that now he owns 113 acres of most highly productive land. Fifty acres are devoted to fruits of different sorts. The Doctor exercises the greatest and most scientific care in the cultivation of his fruit, and the results are all that could be expected from the finest varieties grown in fertile soil.

In spite of the many duties Dr. McCully has found and made his own, he has been active in public affairs. In politics he belongs to the Liberal party. For three terms he was reeve of Harwich township, and was a member of the town council for many years. He has also acted as medical health officer for the port of Rond Eau, for the Dominion government. His religious connection is with the Baptist Church. Of strict morality and unwavering integrity, Dr. McCully has the merited regard of all who know him. His disposition is genial and social, and his study and wide reading have given him a fund of knowledge which, together with his natural humor, makes his conversation interesting and entertaining.

In November, 1868, in Palmyra, Ont., Dr. McCully married Elizabeth Mills, sister of Hon. David Mills. She was born in Orford township, County of Kent, and died in September, 1875, aged thirty-five. Her remains rest in the family burying-ground at Palmyra. This union was blessed with two children: Samuel B. is an attorney, and a graduate of Trinity University, of Toronto; like his father he has made his profession secondary to his love of the farm and fruit culture, and they carry on business together, under the firm name of Dr. McCully & Son. Mary J. is a successful and popular school teacher. In 1891 Dr. McCully married, in Harwich township, Anna Campbell, who was born in Harwich township, daughter of Dougall Campbell.

Dougall Campbell was born in 1816 in Scotland, son of Peter and Nancy (McCarter) Campbell, also natives of that country, who came to Canada with their family. In 1830 they located in Harwich township, County of Kent, where they took up land, and later took

up land in Howard township, Mr. Campbell engaging in farming to the end of his days. He became quite prominent in his new home. Dougall Campbell was reared to farming and followed that vocation all his life. In Howard township he married Mary Campbell, who like himself was a native of Scotland, born in 1818. She, too, was about fourteen years of age when she came to the County of Kent with her parents, Malcolm (a relative of the Duke of Argyll, Scotland) and Isabel (Smith) Campbell, who located in Howard township in 1832. Dougall and Mary (Campbell) Campbell had children as follows: Peter, Isabel, Catherine, Anna (Mrs. Jonathan McCully), Maggie, Malcolm (who married and had four children), Alexander, Neil, and Douglas (formerly a successful school teacher, who is married and living on the old homestead). The father of this family died in 1868, but the mother survived until 1897, reaching the advanced age of seventy-nine years. They are buried in the Newcomb cemetery in Harwich township. In religion they held to the faith of the Disciple Church.

THOMAS BRADY, one of the leading citizens of Chatham, and one of the largest farmers in all of Ontario, is a man of prominence in the community in which he makes his home. He owes his origin to the Emerald Isle, which has given to this Province some of its most brilliant men. James Brady, father of Thomas, was born in Ireland, in 1806, as was his wife, whose maiden name was Jeanne Murphy. Mr. Brady came to the United States about 1823, and thence in 1837 to Canada, locating at St. Thomas, where he remained until his death, in 1841, engaging in farming. Of his four sons and three daughters, Thomas, the youngest, is the only one now living.

Thomas Brady was born in June, 1837, on the homestead near St. Thomas, where he remained until four years old. Acquiring the habits of industry and thrift which have largely contributed toward his success in life, in his younger days he was a carpenter, following that trade until 1861. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war in the United States he engaged successfully in supplying horses for the government, and continued in that business until the close of the struggle, in 1865, coming out of the venture with large profits. Following this he engaged in handling live stock, but as he was obliged to let others place a price upon his product when it was brought to market he decided to invest in land, and now owns more than 1,600 acres in the County of Kent, all in fine condition, on which he raises stock of so high a quality that he is able to make his own prices. He deals quite extensively in horses and cattle. Understanding his business fully, he is enabled to take advantage of every opportunity offered, and his dealings cover a large field of operation, his stock being recognized as of a superior quality, while his methods are such as to inspire the fullest confidence and respect.

Mr. Brady was twice married, his first wife, to whom he was married in 1864, being Charlotte Burns, of St. Thomas, who died about six years later, and by whom he had three children, only one now living, Charlotte, in Detroit. In 1874 Mr. Brady was united in marriage to an Irish-Canadian lady, who was born at St. Thomas, Ont., in May, 1844, daughter of Charles and Alice (Fitzgibbons) Colquhoun. Mr. and Mrs. Brady have four children: Thomas F., M. D., of Detroit College of Medicine, also of New York, London and Vienna; Alice M., a graduate of the convent of the Holy Names, Sarnia; Lillian E., a student in Sarnia Convent, class of 1904; and Joseph J., member of the class of 1902, Assumption College, Sandwich. Mr. and Mrs. Brady have a lovely home, Richmond Place, Chatham, where they dispense a free-handed hospitality, making welcome their many friends and all who visit them. Religiously they are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. The political opinions of Mr. Brady are such as to make him a strong supporter of the principles of the Reform party. During the many years he has made his home in Chatham he has identified himself with the best interests of the city, and is justly regarded as one of the leading business men and public-spirited citizens.

JOHN CAMPBELL has passed all his life on the farm in Howard township which he is now cultivating, having been born there in August, 1856. He is a son of Donald and Margaret Campbell, and a grandson of Angus and Katie Campbell, who came to Canada from their native country, Scotland, in a very early day. Five sons and one daughter accom-

panied them to the New World, and the family settled in Howard township, County of Kent, Ont., their first location being on Lot 13, Concession 10, where they began in the woods like the other pioneers. The children were Duncan, Archie, Donald, James (who now lives out in the Northwest), Robert and Flora, the last named the wife of John Beaton.

Donald Campbell, father of John, was born in Scotland in 1816, and grew to manhood in the County of Kent, Ont., where he engaged in farming all his life. He purchased the present home of his son John from the Canadian Company, and was the first settler on the place, which he was obliged to clear for cultivation. After improving the land he made many other substantial improvements on the place in the way of barns and outbuildings, and a large brick house was also put up on the place during his time. He and his wife lived here from the time of their marriage until they passed away, in 1898. Mrs. Campbell was born in Scotland in 1828. This worthy couple reared a large family, as follows: Katherine, born in 1850, is the wife of James Stoliker, of Howard, and has two sons, Donald and James; her daughter, Katie, is deceased. Angus, born in 1852, married Ceretha Teetzel, of Highgate, County of Kent, and they now reside in Ridgetown; they have three children, Katie M., Donald R. and Margaret Edna. Mary, born at the old home in Howard, which was the birthplace of all the family, died when sixteen years old. John, born in August, 1856, is mentioned below. Flora, born in 1858, is the wife of George Clark, and has one son, Percie Leverne; they reside on the 8th Concession. Maggie A., born in 1860, is the wife of George Anderson, and they reside on his farm in Howard township; they have no family. Peter, born in 1862, married Miss Annie Knapp, of Orford, and they have two sons, Gordon D. and Peter J.; they reside on the homestead of his uncle, Robert Campbell. Donald, born in 1864, died when a young man. Betty, born in 1867, died in young womanhood.

John Campbell was reared to manhood on the old home place, and during his boyhood attended the local schools, receiving a practical education. He and his brother Peter took the management of the home farm for some years prior to the father's death, after which John Campbell purchased the property, he and Peter continuing to work together until the latter purchased the home he now owns. John Campbell's property is located in Lot 10, Concession 7. He has continued to improve the place, having erected a new barn since it came into his possession, and is profitably engaged in general farming, for which work he is well fitted by lifelong training as well as inclination.

In 1895 Mr. Campbell married Miss Maggie A. Campbell, who was born in 1876 in Orford township, this county, daughter of John L. and Annie (Summerville) Campbell, and comes of an old family of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have passed all their married life on the homestead. Five daughters have been born to their union, viz.: Margaret, in 1896; Annie J., in 1897; Grace, in 1899; Ada, in 1900; and Irene L., Feb. 23, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell take an active part in the religious life and work of their community as members of the Baptist Church, in which faith they are rearing their family. The men of the Campbell family have always been ardent adherents of the Reform party. John Campbell has for the past two years been pathmaster in Howard, his father holding that position for several years. They have proved efficient in that incumbency, as in the management of their private affairs, and the family is one well deserving the high opinion its members enjoy in the community.

JOHN RICHARDSON, who departed this life at his home in Chatham in 1896, was descended from Scotch ancestors, and was born in Kingston, Ont., in November, 1836, son of Thomas and Eliza Richardson.

Thomas Richardson and his wife were born in Scotland, and were married in Westminster Abbey. After their marriage they emigrated to Ontario, settling in Kingston, but later went to Detroit, Michigan, and still later made their home in Chatham, where Thomas engaged in contracting and building until his death, in about 1850. Five children were born to him and his wife: John, William, George, Mary and Thomas, of whom William and Thomas now reside in Chatham; George is deceased; and Mary is the wife of Robert McCorquodale, of Michigan.

When still a boy John Richardson was brought by his parents to Chatham, where he grew to manhood and received his literary edu-

cation. At the age of eighteen he went to Michigan, prospecting in the mines, but later returned to Chatham. After four years, however, he returned to Michigan and resumed his mining operations. On Oct. 17, 1865, he was married to Miss Margaret Houston, and after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Richardson made their home in Michigan, where he was successfully engaged in mining. On account of the better school advantages offered in Chatham Mrs. Richardson returned to that city, where she was joined by her husband in 1893, his health having failed, and his death occurred at their old home. In addition to his mining interests in Michigan Mr. Richardson also was interested in gold mines in Colorado, near Boulder City.

Four sons and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson: William, deceased; Jennie; Bertha; John, deceased; and Walter and Walton, twins, deceased. Mrs. Richardson and her two daughters reside on the old home, which has been in the family for over half a century. They are consistent members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Richardson died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he had long been a member. In politics he was a prominent member of the Reform party. During his useful life Mr. Richardson was a hard-working man, and accumulated a comfortable property for his dearly beloved family. Mrs. Richardson and her daughters are prominent factors in the social life of Chatham and enjoy in the highest degree the esteem and friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.

ROBERT A. SPENCE is successfully engaged in general farming on Lot 21, 9th Concession, in Orford township, County of Kent, owning and cultivating a fine farm of 150 acres, and has an excellent brick dwelling upon it which was erected in 1882. He was born on his present farm Jan. 25, 1869, a son of Peter and Jessie (Purvis) Spence, of Berwickshire, Scotland, where they were married. They came to the County of Kent in 1859, locating in Orford township, where they took up 100 acres on which they remained a few years, and then settled on the present farm of their son Robert A. By occupation the father was a blacksmith, and he followed his trade for some five years after arriving in the county of Kent, then devoting his attention to farming until the spring of 1903, when he retired to Rodney, Ont. He was born in September 1, 1830. Mrs. Jessie Spence died in 1879, aged thirty-nine years, and is buried in the Pursel cemetery. Peter Spence was married for his second wife, to Anna Turner, of Fingal, Ont. During his active life the father served in the township council for many years, and he always adhered to the principles of the Reform party. Both he and his first wife early connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church. The children of their union were: John, a farmer of Manitoba; James, a farmer of the County of Elgin; Peter, a farmer of Manitoba; and Robert A.

In March, 1903, in Aldborough, County of Elgin, Ont., Robert A. Spence married Sarah Leitch, who was born in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, in 1882, daughter of Archibald and Amelia Leitch, of Aldborough.

Mr. Spence has remained upon the farm all his life, and is now most justly regarded as one of the most practical and successful young farmers of his neighborhood. Fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Maccabees. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but, his personal affairs occupying his time and attention, he has never aspired to office, though he was elected councillor in 1904. He has many warm, personal friends.

WALTER MILLS, a well known barrister of Ridgetown, Ont., was born in Orford township, County of Kent, March 3, 1862, a son of Hon. David and Mary J. (Brown) Mills. The Mills family is one of the prominent ones of Ridgetown.

Hon. David Mills was born in Orford township, County of Kent, May 18, 1831, a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Gugestry) Mills, the former of whom was born in Nova Scotia, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. In 1797 Nathaniel Mills, one of the very early pioneers, settled in Orford on a farm, and lived upon the same land until his death in 1860. His second wife died in 1862. His first marriage was to a Miss Patterson, who at death left three children: Jane and Mary, both deceased; and John, a resident of Chicago, who has one son, a barrister by profession and the postmaster of Ottawa. To his second marriage these children



David Mills



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were born: Rebecca (deceased) was the wife of Augustus Crane, of Orford; David became the father of Walter Mills; Daniel, born at Orford in 1833, settled on the old home farm, married Jane Adair, and had children—Nathan (a prominent man of London, Ont.), Hiram (deceased), Augustus (at the home farm) and Laura (who married E. Werner, of Rodney, Ont.); Elizabeth, born in Orford in 1836, married Dr. John McCauley, of Cedar Springs, County of Kent, and died leaving two children, Samuel (born in 1869, fitted for the law at Toronto University, but on account of ill health gave up the profession for farming) and Mary J. (born in 1872, a teacher in the public schools, and a lady of culture and education).

Hon. David Mills obtained his early education in the public schools, and, on attaining manhood, taught in the same schools from 1856 to 1864, in time becoming superintendent of same. In 1864 he entered the Ann Arbor, (Michigan) Law School, from which he graduated with honor in 1866. In 1869 he was elected to Parliament, and in 1876 he was made a Cabinet Minister, serving as the same under the Hon. Alexander McKenzie, for two years. In 1882 he was returned to Parliament, and again in 1886, serving until 1896, when he was appointed to the Senate. In 1897 he was made Minister of Justice, which high position he still fills. Mr. Mills is also Attorney General for the Dominion.

On Dec. 17, 1860, Hon. David Mills was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Brown, who was born in Chatham, in August, 1838. They remained on the old homestead until 1885, when they removed to London, Ont., where Mr. Mills purchased the handsome home in which the family reside. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mills are prominent members of the Baptist Church. Hon. David Mills has been a conspicuous figure in Canadian politics almost since his graduation from the Michigan Law School. He was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1883; in 1890 he was made Queen's Counsel. In 1872 he was employed by the Province to examine and define the northwestern boundary of the Province, and was one of the counsel on the argument before the Privy Council in England, in 1884. Since 1867 he has taken an active interest in public affairs, holding some of the highest and most honorable offices, and probably there is no man to-day, in Canadian public life, whose opinions on a wide range of questions, legal as well as political and social, are more favorably received than are those of this thorough statesman. Mr. Mills is well fitted by nature to take the exalted place he holds in the public eye. A man of dignity and fine presence, he possesses also the poise and self-command indicative of culture and refinement. For a number of years he practiced his profession in London, where he was also known in the literary world. As early as 1860 he published his work on "The Present and Future Political Aspects of Canada"; for a long period was editor of the London *Advertiser*, and a frequent contributor to the leading magazines. In spite of official duties and responsibilities, Mr. Mills found time to compile a most valuable book, published in 1900, entitled "English in Africa," a volume that deals exhaustively with the possessions of England on the Continent of Africa, but only with those acquisitions which have led to controversy with France, Germany, Portugal and the South African Republic. This work shows a thorough knowledge of the situation. Mr. Mills has always been a strong believer in British connection, and in the benefits derivable from British institutions wherever they are introduced, and this work sets all these advantages fairly before the public.

The seven children born to Hon. David Mills and his wife were: Walter, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, David, Edward B. and Alice Maud. Of this family, Mary, born at Orford, in September, 1863, died in young womanhood, at Ottawa, in 1880. Margaret, born in January, 1865, married Dr. J. W. Fraser, of London (son of the late Dr. John W. Fraser), now a practicing physician in Mapimi, Mexico, and they have three children, Margery, Helen and ———. Elizabeth, born in 1868, married Samuel Watts, of Chatham, and they now reside in El Paso, Mexico, where Mr. Watts is manager for an American manufacturing house; their children are Alice A., Felix J., David L., Mary and Daniel. David, born in 1869, was educated at the Ontario Law School, and is a barrister of Port Arthur, Ont.; he married Miss Pearl Telfer, of London, Ont. Edward B., born in July, 1872, married Miss Mary Armstrong, daughter of William Armstrong, of Howard township, and they reside on the old homestead. Alice Maud, born in February,

1876, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of London, and is a highly cultured young lady.

The early education of Walter Mills, the eldest son of Hon. David Mills, was acquired in the Orford schools, and later he became a student at St. Thomas College and the Woodstock high school. His first business efforts were in the printing office, the contributions from his able pen appearing in the papers in Woodstock, the *Review of Ontario*, and the Detroit *Tribune*, but later he resigned journalism to begin, in the fall of 1885, the serious study of law, in Osgood Hall, Toronto. After finishing his studies, he practiced his profession in the County of Northumberland until 1893, when he came to Ridgetown.

In September, 1888, Mr. Mills was married to Miss Isabella Ross, of Toronto, a daughter of William Ross, who came from Glasgow, where Mrs. Mills was born in October, 1871. She was educated in Toronto, and is a lady possessed of many graces. A family of four children came to this union, namely: David, deceased, born in 1889; Alice Mildred, in 1895; Mary, in 1897; Charles W. Ross, in 1899; and Elizabeth, in 1901.

Politically Mr. Mills has always been identified with the Liberal party, and has taken an active part in public matters in Ridgetown. He has been a member of the city council and of the board of the Collegiate Institute, while he has also invested in a large amount of property in this city and vicinity, which he has greatly improved. He is regarded as a close and careful expounder of the law, and as a man of more than usual intellectual power. In speech he is eloquent, in argument convincing. His ample library is his favorite retreat, and there he is surrounded by the best thought of the past and the present—this collection being one of the finest in the County of Kent. Mr. Mills has many well wishers in and outside of the profession, his courteous manners and pleasing personality and genuine good fellowship, winning him many friends on all sides.

JOHN L. HUGHSON, a general farmer in Camden township, County of Kent, came with his father when three years old to his present fine farm of eighty acres, Lot 5, Concession 7, in 1852. Mr. Hughson was born May 1, 1849, in Harwich township, on Lake Erie, a son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Hamlet) Hughson, the latter of whom makes her home with L. Hughson in Dresden.

Until 1852 Mr. Hughson remained on the family homestead farm. Since locating in Camden he has not only been successfully engaged in farming, but has become one of the leading men of his township. In May, 1904 he purchased 200 acres on the Thames, whither he removed, and he now owns over 400 acres of valuable land.

For the past three years he has served as township councillor, in which position he has been of the greatest service to his fellow-citizens. Mr. Hughson is a man of large means, and is identified with all the public-spirited and progressive movements in his locality.

In September, 1872, Mr. Hughson married Mary Northcott, a daughter of John and Harriet (Williams) Northcott. John Northcott is now a highly respected retired farmer of Dresden, where he settled in 1898, removing from Camden Gore. He was born in April, 1830, in Devonshire, England, a son of Louis and Mary (White) Northcott, natives of England and farming people. They had these children born to them: William, who died in London where he was a police officer; Thomas, who was in the British army, and died in China; and John, the father of Mrs. Hughson. In England, in 1853, John Northcott married Harriet Williams and the children of this union were: John J., a farmer of Camden Gore; Mary A., wife of Mr. Hughson; Eliza, wife of Henry Huff, a farmer of Camden township; Charles, a farmer of Camden township; Sidney, farming on the old homestead; Eva, wife of James Moore, of Detroit, Michigan; and Frances, wife of Richard Hughson, a farmer of Camden township.

Mrs. Northcott was born Dec. 25, 1831, in Devonshire, England, a daughter of James and Frances (Skelly) Williams, of England, whose other children were: John, who died in England; Mary, who married Richard Northy, and died in England; James, who died at Chatham, Ont.; Henry, who died at Detroit, Michigan; Eliza, who died in England, wife of William Martin; Robert, a retired farmer at Florence, Ont.; Charles, who died at Chatham, Ont.; and William, who died at Chatham.

John Northcott remained with his parents until the age of seven years, and then resided with an uncle on his farm for two years. At

the age of nine years he entered an ore mine at Cooper, but after a year at this hard work, returned to his uncle, with whom he remained until 1857, when he came to County of Kent. Here he worked with the farmers for a few years, and then on shares for some years, and in 1871 he bought a farm of 100 acres in Camden Gore, remaining until he came to Dresden, where he still resides. In politics he is a Conservative. Both he and wife belong to the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughson have had two daughters, and four sons, both the former married and settled on neighboring farms in Camden township, namely: Bertha, wife of Joseph Richards; Mary E., wife of William H. Hopper; William, on the homestead; Albert and Earl, at home, and Roy, who died in 1900. The family attend and liberally support the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Hughson affiliates with the Government party, and fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the I. O. Foresters.

EDGAR LAWRENCE MOORE, a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, was born in Moulton township, County of Haldimand, Ont., April 20, 1872, and is a son of Lawrence and Cecilia M. (Southworth) Moore.

Lawrence Moore is a retired farmer of Orford township, residing with his son on a fine, well-improved farm of 100 acres, situated on Lot 3, Concession 15, to which property he came from the County of Lambton in April, 1895. Mr. Moore was born Sept. 6, 1826, in the County of Welland, Ont., a son of David and Elizabeth (Hendershott) Moore, the former of New Jersey, and the latter of Pelham, County of Welland. The parents of David Moore came to Canada from New Jersey when he was seven years of age, settled in the County of Welland, and died there. David Moore became a prominent and wealthy farmer, and died in County Welland April 19, 1880, aged eighty-one years, his widow dying April 9, 1881, aged eighty-two years. They were members of the Disciples Church. The following children were born to them: Daniel, now deceased; William H.; Peter, who died in Michigan in 1903; John, deceased; Lawrence; Hezekiah, deceased; Anna, wife of Peter Hainer, of Clinton, Michigan; David J., of Idaho; Henry, a farmer of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; Jacob H., a farmer of the County of Welland, Ont.; and Margaret, wife of James Thompson, of St. Johns, Michigan.

On Sept. 6, 1854, Lawrence Moore married (first) Ruth Inman, who was born in the County of Haldimand, a daughter of Peter and Sarah (Marsden) Inman, of England, and died in 1866. Three children were born to this union, namely: Sarah, wife of Alfred Allison, of Pincher Creek, Alberta; Peter, of British Columbia; and David W., of the "Soo." On Oct. 15, 1867, Mr. Moore married (second) Cecilia M. Southworth, who was born Sept. 3, 1831, in Grimsby township, County of Lincoln, daughter of Joseph and Naomi (Doan) Southworth, of Vermont and Canada, respectively. Mr. Southworth was a farmer and shoemaker. In 1827 he located in Grimsby township, where he died in April, 1837, aged thirty-six years, while Mrs. Southworth survived until March 9, 1884, reaching the age of eighty-three years. They were members of the Society of Friends. Their children were: Adelia, deceased, wife of Adam Kilman; Cecilia M., Mrs. Moore; Phoebe, who died in infancy; and Lyman G., a farmer of Pincher Creek, Alberta. The children born to Mr. Moore's second marriage were: Alice M., who married Joshua Albright, a farmer of Orford township; and Edgar L., with whom he resides.

Until he attained his majority Lawrence Moore remained with his parents, farming and learning the carpenter's trade. After his marriage he settled on a farm in the County of Haldimand, where he continued until 1872, when he came to the County of Kent and located in Harwich township until 1879, removing then to Blenheim, Ont. For a time he lived retired from activity, and then removed to Dresden, where he remained a few years, finally trading for a farm in Euphemia township, County of Lambton, which he occupied until 1895; since then he has been retired from active farming. He was mainly engaged in farming, but upon various occasions has given some attention to public affairs, holding minor township offices. In politics he is identified with the Reform party. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Templars. In religion he is a member of the Disciples Church.

Edgar Lawrence Moore has been identified with all the leading affairs of Orford township

since he moved here. A man of progressive ideas and substantial character, he soon impressed himself upon the community, was chosen as school secretary and trustee, and appointed a justice of the peace. He has most capably filled all the positions to which he has been called, and is justly considered a representative man, as he is also a successful farmer. Like his father he supports the Reform party.

On Oct. 3, 1894, Mr. Moore married, in Euphemia township, County of Lambton, Miss Barbara Albright, who was born Nov. 3, 1870, in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, daughter of Isaiah and Barbara (Wismer) Albright, natives of the County of Lincoln, Ont. Mr. Albright, who was a farmer, lived two years in the County of Kent, removing then to the County of Elgin, where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had five children, namely: Glenn R., who died in 1900, aged three years; Douglas F.; Orpha C.; Laurance F., her grandfather's namesake and pet, and A. Irene M., born July 5, 1904. The religious connection of the family is with the Methodist Church.

HUGH ALLEN STONEHOUSE, the largest first-class general merchant in Wallaceburg, and a man who stands high in the community, was born in Sombra township, County Lambton, Jan. 6, 1873, a son of Robert and Catherine (Gilchrist) Stonehouse, formerly of County Middlesex.

Robert Stonehouse was born in 1830. In 1855 he and his wife moved to Sombra township, where they were engaged in farming for a time. In 1880 they located in Wallaceburg, and he engaged in the mercantile business there, operating a general store until shortly after the death of his wife, when his two sons succeeded him, and he retired. The wife and mother died in 1896, aged fifty-six years, and was interred in the Wallaceburg cemetery. She was firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, to which the father still belongs. To Robert and Catherine Stonehouse were born the following children: William G., a farmer on the old homestead; Etta, who married A. A. Raven, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Minnie, who married J. R. Fernald, an orange grower of Orange, California; Anna, who resides with her brother Hugh Allen; Wesley, in partnership with our subject; and Hugh Allen.

On Nov. 12, 1892, in Wallaceburg, Mr. Hugh A. Stonehouse was married to Maggie McDougall, and the children born of this union are: Calvert S., Melvin R. and Chamberlin H. Mrs. Stonehouse, who was born in Wallaceburg, is a daughter of Malcolm and Fanny (Gross) McDougall, natives of the County of Kent. Mrs. McDougall died in January, 1903, aged sixty-two years, survived by her husband, who still resides in Wallaceburg.

Until he was seven years of age Hugh A. Stonehouse was reared upon the farm, but at that time he was taken to Wallaceburg, where he was educated. In 1887 he entered the business world by becoming a clerk for D. C. MacDonald, Division Court clerk, but after two years he became bookkeeper for Wilson & Crawford, lumber dealers, with whom he remained for a like period. He then became connected in business with his father, and so continued until he and Wesley took charge of the establishment. The business, as continued by the brothers, is a very large one. They have recently, on the northwest corner of Wallace and McDougall streets, erected a fine two-story brick block, iron front, which covers 8,200 square feet of ground, and the concern this is occupied by is conducted under the name of Stonehouse, Munro, Zavitz Co., Limited, which handles hardware, groceries, crockery, glassware, trunks, valises, etc. The two brothers own and operate the dry-goods store, which is located on the opposite (southeast) corner of Wallace and McDougall streets, which is the site of their first store. Employment is given to fourteen clerks, and the most courteous treatment is accorded every one. Their patronage is steadily increasing and they control one of the largest businesses in the county.

In politics Mr. Stonehouse is a Conservative. He has been deputy reeve, serving one term in 1899, and was town councillor during 1888, 1890, 1900, 1901 and 1903. For the past two years he has been president of the Board of Trade, and he is also a large stockholder in a canning factory. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Foresters and the Masonic Order. Both he and Mrs. Stonehouse attend the Baptist Church, and are very highly regarded in that organization. Energetic, thrifty, a good business man and excellent manager, Mr. Stonehouse has been able to place his financial standing in the commercial world very high, and gain the respect and confidence of all who know him.

JAMES C. CORMODE, who after years of steady work at the trade of carpenter, became a general farmer in Chatham township, now residing on Lot 5, 4th Concession, where he owns a fine farm of 100 acres, located upon it in 1870, at that time but seventeen acres were cleared, and he paid $4,400 for the entire farm. At present he has the entire property cleared and brought into so excellent a state of cultivation that it is one of the most productive farms in County Kent.

James C. Cormode was born on the Isle of Man, Nov. 30, 1837, son of John and Ann (Maxwell) Cormode, also of the Isle of Man, where the father (a farmer by occupation) died in 1888, aged eighty-four years, and the mother in 1860, aged fifty-seven years. The children born to these parents were as follows: Anna, who died at the age of eighteen years; John, a farmer of the Isle of Man on the old homestead; Thomas, a millwright on the Isle of Man; William, who died in infancy; James C.; Hester, deceased, who married Robert Killip; Kittie, deceased, who married John J. Sayle; William, a carpenter of Bay City, Michigan, and Robert, deceased, of Liverpool, England. The paternal grandfather, William Cormode, was a farmer on the Isle of Man, where he spent his life on the family homestead. The Cormode family is one of the ten oldest families on the Isle of Man, and its representatives have been there for over three hundred years.

In February, 1864, in Chatham, Ont., James C. Cormode married Ann Paulucci, and these children have been born to the union: John P., a farmer, who married Anna Corlett, of Harwich township; James, deceased; Anna, deceased. Mrs. Cormode was born Feb. 20, 1835, in Northamptonshire, England, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Simpkin) Paulucci, who came to County Kent in 1847, locating in Chatham township, near Chatham, and took up 100 acres of land. The father died in 1869, aged seventy-four years, and the mother in 1859, aged sixty-seven years, and they are interred in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. Both were members of the Methodist Church, and very good and devout people. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Paulucci were: William, deceased; Eliza, deceased, who married Matthew Tomlinson; James, deceased; Isabella, who married William Oldershaw, of Chatham; Joseph, deceased, of Kenton, Ohio; Israel, deceased; Louis, deceased; George, a retired farmer of Dover township; Elizabeth, who married George Monk, a farmer of Chatham; and Ann, Mrs. Cormode. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Cormode were Peter P. and Ann B. Paulucci, of Italy, and the former when a boy ran away from home and went to England.

Until he was nineteen years of age Mr. Cormode remained with his parents, but at that time he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York, whence he went to Wisconsin, and then to Cleveland, Ohio. After nine months spent in the latter city, he removed to Chatham, Ont., arriving April 28, 1858. For about twenty years he worked at his trade of carpenter, and then located on his present farm, where he has one of the pleasantest and most comfortable homes in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Cormode attend the Methodist Church, and contribute liberally toward its support. In politics he is a Grit, and he always supports the candidates of his party. Mr. Cormode was but a boy when he located in Canada, but is now numbered among the leading farmers and substantial men of his locality, and the success which has attended his efforts is but the well-merited reward of years of hard work.

JOHN CARTWRIGHT (deceased), who for many years was one of the leading farmers and prominent men of Dover township, County Kent, was born Jan. 16, 1819, in Manchester, England, a son of Thomas Cartwright, and he died on his farm, Feb. 7, 1901, being buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. Thomas Cartwright remained in his native land all his life. His children were: Salina, Mary, Thomas, William and John, all of whom grew to maturity, married and are now deceased.

In April, 1855, Mr. John Cartwright married Miss Mary J. Asher, and the following family was born to them: Henry, a farmer of Chatham township; Mary, who married James Murphy, a merchant of Dover township; George William, unmarried and at home; Ellen, of Chatham, who married William Foy, of Chatham; Jane, who married George Kime, a farmer and fisherman, of Dover township; Cecelia, who married John Owen, a farmer of Dover township; Edith, who married Hugh Allen, a farmer of Dover township; Florence, married to Alexander Brown of Dover town-

ship; John, at home; Thomas, who married Edith M. Jackson, and is a farmer of Dover township; and Clara, who married Herbert Smith of Wallaceburg. Mrs. Cartwright was born in Dover township, April 7, 1836, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lynn) Asher, and sister of Thomas Asher, of Dover township.

John Cartwright emigrated to New York State, where he remained one year, but returned to County Kent, and worked among the farmers until a year after his marriage, when he took up the present homestead of 100 acres on 12th Concession, Lot 16, and made a clearing in the woods for a log cabin, which was the family home for many years. In politics Mr. Cartwright was a Conservative, and he served as school trustee. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and died in that faith. In his demise, Dover township lost a good citizen, and his family a devoted husband and father.

GEORGE W. CARTWRIGHT, is unmarried, and has always lived on the home farm, where he follows an agricultural life. Hard-working, economical, enterprising, he is justly regarded as one of the rising young farmers of the township, and is a man who is deeply interested in educational matters, favoring all measures to provide advantages for the young along educational lines. All of the family are highly respected, and the name of Cartwright is associated with some of the best interests of County Kent.

JONAS ROBINSON, a retired farmer and prosperous resident of Romney township, County Kent, Ont., is a son of one of the pioneer settlers of this locality, John Robinson, who was born in Weardale, County Durham, England, Feb. 10, 1794.

In 1817 John Robinson came to Canada, and for a time resided at Long Point, where he was employed by Col. Nichols, but he later walked from Long Point to Romney township, and picked out his land lot, so anxious was he, it being Lot 203, Talbot Road, after which he returned to Long Point and resumed his work. Soon thereafter, however, he returned to Romney and began to clear his property, first erecting a log cabin on the shore, in which he lived alone. Later he put up a more pretentious log house on the ridge, and there all his family were born. In 1847 he built the frame house now standing. His lot of 200 acres was practically cleared off during his lifetime, and he took a great pride in it. At one time he owned 1,020 acres in Romney. His death occurred Oct. 10, 1881, when he was eighty-seven years of age. For fifty years he was a local preacher and was one of the few whose united efforts built the first church in the township. It would be impossible to relate all of the hardships endured by this good man, but one will demonstrate how hard he worked to establish his home. For six weeks he had nothing whatever to eat but some hominy and salt!

On Nov. 23, 1824, John Robinson married Catherine Fox, who was born in Gosfield township, County Essex, June 8, 1803, a daughter of Jonas and Susan Fox, United Empire Loyalists who came to Gosfield from Pennsylvania. She died Sept. 21, 1875. Mr. Robinson was a Reformer in politics, frequently going to Chatham to cast his vote, and he was one of the leading men of his day and locality. To himself and wife were born these children: Mary, born June 19, 1826, is the wife of T. C. Renwick; Jonas, born July 3, 1828; Joseph, born June 11, 1830, resides at Wheatley; William, born Aug. 5, 1832; George, born April 26, 1835; Jane, born Jan. 24, 1838, deceased, married Thomas Heatherington; Lucinda, born Dec. 25, 1840, married Francis Wharram; John, born June 27, 1843, is on the homestead.

Jonas Robinson was reared upon the home farm where he was born, and he attended the public schools as he was growing to manhood. His only teacher was Thomas Renwick, but this gentleman thoroughly grounded the boy in the three Rs. At the age of twenty-three years he left home and located on the east half of Lot 199, a farm purchased by his father. About twenty-five or thirty acres of this farm were cleared along the lake and ridge, but the young man went to work, and now has it all under cultivation. His first house was a log one, but in 1900 he erected his present fine home of brick, fully supplied with all modern improvements. His life has been spent as a farmer and he has greatly prospered, owning fifty acres of the west quarter, Lot 198, in all 150 acres within the confines of the township.

When twenty-three years of age, Mr. Robinson married Elizabeth Heatherington, a

daughter of Peter Heatherington, one of the pioneers of County Kent. Mrs. Robinson died aged fifty-four years, the mother of two children: Henry, who lives with his father, married Harriet Askew, and they have one son, Albert Milton; Mary Jane, married J. J. Robertson, of Hamilton, Ont., and has three children, Bessie, John and David. In politics Mr. Robinson is a Reformer, and has served upon the township council several terms, has been reeve and a member of the county council. He is most highly respected throughout the county, and is recognized as an excellent specimen of the representative farmers of western Ontario.

CHARLES SHAW, one of the leading and prosperous farmers of Howard township, County Kent, residing on the 9th Concession, was born in Peterboro, north of Toronto, July 24, 1837, son of William and Ellen (Hagerty) Shaw.

Charles Shaw, grandfather of our subject, came from England to Port Hope, Canada, in 1822, but later removed to Tyrconnell, on the lake shore, and after a number of years' residence there, located in Howard township, settling on the 8th Concession, where his wife died. He then purchased land near Ridgetown, and there his death occurred. His children were: Robert, of Ridgetown; Charles, of Ridgetown, now deceased; David, deceased, of Ridgetown, who left two daughters, Anna (wife of Charles Hodge, of Florence, Canada), and Emily (now Mrs. James Page, of Michigan); William; Mary, deceased wife of Peter Wilson, who settled in Eastern Canada, and they had three children, Elizabeth (now the wife of a Mr. Beaty, of Florence, Canada), Alowadus (deceased), and Susannah (deceased); Lucy, who died unmarried.

William Shaw, son of Charles, was born in England in August, 1812, and his wife in Ireland, in 1814, both coming to the Dominion when young. After their marriage, they settled at Peterboro, where Mr. Shaw was engaged as a carpenter and builder for a number of years. In 1848, he located in Howard township, purchasing a tract of land in the woods, on the 8th Concession, building a log cabin and starting his life as a pioneer. He and his sons cleared the land, the farm consisting of 100 acres, and made it one of the finest in County Kent. It is now owned by Robert McDonald. While residing upon this farm, Mr. Shaw erected a good frame house and excellent buildings, including a comfortable barn, and there made his home until the death of his wife, in 1881, when he sold the property and located in Ridgetown, where he lived a retired life until his own death, which occurred in 1893. He was a member of the Church of England, while his wife was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Politically he was a stanch believer in the principles of the Conservative party. He and his excellent wife reared a family of five children: (1) Charles was the eldest. (2) Catherine, born in Peterboro, Ont., in 1839, married (first) Richard Willey, by whom she had six children, all deceased except Esther, wife of William Cameron, of Blenheim; she married (second) William Johnston, a farmer of Wallaceburg, County Kent, by whom she has no family. (3) Mary A., born in 1841, married Alexander Samper, of Chatham, and has three children, Willis, Isabella and Lizzie. (4) Esther, born in Tyrconnell, in 1842, married Daniel Watts, of Ridgetown. (5) William, born in Howard township, in 1848, married Emily Tice, of Rodney, Ont., and now resides in Detroit, where he works at his trade; he has one daughter, Lottie.

Charles Shaw grew to manhood in the old home in Howard township, receiving a district school education. He remained on the home farm until his marriage in 1877, when he was united to Miss Margaret Hyndman, of Brantford, Canada, daughter of John and Flora Hyndman, natives of Scotland, and among the early settlers of County Brant. Mrs. Shaw is the youngest of eight children, and was born at Brantford, Sept. 14, 1851, and is a lady of sweet, gentle disposition, possessed of an excellent education. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw settled on the homestead, which was the property of Mr. Shaw, and there lived for seven years, when he purchased the William Reeder farm on the 9th Concession of Howard. On this latter farm, Mr. Shaw erected a very commodious and comfortable house in 1898, remodeled the barn, made many other improvements, and now has one of the best properties in the county. While residing on the homestead farm, he built a house and barn, and made many general improvements there, he being very progressive, and keenly

alive to the advantages accruing from money judiciously invested in farm improvements. During the many years he worked as his father's manager, lifting the heavy burden from the older man's shoulders, he also very successfully followed his trade of carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are the parents of one daughter, Florence Nellie, born in Howard township, Nov. 19, 1878, and educated in the high schools of Howard. She is a young lady of charming manner, highly educated, and a great favorite among the young people of her locality. She is the light of the home and a very important factor in the social life of the township. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church and Miss Shaw has been a member of the choir for the past twelve years. Politically, Mr. Shaw has always been identified with the old Conservative party, and for several terms served most acceptably as trustee of schools. The Shaw family is one which is widely and favorably known throughout the county. where for so many years its representatives have played an important part in its development. They are all men of intelligence, hard-working and upright in character, and the success which has attended their efforts, either as agriculturists, business men, or financiers, has been but the just reward of their untiring zeal, directed intelligently along legitimate channels.

CHARLES McLAREN, an energetic business man of Highgate, Ont., residing on his fine farm in Orford township, County of Kent, is well known as a prosperous general farmer and bean and grain merchant. He was born in Howard township, County of Kent, Aug. 16, 1836, a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Risk) McLaren, of Lanarkshire, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively. William McLaren, grandfather of Charles, was a native of Scotland, and his wife, whose maiden name was Orr, was also born in that country.

The parents of Charles McLaren were married in Blantyre Parish, in Scotland, and came to the United States in 1825, locating in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where they remained one year. In 1826 they removed to the County of Elgin, Ont., where the father worked upon a farm for a year for Col. Talbot, and his next change was to Howard township, County of Kent, where he purchased from the Canadian Company 100 acres of wild land, which he cleared, and upon which he remained until his death, which occurred July 5, 1868, when he was seventy-six years of age. Mrs. McLaren died in March, 1878, aged eighty-three years, and they are buried in the Gosnell cemetery. Both died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church. Born to their union were: William, a retired farmer, who has 1,000 acres in Mapleton, North Dakota; Rachel, married to J. W. Mitton, of Ridgetown, Ont.; Catherine, who married James S. Mitton, now a retired farmer of Ridgetown; Elizabeth, wife of John Reycraft, a farmer of prominence in Orford, but now of Ridgetown (he was formerly a baker); and Charles.

On Feb. 11, 1859, in Orford township, Charles McLaren married Esther Reycraft, and the following children have been born to this union: Helen married David Nimock, a farmer of Gardner, North Dakota; Elizabeth, unmarried, is at home; William H., a veterinary surgeon of Orford, married Lillie McBean, and they have a family of four children, Irene, Laura, Russell and Helen Louise; Charles Leslie, who is with his father in Highgate, married Minnie Stone, and has one son, Charles Stone; James is a farmer and extensive cattle dealer of Orford township; Mary married Rev. S. R. McVittie, of Sparta, Ont., a Methodist minister, and had two children, Frances Willard (deceased) and Laura; Frances married William Tape, a farmer of Orford township, and has one daughter, Elizabeth; Nettie, a school teacher, is at home; Joseph is a farmer of Orford township; Frederick, of Orford township, married Isabella Spear; Roy operates his father's home farm. Mrs. McLaren was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1838, and is a sister of James Reycraft, of Highgate, spoken of elsewhere.

Charles McLaren remained with his parents until they died, and from the time of his marriage operated the farm. In the spring of 1882 he removed to his present property, in Orford township. He is a Grit, and has taken an active part in local affairs, having served one year in the county council, and was deputy reeve of Orford township. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and take an active part in its work. They are most



Charles McLaren

highly respected throughout the neighborhood, and the success which has attended them is well deserved.

WILLIAM H. AND THOMAS IRWIN, prosperous farmers of Raleigh township, are sons of Thomas and Jane (Carter) Irwin, the former of whom was born in County Monaghan, and the latter in County Armagh, Ireland.

Thomas Irwin was born in 1822, and at the age of twenty-five years came to America. For a short time afterward, about six months, he was employed at Hartford and New Haven, Conn. In 1847, he came to the County of Kent, where he was employed by Henry Reynolds, and later, on the settling of the estate, he purchased two tracts of land of the Reynolds estate, of 100 acres each, and resided on the one now owned and occupied by his son Thomas, at what is familiarly known as Irwin's Corners. As a farmer he prospered. Politically he was a Conservative. Religiously he was a member of the Church of England. When a post office was opened at the Corners he was made postmaster, and served several years, until his death, in fact, until the office was discontinued. His death took place Oct. 21, 1891, when he was aged sixty-nine years, his wife, who preceded him, dying in June, 1877, aged forty-seven years. Both were buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. Their children were: Margaret, wife of Clark Park, of Raleigh township; Alice, wife of W. H. Fuller, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mary, wife of W. S. Dean, of Sauk Center, Minnesota; John, who conducts a plumbing business at Sauk Center; William H.; Thomas; Alexander Francis, a physician at Minneapolis; Miss Jennie; and Bessie, wife of Fred Stover, of Raleigh township.

William H. Irwin was born Sept. 12, 1860, in Raleigh township, and was educated in Section No. 12 school, near his birthplace. In 1887 he moved upon the farm where he has since lived, owning a place of 100 acres, and he rents forty more, and is counted among the thrifty and energetic young farmers of the township. Although he is engaged in general farming, he pays particular attention to stock, and keeps one hundred head of hogs and thirty cattle. In 1900 he built his present home, which is one of the finest and most attractive homes in the township of its style and size.

In 1887 Mr. Irwin married Sarah Fleming, and they have had five children: Alice, Edna, Clifford, Margaret and Charlie. Both Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he takes a lively interest, zealously supporting the Conservative party, and is a man of influence in the township. He was trustee of school section No. 12 for one term, was elected township councilor for 1903, and re-elected for 1904.

Thomas Irwin was born Sept. 8, 1862, in Raleigh township, and was educated in the home schools. He remained on the home place and in time came into possession of it—a farm of 100 acres. Like his brother Mr. Irwin is a practical farmer, and has been very successful in his operations. On Nov. 1, 1893, he married Minnie Williamson, who was born in the County of Hamilton, daughter of John Williamson, of Chatham, and two children have come to them: Thomas, Jr., born Feb. 1, 1898, and Maurice, born Jan. 6, 1900. Both Mr. Irwin and his wife belong to the Episcopal Church. He is a Conservative in politics.

WILLIAM COLRIDGE, one of the well known farmers of Orford township, County of Kent, where he resides on his well improved farm on Lot 66, South Talbot Road, is a son of old England, born in Devonshire, June 19, 1833, a son of Richard and Mary A. (Holmes) Colridge.

Richard Colridge brought his family to the New World in 1850, and located in the County of Elgin, Ontario, where he remained until 1863, when he removed to Orford township, County of Kent, and there he and his good wife passed the remainder of their days. He died Feb. 27, 1886, aged eighty-seven years, ten months, eighteen days, and she passed away Jan. 16, 1877, aged seventy-five; the remains of both lie in Trinity Church cemetery. They were faithful members of the Church of England. The children born to Richard and Mary A. (Holmes) Colridge were: Richard, deceased, of the County of Elgin; Susan, who married Thomas Rich, a mechanic of Omaha, Nebraska; William; John, an insurance agent of Ingersoll, Ontario; Ann, who married John McFarquir, a machinist of Denver, Colorado; Mary, of Los Angeles, California, widow of Frank Bissett; and George, deceased, of Chatham, County of Kent.

William Colridge passed his early years on his father's farm, in fact, remaining at home for the major part of the time until his marriage. After that important event he rented a farm in the County of Elgin, and for three years engaged in its cultivation. The following ten years he spent on an adjoining farm of sixty acres, which he worked on shares. In 1865 he came to the County of Kent and rented 240 acres, which he worked in connection with his sixty-acre Elgin county farm. He had not been favorably impressed with the County of Kent, and fearing he would wish to return to the County of Elgin he exerted his best energies in the cultivation of both farms, succeeding admirably in the self-imposed double duty. For seven years he farmed land a half-mile west of Clearville, and then purchased 100 acres of his present place. His efforts have been wisely directed and prosperity has come to him. From time to time he has been able to add to his original purchase, until now he is the owner of 248 acres of valuable land, all under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Colridge, having chosen farming for his life work, has made of it a careful study, and his practical ideas, well applied, have won for him a place in the front rank of the County of Kent's farmers.

On March 14, 1861, Mr. Colridge was married in St. Thomas, Ontario, to Mary Sinclair, daughter of Donald and Jane (McClain) Sinclair, natives of Argyll, Scotland, who came to Canada when young and were married at St. Thomas. Donald Sinclair was a farmer by occupation, and he died in 1872, aged sixty-six, followed in 1882 by his widow, also aged sixty-six. Their remains rest in St. Thomas cemetery. To Donald and Jane Sinclair were born children as follows: Malcolm, of Rodney, Ontario; Mary, Mrs. Colridge; Nancy, wife of Barton Walker, of the County of Middlesex; John, deceased; Effie, deceased wife of Malcolm Leitch, of Dutton, Ontario; Sarah, widow of James Bale; Archie, a physician of Paris, Ontario; Daniel, of Oil Springs, Ont.; Jennie, wife of John Henderson, of Bismark, Ont.; Coll, a mail clerk on the Michigan Central Railroad, residing at Bridgeburg, Ont., and Eliza, widow of Malcolm Leitch, of Eagle, Ontario.

In his political belief Mr. Colridge is a Conservative, and his sound judgment has given his opinions great weight in local party affairs. Mrs. Colridge attends the Baptist Church, and is active in its many endeavors for the uplifting of humanity. Both husband and wife are highly esteemed for their many good qualities.

JOSEPH CHARBONNEAU (deceased), who was for many years a prominent figure in local affairs in Dover township, County of Kent, was born near Montreal, at Cedars, Aug. 30, 1817, and died on his farm in Dover township, Concession 3, Lot 16, Aug. 14, 1889. He was a son of Joseph and Josephine (Legros) Charbonneau, of Montreal, who died at Howe Island, Ont., where they were farming people. Their children were: Joseph, of whom we write; Alexander, deceased, formerly of Wolf Island; Louis, who died in the same locality; William, who died at Gananoque, Ontario; Catherine, who married Adolphus Rivers, and died at Bay City, Michigan; and Amelia, who died at Howe Island, the wife of Dommick Bieff.

In April, 1841, in Kingston, Ontario, Joseph Charbonneau married Mary Yott, and eleven children were born to them: Capt. Joseph, who sailed for many years, died Jan. 14, 1899, at Pain Court; Capt. Louis died at Gore Bay, Ont., May 4, 1897; Marceline married Joseph Laclaire, and died in 1885; Mattie died at the age of five years; Edward lives in Dover township; Francis is a resident of Wallaceburg, Ontario; Adolphus, born on Howe Island Jan. 6, 1856, is on the old homestead and unmarried; Harriet is on the old homestead; Alexander is on the old homestead; Mary married Eli Belanger, and died Dec. 30, 1899; Andrew is married and lives on the home farm. Mrs. Charbonneau was born at Ottawa, Ontario, and died on the home farm Nov. 4, 1893, aged sixty-five years. She was a daughter of Ernest and Mattie Yott, of Ottawa, Ontario, both of whom died on Howe Island, where they were farming people. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Yott were: Joseph; Edward; Francis, of Midland, Michigan, a farmer; Marceline, who married Joseph Myers; Mary; Tyese, married to Leo Cahue; and Mattie, married to Frank Yott; all are deceased but Francis.

The late Joseph Charbonneau was a farmer all his life, and for twenty years owned and operated a farm on Howe Island, in 1873 buying the farm of 175 acres where his three sons and

one daughter now make their home. At the time he settled on this property, in March, 1873, it was all a wilderness; he paid $4,700 for the first 100 acres, and $6,000 for the remaining seventy-five acres. By hard work and good management he developed the property into one of the finest farms in the County of Kent. During life both he and his wife were members of the Catholic Church (as are his children), and they are interred in the cemetery at Pain Court. In politics he was a Conservative, but he never desired public office. In his death the community lost one of its best citizens, and his family a kind and loving father.

ALBERT EDWARD ROBINSON, clerk of the township of Raleigh, is one of the energetic political managers of County Kent, and is also a most highly esteemed citizen and excellent farmer.

John Robinson, his father, was born July 4, 1834, in Lincolnshire, England, and at the age of eighteen years he left his native land and came to Canada, locating for a time near Hamilton. Soon after he removed to Chatham, and for eight years was there engaged in farming. In 1867 he purchased his present farm of ninety-nine acres, on Lot 13, Concession 12, and here he completed the clearing of the land and erected the present comfortable buildings. Until recent years he has been actively engaged in farming, and is now one of the highly respected residents of the township, and a stanch supporter of the Conservative party. In 1862 Mr. John Robinson was united in marriage with Ann Lewis, who was five years old when her family crossed the ocean. She is a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Welwood) Lewis, natives of County Carlow, Ireland. Upon coming to Canada in 1840, Edward Lewis went directly to County Kent, and there secured a government grant of land, consisting of 100 acres, on Lot 1, Concession 8. This property with the assistance of his capable and industrious sons, he cleared up, and it is now occupied by his son George. Mr. Lewis died in 1874, at the age of eighty-six years; his wife died many years previously during the cholera epidemic. Of the eleven children born to Edward Lewis and wife, six still survive, namely: Daniel, of Los Angeles, California; James, of Reed City, Michigan; George, a farmer of Raleigh; Sarah, widow of William Kemp, of Detroit; Mary, Wife of Philip Flater, of Bay City, Michigan; and Ann, wife of John Robinson, and mother of our subject. The children born to John Robinson and wife were: Christie Ann, residing at the homestead; Sarah Elsie, wife of John Barks, a farmer of Raleigh township; Mary Jane, who died aged thirty-four years; George Henry, a resident of Alberta, Northwest Territory, who married Mary Simon; Albert Edward; and Andrew Rufus. The last-named is a minister in the Methodist Church, and is stationed at Wapello, about 100 miles west of Winnipeg; he was ordained some three years ago, prior to which time he was in the Northwest, as a missionary among the Indians. He married Miss Eva Merlette, of Ridgetown.

Albert Edward Robinson was born Dec. 8, 1868, on the home farm, Middle Road, Raleigh township, and he received an excellent common school education, which was supplemented with one year at the Chatham High School. Mr. Robinson has always resided on the home farm and for some years has had the entire management of it, advancing years causing his father practically to retire. Ever since becoming a voter Mr. Robinson has taken a lively and intelligent interest in local affairs, and has ably filled a number of responsible positions. For two years he was the very efficient auditor, and since the year 1898 he has been clerk of Raleigh township. He is well known, and has a wide circle of both political and personal friends. Fraternally he is connected with the Order of Foresters, Lodge No. 1299, of South Buxton, which village is also his post-office.

SIDNEY SANDERSON AGAR, a general farmer of Chatham township, where he owns a fine farm of 142½ acres on Lot 9, River Road, came to this place in the spring of 1871. He was born in Hope township, County Durham, Ontario, Oct. 17, 1847, a son of John and Lucinda (Johnson) Agar, the former of Yorkshire, England, and the latter of County Durham.

John Agar came to Canada with his parents at the age of fourteen. They leased a farm in Hope township, and after some time, in partnership with a brother, Mr. Agar bought 200 acres of part timber land, with a mill, and for a number of years carried on the lumber business in connection with farming. When he

sold out he came to the present fine home, of our subject, the father continuing to operate the farm until January, 1873, when he removed to Chatham, and there died Jan. 23, 1873. He was county and township councilor for four years, and was an esteemed and valued citizen. His widow survived until 1895, dying at the age of seventy-seven years. They were buried at Maple Leaf cemetery. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: John, a retired farmer near London, Ontario; Harriet and William, who died young; and Sidney S., of this sketch.

On Dec. 25, 1872, Sidney S. Agar married, on the old homestead in Chatham township, Cordelia Knapp. Their home has been gladdened by two sons: Warren J., a traveling salesman, of Woodstock, Ont., who married Rosanna Mackenzie; and Chester S., at home.

Mr. Agar is a practical farmer, and, like his father, one of the responsible, intelligent and representative men of this locality. In politics he is a Reformer, while in religious faith, both he and his wife are Presbyterians.

SIDNEY M. KNAPP is a well-known general farmer of Chatham township, River Road, owning a fine farm of 137 acres on Lot 8. A handsome brick residence erected by Solomon M. Knapp, his father, in 1877, is the family home. On this farm Mr. Knapp was born March 29, 1860, a son of Solomon M. and Mary (Meek) Knapp, and a brother of Mrs. Sidney Sanderson Agar.

Solomon M. Knapp was a very prominent man for many years in Chatham township, where he was a general farmer and a successful speculator. He filled the office of magistrate for a long period, resigning a few years prior to his death, which took place in 1895, at the age of eighty-four years. He had removed to Bellville, Michigan, where he lived retired for ten years prior to his decease. His wife Mary died in 1872, aged fifty-eight years. They were interred at Detroit, Michigan, and in Dalston cemetery, Raleigh township, respectively. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, and good and worthy people. They had two children: Cordelia, who married Sidney S. Agar; and Charlotte, who married John Tilt, of San Francisco, California. By his first marriage, which was to Ann Delmage, Solomon Knapp had two children: Eleanor, wife of William Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Albert, deceased. The third marriage of Solomon Knapp was to Mrs. Ann (Marshall) Tilt. Mrs. Mary (Meek) Knapp, the mother of our subject, had, prior to her marriage with Mr. Knapp, wedded Samuel Newkirk, and the one son by that union, James, is deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Sidney M. Knapp were Benjamin and Agnes (Messmore) Knapp, of Pennsylvania. They came to County Kent in 1800, and at that time they were obliged to do all trading in Detroit either by flat-boat or canoe, and our subject can recall one of the boats. It was fashioned out of a hewed walnut log, and was thirty feet long and three feet in the bottom. The maternal grandparents both died on the ocean, en route to Canada.

Both the Agar and Knapp families are prominent ones in this section, representative of both agricultural development and public and moral improvement. They have all been valued and esteemed citizens.

THOMAS ROBINSON, warden of the County of Kent, and one of the leading men of the township of Romney, that county, descends from one of the first settlers of the township. His grandfather, John Robinson, was a native of Weirdale, Parish of Stanhope, County of Durham, England, where he grew to manhood, emigrating to Canada in 1817. Soon after his arrival he and Messrs. Coatsworth, Dawson and Peter Heatherington located in Romney township, each securing a 200-acre tract on the Talbot road, John Robinson obtaining No. 203, upon which he immediately settled. The growth of timber upon these lots was so heavy that the first comers ran great risk of becoming lost should they wander from the lake. After locating his grant John Robinson started into the forest, but kept some of his assistants within hailing distance. He penetrated the forest far enough to discover the gravel ridge. The first log cabin he built upon the shore, but this was destroyed by fire almost as soon as it was completed, and he built a new one upon the ridge. In this all of his children were born, and the building was standing as late as 1864. The third and present residence, a square frame structure, was also put up during the grandfather's life, the work being done by a Thomas Duncan, a wan-



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dering jack-of-all-trades. With the assistance of his five sons Mr. Robinson cleared up nearly all of his lot, his method of clearing being somewhat original. He girdled the trees, cut them down and afterward burned them. He died on this place at the age of eighty-seven years. Throughout life he took a very active part in religious matters, and for fifty years was a local preacher; he was one of four who contributed very liberally toward the building of the Romney Methodist Church, the first building for religious worship erected in the township.

John Robinson married Miss Catherine Fox, of Gosfield township, County of Essex, and to them were born: Mary, who married T. C. Renwick, of Romney township; Jonas, a resident of the township; Joseph, a local preacher in the Methodist Church, who resides in Wheatley; William, mentioned below; George, a prosperous farmer, also residing in the township; Jane (deceased), who married Thomas Heatherington; Lucinda, who married Francis Wharram; and John, remaining on the old homestead.

William Robinson was born Aug. 5, 1832, on Lot 203. When he was a young man, his father secured a hundred acres of Lot 192, and upon it William Robinson began clearing. At the time of his marriage he located permanently upon that place and there carried on farming until five years ago, afterward living at Coatsworth until his death, which occurred Dec. 22, 1903. His sons now occupy the home farm. William Robinson married Elizabeth Jane Stobbs, who was born March 28, 1834, and to this union were born: Thomas, Feb. 24, 1856; Annie, March 28, 1859, a resident of Boston, Massachusetts; Rebecca, Dec. 5, 1861, who married Peter A. McVicar, of Wardsville, County of Elgin; Baxter, Aug. 30, 1864, now a resident of Oregon; Ralph S., Jan. 30, 1867, unmarried and on the home farm; John A., Aug. 7, 1869, one of the occupants of the homestead; William S., Oct. 9, 1872, of Chatham; and Jennie, April 1, 1875, widow of Albert Ousterhout, residing with her mother.

Thomas Robinson was born on Lot 192, and there grew to manhood. His early opportunities for securing an education were very limited, but later, in 1889, he took a course at the Chatham business college. Soon after reaching his majority he was employed by a man from Cleveland—Leman M. Reed—for whom he worked four years. He was foreman for him most of this time. In this way Mr. Robinson finally became interested in the lumber business, the various branches of which industry have occupied his attention since he started out in life for himself. For twelve or fifteen years he acted as agent for American firms, buying timber all along the lake in the County of Kent. Later he took up buying and selling for himself, and is still engaged in that line, although not so extensively as in years past. When elm was abundant he sold 5,000,000 feet per year, and he was also for a time interested in a sawmill. At present he owns the east half of Lot 192, which he rents, and for the past eight years he has resided at Coatsworth, where he built a very desirable home.

Even as a boy Mr. Robinson displayed an interest in matters pertaining to politics, and that interest has since continued. In 1892 he was first elected township councilman, and continued in office through 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895. He was elected reeve in 1896, the last year that the reeves constituted the county board. In 1899 he was elected county commissioner, to represent the Seventh District. In 1901 he was re-elected, and again in 1903, and is now serving as warden of that body, to which position he was chosen at the last election, in January, 1903. Fraternally he is a Mason, being connected with the lodge at Wheatley, and is a member of the Order of Foresters at Coatsworth, in which he has been quite active, having been financial secretary for some years and chief ranger one year.

Mr. Robinson was married in Coatsworth Jan. 13, 1892, to Alice Barton, and they have had two children: Stanley Barton, born April 20, 1893; and Daisy Eurithe Adeline, born May 21, 1897. Mrs. Robinson is a daughter of Elijah and Susan (Challis) Barton, who came to this country from Poslingford, County of Suffolk, England. The father was a native of Poslingford, and the mother of Wickham Brook, same county. Elijah Barton came from Frosterley, Durham, to Romney in 1887, and has since been engaged in farming, railroading and lumbering. His family consisted of six children: (1) Ruth, born March 25, 1864, married Philip Hodgson, and is living in the County of Durham, England. (2) George was born May 21, 1867. (3) Alice, born July

9, 1870, married Thomas Robinson. (4) Sarah, born March 16, 1873, married Chester Renwick. (5) Emily, born Aug. 6, 1875, married Joseph Hopper. (6) Frederick, born Oct. 21, 1877, was drowned Aug. 9, 1903, at Clinton, Illinois.

CHARLES VIVIAN, of Blenheim, is a member of an old family which can trace its origin back to Normandy, France, to ancestors who invaded England in the train of William the Conqueror, and whose names are to be found in the Doomsday Book.

Mathew Vivian, the grandfather of Charles, was a mining captain and proprietor, and cousin of Sir John Vivian, was born in Cornwall, England, in 1743, and died in 1838. He and his wife had the following children: Samuel, Mathew, Hoton, Richard, James, Mary, Joseph and Alexander, all of whom were born in Cornwall, England, and died there.

Samuel Vivian, father of Charles, was born in Cornwall, England, in 1770, and died there in 1865. He married Anna Mariah Polkinghorne, of Cornwall, England, who was born about 1775, and died before her husband. They had children as follows besides Charles: Joseph is deceased. Ann is deceased. John, who emigrated to Ontario, settled in Stratford in 1845, being one of the first settlers, and engaged in brewing there; he was one of the first five councilors of Stratford, the others being Col. McCollough, Peter Reed, Alexander Orr and Hooker Lee, and he died in that city. Samuel emigrated to Ontario, but after thirty years returned to England and there resides, aged eighty-two years. Henry died at Cornwall, England, at the age of eighty-three years. Paul died young. Mariah died young. The father was a mine captain and proprietor, like his father, and held a high position in the community in which he resided.

Charles Vivian was born March 3, 1826, in Cornwall, where he grew to manhood, and was married June 6, 1850, to Ann Dingle, born in Cornwall, England, July 7, 1828, daughter of John and Ann (Wellington) Dingle. Leaving their native land, they landed in Stratford Aug. 12, 1850. For some time after his arrival in Ontario Mr. Vivian assisted his brother in his brewery, but later built a distillery, and in conjunction operated a lumberyard, remaining in Stratford for twenty years, when he sold his several interests and settled on a farm near that place. He was made one of the first diocese inspectors of the place, holding that office for two years, when he was appointed sheriff's bailiff. For the following twenty years Mr. Vivian remained upon his farm, then sold his property, and for three years was with his brother Samuel in an oil business. After this he settled in Chatham, and for several years successfully operated two general stores. From Chatham he went to Windsor and lived three years, and the following two years he made his home at Mt. Clemens. In 1881 Mr. Vivian went to Colorado, and for about two years was prospecting in mines, and upon his return, in 1883, he went to Blenheim and established the order of I. O. F., of which he has been a member since 1874. At present he is connected with the well-known Page Wire Fence Co., and is meeting with success in this business enterprise.

The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vivian: Martha, now Mrs. Thomas Johns, of Blenheim; John, a merchant of Minneapolis, who married Estella Cheeney; Alfred J., who married Miss Minnie Ellen Smiley, of Denver, Colorado, and has one son, Charles Smiley; Joseph C., who married Ruth Flint, and has the following children, Arthur, Stanly, and Benjamin; Bessie Ellen, who married Charles Case, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and has one daughter, Vivian; Clara, married to Dr. Shotwell, of Mt. Clemens; William, a painter of Aberdeen, Washington, who is married; and Arthur H., of Chicago, a traveling salesman.

Mr. Vivian is a Conservative in his political opinions, and is stanch in his support of the principles of that party. In his religious connections he is a consistent member of the Church of England. Honorable, upright and reliable, a good citizen, a kind father and husband, and a successful business man, Mr. Vivian commands and holds the highest respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

ALBERT HERR, one of the prosperous general farmers of Orford township, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, July 28, 1833, a son of Daniel F. and Christena (Cook) Herr, of Germany. The father died there in 1849, aged fifty-seven years, and his wife died at the home of her son Albert, in the County of Waterloo, aged fifty-three years. Both were

consistent members of the Lutheran Church. To them were born children as follows: Charles, deceased; Fredericka, of Berlin, Ont., widow of Frederick Krampien; Ludwick, a farmer of the County of Bruce, Ont.; Albert; and Mena, of Michigan, widow of John Miller.

In December, 1869, in the county of Waterloo, Ont., Mr. Herr married Margaret Spittle, and children as follows were born to them: William, of Denver, Colorado; Ephraim, a farmer of Orford township; Lovina, of Orford township, who married Frederick McClung; Maggie, who married Henry T. Smith, of Howard township; Albert, a farmer of the Northwest Territory; Noah, a thresher of Howard township. Mrs. Herr, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, died in June, 1888, aged fifty-three, and is buried in Purser's cemetery. She was a daughter of George and Margaret (Fisher) Spittle, of Germany.

Mr. Herr remained in Germany until he was twenty years of age, when he came with his mother and four children to the new world, locating near Preston, Ontario. There the young man worked out to support the family, and in 1874 he purchased and moved to his present home, on which there was then but a small clearing. It comprises fifty acres in Lot 22, 12th Concession, and is now one of the best farms in the neighborhood. For five terms he was road overseer. He has always been a stanch Reformer in politics, and religiously was a Lutheran until 1893, when he connected himself with the Presbyterian Church, as that was more convenient.

Although a hard worker, and entirely self-made, Mr. Herr is quite an extensive reader, and is well posted upon current events. He is justly regarded as one of the leading men of his township, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

THOMAS LETSON PARDO, JR., one of the energetic young farmers of Raleigh township, County of Kent, is a son of William H. Pardo, and a grandson of Thomas Pardo, the latter one of the pioneer settlers on the lake in Raleigh township. Early records of the family are given elsewhere.

William Henry Pardo, father of Thomas L., inherited 200 acres of land on Lot 137, Talbot Road, and resided there from the time of his migration until his death. He devoted his time to milling and the extensive farming so much land entailed, at the time of his death owning 940 acres of land in Raleigh township. He was one of the solid and responsible men of his section. In politics he supported the Reform party. He died in March, 1902, and his wife, Sarah (Benedict), who was born Sept. 21, 1836, died June 15, 1885. Their children were: Thomas Letson, born Dec. 3, 1856; Charles H., Oct. 22, 1858; Sophronia A., Sept. 2, 1860 (wife of William Hyatt); Sarah E., Oct. 20, 1862 (wife of A. R. Crow, a coal dealer at Chatham); William H., Dec. 15, 1864; George D., July 4, 1867 (died July 10, 1891); Alvina L., Sept. 30, 1869 (died Feb. 24, 1873); James A., Aug. 25, 1872; Alvin O., Sept. 13, 1874; Elvina Eveline, Sept. 2, 1876 (died March 6, 1877).

William H. Pardo was a lifetime resident of Raleigh township, and for a number of years was identified with his brothers, T. L. and S. J., in operating a saw mill which they erected on the lake shore. The latter part of his life was devoted entirely to farming, and at his death he was one of the largest landowners in this section. His sons have all become agriculturists, and reside either on the home place, or in the vicinity—a group of most estimable citizens and fine farmers.

Thomas Letson Pardo, Jr., was born on the home place, and he enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the home schools. He began to teach school in his own district, and also taught in Chatham township, where he spent a year and a half. In 1887 he located on his present farm, Lot 14, Concession 15, and in addition he owns fifty acres on Concession 14. A new school was organized in his neighborhood soon after his coming, and for two years he served as its teacher. He is well qualified for the profession, and if he had not chosen to give it up, would doubtless have become widely known as an educator. Mr. Pardo engages in mixed husbandry, and, in the past year, in addition to general crops, raised ten acres of tobacco. He is a practical and scientific farmer, and his methods have proven eminently successful.

In Chatham township, Mr. Pardo married Martha Rachel Arnold, a native of that township, and a member of one of its old families. To them have been born children as follows:

Wallace Bruce, Lemuel Forest, George Vernon, Thomas Alton, Elma Lenora, Dora Eveline and Carlyle Benedict. The family attend the Methodist Church. Politically he is somewhat independent, and supports candidates he believes best for the public welfare.

JOHN HOWARD. Among the well-known residents of the Gore of Chatham is John Howard, general farmer and ex-contractor and builder, who resides on Running Creek, Concession 2, Lot 8, where he has a fine farm of 135 acres, to which he came in March, 1899. Mr. Howard is well and favorably known in Wallaceburg, where he built many of the principal buildings prior to settling on his farm.

Mr. Howard was born July 1, 1838, in the County of Kent, England, a son of Joseph and Jane Adelaide (Steer) Howard, where the father followed a butchering business for many years. He died in County Essex in 1868, aged sixty-two years, and his wife died in 1843, aged thirty-five years. They were both members of the Church of England. Of the children born to them there is the following record: Jane A. is the widow of W. A. McDougall, of Wallaceburg; William is a stone-mason in Wallaceburg; John; George died at the age of six years; and Ann E. married (first) Charles Yates and (second) his brother, William Yates. The father married (second) Sarah Port, and the one daughter of this union, Sarah, married William Wallace, of County Lambton. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Marcella Howard, a miller, who passed his life in England.

It was on August 12, 1854, that John Howard and his brother William reached Chatham, Ont., where they spent one night, and then John went to Dover township, where he passed six weeks with James Purser. From there he went to the vicinity of Kent Bridge in Chatham township, and remained there for five years, with a cousin, Edward Steer. For three months he clerked in a store at Kent Bridge, afterward spending six months with James Purser in Dover township. Four years were then spent with another cousin, George Steer, and from there Mr. Howard went to Oil Springs, Ont., where he engaged in teaming for six months. Renting Edward Steer's farm, he operated that for two years, and then for several years farmed in Harwich township, from which place he joined his brother William at Wallaceburg, and assisted him in mason work. He and William then went back to England, and made a pleasant visit, returning to Ontario in 1867. From then until 1897 he was engaged with his brother William in contracting and building in County Kent. On account of an injury he received, the partnership was dissolved, and our subject purchased his present fine farm, which he has operated ever since. Mr. Howard is a self-made man and owes his present prosperity to his own efforts. When he reached Chatham he had but little means, but through energy and industry he has pushed his way to the front. Politically he is a Reformer, and he has served as town assessor and as town councillor, and is one of the prominent citizens of the township. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F.

In Chatham, in 1878, Mr. Howard married Catherine McDonald and three children have been born to this union, namely: Joseph M., William J. and Omar J., all of whom are still under the parental roof. Mrs. Howard was born in Wallaceburg, daughter of James and Agnes (McLain) McDonald, of Scotland, the latter born in 1812 on the ocean, going from England to Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald both came to Canada with their parents in childhood, the McDonalds coming to the County of Kent in 1820, and settling on the North Branch, in the Gore of Chatham. The McLains came to Canada on the same ship, and they located in the County of Lanark, at what is known as McDonald's Corners. James McDonald was a farmer, and he took up 100 acres of land. He died in 1852, aged thirty-eight years, in the faith of the Baptist Church, and was buried at Chatham Gore, but the mother survived many years, dying May 24, 1900, aged eighty-seven years; she was interred at Wallaceburg. They had the following children born to them: Margaret died young; Sarah Euphemia married Richard Holmes; William is a farmer near Wallaceburg; Miss Ellen resides with her sister, Mrs. Howard; Catherine is the wife of John Howard; Janet died unmarried, aged forty-four years; and Donald is a farmer in the Gore of Chatham. The paternal grandparents, William and Margaret McDonald, natives of Scotland, came to the County of Kent, as previously stated, in

1820, and the former engaged in farming. He was killed by a stroke of lightning. The maternal grandparents, Hector and Sarah McLain, took up a farm in the County of Lanark, which he cultivated in the summers, working at tailoring in the winters. Mr. McLain was a survivor of the memorable battle of Waterloo. The Howards and their connections are all substantial, honorable and respected people, and represent some of the best citizenship of their part of the county.

ALBERT E. FIELD, whose attractive farm residence is located on the Creek road, in Lot 2, Harwich township, has been a farmer all his life, and as a result of his well-directed efforts now owns three splendid farms, including a portion of the old Field homestead. He is regarded as one of the progressive and well-informed agriculturists of his section.

Mr. Field is descended from an old and prominent family, which first settled in the United States, and among whose descendants are numbered many noted people of the present day, Marshall Field, the Chicago philanthropist and merchant, being one of the family. Alexander Field, grandfather of Albert E., is the first of whom we have definite record. He was a man of means and influence. In the early days he came from the United States to St. Thomas, Canada, where he remained for some years, and later, impressed with the undeveloped resources of the County of Kent, he purchased 400 acres of some of the best wild land, along the river Thames, in Harwich township, where he settled and began making improvements. A man of force and ability, he met the vicissitudes of log-cabin life, roadless trafficking, leveling of forests, and clearing of brush tracts, in fact, all the drawbacks of pioneer life, with courage and determination, and he made for himself one of the pleasantest farm homes in the county. Among his later improvements was a large and substantial brick house, which is still standing upon the homestead. He prospered in his agricultural enterprises and left considerable property to his heirs. He and his wife both died on the fine old homestead where they had passed the best part of their lives. They were the parents of four children: (1) Samuel married and had a daughter, who married Gordon Patterson and now resides on the old homestead on the River Thames. (2) William, born on the old homestead in Harwich township, now a resident of Michigan, married a young woman from Harwich township. She is now deceased. Five daughters were born to them—Jane, who married Daniel McMullen, and resides in Dover township; Rebecca, who married Archie Livingston, and resides in the Northwest; Susanna, who died in her young womanhood; Caroline, who married Thadeus Arnold, of London, and is now deceased; and Louisa, who married Ralph Simons, and resides in Harwich township. The father of these, after the death of his first wife, married a Miss Van Allen, in Michigan, but no children came of this marriage. He is now deceased. (3) John married and moved to the State of Michigan, where he died, leaving a wife and six children, Lola, Maggie, John, Jennie, Geneva and Laura. (4) Daniel is mentioned below.

Alexander Field was probably one of the most prominent men in his locality for many years. In the development of the various resources of his section, in the building up of local enterprises, and the establishment of a good government, he was exceedingly active. He was known and highly respected far and near in his section. Integrity and force of character were among his dominant traits.

Daniel Field, father of Albert E., is another worthy representative of this family who has left his imprint upon the character and institutions of the County of Kent. Born in St. Catharine's December 19, 1815, he was reared in Canada. Intellectual in tastes, he availed himself of every opportunity for cultivating his studies, and in the district schools of his locality gained a good start on the road to learning. Passing his spare moments largely with good books, he in time became very well read, not only upon current affairs in which he always manifested the keenest interest, but upon church history and many profound subsubjects. The practical duties of the farm demanded much of his time and attention, and in the faithful performance of each task he early acquired much knowledge of agriculture. Both environment and inclination decided him upon reaching manhood to continue farming as a regular occupation, and settling upon the home place he there followed the industry for many years. During this period, in 1841, he married Clarissa Patterson, who was born in

the State of New York, October 23, 1822, daughter of Lot and Sarah Patterson, English Loyalists who, during the American Revolution, came to Harwich township. They settled as pioneers on the river Thames, where they eventually died, leaving several children, all of whom, with the exception of David, a resident of the United States, are now deceased. Mrs. Field died in October, 1883. Six children came of this union: (1) Alexander, born July 9, 1842, died during young manhood, in 1871. (2) Lot Patterson, born in Harwich township January 28, 1844, and now a resident of Chatham, married Mary Arnold, of that township, and they have four children, Melvin, George, Lottie and Nora. (3) Albert E. is mentioned below. (4) John H., born in February, 1848, and also a resident of Chatham, married Mary McPherson, of Raleigh township. They have no children. He is an engineer, and is at present following that trade. (5) Clarissa, born in October, 1851, married Adam Arnold, and they reside in Chatham township. Five children have come of this union, Ethel, Gordon, Bessie, Pearl and Mary. (6) W. Gordon, born in September, 1856, and now a resident of Chatham, engaged in looking after the family homestead, was reared and educated in Harwich township, and married Jessie Read, of that place. They have no children.

Mr. Field continued farming on the homestead for several years after his marriage, but eventually purchased a large tract of wild land on a side road near the homestead, where he settled, and began developing its resources. Accustomed to the work of clearing and breaking, he rapidly transformed the wild tracts into thriving grain fields and garden patches, and, making many other improvements in the way of erecting barns, a good house, and other buildings, he eventually had one of the most valuable farms of its size in the vicinity. Here he carried on a flourishing industry throughout the rest of his active life. He passed his last days on this farm, dying in March, 1886.

Mr. Field's admirable traits of character, no less than his achievements, commanded esteem and even admiration from those who knew him. A person of marked nobility of character, possessed of courage, decision, and the keenest sense of justice and honor, he made a lasting impression upon all who knew him, and his memory is still revered in Harwich township. Firm in his religious opinions and ever an ardent promulgator of truth, as a strong Methodist, he assisted greatly in advancing the work of that denomination in his section, and he acted a class-leader for his church for many years. He was a good patriot and served valiantly in the Rebellion of 1837. Politically he espoused the cause of the Conservatives.

Albert E. Field inherited his father's business ability and capacity for conducting large enterprises. Born November 30, 1845, on the homestead on the river Thames, in Harwich township, he was reared on his father's farm near by. Like most farmers' boys of his locality he passed his early years in attending the district schools in winter, and working upon the farm in summer. Possessed of a bright, active intellect, and much inherent physical vigor, he made the most of each opportunity, and in the conscientious performance of each duty, procured well-rounded development, thoroughly fitting him for the active tasks of life. The need of assistance upon his father's farm early decided him to give his entire attention to agriculture, and in the clearing up of the home place he rendered effective service. Upon reaching manhood he settled as manager of the farm, assuming at the same time the care of his aged parents; and upon their death he became heir to the farm, and there continued his agricultural pursuits with much success for many years. In 1894, however, finding a more desirable homestead for sale, known as the Edward Smith place, on the Creek road, he purchased and moved to it, and there he has since continued. He has engaged in all lines of general agriculture adapted to his section, and, carrying on his industry along progressive and at the same time practical lines, he has derived from his place a large income. He still owns his father's homestead, and in 1890 he purchased the old brick house and fifty acres of what was a portion of his grandfather's farm, and this he also retains. A wise financial manager, he is now one of the wealthy farmers of the county.

In January, 1878, Mr. Field married Flora McGeachy, a refined and cultivated woman, who was born at the old McGeachy homestead in Harwich township in August, 1851. She acquired her early education in the district schools of Harwich township, and later at-

tended the Collegiate Institute in Chatham, where, for several years, she cultivated the higher branches. To Mr. and Mrs. Field have come four children: (1) Clara Grace, born in Harwich township in 1878, married Ross Bedford, and resides on his farm by the river Thames. They have one son, Stanley L. (2) Flora Victoria, born in 1880, died during young womanhood in February, 1902. (3) John Stanley, born in 1882, resides upon one of his father's farms. (4) Nellie J., born in 1884, received her education in the schools of Harwich township, and is now living at home.

Mr. Field possesses the ability to carry on large enterprises with both ease and thoroughness. He is persevering, energetic and alert, and turns off work with a rapidity inconceivable to lesser minds. He is prominent in all circles, and he and his wife are among the most active members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a strong Conservative, but not, however, an office seeker.

JOHN GOODBRAND, who now lives retired, was during his active years one of the successful farmers of Orford township, County of Kent, and he is still living on his fine farm of 120 acres, Lot 15, Concession 6, to which he came in the fall of 1875, from the County of Haldimand, Ont. He was born March 9, 1834, in the town of Cullen, Banffshire, Scotland, son of Alexander Goodbrand and Elizabeth (Forbes), also of Cullen, who lived and died there. The father was a gardener by occupation. For seven years he served in the British army. He died February 1, 1891, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, while the mother died December 10, 1850, aged fifty; they were both members of the Established Church. Their children were: James, of Banffshire, Scotland, who is a head gamekeeper of Scotland; Alexander, a police official in Chicago; Elizabeth, of London, Ont., widow of William Buskirk; Charles, of Hamilton, Ont., a farmer; Catherine, of Banffshire, Scotland, who married James Esson; William, governor of the poor house at Galashiels, Scotland; Isabella, unmarried, who is in Scotland; Margaret, who died in Scotland, wife of James McClean; Walter, a farmer near Hamilton, Ont.; George, who died in infancy; and Thomas, a blacksmith of Dundas, Ontario.

On Aug. 11, 1859, in Hamilton, Ont., John Goodbrand married Mrs. Jane (Gibson) Steel, and they had children as follows: Alexander, a farmer of Orford township, married Anna Braun, and they have one child, Carrie; William J., a farmer of Orford township, married Jennie Newman; James S., who is with his father, married Sarah Bergey, and they have three children, Russel J., John H. and Robert F.; Jane, of the "Soo," Ont., married John Haining, a carpenter, and they have three children, John G., David G. and Jessie M. Mrs. Goodbrand was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, March 19, 1826, a daughter of Adam and Marian (Riddick) Gibson, farming people of Scotland, who remained in that country. The father died Jan. 29, 1855, when eighty-one years of age, having been born in 1774; while the mother was born in 1786, and died July 29, 1867. They were conscientious members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: John died in Ontario; Robert died in Ontario; Margaret died in Scotland; James is a retired school teacher in Scotland; William is also a retired school teacher in Scotland; Jane is the wife of John Goodbrand.

The first husband of Mrs. Goodbrand was James Steel, of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who came to Canada in 1849, and located in Hamilton, Ont., where he died July 22, 1857, aged thirty-eight years. He was a stone-cutter by calling. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Steel: Marion, of Oil Springs, Ont., married to Thomas Blaine; John, a farmer of Orford township; Jesse, who died in infancy; and Maggie, of Howard township, wife of Walter McIntire, a farmer.

Mr. Goodbrand remained with his parents until he was seventeen years of age, after which he learned blacksmithing, and followed it for seventeen years. He came to Canada in 1857, and located in Binbrook township, County of Wentworth, where he carried on his trade for eleven years more, at the end of that time purchasing a farm in the County of Haldimand, which he worked until he settled upon his present property. In 1889 he erected his present handsome brick house, where he and his wife make their friends welcome with a generous hospitality. In politics he is a Reformer, but does not desire office. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goodbrand are very highly esteemed in their community, as kind neighbors

and good friends, and they are enjoying their declining years surrounded by the comforts their industry has produced.

ALEXANDER LEITCH, of the firm of A. Leitch & Son, Ridgetown, Ont., manufacturers of lumber, cooperage and veneering stock, as well as the owner and operator of a fine farm of 200 acres on Lots 54 and 55, N. T. R., Orford township, County of Kent, was born in Orford township Dec. 16, 1850, son of Dougal H. and Elizabeth (Gibson) Leitch, of Argyllshire, Scotland, where they were married.

Dougal H. Leitch was a son of Laughlin and Margaret (McGregor) Leitch, of Argyllshire, Scotland, both of whom passed their entire lives there, as did also Alexander McGregor, father of Mrs. Margaret (McGregor) Leitch. Dougal H. Leitch came to the County of Kent in 1833, and located in Orford township, taking up land to the extent of 100 acres, but later went to Duart, Ont., where he was engaged in tailoring for many years. When he first located in this locality he gained customers in various portions of the county, and would travel miles to secure his work. His death occurred in January, 1891, when he was eighty-four years of age. His wife, Elizabeth (Gibson), died Dec. 26, 1884, aged sixty-four years. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder. The children born to them were as follows: (1) Flora, deceased, was the wife of John Poor. (2) Daniel was an engineer in Watson & Co.'s mill at Ridgetown, and was killed in an explosion. (3) Nancy, of Morpeth, Ont., married Frank J. Poulin, a farmer. (4) John is a lumberman of Detroit, Michigan. (5) Jennie, of Ridgetown, is the widow of John Gesner. (6) Alexander is mentioned below. (7) Catherine, of Albina, Oregon, married John Russell. (8) Mary, deceased, married Malcolm Kennedy, an ex-school teacher. (9) Angus, of Ridgetown, Ont., is deceased. (10) Dougal is station agent at Tekoa, Washington. (11) Elizabeth died young.

On Nov. 18, 1873, at Highgate, Ont., Alexander Leitch married Ellen Scott, and the following children have been born to this union: Dougal A. is a partner of his father's, residing at Ridgetown, is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Foresters and the Home Circle; he married Elizabeth Taylor, of Harwich, and has two children, Catherine L. and Edmond T. Mabel M. is at home. Florence E. died at the age of three and one-half years. John S. (foreman of the stave department in Ridgetown, Ont.), Anne M., Violet L. and Eva M. are at home. Mrs. Leitch was born in Orford township, a daughter of John and Eliza (Ride) Scott, of England, the former of whom is now living retired in Orford township. One of his sons, Frederick Scott, is spoken of more extensively elsewhere.

Until he was twenty-one Mr. Leitch remained with his parents, after which he worked at the carpenter's trade for five years, and then engaged in buying hogs, grain and like commodities for a few years. In 1877 he removed to Ridgetown, making that city his home until 1901, when, as before stated, he located upon his present property. His mill is a large one, and employment is given to eighty men. This mill was started in October, 1895, and the growth of the business has been steady and rapid. They ship their product to various parts of the world, to England, Winnipeg, Montreal, the United States, etc. Both Mr. Leitch and his partner, Dougal A. Leitch, are very highly regarded as business men by their associates and the community in general, while they have many warm personal friends. The family all belong to the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which they take an active part. In politics Mr. Leitch is a Reformer; he has never desired public office.

JOHN McCULLOCH, whose long and honorable career as a merchant and business citizen has gained for him the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens in Ridgetown, was born in Blanshard township, County of Perth, Ont., on June 21, 1846, a son of John and Charlotte (Montgomery) McCulloch, the former of whom was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1813, and the latter in Lower Canada in 1819.

John McCulloch, the father, was a son of David McCulloch, who settled among the earliest pioneers in Lower Canada, where he reared a family in comfort and fitted them for life. Some of his children reside in Canada and the others in Scotland. John McCulloch, a son of David, came to the County of Perth after his marriage, purchased land, and here built a log



Alexander Leitch Ellen Leitch

cabin in the woods. Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch, like their parents, belonged to that brave and courageous band who faced privation and hardship for many years, and by their energy, industry and steady perseverance made possible the conditions of modern living in the same locality. Prior to settling in the County of Perth, John McCulloch had engaged in lumbering, and thus was prepared for the hard work which fell to his lot in clearing his land and making a comfortable home in Blanshard township. Before he laid aside the cares of life and passed into an honored grave, in 1881, he had cleared a large farm and replaced the log cabin with comfortable frame buildings, making many other substantial improvements which greatly enhanced the value of his property and converted it into one of the attractive farms of the township. His devoted wife survived ten years, passing away surrounded by those who loved and appreciated her. Early in life they both united with the Presbyterian Church, and they lived pious, virtuous lives. In political sentiment Mr. McCulloch was a Reformer, and he always took a deep interest in the successes of his party. A family of thirteen children was born to himself and wife, eleven of whom grew to maturity, namely: (1) William (now deceased) grew up in the old home, married Mary Roy, a native of the County of Perth, and settled in Logan township, in the same county, where they lived until a few years ago, when they removed to the town of Mitchell, where he lived retired until his death, in November, 1901. (2) Margaret, born in the County of Perth, is the wife of Donald Sinclair, of that county, and they have a family. (3) Jane, born in 1848, is the widow of Duncan McVannel, of St. Thomas, and has two children, Duncan and Mary. (4) Andrew, born in the County of Perth, learned the blacksmith's trade and followed the same until his death, in 1878; he never married. (5) David, born in the County of Perth, married Mary Horn, of the same county, and they now reside in North Dakota, where he has been the successful superintendent on a large farm for twenty years, for a Boston firm. They have four children, and we have record of two, Florence and Milton. (6) Mary, born in the County of Perth, died in young womanhood. (7) Rebecca and (8) George are twins. The former is the wife of George Edwinson, a butcher in North Dakota, and has one son, Basil. The latter settled in North Dakota, and is now superintendent of the County House in Brainard, and has a wife and family. (9) Joseph, born in the County of Perth, married and settled in Cooperstown, North Dakota, where he follows contracting and building, and has three children. (10) James died when a young man, and two children died in infancy.

John McCulloch, bearing his father's name, inherited many of the sterling qualities of his parent which have contributed to his success in life. His boyhood days were spent alternately in work on the farm and attendance upon the district school, and in early manhood he took a business course in a college at Mitchell, Canada, and then accepted a position as clerk in the grain shipping house of Carter & Co., of that city, with whom he remained for six years. Mr. McCulloch then moved to Ridgetown, where he purchased a bakery which he conducted for two years, in 1881 buying a general store, in the First ward, where he engaged in a mercantile business for fifteen years, retiring from business activity in 1896.

On April 28, 1875, Mr. McCulloch married Barbara Haggart, the worthy daughter of Neil and Janet (McNaughton) Haggart, the former of whom was born in the County of Elgin, in Aldborough township, in 1820. His wife was born in Scotland, and after their marriage they settled in Aldborough township, where he engaged in farming and worked at his trade of tailor. His death occurred on his farm in 1882, his widow surviving ten years; both were most highly respected and sincerely mourned. They had five children born to them, as follows: Isabel, who married Leonard Bentley, resides in Detroit, and they have five children. Duncan, who resides on the old homestead, married Maggie McTaggart, now deceased, and two of their children survive, Maud and Neil. Sarah, born in the County of Kent, is the wife William Hagart, of Chatham, and their children are Nettie, Cassie, Barbara and Joseph. Mary E., born on the old homestead, is the wife of John Laird, who resides on a farm one mile east of Blenheim, and has one son, Joseph, who is now pursuing his studies in an agricultural college. Barbara, who became Mrs. McCulloch, was born in 1847, was

educated in the schools of the County of Kent, and is a lady of intelligence and most amiable character.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch: Janet, born in 1876, and John Neil, born in 1878, both died in childhood. Lottie E., born in September, 1880, in Mitchell, Canada, was liberally educated, graduating from the Collegiate School in Ridgetown, was for three years one of the superior teachers in the public schools, and is now attending university at Toronto; she is a lady of much culture and refinement. Duncan, born in Ridgetown, is a student in the high school of the city.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch are active members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee, and they have both taken a deep interest in the work of the Sunday school. While a resident of Mitchell Mr. McCulloch was secretary and treasurer of the church there. Mrs. McCulloch was for many years the beloved teacher of the infant class in the Sabbath-school, is president of the Foreign Missionary Society and also acts as vice-president. Politically Mr. McCulloch belongs to the strong old Reform party and has served with credit in the city council of Ridgetown. Fraternally he belongs to the order of Odd Fellows and the Home Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch are among the prominent and leading residents of Ridgetown, taking an active part in its religious and social life, and enjoying the esteem and affection of a wide circle of friends.

SAMUEL SLY, a well-known farmer on Lot 3, Concession 3, Dover township, is an Englishman of ability who for nearly twenty years has prominently identified himself with the interests of his present locality. Born in Somersetshire, England, March 31, 1852, he is a son of Timothy and Ann (Brinkworth) Sly.

Timothy Sly, father of Samuel, was a business man of some prominence. Reared in England, he there passed his life. At an early age he entered a baker's shop, and by strict attention to business soon mastered the trade, later following this business with much success. Prudent and saving, he accumulated some property, and made a comfortable home for himself and family. He died in 1866, at the age of forty-nine years. During his young manhood he married Ann Brinkworth, who died in 1873, at the age of fifty-six years. By this union there were six children: Elizabeth died in England; Samuel is mentioned below; Mary Ann and Elizabeth were twins, the former marrying William Cameron, and residing in Chatham, the latter the wife of a Mr. Horst (she is now deceased); John E. and Sarah also died in England. The parents were honest, prosperous trades people. Both belonged to the Episcopal Church.

Samuel Sly was reared in an atmosphere of business and trained to the habits of industry and economy which have characterized him through life. About fourteen years old when his father died, he remained with his mother for a number of years, relieving her of many responsibilities. In Bath, England, on June 10, 1870, he married Eleanor Stone, who was born in Coalpetheaph, Gloucester, England, Aug. 16, 1848, and they have had eight children: Leah H., who married Harry Green, and resides in Chatham; Arthur, who died at the age of twenty-one; Blanch, who died at the age of eight years; Caroline, who died at the age of six; Louise, who married John Zimber, and resides at Detroit, Michigan; Nellie F. C.; Dazy C.; and Pearl A.

After his marriage Mr. Sly worked in a brewery in Bristol, England, until 1884, when he came to Ontario. Renting a farm in Dover township, he there continued for about twelve years, familiarizing himself with American methods of farming. Encouraged by his successes, he in 1896 purchased a fifty-acre tract in the same township, where he has since pursued his industry. He is meeting with the best of results, and is recognized as an agriculturist of much ability. Mr. Sly is a forceful, energetic man, not afraid to speak his mind, and a power for good in his community. As a Conservative he has long taken an active part in local politics. Socially he stands high, and is an esteemed member of the C. A. O. of F. He and his wife are consistent members of the Episcopal Church.

James Stone, father of Mrs. Sly, made his home for the most part in Coalpetheaph, Gloucestershire, England. He conducted a hotel for many years, and also ran a blacksmith's shop, prospered in business and was a man of considerable means. He married Hester Holder, of the same place, and they had ten children:

Eliza C. was married to a Mr. Pullin, and, after his death, to a Mr. Loney (she is now deceased); Anna, who resides in England, was married to George Lewis, a hotel-keeper; Martha (now deceased) married Fred Green, who is also a hotel-keeper; Leah, who resides in England, is the wife of Joe Newman, a grocer; Samuel, who also resides in England, is engaged in hotel-keeping; Eleanor, Mrs. Sly, is mentioned above; the others are still living in England: Emily, who was married to John Forgan, a railroad employe; Sarah A., wife of George Nowels, also a railroad employe; Rose, wife of Mr. Parker, a hotel-keeper; and Albert J., a blacksmith, who is now carrying on his father's old shop. The parents were well-informed, influential people. Mr. Stone died in 1885, at the age of fifty-three years, and his wife passed away in 1859, at the age of thirty-seven years. Both were highly esteemed members of the Episcopal Church.

HENRY GOSNELL, son of Joseph and Caroline (Dobbyn) Gosnell, of Ireland and Tyrconnell, Ont., was born April 27, 1843, on his father's farm, Lot 1, Concession 6, of Orford township, Kent County, where he still lives. His father's death occurred June 18, 1893, when he was eighty-three years of age. His mother died Jan. 13, 1899, aged eighty years. They are buried in the Gosnell cemetery. They were both Methodists, although before leaving his native land the father had been a member of the Church of England. The children born of this union were: Mary Ann, Richard, Samuel, Joseph F., all deceased, and Ellen Jane, Sarah, Henry, John W. and George W., living.

Henry Gosnell married Isabel, daughter of Robert and Mary (McLean) McKinlay, of Howard township, on Dec. 31, 1884. They had two children, Mary C., living, and Robena, who died in infancy. The first Methodist Church in the township was built on the Gosnell farm, Rev. M. D. McLean being then its pastor.

JACKMAN. The Jackman family, one of the best known of the representative families of the County of Kent, is of Scotch-English extraction. The first of the family of whom there is any definite account was Robert Jackman, born in England, in 1759, who died in 1834. His wife was a Miss Reginald, and they came to Ontario at an early day in its history, settling in Camden township, County of Kent, where he carried on farming during his active life, and where they both died. Their children were: Edward, Richard, William, Betsy and Nancy, all born in the County of Kent, and all now deceased. Of this family, William Jackman was born in 1800, one mile from Thamesville, in Camden township, and there farmed until his death, in 1870. He married Catherine Munks, daughter of Philip Munks and his wife Margaret, and the following children were born of this union: Richard, John, William, Philip, Mary Jane, Edward, Isaac and Margaret Ann.

Richard Jackman, of the above family, was born Aug. 17, 1824, in Camden township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his active life, and is now living retired in Thamesville. In 1849 he was married to Miss Margaret Best (daughter of Henry and Nancy (Bigler) Best, early settlers of the County of Kent), born in 1828 in the County of Kent. The following children were born to this couple: Henry, deceased; Catherine, who married H. Richardson, and has one daughter, Ola; Mariah, who married (first) Charles Lampart, by whom she had one child, Margaret Ann, and (second) Luren Arnold; William; Mary Jane, who married Frank Sharp, and has four children, Clayton, Ethel, Nellie and Mildred; Ellen, who married George Haff, and has one child, Orville. The parents are members of the Methodist Church, in the work of which they take an active part. Politically Mr. Jackman is a member of the Reform party, and he is a representative man of Thamesville.

WILLIAM JACKMAN was born in Howard township Oct. 11, 1857, and when he was eleven years of age the family removed to Zone township. There he grew to manhood. In 1889 Mr. Jackman purchased the dray business of Theodore Allen and for twelve years successfully conducted it, doing all the draying for the Grand Trunk railroad. On Aug. 19, 1891, Mr. Jackman was married to Mary Elizabeth Stonehouse, daughter of William Stonehouse. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jackman are members of the Methodist Church, and are very highly regarded by all who know them. The political opinions of Mr. Jackman coincide with those of his father, he being a stanch Reformer,

and he takes an active interest in local affairs. His fraternal affiliations are with the order of Odd Fellows.

DAVID CORBETT owns and conducts a farm of 150 acres in Zone township that is regarded, and justly, as a model throughout the County of Kent. Mr. Corbett has cultivated the place since 1884, and during that time has proved himself to be an up-to-date agriculturist in every sense.

James Corbett, his father, was born in Nova Scotia, son of James Corbett, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and engaged in farming in his native Province throughout his active life. He also served twenty years as government commissioner, for drainage, etc. In 1884 he came with his son David to Zone township, where he remained until death, four years later, at the age of eighty-three. He fell and broke his hip, the injury proving fatal. James Corbett first married Mary Küver, who died at the age of thirty-two years, the mother of children as follows: William, who died in Nova Scotia when a young man (he was preparing to enter the medical profession); David; Jane, who died young; and Miss Mary, who makes her home with her brother David. The mother was a member of the Presbyterian Church, with which the father also united. He subsequently married Rosanna Forrest, by whom he had one child, Thomas S., who is a farmer in Nova Scotia.

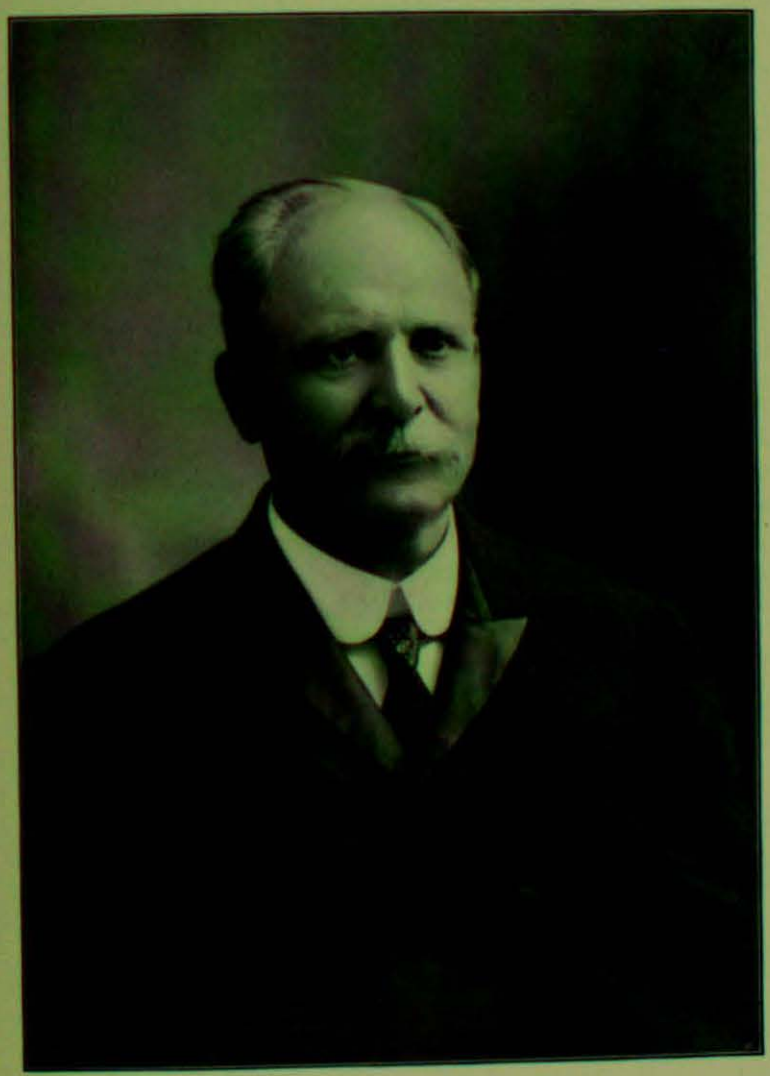
David Corbett was born June 25, 1836, in the County of Colchester, Nova Scotia, and grew to manhood in his native Province, remaining at home up to the age of twenty years. He then set out for California, to engage in gold mining, which he followed successfully for six years, at the end of that period returning to Nova Scotia, where he purchased a farm of seventy-five acres at Amherst, County of Cumberland. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits from 1863 to 1884, in which latter year he came to County of Kent, and settled on the tract in Lot 15, 1st Concession, Zone township, which has since been his home. Here he has engaged in general farming, and he has been constantly improving his land until the place is one of the best in all the County of Kent, as a result of his industry and progressive methods. Mr. Corbett has five miles of tiling under his land, put in for drainage, and the other improvements are on a corresponding scale—practical and efficient. The handsome income he derives from the place is sufficient justification for the work he has expended upon it. The brick dwelling-house is substantial and comfortable.

Mr. Corbett is a self-made man in the best meaning of that term, having become prosperous and won good standing by his own efforts, never sparing himself when the question of work was uppermost. In his younger manhood he had several years of adventure, visiting various parts of the world, was in Cuba twice, in Mexico, and in Nicaragua, crossing that country on mules. When he arrived in California, on his search for gold, he had only enough to pay for a bed, and retired supperless the first night, but there, as elsewhere, he won success by his pluck and determination. In 1883 Mr. Corbett was sent to Glasgow on private business, and remained eight weeks, enjoying a very pleasant trip.

In September, 1867, in Amherst, Nova Scotia, Mr. Corbett was married to Alice Keever, who was born in that Province in 1848, daughter of William and Nancy (Jenks) Keever, who were engaged in farming there. Six children have blessed this union: Mary I., Caroline, Ida J. (a telegraph operator), Alice, Margaret (a telegraph operator) and Frank A., all of whom are unmarried and living at home. Their religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church. Socially Mr. Corbett affiliates with the Independent Order of Foresters, and in political faith he is a Protectionist.

ALBERT HILLIARD WHITE. The White family of Ontario is of English extraction, but for several generations various members have been located in Canada, being especially connected with the affairs of Ontario. A most representative member of a much respected family, Albert Hilliard White, of Chatham, is well and widely known. He was born Oct. 10, 1847, at Cook's Corners, Raleigh township, County of Kent, a son of Stephen and Harriet Elizabeth (West) White.

William White, the father of Stephen White, was born in England, and there married Hannah Russel. They reared the following children: Henry, William, Daniel, Edward, Betsey, Hannah, Mary, Sarah and



A. D. White

Stephen. Stephen White was born in Pennsylvania, and when an infant was brought to the County of Kent, where he grew to manhood and spent some years engaged in farming on Lot 24, Concession 11, Raleigh township. He was a man of prominence in the County of Kent, being warden of the county and a member of the county council for years and was once the candidate of his party for the Ontario Legislature. For a long time he was agent for the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Canada, and a director in the same, and for twenty years he was a member of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario and for a time its honored president. His good judgment and known integrity frequently made him a referee in matters open to dispute in the county, and his death was regarded as a distinct loss to both county and township. In 1846 he married Harriet Elizabeth West, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Harvey) West, the latter a daughter of William Harvey. The children of Stephen White and his wife were as follows: Albert H. is mentioned below; Oliver is deceased; Sarah H. is the wife of Rev. Edwin McCollom, of the State of Kentucky; Elsie Jane became the wife of Dr. George Richardson; John Wesley is a lawyer of Chatham; Sylvester F. is a farmer on Lots 17 and 18, Concession 10, Raleigh township; Minnie May is the wife of Rev. C. T. Scott, of London, Ont.; Hettie Victoria is the wife of Frank Gonne, of Detroit; Milton William is deceased.

Henry West, the maternal grandfather of Albert H. White, was born in 1793, and by his marriage to Sarah Harvey, had the following children born to him: William, Edmund, George, John, Silas and Harriet Elizabeth. Of these Silas West was born in 1833, in Raleigh township, and there owns a fine farm of 150 acres. He married Mary H. Pardo, who was born in Raleigh in 1833 and died in January, 1900, and their children were: Emma J., who married William T. Campbell, and has two children, Harry C. and Annie E.; Clara H., who married Joseph Ferris, of California, and Hattie A. and Annie M., both deceased. Grandfather Henry West came to the County of Kent in 1821 and settled in Raleigh township, on Lot 23, Concession 11. He was a son of Edmund West, who was born in England and died there.

Albert Hilliard White grew to manhood on the family homestead on Lot 24, Concession 11, and when he was about twenty-six years of age purchased a farm of 100 acres, the south half of Lot 19, Concession 10, in Raleigh township, all but seven acres of which was bush land. The remaining ninety-three acres Mr. White has put also under cultivation, and has built substantial fencing and erected commodious and comfortable buildings. To this first purchase he added another 100 acres, the north half of Lot 14, Concession 10, Raleigh township, which he has also cleared and placed under cultivation, making his property one of the large and valuable estates of the locality. On the death of his father he secured from the estate fifty acres, the south quarter of Lot 19, Concession 9, Raleigh township, and with his usual industry and good management, has placed this land under better cultivation and has improved it with buildings. Mr. White is now the fortunate owner of 250 acres of some of the finest farming land in Ontario and his place is well improved in such a way as to place it among the most desirable homes in the section. Mr. White resided on this farm and superintended its operation until his removal to Chatham, where he had purchased Lot 73, on the corner of Inches avenue and King street, West Chatham, remodeled the house and erected attractive and convenient outbuildings.

In 1880, in association with his brother, J. W. White, a barrister in Chatham, he assumed the duties of agent for the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Canada, and the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company of London, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, with Canadian headquarters at Montreal. His father's long connection with the former company made him familiar with many details of the business before he took charge of it. He handles all kinds of legal business in the way of conveyancing, etc., and has occupied many of the important offices of county and city. He was general superintendent of the Exhibition for the Provincial Show in London in 1885; in Guelph, 1886; in Ottawa, 1887; in Kingston, 1888; and in London, again, 1889, the last year the Provincial Show was held. He has been reeve and deputy reeve of the Raleigh township council for several years, and was a member of the county

council prior to moving into Chatham. He is also a justice of the peace. His career as a business man has been one of eminent success, much of the credit for which Mr. White gives to his father, who trained him in practical methods.

On Feb. 4, 1874, Mr. White was united in marriage with Miss Annie Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, Esq., who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and after coming to this country was intimately connected with the Hon. George Brown and the Toronto *Globe*. A family of nine children has been born to this union, the survivors being: Dr. Edwin Bruce, a practicing physician of London, Ont.; Oliver Wilson, a dentist in Detroit, who married Miss Lewick, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Effie Blanche, the wife of Willard Flint, a dentist of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Pearl Irene, of Chatham; and Leroy Clifford, who died at the age of thirteen years from an accident received at the McKeough School, Chatham. The other members of the family died in childhood.

Mr. White is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and of the Scottish Rite thereof, belonging to the London Lodge of Perfection and Sovereign Chapter, Rose Croix. He is a Past Chief Patriarch of Chatham Encampment, I. O. O. F.; Past Grand of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F.; Past Master of Peninsula Lodge, A. O. U. W.; and a member of the I. O. F. and R. T. of T. He is an honored member of the Methodist church.

SAMUEL L. WELLWOOD, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Raleigh township, County of Kent, was one of the first implement dealers of his locality, and he is a man recognized as a leading political factor in the county.

Robert Wellwood, his grandfather, was a native of County Carlow, Ireland, where he grew to manhood and married, and where his family of five sons and five daughters were born. They all sailed from Ireland in 1830, bound for Canada. Their first place of location was Kettle Creek, near Wallacetown, and there they remained about a year, after which they came to Raleigh township, Robert taking up government land in Lot 3, Concession 11. Later he removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he died. Of the children born to Robert Wellwood and his wife we have record of Samuel; William, who was killed in battle at Windsor, 1837; Robert, who died at Three Oaks, Michigan; Joshua; Ann, who married James Neland, of Detroit; Sarah, wife of Edward Lewis, who located on Lot 1, Concession 8; Eliza, who married William Wallace; and Jane, who married John Bubier, of Wallacetown.

Samuel Wellwood, the father of Samuel L., was the eldest of the family. Immediately upon coming to Raleigh township he took up land in Lot 5, Concession 11, on which property his son Samuel L. now resides. The time that this family settled in the township antedated roads or any improvements, and there were no near neighbors, although the Drews and the Finlins, from their own county in Ireland, settled in the township a year later. Samuel Wellwood first built a log house, some sixty rods east of the present fine brick residence, and this was later replaced by another somewhat larger, but there are no signs of these primitive dwelling places upon the handsome premises of Mr. Wellwood. While residing in Ireland Samuel married Hannah Griffin, who died Sept. 1, 1890. He passed away Aug. 25, 1855. Before emigrating he served some years in the British army, and during the Rebellion of 1837, in Canada, he was a volunteer. The news of his brother's death at Windsor so inflamed him that he raised a company, purposing to march upon the locality and avenge his relative's unhappy taking off, but he did not accomplish this. As he died in the prime of life, only about one-fourth of the farm was cleared before his death, but it was accomplished in due time. The children born to himself and wife were: Eliza, wife of Andrew Smith, of Harwich township; Sarah, who married Joseph Dugra, of Bay City; Mary Ann, who married Dr. Campbell, of Detroit, Michigan; Catherine, widow of D. C. Echlin, of Chatham; Ellen, who married Hiram Holmes, of Detroit, Michigan; William, who died Feb. 18, 1893 (he had always resided in Raleigh township, and married Deborah Pangburn, by whom he had two children, William J. and Minnie); James, who died Aug. 10, 1854, aged nineteen years; and Samuel L.

Samuel L. Wellwood, the youngest of the family, was born on the homestead March 13, 1848, and received the usual educational advantages of the time. Upon the death of his

father he came into the possession of a portion of the homestead, to which he added from time to time, now owning 325 acres of finely improved land. He confined himself to farming until 1897, when he branched out into the implement business, and since that time has had a warehouse at Merlin, Raleigh township.

In politics Mr. Wellwood is a Conservative, and he has taken a lively interest in the county's welfare. In 1886 and 1887 he served as township collector, and was deputy reeve in 1888, 1889 and 1891. For twenty-one years he has served very acceptably as trustee of the separate schools, and for twelve years as treasurer of the board. For three years he was president of the Raleigh Agricultural Society, of which for seven or eight years he was a director. The family are all members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Wellwood is a member of the C. M. B. A.

On July 11, 1870, Mr. Wellwood married Margaret Ann Willard, of Amherst Island, and to them have come the following children: James, born Dec. 14, 1871, married Ada Gilhula, and has one son, Albert James; he has a fine farm, adjoining the one owned by his father. Samuel, born Dec. 26, 1873, married Pearl Sales, and owns the farm south of his father's. Ellen Louisa, born Feb. 3, 1877, married Martin Drew, and has one son, William Earnest. George Edwin, born April 1, 1880, attends Chatham high school. Margaret Mabel was born Aug. 26, 1887.

Mr. Wellwood is justly recognized as one of the leading men of his community, and he is not only successful financially and politically, but he has always been able to attract and retain friends, and is well and favorably known throughout his community.

JAMES McDONALD DUNLOP, a retired farmer and successful business man of Chatham township now residing on his pleasant and highly cultivated farm of 100 acres in Lot 22, 6th Concession, was born in the parish of Draghorn, Ayrshire, Scotland, Aug. 15, 1820. His parents, Hugh and Jean (Dickey) Dunlop, of Ayrshire, Scotland, died there, the father in 1855, aged ninety years, and the mother in 1865, aged eighty years. By occupation the father was a farmer, and both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had children as follows: John, deceased, of Draghorn, Scotland; Margaret, who married John Crawford, of Salcut, Scotland; Hugh, of Draghorn, Scotland; Anna, deceased, who married Daniel Curray, of Salcut, Scotland; Janet, of Glasgow, Scotland, widow of Hugh Cran; James McDonald; David, who died in Scotland; Jean, who married Bowman Gibson and died in Scotland; Thomas, who died in Scotland; and Mary, who married James McCommet and died in Glasgow, Scotland.

On Dec. 16, 1841, James M. Dunlop married Jean Brown, and children were born to them as follows: Jane, born April 27, 1843, of Chatham township, was married twice, first to Amos Potroff, by whom she had six children, and second to James Shaw, to whom she bore three children. Hugh, born Jan. 12, 1845, died on the farm adjoining his father's, Dec. 27, 1893; he married Elizabeth Brigham, and had six children. Agnes, born April 4, 1848, married Albert Ridley, of Forest, Ont., a farmer, and they have five children. David, born Feb. 15, 1850, is a farmer of Marlette, Michigan, and is very wealthy; he married Margaret Clarke, by whom he has twelve children. James, born Nov. 1, 1852, is a wealthy wholesale merchant of Hamilton, Ont.; he married Mary Wilson, and has four children. Mary B., born March 9, 1855, married David Fox, a carpenter of Clare, Michigan, and has one son. Dr. John W., born April 16, 1857, a physician of Clare, Michigan, married Nettie Bicknell, and they have four children. Matheison R., born July 1, 1863, a farmer of Chatham township, married Louisa Turnbel, and has two children, Jean D. and James D. Mrs. Dunlop was born in the parish of Stuarton, Ayrshire, Scotland, Aug. 15, 1819, and died Aug. 26, 1898; she was buried in the Camden cemetery. She was a daughter of David and Jean (Stinston) Brown, of Ayrshire, Scotland, farming people of that locality who there lived and died.

James M. Dunlop remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account in Scotland. In 1854 he emigrated to Canada, locating in Hamilton, and worked for the farmers for a few weeks, and then in the vicinity for eighteen months, after which he went to Binbrook, County of Wentworth, South. After a year he purchased a small farm at Binbrook, and remained upon it two years, employing his spare time working for Paul & Blaine, in the lumber regions. At

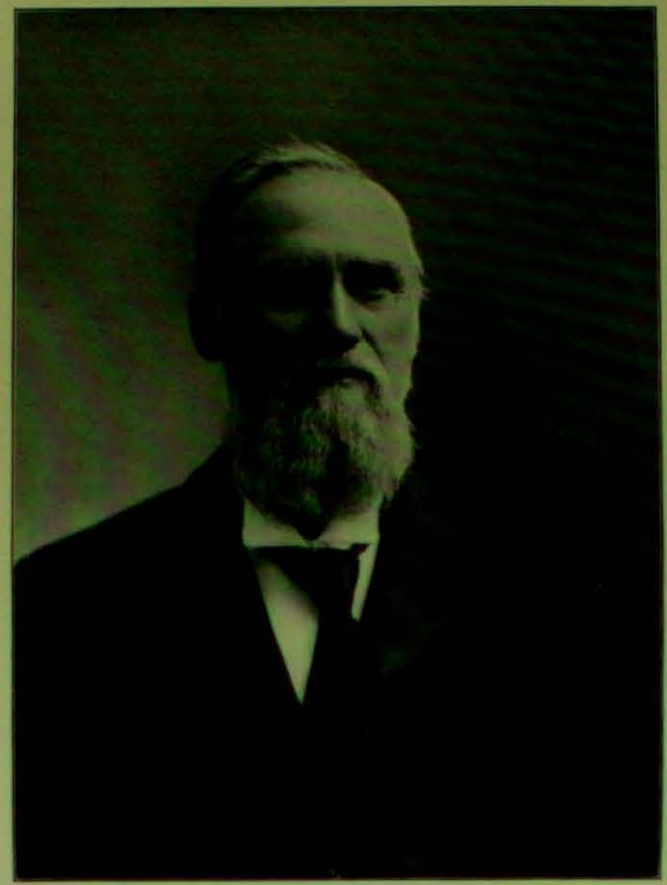
the expiration of the two years he settled in Chatham township, County of Kent, and in 1870 bought his present farm, which was then all a wilderness. He was obliged to make a clearing in the woods for his little home, and out of the forest he hewed his way to a comfortable fortune, and after an active and useful life is now enjoying the fruits of his labors. When he landed in the Dominion with a wife and five children, three sons and two daughters, he was without funds, but he never lost heart or faltered in his determination to succeed. In religious matters he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which he gives liberally. His political sentiment makes him a Grit. In his young manhood he served as a soldier in the British army, and as such was at the coronation of Queen Victoria, in 1837. Mr. Dunlop enjoys in the fullest degree the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, and is recognized as an excellent example of the sturdy, thrifty pioneers who have developed the County of Kent and made its present prosperity possible.

COLLINS HANDY, SR., Morpeth, Ont. In 1704 a family by the name of Moss emigrated from England and settled on the seashore in the State of Connecticut. They were descendants from the Baltic Mariners or Sea Kings who entered England at the time of William the Conquerer. One Theopolus Moss was born from this Puritan family April 13, 1718. Years after, he married Miss Ruth Ramsey, and raised a large family. On Nov. 25, 1740, was born one Ebenezer who, in 1762, married Miss Esther Preston, and they raised a family of seven. One of the daughters, named Lois, married one Henry Handy, Nov. 7, 1785. From this marriage the subject of our sketch was born, being one of a family of five sons and two daughters. Ebenezer, the eldest, married Sarah A. Baldwin. Mahitabel married Thomas Ransom, of Wisconsin. Hale married Miss Laura Wood, a Wisconsin lady. Louisa married John Nichols, of York State. Sedgwick married Eleanor Clements, of York State. John remained a bachelor. Collins was the third in the family.

Collins Handy was born at Wellingport, Connecticut, April 7, 1811. In 1816 the family moved to Salisbury, Herkimer county, New York. The eldest brother, Ebenezer, learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and in 1831 came to Canada by the way of Buffalo and Port Stanley. He assisted in building the Hamilton and Warren mills at Kettle Creek. In 1831 he was joined by our subject, Collins, who worked with his brother "Eb" for two years, and after the completion of the mill they went to Palmyra and built the first frame house in the township of Orford, for a Mr. Eberle, on or near the site of the brick now occupied by Edward Eberle, in Palmyra. They then assisted in building the Freeman Green residence, in Howard, which still stands in its original name, neatly and well kept up, overlooking the broad waters of Lake Erie. They then built the "Baldwin Hotel," at Clearville, owned and occupied by Capt. David Baldwin. Mr. Handy married Mr. Baldwin's daughter, Rebecca, on April 22, 1833. He then entered into partnership with Mr. Baldwin in buying and shipping grain, and filling the contract for the first mail route west from St. Thomas to Malden; this contract was let in 1832, and the partnership continued until 1838.

In 1832 the only post office on Talbot Road west of St. Thomas was at Col. Bunwell's. In 1834 a post office was established on a sand hill about one mile west of New Glasgow. Then Clearville was kept by Mr. Baldwin, thence east of Morpeth on Mr. Walter's place, which was in 1835 the only post office in the township of Howard, there being none at that time in the township of Harwich in the southern part, and none from Morpeth to Col. Little's in Romney. There was one at Gosfield kept by Mr. Buchanan, and then at Malden or Amherstburg. The roads west of Clearville were chiefly through dense forests, and in many places were mere trails, only passable on foot or horseback. Many incidents are recited by this aged pioneer, of the endurance and hardships he underwent, which required an element that would be hard to find in the young man of the present day. On one occasion, during the spring floods, when the bridge spanning Kettle Creek was carried away, he stripped one of the horses of its harness, and with himself and mail on the animal's back swam the river, both the animal and self barely escaping being drowned. He was carried back by a boat, leading the horse behind. During the time he carried the mail he purchased some river lots in the heart of Windsor, which he traded with





Ida K. Watson

Henry Watson

Mr. Baldwin for part of Lot 102, N. T. R., in the township of Howard, where he now lives. In 1838 he built a fine dwelling on the lot, and has lived there about sixty-six years. He lost his companion Sept. 8, 1881, a woman highly esteemed for her many amiable qualities. Their family comprised seven sons and four daughters: David H., born Dec. 26, 1835; Collins, Aug. 18, 1838; Louisa, April 2, 1841; Julia E., April 21, 1843; Julius, Feb. 17, 1845; George W., Oct. 25, 1847; Franklin M., April 20, 1850; Norman Wesley, May 4, 1852; Ida C., June 14, 1854; Clara L., Oct. 17, 1856; Anson F., March 25, 1859. The family at this date are all alive except the mother, the eldest son and the eldest daughter. The daughter Julia was for many years her father's housekeeper, and guarded and cared for his wants. In February, 1900, she was married to Oliver Ransom, which necessitated a change, Fred, the youngest, moving on the old homestead, where he is caring for the aged father. Mr. Handy's oldest grandchild is Linneus Watson, living in Morden, Manitoba; at his birth he could boast of having four grandmothers on his father's side and three on his mother's side—seven living grandmothers, one in Yorkshire, England, 103 years of age. Mr. Handy has twenty-five grandchildren, six being dead, and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Handy was ninety-three years of age on April 7, 1904. He is still quite well, and very active for one of his age, and enjoys himself in performing some outdoor work. As regularly as Saturday in every week comes he is in Ridgetown getting shaved. He possesses a compact and wiry organization, full of energy, positiveness and persistence, organized to be healthy and capable of accomplishing a great deal of work through his mental activity and physical endurance. He has been a man of great determination and decision. He is sociable, friendly, kindly and neighborly, and at this ripe age no one ever heard him utter profanity, and he is without an enemy. He has never been a politician, but always regarded it a duty as a citizen to cast a vote or ballot in the highest or lowest position when an opportunity offered. He has always been a stanch Reformer, and has been a constant reader and subscriber of the Toronto *Globe* since its inception, sixty-one years ago. He has been a Universalist in faith and act during his life, and has the confidence of all who know him, who are with him in belief or differ in opinion, as an honorable man, unblemished in reputation. Nearly all the members of his family are situated close by him, and the old-fashioned fire hearthstone is welcome and relished by all. May he still stay many years with those who love, honor and revere him.

HENRY WATSON, postmaster at Highgate, Ont., was born in the township of Hope, County of Durham, Ont., Nov. 18, 1838. The residence where he was born was on top of a large hill, on Lot 31, Concession 1, of the township mentioned—a picturesque spot, with beautiful landscape views and the broad waters of Lake Ontario.

The paternal grandfather of Henry Watson was William Watson, who was born in Yorkshire, near Malton, England, June 16, 1793. At about the age of nineteen he married Mary Geldard, who was born in Yorkshire, England, Oct. 15, 1794, and they emigrated to America five years after their marriage with a family of two children. The family landed at Port Hope in 1819, when it was in its wild and unsettled state, there being but two or three rude log houses in the place; the family built a small log house and lived there a few years, finally locating on Lot 31, in the 1st Concession of the township of Hope, and living there until the grandfather's death, which took place Feb. 20, 1850. He was buried in the Wesley Churchyard close by. The family comprised five sons and six daughters, two dying in infancy, and only one son and one daughter are alive at present, at advanced ages—Mrs. John Bailey, who lives near Wallaceburg, and David R., near Morpeth.

John Watson, the eldest in the family of William, married Rosannah De Long Dec. 20, 1837, at Port Hope, the ceremony being performed by Rev. John Cassie. She was born March 22, 1821, in Hamilton township, County of Northumberland. By this union the subject of our sketch was born. In 1847 John and his family, accompanied by his brothers Robert and David, together with their mother and two married sisters and their families, moved west and settled in the County of Kent. Grandmother made her home with her youngest son

David, who lived to an old age and died at Government Park, Rond Eau Point, May 5, 1885.

Mr. Watson's great-grandfather on the mother's side was James DeLong, who was of French and Scottish origin, connected with the Bourbon family, and engaged in the wars of the family compact, holding a commission as captain. Capt. James DeLong married Elizabeth Sisson, a woman of English birth, and with a large family emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where one of his sons, Reuben, was born in 1772. Reuben at mature age married Sybel Decker, in New York State, where she was born, of German parentage on her mother's side. They moved to Pennsylvania and later to Canada, settling in Hamilton township, in the County of Northumberland, where Rosannah was born.

After their marriage our subject's parents lived chiefly in the township of Hope, and the father was one of the prominent farmers of the township. During the time of the Rebellion he was one of the volunteers and held commission as captain. They reared a large family, nine born in the township of Hope, two of whom died in infancy. The family moved to the County of Kent in 1858, and purchased the Baldwin farm, at Baldwin's Corners, North Talbot Road, in the township of Howard, after which two other children were born. After living there for ten years the father traded farms and moved not far from the Rond Eau, where they lived until he died, in June, 1886; The mother survived until Sept. 28, 1900. They were both zealous members of the Methodist Church until they moved west, when they accepted the faith of the Universalist Church. Rev. W. W. Clayton preached the funeral sermon of father Watson and Rev. Dr. McCollester that of the mother. The following children were born to them: Henry, the eldest, is mentioned below. Elizabeth (deceased) married Collins Handy, Jr., of Howard, a farmer. Theodore F. lives in Vancouver, where he is a contractor and builder; he is married and has a family of four children. Angeline, wife of George W. Handy, farmer and county commissioner, lives on the old homestead. Emma Josephine married George Murray, a veterinary surgeon of Winnipeg, Man. Mary Minerva (deceased) married Col. J. T. Coffet, a prominent auctioneer of Chicago. Hortensa S. is the wife of T. A. McCormick, of Chatham. Orra Eugene is a contractor and builder of Vancouver, B. C.; he is married. Welford W., who is quite an extensive farmer near the Rond Eau, is also married.

Henry Watson was reared on a farm, and in his young days attended school on the front road, Port Brittan and the York road, all in the township of Hope. His last teacher in the township, in the "Marsh Section," was John F. Cleghorn, of Port Brittan; he also had as teachers Charles Potts and Andrew Riddell. After coming west he attended the Slabtown school for a short time. He was a close student at home, applying himself at every opportunity. At the age of about twenty years, by reason of illness, he left the farm, and with Dr. Sutherland of Morpeth in the month of September drove to DeKalb, in Illinois. They were fifteen days making the journey. This was about the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. After being in the country for a few months he secured a position as teacher in School Section No. 4, in the township of Campton, Kane county, Illinois, received a certificate of permit from the local inspector and received a creditable recommendation when he surrendered the school. On returning home to his parents he was engaged and taught in School Section No. 12, Harwich, receiving his permit (which he still holds) from the late David Mills, who was then I. P. S. On Aug. 9, 1863, he was married by Rev. A. Waddell, to Louisa Handy, at her residence. They moved to Chatham, where he attended the Grammar School, under the tuition of Mr. McBain, and received a creditable certificate during the pleasure of the board. Late in 1863 they moved to Clearville, where Mr. Watson was engaged by trustees E. H. Ridley, Esq., Daniel McCrank and N. H. Benton, and commencing in January, 1864, he taught three years, at the respective salaries of $250, $275 and $300. In 1867 he bought out a mercantile business at Clearville from the late Andrew Heyward, of Chatham, and finally bought the premises from David Walker, of the "Walker House," Toronto. After continuing ten years in mercantile pursuits he sold out to J. L. Davis, in 1876. In 1868 he was appointed postmaster of Clearville, and held the position over thirty years, when he resigned. In 1872 he received a letter of appointment as Commissioner in the High Courts of Justice by Hon.

W. B. Richards, Chief Justice, Hon. J. C. Morrison and Hon. A. Wilson, Justices of the Queen's Bench. In 1880 he was appointed by Her Majesty's Courts as a Justice of the Peace, succeeding E. H. Ridley, Esq., In 1885 he was appointed, by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, as Issuer of Marriage Licenses in the County of Kent. Mr. Watson was appointed municipal clerk of the township of Orford thirty years ago, and has held the position continuously to the present. He was the chief promoter and instigator in securing the Bell telephone office at Clearville, encouraging the enterprise at a large personal cost.

The family of Henry and Louisa (Handy) Watson comprised two sons and one daughter, all born at Clearville. Linneus, the first, born June 15, 1864, married Mary Ruthven, Dec. 7, 1887, and has one son. He rented his farm, and is now living at Morden, Man., engaged in the implement business. Mary, the only daughter, died with scarlet fever on Sunday morning, Feb. 21, 1875, when nine years and seven months old, after being sick three days; this sad bereavement injured the mother's health materially. Clayton, who was born Oct. 14, 1876, has completed his course as a machinist, and has been in the Walcott machine shop, at Jackson, Michigan, for nearly six years. He was married in September, 1903, to Miss Beulah Burton, of Jackson, where they now live. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Watson and his wife went to Manitoba, accompanied by their little boy, Clayton, chiefly with the object of improving the mother's health; she died very suddenly at his brother's residence, at Nelson, Man., May 6, 1882. The remains were brought home under trying difficulties, during the big flood, and arrived at the home and residence in Clearville just one month to a day from the time they left it. Mother and daughter are resting in the family cemetery at Morpeth, Ontario.

On Nov. 15, 1883, Mr. Watson was married, the second time, by Rev. C. W. Knickerbocker, to Ida C. Handy, sister of his first wife, and to this marriage came two children: Miss Leona, who was born Dec. 7, 1884, is now assistant postmaster at Highgate; and Morden, who was born Oct. 5, 1889, is a student at school. Mrs. Watson was born on Lot 102, N. T. R., Howard township, June 14, 1854, and is the third daughter and ninth born in the family of Collins Handy, Sr., and Rebecca (Baldwin). She received her education chiefly at the Slabtown school, and taught in School Section No. 5, Orford, in 1874.

On Dec. 28, 1895, Mr. Watson started the *Highgate Monitor*, of which he was sole proprietor and manager up to April, 1899, when he sold out to Vance A. Statia, on account of ill health. During the period in which he conducted the *Monitor* he wrote and published more pioneer sketches than were contained in any other journal in the province. In 1897 he and his family moved to Highgate from Clearville, where he had lived nearly thirty-four years, and in September, 1900, he was appointed to the office of postmaster at Highgate.

In all his public career Mr. Watson has never drunk a glass of liquor or smoked a cigar. He has filled several local positions, among them, some years ago, that of director and president of the Agricultural Society. Fraternally Mr. Watson has filled several elective and appointive offices. He joined Morpeth Lodge, No. 111, A. F. & A. M., in 1873; was the first chartered master of Highgate Lodge, No. 336, instituted in 1875, and has held the position of grand steward of Grand Lodge. He is a member of Erie Chapter, No. 73, Royal Arch Masons, was on the executive board, and deputy grand commander of Select Knights. A member of the A. O. U. W. almost from its inception in Canada, he was D. D. of the three western counties for two years, and held the first public installation in the Province, at Aylmer; he was grand inside watchman of the order for two years.

Mr. Watson and his wife have been members of the Universalist Church at Blenheim for many years. He has held the position of President of the Society for the Province, been on the executive board for years, and has been treasurer of the Society for the province for the past four years. In politics he has always been a consistent Reformer, and was secretary and treasurer of the Provincial Association for over twenty years. He is probably as well known as any man in the county, and is well thought of by his broad circle of friends. He is a man of few words, always abstaining from hot discussions. His writings on historical events and subjects of general interest have been much admired. Courteous, generous and kind-hearted, he has suffered severely by mis-

placed confidence, but he is honored and well respected in the community, and by his associates in all relations of life.

PHILIP ASHTON owns and cultivates a fine farm of 300 acres in Orford township, on which he has resided since 1876, at which time but twenty-five acres of the property were cleared.

Mr. Ashton's birth occurred in Cornwall, England, May 5,1849, and he is a son of Philip and Priscilla (Elliott) Ashton, of Cornwall, England, who came to Canada in 1856, locating in London, Ont., where they remained three and one-half years. Then they settled in the County of Kent, took up 100 acres, and there made their permanent home. The father's death occurred in 1897, when he was eighty-two years of age, and the mother died in 1887, aged seventy-three years, and they are buried in Purcel's cemetery, in the County of Elgin. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: John, a retired farmer of St. Thomas, Ont.; William, deceased; Philip; Henry, a farmer of the County of Elgin, Ont.; Mary, deceased, who married Richard Smale; Elizabeth, who married George Pullen, of Strathroy, Ont.; Fanny, who married Jeff Fordyce, of Cass City, Michigan; and Maggie, who married Donald McArthur, of Huntington, Indiana.

In March, 1876, in Raleigh township, Philip Ashton married Rebecca L. Shepley, and there have been born of this union children as follows: Samuel E., Lena O., Hester L., Ada L., Ethel L. and Edgar E. Mrs. Ashton was born in Raleigh township May 31, 1855, a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (White) Shepley, of Raleigh township, where they made their permanent home, the father dying in 1888, aged eighty-one years, and the mother the same year, aged seventy-six years. They were buried in Charing Cross cemetery, Raleigh township. The children of this union were: Jane, widow of Thomas Pardo, of Harwich township; Mary, of Zone township, who married William Dowswell; Martha, deceased; Nelson, a farmer of Tilbury township; Dinah, deceased, who married William King; Joseph, a blacksmith, of Charing Cross; Hester, deceased, who married John Ashton; Harriet, who married William Guttridge, of Merlin, Ont.; Olive, who died at the age of sixteen years; and her twin sister, Rebecca Laura, who became the wife of Philip Ashton.

Until he attained the age of seventeen Philip Ashton remained with his parents, after which he worked among the farmers and in the lumber woods until his marriage, when he located upon his present farm. He lives on Lot 24, 12th Concession, in Orford township, which he has developed into a very fine piece of property. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but he does not desire public office. Having worked hard, practiced thrift, and exercised good management, Mr. Ashton stands to-day among the leading farmers of his community, and he and Mrs. Ashton have many warm personal friends among their associates.

WILLIAM HENRY CHAPPLE. Few men of Dover township have evinced more enterprise or sound business judgment in the management of their affairs than has this prominent farmer and well-known thresher. As a result he has three valuable, well-improved farms—one of seventy-five acres on Lot 16, Concession 7, and two of fifty acres on Lot 19. Now only about forty-eight years old, strong and active, he is carrying on a highly prosperous business in each of his lines of activity. He comes of good English stock.

Charles Chapple, his father, an educator and farmer, passed the first years of his life in England, making his residence for the most part in Devonshire. Having procured a good education, upon reaching manhood he engaged in teaching, and possessing natural ability for imparting knowledge and maintaining discipline, he continued this pursuit for many years. Favorable reports of Canada and the desire to better the fortunes of himself and children induced him, in 1867, to break home ties and seek the New World. Locating in Dresden, County of Kent, he rented a hundred acres of land and gave his attention to agriculture. A short experience familiarized him with American methods of farming, and, making well out of his enterprise, he continued it for many years. In 1883, however, it seemed desirable to make a change of location, and, moving to a farm in Dover township, he continued there for the rest of his life. Practical and energetic, he always made a good home for himself and

family, and was, on the whole, very prosperous. He died in 1888, at the age of sixty-three years.

While in England he married Harriet Steer, who died in 1873 at the age of sixty years, and she is buried in Dresden. Of this union there are four children: William Henry, Frederick, a thresher residing at Wallaceburg, Ont.; Charles L., in the railroad employ at Toledo, Ohio; and Mary J., who married Albert Jenner, a farmer of Dawn township. Mr. Chapple was a highly capable, well-balanced man—gifted in many lines. Wherever he abode, he exerted a strong influence on the side of morality and progress. He was a well-read man, and always continued his interest in educational matters. In religious faith he was a Methodist.

William Henry Chapple was reared under the beneficent influences of a refined and cultivated home. Born in Devonshire, England, June 12, 1856, he was about eleven years old when his parents came to Ontario, and there grew to manhood on the Dresden farm. In the excellent schools of his native land, and in County Kent, he procured his education, which he has since supplemented with reading and observation. Both environment and ability for agriculture decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that occupation, and for several years he followed it upon the home farm.

In Dover township, in March, 1882, Mr. Chapple married Sophia Jane Bishop, a native of that township. Ten children blessed this union: Sidney, Ernest, Pearl, Maybel, Gracie (deceased), William, Harry, Charles, Roy and Beverly Milton.

After marriage Mr. Chapple settled upon a farm in Wallaceburg, Ont., which he operated for three years, and then rented a more desirable place, the farm owned by William Bishop on 12th Concession, Lot 19, in Dover township, where for six years he pursued his industry under favorable conditions. As a result, at the end of this period he was enabled to purchase the splendid seventy-five-acre farm where he now resides. He has improved this place, and under his wise management it has yielded some of the best crops put on the market. Encouraged by his successes, four years later he purchased another fifty-acre farm, from which he also derives a good income; and April 1, 1904, he purchased fifty acres, half of Lot 19, 6th Concession. As a young man Mr. Chapple began working as a farmer and thresher, and earning good wages, he so managed his affairs as to follow the pursuit each season. For eighteen years he has steadily continued it, doing a large business each year, and he is now one of the substantial farmers of the locality.

Mr. Chapple's achievements have been largely due to his ready discernment of life's opportunities, and his rare ability of grasping each one, and carrying it forward to a successful issue. With an alert, keen intellect, he combines the force and vigor of a well developed physique, and he has also many social attributes that win him friends at every step in life. As a Liberal he is influential in local affairs; and fraternally he affiliates with the A. O. F.

JOHN C. BISHOP, brother of Mrs. Chapple, another prominent agriculturist of Dover township, has achieved success by the steady pursuit of one main industry. Born on the farm where he now resides, April 15, 1866, he is the son of Henry and Sarah (Parrish) Bishop.

William Bishop, grandfather of John C., came from England and settled on a farm in Dover township at an early date, being one of the pioneers of this section. He cleared up a good home for himself, and became one of the prominent men of the township. His wife, Mary Hood, who came with him from England, was a woman of ability and influence.

Henry Bishop, son of William and father of John C., came from England with his parents, and was only a boy when they settled upon a farm in Dover township. Accustomed to the life of a pioneer, in 1857 he procured the 100-acre tract, where his son John C. now resides. This he improved, and afterward operated for many years, making one of the valuable farms of the township. About 1895, retiring from active work, he moved to Chatham, where, in December, 1898, in his sixty-ninth year, he died. He is buried in Jacks cemetery, in Dover township. He married Sarah Parrish, who was born in 1837, daughter of John and Sophia (Richardson) Parrish, who came from England and became farming people of Dover township; she is still living in Chatham. To Henry Bishop and wife were born six children: Walter, a farmer of Chatham township; Matilda, who married Lud Hind, and is now deceased; Sophia, who married William H. Chap-

ple; Prudence, who resides with her mother in Chatham; John C.; and Anna, who married Charles Brooks, and resides in Chatham.

John C. Bishop was reared on the family homestead on Lot 15, Concession 6, in Dover township. Trained as a youth to the work of that place, upon reaching manhood, he settled there, and engaged in agriculture, and some years ago he succeeded his father in the management of the farm, which embraces one hundred acres of some of the most valuable land in the township. He has fully developed the resources of the land through the latest scientific methods, and he is considered one of the foremost agriculturists of the township. In 1899 he erected here a handsome brick house, adding materially to the value of the place.

ELIAKIM NEWCOMBE, one of the prominent residents of Harwich township, County of Kent, is a representative of one of the old and honorable pioneer families of the Dominion. Through his own efforts he has acquired large property interests, and has been a very important factor in the development of his section. Mr. Newcombe was born Nov. 27, 1844, on his present home farm, a son of Elijah and Mary (Walcott) Newcombe.

Elijah Newcombe was born in 1812, in Nova Scotia, a son of Eliakim Newcombe, who came from Nova Scotia to Harwich in 1813 and settled in Orford, on Talbot street, where he began in the dense forests which covered the region at that time a real pioneer life. His children were: Timothy, Daniel, Newton, Elijah, Eliza (wife of Alexander Marsh, of Howard), and Jerusha (wife of Amos Wade, of Orford). All settled and died in Canada. In December, 1835, Elijah Newcombe married Mary Walcott, who was born in 1820, in the State of New York, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Walcott, who came to Canada prior to the war of 1812, in which he participated. Elijah Newcombe lived three years in Orford township, and then he purchased the present farm, in 1838. It was well situated, but was mostly swamp in its natural state, and was at one time called the "sixteen swamp"; it is now called the Deerlake Valley Farm. The only house Mr. Newcombe could provide was a little cabin of logs. In the course of time this was replaced by a hewed log cabin, picturesque and comfortable, which later was replaced by one of frame, and here Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe died, the former in 1879 and the latter in 1897. They were worthy members of the Methodist Church, and did well their part in providing as far as possible for those who came after them. Eleven children gathered about their hearthstone, and although they were bereaved of some others grew to maturity, becoming honored and respected members of society. Eliakim Newcombe was the fourth of this family, the others being as follows: Henry and Albert died young. Charlotte, the second of the family, now deceased, married Edward Shaw, and had two children, John and Mary. Jabez, born on the present farm, settled on the base line in Harwich, and is engaged as a farmer; he married Maggie Watson and has children—Mary E., John, Jabez, Asa and Elijah, Robert, Elijah, Mary and James being deceased. Sarah, born at the present home, married William Henniker, of Harwich, and they have children—Bertha, Henry, John, Windsor, Annie and Eliakim. Esther married John Humphrey, of Muskegon county, Michigan, and they have children—John, Asa, William, Mary, Sarah, Lizzie and Robert. Melvina married Robert Mitton, of Harwich, and they have one son, Leslie D., who is at home. Elizabeth married Robert Baker, of Howard, and they have two children, Mary J. and Rose. Asa married Mary McCune, of Harwich; they reside in Zone township, and have three children, Bertha, Alice and Nettie. John, who resides on a farm in Harwich, married Sarah Newcombe, and they have children—Albert, Minerva, Frank and Blanch.

Eliakim Newcombe passed his boyhood and youth in attendance on farm duties and in securing a district school education. Since he was eighteen years old he has been the practical manager of the home farm, and he gave his parents filial care as long as they lived. In 1894 Mr. Newcombe replaced the frame residence by the present fine brick house, and erected barns and outbuildings to do it credit. The wonderful transformations made by Mr. Newcombe and his father show what may be accomplished in this portion of Ontario when industry and perseverance are combined. Mr. Newcombe owns three other farms, one in Howard township and the others in Harwich.

On Aug. 14, 1876, Mr. Newcombe married Miss. Rebecca Baker, born in Howard in

1855, daughter of Michael and Jane Baker, who came to Canada from Ireland more than sixty years ago. They died in Howard, leaving four sons and two daughters, the survivors being: Robert, of Harwich; Joseph, of Thamesville; George, of Dresden; James, of Dresden; Sarah, wife of David Graham, of Indian Head, Northwest Territory; and Rebecca, Mrs. Newcombe. Children as follows have come to Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe: George, born in 1880, and Roy E., born in 1887, are both at home, assistant managers of their father's farm. The only daughter, Ethel M., was born Sept. 9, 1882, and passed out of life when only seventeen years of age. In her death her parents had the sympathy of the community, for she was a most lovable, Christian young woman, the light of the home.

In politics Mr. Newcombe, like his father, has always affiliated with the Reform party. Religiously the family is connected with the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Newcombe has been an active member. For twenty-three years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. As an upright man and representative citizen Eliakim Newcombe occupies a high position among the people of the County of the County of Kent.

JAMES SCANE, a retired farmer and prominent resident of Howard township, County of Kent, was born at his present home, near the town of Ridgetown, Jan. 20, 1826, and enjoys the distinction of being the first white child born on the Ridge in the county. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Mitton) Scane, were both natives of Yorkshire, England, but they were married in Canada, in 1822, and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Scane the same year. Here John Scane took up government land, and became one of the pioneer settlers of the county—being the second to settle in that section; the other settler was William Marsh. On the land he thus located John Scane built a log cabin, and began making a home, laboring under all the hardships incident to the life of a pioneer. He and his sons cleared up a large farm, on which James Scane now resides, and as the land was very productive they were very successful with their crops, raising wheat, rye, corn and other grains, all kinds of fruit, and vegetables. On this pleasant farm John Scane and his estimable wife lived happily, and in due time passed away, she in 1857, and he in 1876. As their prosperity increased they added to their possessions, and among other things Mr. Scane erected a large frame house, near the site of the little log cabin. This good man and his wife were among the founders of the first Wesleyan Methodist Church, in the work of which they always took an active part, and Mr. Scane was superintendent of the Sunday-school. In political matters he was a Conservative, but while active in local affairs he never sought or desired official preferment. To himself and wife were born twelve children, five of whom died in childhood: (1) Thomas, the eldest, was killed by a falling tree when twelve years of age. (2) Jane, born at Col. Talbot's, married John Toll (now deceased), of Harwich township; they had no family. (3) John, the eldest son to grow to maturity, married Catherine Marsh, of Howard, settled near his father's original farm, and there died in March, 1901, leaving three children. (4) James is mentioned below. (5) Joseph, born on the old homestead, now resides upon a portion of it; he married Miss Harriet Spence, of the County of Kent, a member of an old family of England, and has seven children. (6) Charles, of Ridgetown, born on the old homestead, is extensively mentioned elsewhere. (7) Ebenezer, born on the old homestead in 1838, was a lawyer of Chatham; he is married and has a family of four children.

James Scane was reared to manhood on the old homestead, and attended the winter schools, although his educational advantages were very limited, for there were no public schools in those early days. He remained with his father, and in time became manager of the farm, taking the burden of caring for the large property off the elder man's shoulders. In 1858 Mr. Scane married Miss Jane Spence, daughter of John and Ellen Spence, old pioneers of Howard township, and prominent in its early history. Mrs. Scane's parents were born in England, coming to Canada in the early days of County Kent's history, and settling in Howard township, where they lived and died. Mrs. Scane is one of ten children who lived to maturity, eight of whom are still alive. Her own birth occurred in 1841. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Scane settled on the home they now occupy, to which he has added 150 acres ad-

joining the homestead, which was left to Mr. Scane and his brother Joseph. He also owns considerable real estate in Ridgetown, which he rents. They have one daughter, whom they adopted, Miss Mary Scane, born in 1879, a most charming young lady, a student of the Ridgetown high school, who is possessed of many talents and makes friends wherever she goes.

The religious connections of Mr. and Mrs. Scane are with the Methodist Church, in which they have been active workers for many years. Mr. Scane is a stanch Conservative, but has never aspired to office, although he has held several positions of trust. All of his life has been spent upon the homestead farm, where he was born, and yet he is not bounded by narrow lines. His reading has been extensive, and as he is a man who profits by all he hears he has regulated his actions by methods which are progressive and practical. In his farming operations he has adopted many innovations, and his finely cultivated acres and excellent crops testify to the good judgment he has displayed. Not only is Mr. Scane an upright, honorable gentleman; he is also a very sympathetic and charitable man as well, and always gives liberally and gladly to help those less fortunate than he. He and his family are greatly beloved in their community, and the esteem they inspire is well merited.

CHARLES WRIGHT RICHARDSON, who died June 16, 1904, was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Howard township, living on the Talbot Road, County of Kent. He was born at his late home May 24, 1837, son of Joseph Austen and Deborah Jemima (Doan) Richardson.

Joseph Austen Richardson was born at Fort Niagara, Canada, in 1790, son of Edward and Esther (Doan) Richardson, the former of whom came of English parentage. Edward Richardson was a lieutenant in the British army, commanding a company during the Seven Years war, and afterward serving in Butler's Rangers throughout the Peninsular Campaign. The Doan family were natives of Pennsylvania, and some of its members perished in the Wyoming Massacre. Lieut. Richardson and his wife came from Philadelphia to Fort Niagara, Canada, after peace was declared, making the trip on horseback. Here they resided for some time, and then removed to the Thames settlement, where they resided some time prior to the war of 1812, in which Lieut. Richardson participated. Before and after the war he kept a tavern and traded with the Indians, and he had charge of the government stores after Gen. Proctor's retreat and evacuation of the ground held in the Battle of the Thames. He located 200 acres of land on the river, near the present village of Thamesville, a mile or so west, but later sold his farm and moved to Detroit, where he died in 1816, from an accident occasioned by falling from a bateau in crossing the river to his home in Hamtramck, located on the Detroit river. His wife survived him until 1845, returning to Canada and passing the remainder of her days with Joseph. Their children were as follows: Thomas died in Pittsburg; Mary (deceased) was the wife of Alexander Melvin, a Maryland planter; Sarah, wife of James Clark, settled at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she died; Hester (deceased) was the wife of Dr. Smith, who settled in Michigan; Isaac, died in Michigan; Joseph A. is mentioned below.

Joseph A. Richardson, father of Charles W., received the greater portion of his education at Fort Niagara. He learned the trade of shoemaking. In 1816 he married, at Fort Niagara, Deborah Jemima Doan, of Doan's Bridge, Crowland, removing thence to the new settlement on the Thames, and thence in 1816 going to their new home, Lot 95, north side of Talbot street. They put up a temporary wigwam, then a log cabin and made their first clearing in the wilderness, where Mr. Richardson had secured a patent from the Crown through the agency of Col. Talbot. Later on the second log cabin was erected, half a mile from the Talbot Road survey, on the ridge, and after that was built the frame building where they raised most of the family. In 1847 the more pretentious cottage, with an attic thereto, was put up, in which his son still resides. Mr. Richardson cleared a fine farm, and lived thereon until his death, which occurred in 1865, his wife surviving him two years. By birthright they were members of the Society of Friends, but they connected themselves with the Methodist Church in Canada, and contributed largely with money and energy toward the erection of the first Methodist meeting-house in the village of Mor-



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peth, some eighty years ago. Joseph A. Richardson served many years as Sunday-school superintendent and class-leader. Politically he was a stanch Reformer, and he held local offices for a number of years. He served in the war of 1812-13 in the Provincial Dragoons, and participated in the stirring scenes at Burlington, Stony Creek, Queenstown and Lundy's Lane. Enlisting in the St. Thomas Cavalry in 1837, with his son, I. B., he took part in many of the skirmishes and scoutings of the period in and about Malden, Sandwich and Amherstburg, and engaged with his company in the battle on the ice at Point Au Pelee.

Ten children were left by Mr. Richardson and his wife, as follows: Isaac B., born in 1817 at Fort Niagara, was educated for the ministry, and has been a pastor for a number of years; he married a Miss Miller, of Brantford, Canada, now lives in Luverne, Minnesota, and has a family; his wife died in 1902. Hester Ann, the first of the family born after the removal to the new home in the bush, was born in 1819, was a teacher before her marriage to Harvey Halstead, and died in 1840, in Howard. Wilson was drowned when a boy, at the old homestead. Jane (deceased) was the wife of Christopher Wilson, of Portage City, Wisconsin. Sarah, born at the old homestead, was one of the first graduates of the Normal School at Toronto, and for a number of years was a teacher in the County of Kent; she died unmarried. George F., born at the old homestead in 1832, also one of the first graduates of the Normal School at Toronto, was for many years superintendent of schools in Hamilton County, Iowa; he married a Miss Watters, of Morpeth, of English birth and ancestry, and has a family. Solomon, born on the old farm, died in Idaho, where he owned and operated a silver mine. Wesley, born in Howard, enlisted when a young man in the Civil war, from Wisconsin, in which he served for four years as a lieutenant, was wounded and died from the effects of same at his home in Iowa, leaving a wife and family (his son, Henry P. Richardson, was formerly manager of the Hartman Manufacturing Company, of Elwood City, Pennsylvania, and is still connected with the firm). Lois died in Wisconsin in 1856. Charles W. is mentioned below.

The subject of this sketch, although the youngest of the family, desirous of seeing the wide, wide world, at fifteen resolved to strike out for himself, against the father's commands and mother's entreaties. Going west with his brother, Wesley, to Chicago, he halted at Belvidere, Illinois, where he domiciled with Ralph Roberts, editor and proprietor, serving three years' apprenticeship in the office of a Democratic weekly, the *Standard*. What little there was to learn of printing on a Washington hand press, with a few fonts of primitive type, he mastered in due time, graduating with honors, but his contact with the newspaper, and books and magazines, was invaluable. From Belvidere he went to Richmond, Indiana, and became associated with Alfred Cridge, an English journalist of ability, and his wife Annie (Denton) Cridge, in the publication of the *Van Guard*, a socialistic paper. Alfred Cridge was at one time correspondent of the New York *Tribune*. In 1861 Mr. Richardson returned to the old home and divided his time between journalistic work and looking after his father's farm. He assisted a coterie comprising a schoolmaster, a Methodist preacher, a Scotch poet and an Englishman of leisure to start a newspaper, named the *Progressionist*, and which succeeded the *Advertiser* and the *Morpeth Gleaner*. There was a paucity of news but a plethora of talent developed in the management, and the paper survived one year. In 1879 Mr. Richardson removed to Detroit, where he first became associated with Harry Wesson in the *Detroit Illustrated News*. Mr. Wesson becoming an invalid gave the work to Mr. Richardson to complete, the death of Mr. Wesson terminating the venture. After this he was engaged in newspaper work for eight years, on the staff of several journals. It may be mentioned here that Mr. Richardson, while editing the *Detroit Illustrated News*, received contributions and encouragement from John Logan Chipman, judge of the Superior Court, formerly editor of the Chicago *Times;* Rev. J. M. Arnold, editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate;* Fred Stearns, the well-known manufacturing chemist; Fred Thomas, paymaster of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway Co., and other men of prominence in literary work. In 1884 he returned again to the old farm, which he superintended, although he devoted a portion of his time to contributing to various newspapers, among which may be mentioned the St. Thomas *Times*, the *Globe*

and the Montreal *Witness*, as well as many others equally important. The literary ability of the family was not all centered in Charles W., however, for his brother, Isaac, was the founder of the *Chatham Union*, having been associated in the *Progressionist*, in whose columns he first published his pamphlet entitled "The Downfall of Despotism."

On May 6, 1897, Mr. Richardson married Miss Augusta DeCou Doan, daughter of Emanuel Doan, of the County of Norfolk, born in 1870, in that county. She was educated for the position of teacher, which she filled for a number of years, and was also engaged in journalistic work in a publishing and printing establishment in Simcoe. Owing to her many advantages of travel, education and experience, as well as to a natural ability, Mrs. Richardson is a scholarly woman, refined and cultured, and was a congenial companion for her literary husband. She is a member of the Canadian Society of Authors, in which organization she takes a deep interest. In church matters she is allied to the Universalist persuasion. Three charming children came to this union: Catharine Hermione Clark, born at the present home June 19, 1898; Melvin Joseph Clark, born Jan. 28, 1900; and Charles Frederick Miller, born Aug. 31, 1902.

Politically Mr. Richardson in later years became an Independent. He always took an active part in all movements looking toward the betterment of existing conditions and the improving of social and political evils, devoting his time, money and literary ability to this cause. In 1892 he originated, and was the instigator of, the Government Park at Rond Eau, and through his untiring efforts this was made one of the most beautiful resorts of the County of Kent; it is owned by the Ontario Government.

Mr. Richardson was a very able journalist, his decade or so of experience having given him a thorough and practical knowledge, which, added to his classical education, made him well fitted for the work he so delighted in doing. His final return to the old farm was on account of failing health, he deeming an outdoor life better suited to his constitution. Through his intelligent and able management, and the application of modern methods to farming, he brought his land up to a high state of cultivation, and occupied a leading position as one of the genial gentleman farmers of the County of Kent. His death ended a buy, useful life, in spite of the long period of ill health, and on June 19, three days after his demise, his remains were laid to rest on the old homestead.

GEORGE NEWMAN, a prosperous general farmer, has lived at his present home, Orford township, since 1868. This fine property comprises 115 acres, located in Lot 14, 8th Concession. His handsome brick residence was built by him in 1880. When he located upon the farm it was a wilderness, and he was obliged to make a clearing for his cabin.

Mr. Newman was born in County Cork, Ireland, Feb. 12, 1839, son of Robert and Ann (Broadfield) Newman, both of County Cork, who came to Canada in 1853, locating in the County of Wentworth. After three years they made their way to the County of Kent, and took up 230 acres, 8th Concession, Lot 11, where they remained. The father died in 1880, aged eighty-two, and the mother in 1882, aged eighty-two. They were buried in the Gosnell cemetery. These worthy people were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Jessie (deceased), who married George Swanton; Robert, deceased; Jane (deceased), who married Joe Arthur; George; John, of Windsor, Ont.; Eliza, of the County of Lambton, who married Ross Body; Catherine, of Highgate, married to Henry Stewart; and William, a farmer of the County of Elgin.

On April 26, 1870, in the County of Lambton, George Newman married Lorinda Moorehouse, and children as follows were born to this union: Anna E. married John Pool, a farmer of the County of Elgin and has six children, Westley J., Mary L., Jennie N., Anna E., Mary C. and George G. Robert J., a farmer of Orford township, married Barbara Bloom. Winefrede J. married William Goodbrand, a farmer of Orford township. George B., unmarried, is at home.

Mrs. Newman was born at Euphemia, County of Lambton, April 3, 1846, a daughter of John and Lorenda (Scarlott) Moorehouse, of County Wexford, Ireland, and Canada, respectively, both of whom died in the County of Lambton, where Mr. Moorehouse was engaged in farming. He passed away in 1853, aged fifty, and his wife in 1851, aged forty-one.

Mr. and Mrs. Moorehouse were members of the Methodist Church of which he was class-leader for about twenty-five years. Their children were Thomas, a farmer of County Lambton; Edward, a farmer of that county; Anna, who died young; Jane, deceased in infancy; Joseph, who died in Nebraska; William, deceased; Winifred, deceased, who married William Quick; John, deceased; Jane, deceased, wife of David Wilson; Lorinda, Mrs. Newman; Matilda, who married Hugh McTavish, of the County of Middlesex; Alfred, a farmer, of Watertown, South Dakota; Richard, a farmer and fruit grower of La Habra, California; and Hester, deceased.

Mr. Newman remained with his parents until locating on his present farm, which is now one of the best in the neighborhood. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he is a Reformer. Thrifty, enterprising and a good manager, Mr. Newman has firmly established himself in the esteem of the community, and richly deserves the success which has come to him.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, at the time of his death a general farmer and highly respected citizen of the Gore of Chatham, County of Kent, residing on his farm of fifty acres in Concession 3, facing Concession 4, north half of Lot 2, was born June 11, 1834, in the Gore of Chatham, on Concession 1, Lot 4. He was a son of Lionel and Elizabeth (Little) Johnson, the former a native of Northumberland, England, a son of Lionel and Isabella (Cleghorn) Johnson, who came to the United States in 1804 and settled in New York. There Lionel Johnson, Sr., was found by an old acquaintance, Lord Selkirk, who engaged him to bring his flock of sheep from New York to the County of Kent. Continuing in the employ of Lord Selkirk, he was granted land by him, and he died in 1823, after establishing his family in Ontario.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Little) Johnson was a native of the County of Essex, Ont., born Feb. 13, 1800. Her marriage to Lionel Johnson was celebrated at Algonac, Michigan, in 1820. From 1837 to 1849 Mr. Johnson was a merchant at Wallaceburg, and there he died Aug. 14, 1849, aged fifty years. Prior to moving to Wallaceburg he operated a general store in the Gore of Chatham, his removal to Wallaceburg taking place on account of the disturbances of the Rebellion of 1837. He was a man of prominence, serving as township councillor for a number of years, and was a leading and respected citizen. Mrs. Johnson died in March, 1880. Her remains, as well as those of her husband, were removed from the private burying ground on the old farm to the cemetery at Wallaceburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were consistent members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of the following children: James, a farmer of Chatham Gore, who died April 20, 1904; Lionel, a farmer of the same; Matthew, living retired at Wallaceburg; Robert, who died unmarried, aged thirty-nine years; Lovina, who died unmarried, aged thirty-one years; John, of Algonac, Michigan; Adeline, wife of John Stewart, a retired farmer of Algonac, Michigan; and William.

On Nov. 25, 1858, at Amherstburg, William Johnson was united in marriage with Mary J. Mickle, and these children were born to this union: Sarah W. married Clarence Johnson, a mason of Wallaceburg; Jessie is the wife of Edward Brown, a traveling agent at Buffalo, N. Y.; Albert is at home; James Hilliard, a farmer of County Lambton, married Alice Turner; and Raymond, a farmer of County Lambton, married Anna Bowles. The mother of these children died Nov. 4, 1884, aged forty-nine years, and was interred at Wallaceburg. She was a daughter of William and Sarah (Brush) Mickle, natives of Vermont, who settled as farmers in County Essex. In November, 1887, Mr. Johnson was married (second) at Wallaceburg, to Catherine Shaw, who was born in November, 1839, at Peterboro, Ont., daughter of William and Ellen (Ager) Shaw, of England and Ireland, respectively. They came to County Kent in 1841, and located in Howard township where they purchased a farm. There the father died Dec. 12, 1891, aged seventy-seven years, and the mother died Sept. 29, 1882, aged seventy-five years. They were members of the Church of England. The children born to them were: Charles, a farmer of Howard township; Mary A., wife of Alexander Sample, of Chatham township; Esther W., wife of Daniel Watt, of Ridgetown, Ont.; William, of Detroit, Michigan; and Catherine, Mrs. Johnson. The

paternal grandparents of Mrs. Johnson were Charles and Elizabeth Shaw, early agricultural settlers in Howard township.

William Johnson was fifteen years of age when his father died, and until he purchased a farm for himself in Chatham township, at the age of nineteen, he worked for the various farmers in the locality. He remained on his farm near Wallaceburg until 1900, when he removed to town for one year, and in April, 1901, he came to his late home, where he died June 8, 1903. His remains were consigned to the grave on the 10th, just one day before the sixty-ninth anniversary of his birth. Mr. Johnson was a first-class practical farmer and most excellent business man. Politically he was a member of the Reform party; fraternally he belonged to the I. O. O. F., and in religious belief he was a Methodist. He stood high in public esteem, and was regarded as one of the upright, reliable and public-spirited men of the neighborhood.

ALEXANDER McTAVISH, whose life was ended Dec. 24, 1903, when, after but a week's illness, he entered into rest, was born March 20, 1842, in Orford township, County of Kent, on the fine farm of 100 acres, township range, Lot 68, where his whole life was spent, a son of Alexander and Isabel (Gillies) McTavish, of Argyllshire, Scotland, who were married in the County of Elgin, Ontario.

Alexander McTavish, Sr., came to Canada in 1810 with his parents, and located in Orford township, County of Kent. Here three brothers, Alexander, John and Malcolm, each took up 200 acres of land. Alexander remained upon his property until his death, in September, 1860, when he was fifty years of age. His widow survived him until 1890, dying at the age of eighty-four years, and like her husband firm in the faith of the Baptist Church. They were both buried in the New Glasgow cemetery, County of Elgin, Ont. When they first located in Orford all the land was a wilderness, and they were obliged to guard against wolves and other wild animals. Their children were: Catherine, of Duart, Ont., who married George Gillard; John, Daniel and Archie, deceased; Margaret, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-nine years; Henrietta, who died unmarried at the age of twenty years; Alexander; and Miss Mary, who resided with Alexander.

On Oct. 24, 1864, at Detroit, Michigan, Alexander McTavish, our subject, married Hannah Marilla Cornwall, and the following named children were born to them: (1) Miriam, of Ridgetown, Ont., married L. J. Ruth. (2) Miss Mattie is at home. (3) Edgar Wilson, a farmer of Orford township, married Eva Evaline Congo. (4) Frank Cornwall, a physician of Vancouver, B. C., graduated from Toronto University with the degree of M. B., after which he entered Edinburgh University; he next went to London, England, where he received the degree of L. R. C. A.; and then enlisted in the Imperial Yeomanry, as surgeon, spending two years in South Africa. Returning home at the close of the war, after a few months he returned to England and took the degrees of L. R. C. P. and M. R. C. S. In July, 1903, he married Grace A. Brown, of Niagara Falls, and since his location in Vancouver has rapidly risen in his profession. (5) William Alexander is a physician of Olds, Alberta. (6) Miss Edith Marilla, of Woodstock, is a trained nurse. (7) Hiram Roy is a student at college. Mrs. Hannah Marilla (Cornwall) McTavish was born in Orford township, Aug. 13, 1844, daughter of Joseph and Bethany (Wilson) Cornwall, of England, who were reared in Canada. They were among the early settlers of the Dominion, and soon after their marriage, which took place in 1837, they located in the County of Kent. The father died Aug. 27, 1885, aged sixty-five years. Both died at the home of their son-in-law, Mr. McTavish, and they are buried in the Morpeth cemetery. Their religious connection was with the Methodists. The children born to their union were: Hiram, a farmer of Ellensburg, Washington; Nicholas, a farmer of Assiniboia; Mary, who married Archie McTavish (a brother of our subject), a farmer of Howard township; Hannah Marilla; Percilla, who married John Sinnington, of Howard township; Emily, who married Rev. C. Burdett, of Ridgetown, Ont.; and Jane, deceased.

Alexander McTavish spent his life upon his farm and was frankly and justly proud of his beautiful home and fine land. The dwelling is one of the modern model farm houses of the county, fitted with all modern improvements, including hot and cold water, baths, gas, etc., and handsomely furnished. One of the conspicuous features of the furnishings is the collection of various South African curios, in-



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cluding some magnificent tiger rugs, brought to his parents by Dr. Frank C. McTavish.

In politics Mr. McTavish was a Reformer and active in local affairs, for two years serving as a member of the township council, and for six years as a school trustee. For twenty-three years he was treasurer of the Baptist Church, finally resigning the office in 1903. His religious affiliations were always with that church, of which he was a liberal and earnest member. Fraternally he belonged to the A. O. U. W. and the A. F. & A. M., and was very popular in both organizations. He was one of the charter members of Highgate Lodge, No. 336, A. F. & A. M., instituted twenty-eight years ago.

Probably no man in the County of Kent was a better representative of the agricultural interests of the locality than Mr. McTavish. Although his life was spent within the borders of his native county, he was a man of broad ideas, well informed as to current events, and was a clearly felt factor in political matters. The family is one of the oldest in Orford township, and its various members fully sustain the reputation gained by the founder, all of the name being upright, honorable and courteous gentlemen, conscientious in the discharge of all duties, whether those of a public or private citizen. Mr. McTavish not only established himself firmly in the community, but reared a family which does him credit, and reflects favorably upon his wisdom and management. His death was deeply deplored, and a large concourse of friends came to do his memory honor. His remains rest in Greenwood cemetery, Ridgetown, Ontario.

DONALD JOHNSTON, a prosperous farmer residing on the Creek road, in Concession 6, Lot 7, Harwich township, County of Kent, was born on his present farm June 8, 1842, son of John and Anna (Vale) Johnston, early settlers of the county.

John Johnston was born in the hills of Scotland, while his wife was born in Ontario, where she was reared and married. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston settled in the home now occupied by their son Daniel, and started their married life as pioneers of the County of Kent. In the midst of the dense forests Mr. Johnston erected a little log house, where he resided until his death, in 1851, when he left his young wife with five small children and a practically uncleared farm. Heroic and self-sacrificing, the widowed mother remained with her family (the oldest of whom was only nine years of age) in the woods, and by almost incredible hard labor, helped by her sons as they grew older, she managed to exist. Long before he was old enough Donald, the eldest, occupied a man's place in the world. The other children were as follows: Betsey, born in 1844, married John Everett, a farmer on the river road in Howard township. John, born in 1846, was reared in the old homestead, but settled in Thamesville, where he worked at his trade of blacksmith; he married Harriet Hubbel of that city, but had no children. Duncan, born in 1848, was reared at the homestead, settled in Ridgetown, and worked for many years as a harnessmaker; he married Miss Maggie Campbell, of Howard township. Mary, born in 1850, married Robert Colter, and they settled in Harwich township, near Donald Johnston, where both died, leaving no family. The mother of this family died at the home of her son Donald in 1882, aged sixty-one years.

Donald Johnston was educated in the little log schoolhouse in the acre lot, but was not able to devote much time to his studies, his services being required on the farm. In March, 1883, he married Miss Eliza Smith, daughter of Robert and Agnes (Morrow) Smith, old and prominent residents of the county, who were both born in Ireland and came to Canada when young. Mrs. Johnston was born June 14, 1854, in Harwich township, where she received a fine education. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnston settled on the Johnston homestead. Two children have been born to them: John R., born in 1886, is a student in the home schools; and Edith M., born in December, 1888, is now a student of the Chatham Collegiate Institute. Politically Mr. Johnston has always been identified with the Reform party, and has held the office of school trustee of Harwich township many years. Religiously he and his wife are consistent members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, of which he was one of the founders, donating the lot for the church edifice from his farm. He is also a deacon and elder of the church, and is one of its best supporters. Mr. Johnston is a man highly esteemed and beloved by all who know him for his kindly disposition

and charities. He is a man of unswerving integrity, and is always actuated by motives of honesty in his relations with his fellowmen.

THOMAS A. SHIPPY, a retired farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent, was born March 27, 1825, near Morpeth, on the Talbot Road, in Howard township, a son of Thomas and Frances (McClish) Shippy, old pioneers of the county.

Zebulon Shippy, the grandfather of Thomas A., was a soldier of the Revolution in the States. He married a Miss Bates, and settled in New York State, coming from there to the eastern part of Canada. Later he removed to Howard, locating on the Thames river, near Arnold's mill, and there passed the remainder of his life. He had four children, John, Thomas, Lydia and Roxie. John married Sarah Gordon, of Howard, and settled on the Talbot Road in Howard, where they both died survived by a daughter, Mrs. Maynard, of Harwich; Lydia died the wife of Frederick Lampman, of Orford; Roxie married (first) Jesse Larne, and (second) John Parker, and had four children by her first and two by her second marriage.

Thomas Shippy, the father of Thomas A., was born in 1792 in New York State, and was a child of two years when brought by his father to Canada in 1794. His mother was dead at this time. Having learned the trade of miller at Long Point, he followed the same at Morpeth, and in 1831 purchased a farm at Cedar Springs upon which he lived until the close of his life. His death took place in April, 1845, leaving his widow with a large family, twelve of whom lived to maturity. She made her home with her son Thomas A. until her death, in 1870. She was born in 1797, in New Brunswick, a daughter of Andrew McClish, a soldier in the Highlands of Scotland, who came to Canada as early as 1794, and finally settled in the township of Walsingham, County Halton, in 1870. The children of Thomas and Frances Shippy were: Rhoda, born in Walsingham in 1814, married John Whittle, who died in the States, leaving one son, who lives in Michigan. Amy, born in 1816, in Canada, married David Osburn, who lived and died near her old home in Walsingham, leaving three children, one, William, in Michigan. Benjamin, born in 1818, married Margaret Denton, of Port Burwell, County of Elgin, who moved to Iowa in 1854 and died there, in Buchanan county, in 1898, leaving a large family. Mary J., born in 1819, was the wife of John Lambert, of East Elgin, and they had five children. Lydia, born in 1821, was the wife of Samuel Barris, of Michigan, where they left a large family. Dr. John, born in 1823, moved to Iowa, where he follows dentistry; he married a Miss Shippy, of Indiana, and they have five children. Thomas A. was born in 1825. Joseph W., born in 1827, in the County of Kent, married a Miss Berry, of Canada, and is now a farmer in Osceola, Michigan. Charlotte, born in 1829, is the widow of George Cleveland, and they reside in Missouri. Charles W., born in 1831, emigrated to Bremer county, Iowa, where he followed farming until his death, in 1901. Martha M., born in 1835, married William Lewis, who settled at Grand river, Canada; she died leaving a large family. Andrew W., born in 1837, married Melissa Hartford, and they moved to Iowa, where he died in 1875.

Thomas A. Shippy learned the carpenter's trade in early manhood, but at the death of his father he was called home to take charge of the farm, and he remained at Cedar Springs until 1854. At this date he married Miss Elizabeth Hersey, who was born in 1834, in New Brunswick, daughter of the late Samuel Hersey, of the County of Kent. Mr. Shippy and his wife settled near Cedar Springs, and there she died in 1862, leaving two children: Marilla A., who was born in 1855, is the wife of James Wilson, of Michigan, and has five children, Edith, Frank, John, Harry and Bessie. George M., who was born in 1859, married Sarah Shepley, of Blenheim, and is now engaged in business in Detroit; he has four sons, Frank, Louis, Harry and William. In 1867 Mr. Shippy was married (second) to Mrs. Isaiah Willey, born in 1828 in the County of Leeds, a daughter of Ephraim and Calista Mallory. Mr. Shippy resided on his farm on Concession 4, Harwich, until 1899, when he purchased real estate and built a handsome brick residence in Blenheim, where he lives retired from business activity.

Religiously Mr. Shippy was reared in the Baptist Church, in which his father was a local preacher for a number of years. Politically he has always voted with the Reform

party, but he has never aspired to office. He started out in life a poor boy, but by close application, industry and economy has accumulated large means and has also won the respect and esteem of all who know him, for his sterling traits of character. The family is widely known on account of its general excellence, and it has been very prominent in the industrial development of this section.

ROBERT WILLMORE, a prosperous general farmer of Dover township, County Kent, residing on Concession 2, Lot 20, owns and operates ninety acres of excellent farming land, on which he has a fine brick residence, and he has lived on this property since 1873. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, Dec. 5, 1843, a son of Robert and Mary (Lindley) Willmore, of the same locality.

Robert Willmore came with his family to Canada in 1845, settling in Sandwich, Ont., whence at the end of one year, they removed to County Kent, settling in Raleigh township. The next year they went to Chatham, where for a few years they operated a hotel and a ferry. The remainder of their days was spent upon a farm in Dover township, he passing away July 28, 1868, aged sixty years, and the mother dying in 1885, aged seventy-three years. They are buried in Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. Both were members of the Established Church. The father was active in politics, adhering to the principles of the Conservative party. The family born to this worthy couple was as follows: William, of Chatham; Emma, deceased, wife of William Stephenson; Robert; Hannah, deceased, who married William Stringer; and Charles, of Detroit, Michigan.

On Jan. 1, 1866, in Chatham, Ont., Mr. Robert Willmore married Helen Greaves, who was born in Harwich township Jan. 1, 1847, daughter of George and Ellen (Hogan) Greaves, of Yorkshire, England, and Canada, respectively. Their children are: Mary E., who married Joseph Andersides, of Chatham; Arthur, George and Maggie L. at home; and Emma M., who died young. George Greaves came to Canada and located in Harwich township, where he married and lived the remainder of his life, dying in 1850, while his wife died in 1848, and both are buried in the Field's burying ground, in Harwich township. Two children were born of this union, as follows: Sarah, who married John Arnold of Chatham; and Helen, who became Mrs. Willmore. The father married (second) a Miss Reed, and their daughter, Georgena, married Edward Arnold, a farmer of Chatham township.

Mr. Robert Willmore remained with his parents until his marriage, at which time he located in Pain Court, for a year, on the Robert Smith farm, and later settled on his present home, where he has a very desirable piece of property. In politics he is a Conservative, but has never taken an active part in local affairs, his farm claiming all his attention. Mr. Willmore is a good farmer, kind neighbor and hardworking man, and he is regarded as an excellent example of the farming interests of Western Ontario.

FREDERICK S. ATKINSON, who resides on his fine farm of 135 acres at Highgate, Orford township, came to that property with his parents when but twenty acres of it were cleared.

The birth of Mr. Atkinson occurred at Barnard Castle, in the County of Durham, England, Sept. 23, 1831, and his parents were Anthony and Mary (Wibley) Atkinson, natives of Yorkshire and London, respectively. They were married in London. In 1841 they emigrated to the New World, first settling in Maine, but not liking that part of the country they removed to the County of Kent, Canada, and settled in Orford township in 1842. There the father died in 1869, aged seventy-seven years, while the mother died at Florence, Ont., at the home of her daughter, in February, 1886, aged eighty-one years. They are buried in the Gosnell cemetery, of Orford township, and both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. While at Barnard Castle the father was a guardian. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson had children as follows: Charles Richard, who is an attorney of Chatham; Annie, who married Thomas Ridley, and died in 1903; Frederick S.; Edwin, deceased in infancy; Mary, a school teacher, who died in Toronto in 1899, unmarried; Esther, who died in Orford township, the wife of A. J. Stone; Miss Rosena, a retired school teacher, who resides in Toronto; William, a farmer of the County of Middlesex, Ont.; George K., an insurance agent of Chatham, Ont.; Elizabeth,

who died at Glencoe, Ont., wife of Joseph Foy; and Hattie, wife of Malcolm Lamont, a traveling salesman of Toronto.

Frederick S. Atkinson has been twice married, his first union, in 1873, in Lambeth, Ont., being to Susan Stone, who bore him one child, Robert A., who is still at home. Mrs. Atkinson was born in Ontario, daughter of Robert and Ann (Burns) Stone, and died on the present farm in 1885, aged forty-nine. Her remains were interred in the Gosnell cemetery.

On Sept. 19, 1888, in Orford township, Mr. Atkinson married Laura Stone; by this union there are no children. Miss Stone was born in Orford township in October, 1842, daughter of John and Mary (Burns) Stone, of Ireland, who were married in Brockville, Ont., and came to the County of Kent in 1840, locating in Orford township, where they took up 100 acres, on which they had made a clearing for their log cabin. In after years Mr. Stone became a man of prominence, being the first school inspector, a member of the council, and reeve for many years. His death occurred Nov. 16, 1877, when he was eighty years old. The mother died in February, 1899, aged ninety-three, and they are interred in the Gosnell cemetery. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a Reformer.

Mr. Atkinson was reared upon his present farm, and with the exception of a year spent in the lumber woods of Michigan has continued developing his property, until he now owns one of the best farms in the county. He attended the Episcopal Church until his hearing became defective, but he still takes a deep interest in church affairs and gives liberally toward the support of that denomination. In politics this worthy and prominent old man has always been identified with the Conservative party, and earnestly studies the various issues, being very well posted upon current events. His uprightness of life, sterling traits of character, and sincerity in word and deed, have won for him many warm personal friends, not only in his home, but throughout the County of Kent, where he and his family are so well known.

PETER MORRISON, one of the prominent, representative and substantial retired farmers of the County of Kent, residing in Blenheim, removed in February, 1904, from his fine farm on Lot 17, Concession 6, of Harwich township. He belongs to an old pioneer family of that region, who settled there about 1851. He was born Feb. 14, 1854, in Harwich township, son of Peter and Ann (Pickering) Morrison, the former of whom was born in 1826, in Scotland, and accompanied his father, also named Peter, to Canada.

Peter Morrison, the grandfather, settled first in Raleigh township and lived there until his son, Peter, Jr., the only one of four sons to survive, grew to manhood and settled in Harwich township. The grandfather lived in the home of his son until the latter's death, when he removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Bass, and there lived until his own death. In 1851 Peter Morrison, Jr., married Annie Pickering, who was born in 1829, in Michigan, a daughter of Henry Pickering, a native of Yorkshire, England, who for many years engaged in a mercantile business in the County of Kent. The young married couple settled on 100 acres of land, which is now the property of their son, Peter (3). In 1852 their log home was burned, and then Mr. Morrison removed to Blenheim, and clerked in his father-in-law's store during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in October, 1853. He left his widow, and his son, Peter Morrison (3) was born the following February. Some years later Mrs. Morrison married Charles Copeland, of Blenheim, where she died in 1897, leaving a daughter, Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. Henry Ray, of Chatham.

During his boyhood, Peter Morrison (3) was obliged to work hard at farming and brick-making. When he attained manhood, he became manager of the farm which had been his father's, and for one year he occupied it alone, busily engaged in clearing it and making it fit for cultivation. After his marriage in 1875, he settled on his present home farm, and engaged in farming and threshing, with horse-power at first, but later using steam. For eight successive seasons he very successfully operated his threshing outfit through the country. By this constant industry, and thorough good management, Mr. Morrison accumulated enough means to enable him to purchase 100 acres adjacent to his homestead, and still later he added another 100, making his farm 300 acres in extent. In addition he owns an-



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other tract of 100 acres, on the center line, under good cultivation. In 1888 he erected a handsome, modern home, and in 1897 one of the most commodious and convenient barns in the township of Harwich. He has erected good buildings on the center farm, all of this improvement resulting from Mr. Morrison's own energy. In December, 1903, he purchased his present home, containing eleven acres of the most valuable land in the township of Blenheim. Mr. Morrison has had a most efficient helpmate in his good wife.

On Nov. 16, 1875, Peter Morrison (3) was married to Agnes V. Lucas, who was born Oct. 15, 1856, at Hamilton, Ont., eldest daughter of George and Jane (Owens) Lucas, the former of whom was born in 1826, in Berkshire, England, and the latter in September, 1836, at Hamilton, Ont. A family of five children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, but they have been sadly bereaved of three of them, viz.: Mary M., who was born in January, 1879, was killed in September of the same year, by a fall from a buggy; Peter A., born in October, 1882, died the same year; and Archie, born Oct. 11, 1883, who died from appendicitis, in March, 1900, was one of the most promising young men of the locality, a graduate of the home schools, and under Prof. Black had been prepared for higher branches; he was popular with every one and most tenderly cherished in his family. William, the eldest child, was born April 13, 1877, was given educational opportunities, and he is now engaged in the management of a fine farm given him by his father; in May, 1903, he married Miss Alf Gould, of Glencoe. Nellie B., born in 1880, married Thomas Warwick, and they reside on Concession 5, in Harwich, and have one son, Archie, born in December, 1901.

In religious belief this family is connected with the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Morrison is identified with the Conservative party, and in 1899 and for four consecutive terms, was elected councilman by a majority which proved his popularity. In 1902 he was made reeve of Harwich, and he is engaged in the performance of the duties of this position. He belongs to the I. O. of F., Court Harwich, No. 98, of Blenheim. Starting out in life with little means, Mr. Morrison providently husbanded his accumulations, and now is not only one of the most influential men of his neighborhood, but is also one of the leading capitalists.

PHILIP WOOLIVER, a retired farmer, owns a fine estate of 150 acres on Concession 2, Lot 19, in the Gore of Chatham, to which he came in 1873 from the County of Welland, Ont. He was born in that county Feb. 16, 1832, a son of Christopher and Christiana (Platto) Wooliver, the former of New Jersey and the latter of Canada. The Wooliver family originated in Prussia and settled in New Jersey at an early day. The father came to Canada in 1813 and became a sailor on the lakes, but later settled in the County of Welland and engaged in farming and shoemaking. There he died in 1878, aged eighty-three years; his wife died in 1874, at the age of seventy-three years, and they were buried in the County of Welland, in Maple Leaf cemetery. They were members of the Church of England. The following children were born to this worthy and much respected couple: Catherine (deceased) married John Tierny; Leah (deceased) was a Mrs. Foreman; Charity (deceased) married James Hawn; Elizabeth (deceased) married Samuel Cothard; Nancy died young; Susan (deceased) married James Retalic; Hannah married George Cothard; Peter died in 1891; Adam died in 1897; Philip is mentioned below.

On Nov. 29, 1853, in Black Rock, New York, Mr. Wooliver married Martha A. Hershey, and the following children were born to this union: Alice married Peter Hartman, of Lapeer county, Michigan; Mary E. died at the age of one year; Walter died young; Scott, a gold prospector in the Klondyke, married Clara Heirs; Laura L., the widow of James Hayward, resides with her father; John C., of Toledo, Ont., is employed on the railroad (he married Sidney Wilson); Charles, a farmer in Chatham Gore, married Emma Harris; Minnie and Edward died in infancy; George, residing at home, is a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Wooliver was born May 4, 1837, in the County of Welland, Ont., a daughter of John and Nancy (Lapp) Hershey, the former of the County of Welland and the latter of Pennsylvania; grandfather Lapp was a Hessian general. By trade Mr. Hershey was a

carpenter and he also engaged in farming. His death occurred in County Welland in 1864, when he was aged seventy-six years. His wife died in the same year, aged seventy-four. They were consistent members of the Mennonite Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey were: Christopher; Abraham; Elizabeth; Mary, Mrs. John Zimmerman, of Blackhawk county, Iowa; Benjamin, a retired farmer and carpenter of the Gore of Chatham; Joseph; Peter, a farmer and carpenter of Pierce county, Washington; Jacob; and Mrs. Wooliver. The latter, with one sister and one brother, are the only survivors.

Until his marriage Mr. Wooliver remained with his parents, and then engaged in the undertaking business in the County of Welland, in connection with farming and cabinetmaking. He was always very adept at mechanics and can make almost anything in wood to the present day. His health failing, he removed to another farm in the County of Welland, which he sold one year later at a profit of $1,000, and then came to his present place. At that time but a small clearing had been made, and the wonderful improving that has been done has been accomplished by his industry and perseverance. In 1880 he erected his present comfortable modern home, and here he enjoys the fruits of his early activity. Although Mr. Wooliver is not a member he attends, with his family, the Methodist Church and is a liberal contributor to its support. Politically he is a Reformer and fraternally a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge. Mr. Wooliver enjoys the universal esteem of the community and has a very wide circle of friends.

JOSEPH RIPLEY, a retired farmer and prosperous resident of Dresden, came to that town in November, 1901. He was born in Nova Scotia July 29, 1838, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Read) Ripley, of Nova Scotia, where the father who was a farmer, died Jan. 10, 1855, aged forty-two years. The mother came with her daughter to the County of Kent in 1870, locating on the river Thames, in Harwich township; she died in Chatham township in 1887, aged seventy years. Both she and her husband were firm in their faith in the teachings of the Methodist Church. The children born to this union were: Thomas, who died in the County of Elgin, Ont.; Joseph; Sarah, who died in Nova Scotia, wife of Edmond Davison; Albert, who died in Dresden, Ont.; Selina, of Camden township, wife of Amos T. Ripley; Stephen, a grocer of Thamesville; Celia, who died in infancy; and George E., a farmer of Burford.

On Dec. 3, 1862, in Nova Scotia, Mr. Ripley married Sarah Morris, and the following named children were born to this union: Laura, of Chatham township, married William Evans; Bedford, a farmer of Camden township, married Ida Bedford; Emma, of Howard township, married Robert Johnston; Clara, of Camden township, married Irwin Bedford; Charles, a farmer, residing on the old homestead, married Abby McIntosh; Stella married John Burns, a farmer of Chatham township; Seaman, a shipping clerk, of Cleveland, Ohio, married Laura Cane. Bertha is at home. Mrs. Ripley was born in Nova Scotia Jan. 24, 1841, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Ibbitson) Morris, of the West Indies, Isle of St. Thomas, and England, respectively.

Joseph Ripley remained with his father until he was sixteen and a half years of age, when he began to serve an apprenticeship to the wagonmaking trade in Nova Scotia, and he followed same for ten years. He then embarked in farming, in August, 1871, moving to Brant county, where he remained eight years. He then came west to Kent County, in the spring of 1880, locating in Harwich township on a rented farm. In 1887 he bought 100 acres of land in Camden township and farmed it until 1901, when he divided the farm between his two eldest sons and removed to Dresden.

For many years Mr. Ripley was school trustee, also served as township assessor for a year, and held other minor offices. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church, while in politics he is a Conservative. Mr. Ripley stands very high in Dresden as a reliable, substantial and honorable gentleman, and has a number of warm personal friends.

GEORGE MORGAN, for many years a contractor and builder of Blenheim, and who for the past decade has been connected with the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company in that capacity, is descended from a family founded in the County of Kent many years ago.

The Morgan family is of English extrac-

tion, William Morgan, the grandfather of George, having been born in England, where he died. Among his children was a son Arthur, the father of George, born in 1801. In 1835 he came to the County of Kent, locating in Howard township on what was known as "The Hills Farm," where he farmed for some time, thence removing to Lot 3, on the Howard road, where his death occurred in June, 1874. Arthur Morgan was married twice, first to a Miss Gunn, by whom he had two sons: James, deceased, and Peter, of Chatham. For his second wife he married Susan Wisby, and they had the following children: William; John; George; Arthur, of Howard, on the old homestead; and Richard, of Stratford. Of these, Peter married Lilla Thompson, by whom he had six children, James, Annie, Bertie, Peter, Susan and Victoria. William married Martha Ann Woodworth, by whom he had four children, George, John, Charles and Susan, and for his second wife he married Mrs. Benedict. John married Mary Snyder, and their children are Jane, Sherman and Frank. Arthur married Sarah Brocket, and their children are Lovena and Atha. Richard married Corlista Brown, and they have two children, Walter and Lottie.

George Morgan was born in Howard township March 28, 1839, and early in life learned the trade of cabinetmaker, but he did not follow it, as he turned his attention to building and contracting. In 1892 he entered the employ of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company, and has built nearly all of their bridges. Mr. Morgan has been a member of the town council for six years, and in 1881 served on the county council. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W., and religiously he is a member of the Baptist Church. His political affiliations are with the Reform party.

In 1866 Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Jerusha Newcomb, daughter of Samuel Newcomb, and granddaughter of Samuel Newcomb, Sr. Mrs. Morgan was born in Harwich township May 12, 1842. To Mr. and Mrs. Morgan children as follows have been born: Georgianna married Arthur Brown, of Leamington, Ont.; they have no children. Andrew married Etta Jackson, of London, Ont., and they have one daughter, Gertrude. Pearl married Frank E. Tifft, of Hersey, Michigan, a bridge engineer. Miss Clara, who lives at home, has been most carefully educated in the public schools of Blenheim, the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute and the Toronto Normal School, and is now a popular teacher in the Blenheim high school.

ALEXANDER JULIEN. One of the successful farmers, representative citizens and self-made men of the County of Kent is Alexander Julien, who was born on the old Julien homestead on the river Thames on Lot 12, Concession 1, Dec. 10, 1847. Howard township has been his home all his life. His family is one of the old honorable ones of the county, and they were among the very first settlers in Howard township.

The parents of Alexander Julien, Stephen and Catherine (McFarlane) Julien, were natives of Canada and Scotland, respectively, the former born in 1813 on this same farm and the latter in 1818 at Blairdrumond, Perthshire, Scotland. Her parents came to Canada in 1826, and located in Botany, Howard township, County of Kent, Mr. McFarlane, however, living only nine days after his arrival in Botany. Stephen Julien was a son of Joseph and Betsy (Arner) Julien, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and came to Canada about the time of the Revolution in the States, in 1776. He lived to participate in the war of 1812, and his son Stephen took part in the Rebellion of 1836-37. After the close of the war of 1812 Grandfather Joseph Julien received a grant of land on the river Thames, from the English government, for his services during the war. He married a lady of English descent, Betsy Arner, who was a native of Windsor or Sandwich, and they settled on his acquired lands and there made the first improvements. Soon after his settlement came the Arnold family, also from the State of Pennsylvania, and these neighbors also settled on the river, farther down; Mr. Arnold built the first gristmill in this section of the country. Joseph Julien and his wife both passed away in this old home, his death occurring in 1850. They had but the one son, Stephen, to inherit their estate and to perpetuate the family name.

Stephen Julien was married first to Matilda Armstrong, of Toronto, and they had a family of five children born to them, as follows: Joseph, who died in boyhood; Jacob, who was killed at his home by a horse; Stephen,

who resides at Colchester, County of Essex; Henry, who is a native of the old locality, but lives at Colchester; and Simon, who after marriage moved to Detroit, Michigan. The second marriage of Stephen Julien was to Catherine McFarlane, and Stephen Julien died in 1849, when their son Alexander was but sixteen months old. Mrs. Julien at a later period was married (second) to John Winter, who died May 15, 1888. They settled on the Julien homestead, and there reared the following children: Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Patrick Claffy; Maria, the eldest survivor, is the widow of George Hanley, of Orford; John resides in Detroit; Mary married Henry Gadd, of Detroit; Rebecca married Rev. Leonard Hazzard, a Methodist minister in the State of Michigan; Ellen married Austin Welch, and they live in Detroit; William married and located at Orion, Michigan; and Catherine and Frankie died in childhood. All were born on the old homestead. Stephen Julien was a consistent and active member of the Methodist Church, as was also his wife, she having been converted when she was only eleven years old. Mr. Winter also belonged to that church. Mrs. Winter finally moved to Davisburg, Michigan, where she died Aug. 4, 1899; her remains were interred in the Julien cemetery.

Alexander Julien was thrown upon his own resources when but a lad, on account of the death of his father, so he obtained only a fair education, assisting his mother as much as he could. Realizing very early the value and necessity of money, the young man was frugal and saving, so that by the time he reached his majority he had accumulated enough to purchase a tract of forty acres, located on Lot 13, Block Concession, Howard township, and there he made improvements and erected a house and barn. This was in preparation for his marriage, which took place May 22, 1872, to Mary Wightman, the estimable daughter of Jacob and Jane (Hartwick) Wightman, old residents of the locality. Mrs. Julien was born Oct. 9, 1849, and was educated in the Howard schools. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Julien settled on this first land purchase and remained there until 1877, when Mr. Julien sold his farm and for the succeeding nine years rented land, in 1885 purchasing his present fine farm of 200 acres, comprising a part of the old Julien homestead, formerly owned by his father and his grandfather, and a part of Lot 13, drawn from the government by his grandfather's brother, John Julien. The place consists of fifty acres each in Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1st Concession. Here Mr. Julien has continued to make improvements and his farm is justly classed with the best in the township.

The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Julien are: Mary J., born in Howard in 1873, given excellent educational opportunities there; she married Thomas E. Martin, a son of the well-known David Martin, and they have one child, Mary Ethel; they reside on the River road in Howard. Annie, born in 1876, was also educated in Howard, and in 1899 married William Jewell; they settled at Northwood, where she died in 1900. John, born in 1878, still resides at home; he married Mary Humphrey, of Zone, County of Kent, and they have a daughter, Mary Agnes. Henry, born in 1881, was educated in the home schools, and is engaged in railroading; in 1902 he married Jessie Hicks, of Thamesville, where they reside, and they have one daughter, Olive May. Frank, born in 1884, resides at home. Ethel May, born in 1891, is one of the brightest pupils in the Howard schools.

For the past twenty years Mr. Julien has been actively identified with the work of the Methodist Church and for several years has been the recording steward of the Thamesville Church. In this religious work he is assisted by Mrs. Julien, a lady of the most consistent Christian character. Politically Mr. Julien has mainly supported the Conservative party, although his temperance principles led him to favor the candidate of that party and to act as a delegate to the Conservative convention in 1902. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of Orangemen. He is essentially a self-made man, and has lived a life of integrity which has brought him prosperity and the esteem of his fellow citizens. He is a man of the kindliest nature and a representative of the highest type of the earnest, conscientious and manly element of the citizens of Howard township.

GEORGE EDWIN SMITH is a successful farmer and fruit grower of Harwich township, living on a farm of 100 acres on the Talbot road. Thirty acres of his land are planted in fruit trees, and he makes a specialty of small fruits, raspberries, etc. He was born on the

farm which has always been his home, and where his father and grandmother had lived and died.

Capt. John B. and Margaret (Possum) Smith, the grandparents of George Edwin, were originally of New York State, and he died in Michigan, where he had been a farmer. He gained his title of captain in the United States army in the war of 1812. His wife married (second) Holly V. Hinman, of New York State, a famous violinist in his time and a well-known composer of music, and a man of genial temperament and brilliant attainments. He located the farm which Mr. Smith now owns, and lived on it many years. His last days were spent in his native State, New York, where he died. His widow, grandmother of Mr. Smith, returned to the Canadian farm, which then contained 200 acres, and induced her son James, father of George Edwin, to move there from his home in western New York.

James Smith was born in Schoharie county, New York. He married Abigail Wattles, of Connecticut, and in 1831 they came to Canada. They settled on part of the present farm of their son George E., taking up 100 acres of the east end of Lot No. 9, Concession 4, west of Communication road. This tract was added to from time time until it included 350 acres. Mr. Smith served as a dragoon in the United States army in the war of 1812, although he was but a lad of fifteen. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church, and are buried in Crawford cemetery, in Raleigh township. His death occurred in 1864, at the age of sixty-seven, and his wife died in 1874, aged seventy-six. His mother also died on the homestead farm. The children of James and Abigail (Wattles) Smith were as follows: Dr. James O. (deceased), who was for forty years a successful physician in California; Oliver, who died at the age of twenty-one; Charles (deceased), of Bay county, Michigan; Andrew; Amanda, who married John Cameron; and John, all of whom died at the old homestead; George Edwin, who is mentioned below; Norman, a Frenchman, who is a resident of Calgary, Northwest Territory; and Angeline, who married Stephen Duke, of the County of Essex, Ontario.

George Edwin Smith was born on the home farm July 8, 1837, and remained with his parents until his marriage. He was brought up to farming, of which he has made a great success. At the time of his marriage he established his own home on another part of the farm. He has been very successful as a fruit grower, and has a fine peach orchard of 5,000 trees, an apple orchard of fifty trees, and considerable land in small fruits. His raspberries are his special pride. In 1870, Mr. Smith built a large grain warehouse in connection with the Buckhorn Dock, at the end of the Harwich and Raleigh town line, Lake Erie, where he did a very large trade for many years in grain and farm produce, Chatham being the next nearest market at that time.

In Chatham, Ont., Mr. Smith married, in December, 1864, Rebecca Tyrrell, and they have had a family of five children; Harry, a farmer of Harwich township, married Ura Pardo, and has three children, Gladstone, Margarette and Hilda; Julia Victoria died at the age of eighteen; Minnie, Herbert and George are living at home.

Mr. Smith has been quite an extensive traveler, crossing the Mississippi river ten times in as many different places from St. Louis to St. Paul, and has been in seventeen States of the Union. In 1880 he toured the States of Missouri and Kansas, and in 1882 spent the winter in Manitoba and the Northwest.

Mrs. Rebecca (Tyrrell) Smith was born on an adjoining farm, daughter of Jesse and Jane (Cameron) Tyrrell, natives respectively of the Otter, Ontario, and of Scotland. Mr. Tyrrell came to Harwich township in 1829 with his parents and the Cameron family moved there a few years later, locating on a farm in Lot. No. 10, Concession 2. Mr. Tyrrell and Jane Cameron were married in the County of Kent, and spent their lives within its borders. They were members of the Methodist Church. The father died in 1889, at the age of seventy-three years. Their children were as follows: Jesse, who was drowned in Lake Erie, when eighteen years of age; Daniel and Mary J., who died aged, respectively, fifteen and twelve years; Rebecca, who is the wife of George Edwin Smith; John who is a blacksmith in Pennsylvania; James, deceased; Charles, a farmer of Wheatley, Ont.; Margaret, who married Harry Russell, of Raleigh township; Ada, who married W. A. Robinson, of Wheatley; Daniel, deceased; George, who is in the hotel business in Bothwell, Ont.;

and Dr. Jerry (deceased), who was a physician in Waverly, Washington.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Rebecca (Tyrrell) Smith were Uriah and Rebecca Tyrrell, originally of New York State, who were Loyalists and moved into Canada in 1829, settling at Otter, where they took up large tracts of land. Uriah Tyrrell was a soldier in the British army in the war of 1812. Mrs. Smith's maternal grandparents were Donald and Jane (Stewart) Cameron, of Inverness, Scotland, who came to Kent, Ont., in 1835. The first autumn they spent in Tilbury township, taking up 200 acres of government land on which they built a home. They gave up this farm, however, and moved to Harwich township, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Cameron combined the occupations of shoemaker and farmer.

George Edwin Smith is an adherent of the Reform party in politics, but is in no sense an office seeker. He and his family attend the Universalist Church. He is a man of means and position, of thrifty, energetic habits and progressive ideas. His fruit farm is one of the finest in the county, and he and his family are well known and highly respected throughout the township and county.

DANIEL WINTER. The Winter family is one of the old established families of County Kent, prominently identified with public movements and private enterprises of worth for many years. Daniel Winter, a representative of this family living on the Botany Road, in Concession 3, Howard township, was born in that concession Feb. 28, 1849, a son of Daniel and Eliza (Curry) Winter, both natives of County Armagh, Ireland, where the former was born in 1797, and the latter in 1807.

Mr. Winter's parents were married in their native land, and for a time engaged there in farming and in cloth weaving, but in 1837 they turned their attention to the opportunities offered on the other side of the great ocean. This formidable trip was undertaken, and after a journey of seven weeks in a sailing vessel, they reached Quebec, came on to Chatham, and settled on wild land in Concession 3, Howard township, in the County of Kent. The descendants of these hardy pioneers scarcely realize what they owe to their ancestors and others, who, with a courage most admirable, accepted the privations of those early days and worked so hard to make possible the comforts and privileges of the present day. The log house of the pioneer sheltered the family, and after the mere shanty in which they were first obliged to live, seemed something like luxury. Here Daniel Winter died in September, 1885, his faithful helpmate dying ten years before. He was reared in the Quaker faith, and through life adhered to a simplicity of speech, dress and habit consonant with the views he professed, although he contributed to the support of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife was a member. He was a man of intelligence, and deeply interested in the movements of the Conservative party.

The grandparents of Daniel Winter were James and Margaret Winter, who passed their whole lives in the old home. Both their sons, Daniel and James, came to Canada together, James settling in the town of Simcoe, Ont., where he died, leaving eight children: William, Margaret, Robert, John, James, Frank, Eliza and Kate, residents of the States and of Canada.

The ten children born to Daniel and Eliza Winter were as follows: Margaret, born in Ireland, married Charles Harrison, who died leaving two children, William and Charles, now residents of the State of Michigan; for her second husband she married Henry Stover, and she lived and died in Detroit, leaving four children by her second union, Eliza, Ida, Robert and Wesley. Jane, born in Ireland, is the wife of Andrew Barth, a business man of Chatham, and has a family. James, born in Ireland, was reared in Howard, married Lizzie Robertson, of Harwich, and settled on the 3d Concession, where he died; his widow still resides there with her children. Sarah, born in Ireland, married Alexander Hardy, of Chatham, and they settled in Detroit, where she died in 1898, leaving children—Albert, Fred, Sarah, Mary and Fannie, residents of Michigan. Robert, born in Ireland, engaged in business in Detroit, where he died, unmarried. Betsey, born in Ireland, married Philip Metzer, and for a number of years they lived in Detroit, but are now residents of Los Angeles; their children are Eliza, Margaret, Mary A., Hannah, Sarah, Maud, James, Alice and Lucy. Mary, born in Howard township, County of Kent, in 1844, married David Black, and they lived in Wal-

laceburg, County of Kent, where she died, leaving no family. Hannah, born in the County of Kent, married Thomas Smith, of Howard, and they now reside in Gonzales county, State of Texas, where he is a large farmer; they have children—Daniel, Robert, David, Betsey A. and Maggie. Anna, born in Howard township, marrried Charles Wright, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere. Daniel Winter is the youngest member of this large and prominent family.

Daniel Winter was educated in the Howard schools, and remained at the old homestead with his parents, managing the home farm from the age of eighteen years. In 1874 he was united in marriage with Lizzie Hutchinson, who was born in 1847 in Harwich township, daughter of David and Mary Hutchinson, natives of Glasgow, Scotland, who died in Harwich township. After their marriage Mr. Winter and his bride settled on the old homestead, where Mrs. Winter passed out of life in 1896, leaving four children, namely; James, born in 1875, was married June 17, 1903, to Nellie Leitch, daughter of Duncan and Nancy Leitch; Daniel, born in 1877, David, born in 1879, and Mary C., born in 1881, are all at the old home. In 1897 Mr. Winter was married (second) to Mary A. Norris, of Simcoe, daughter of John and Annie Norris, of English extraction, who died in Simcoe, where Mrs. Winter was born in 1862.

After the death of his father Mr. Winter erected on the old homestead the handsome brick residence which presents so imposing an appearance, completing it in 1894; he has also put up commodious barns. His sons reside on that place. In 1880 Mr. Winter bought the Christopher Atkinson homestead, on Concession 3, near the old home, and here he built his present fine residence and made improvements which have converted this place into one of the most desirable in the township. Mr. Winter owns also a fifty-acre tract in Concession 2, Lot 9, which is also under cultivation, and where his son James resides.

Religiously Mr. Winter has followed the religious faith of his beloved mother and has been very generous in his benefactions to the Presbyterian Church. The ground site for the new church was donated by him and he has taken an active interest in its growth. He is too intelligent a man not to have settled political convictions, and has actively supported the Conservative party. As a representative of one of the prominent old families of the county, he is an interesting figure, while his good citizenship, large means and exemplary private character make him a representative resident of the County of Kent.

JOHN W. SNARY, a prosperous farmer of Camden Gore, passed the greater part of his active life on a farm of fifty acres in Camden, but in 1892 retired to his present place of ten acres, which makes comparatively little demand on his time and strength, now that he is advancing in years. He is a native of New York State, born in Cortland county May 8, 1831, of English parentage.

John Snary, father of John W., came with his wife, Elizabeth (Bilton), from Lincolnshire, England, in 1828, and settled at first in Tompkins county, New York, in which State they remained eight years, and then removed to the County of Kent, Ontario. They located in Camden Gore, then known as Dawn township, and bought 125 acres, to which they added 100 more later. Both parents were members of the Church of England. The father died Dec. 4, 1840, aged thirty-eight, and his wife passed away in 1852, at the age of fifty-two. Their remains were interred in Dawn Mills cemetery. Five children were born to their union, namely: John B., a farmer; Sarah, who died in England, in infancy; Henry, a retired farmer now living in Croton, Ont., who was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 12, 1826; Bilton Y., a farmer of the County of Lambton; and John W. The paternal grandfather, John Snary, never left England.

John W. Snary was only a small lad when his father died, and he worked and helped to keep a home for his mother until of age, when he married and made a home of his own, buying a fifty-acre farm in the same township, and beginning on his own responsibility. He continued there until 1892, when he retired to his present place, which is located in Concession 12, Lot 7.

Mr. Snary has been twice married. His first wife was Hannah De Clute, to whom he was united in Raleigh township, March 9, 1853. Mrs. Snary was born in that township in 1829, the daughter of Jeremiah and Anna De Clute, who came from Ireland to the County of Kent

in the early days. Her death occurred July 4, 1858, and her husband was left with the following children: Henry, a butcher of Chicago, Illinois; Mary S., wife of John Katecheson, of Winnipeg; and Lorenzo, of the same city, who is in the milk business and a speculator.

For his second wife, Mr. Snary married Miss Victoria Gibson, who bore him the following children: Anna M. is the wife of John Smith, a carpenter in Cleveland, Ohio, by whom she has four children; Eliza J. is the wife of William Butler, of Camden Gore and has three children; Chester W. married Mary M. Cragg, of the same place, and has three children; James M. and Elva L. are deceased; Emily M. died at the age of twenty; Etta was drowned; Richard D. is deceased; Carrie A. B. is the wife of Ernest Johnson, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who resides in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and has one child, Jessie Victoria. Mrs. Victoria Snary was born in Howard township, on the Thames river, Oct. 8, 1838.

James Gibson, father of Mrs. Snary, came from Caldwell's Manor, Lower Canada, to the County of Kent in 1838, and settled on an uncleared farm of 300 acres, a government grant made to him in recognition of services rendered in the war of 1837, as captain of a militia company. After several years on this farm, during which time two of his children died, he went back to Lower Canada. In spite of sad associations, however, he returned to Kent after a few years, and remained there until his death, in March, 1859, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife was Elizabeth Huckins, and in their family were the following named children: James and Nelson, who died young; Mary, who died at the age of sixty-one years, the wife of Ira Greenwood, also deceased; Nancy, who died at the age of nineteen years; Elizabeth A., aged eighty-four years, the widow of James Cameron, of Algonac, Michigan; Sarah, who died in 1901, at the age of seventy-eight, and who married (first) William Walker and (second) Truman Howe; Maria, now aged seventy-two, the widow of Platt Merrill, of Dresden, Ont.; James, who was lost in the woods of Lower Canada when a child; Hannah; Mayland B.; Lucia; Rosina; and Victoria. Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson died June 6, 1871, at the age of seventy-eight years, and was buried beside her husband in a private burying-ground on their own farm. They were members of the Methodist Church, and people of exemplary Christian character.

John W. Snary and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. In politics he affiliates with the Liberal party. He is prominent in his neighborhood, has prospered in the world, and is much looked up to by all within the sphere of his influence.

JAMES WEBSTER is a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, located on Lot 64, Talbot Road, South, to which fine property he came from Aldborough township, County of Elgin, in 1883. He was born Nov. 30, 1847, in Southwold township, County of Elgin, a son of David and Agnes (Muir) Webster, who were of the town of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1842, locating in the County of Elgin. They lived a few years on rented land in Southwold township, and then removed to Mosa township, County of Middlesex, where Mr. Webster took up 100 acres of brush land and remained engaged in its clearing and cultivation, until he retired from activity, in 1869, removing then to Newbury. The death of Mr. Webster occurred July 28, 1897, when he was aged eighty-seven years. His faithful wife had passed away long before, dying May 4, 1864, at the age of fifty-two years. They were laid in Oakland cemetery, in Mosa township. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Webster was a Reformer. David and Agnes Webster were the parents of the following named children: William, a farmer in the County of Middlesex, a prominent citizen of his community, for five years a member of the county council, and for sixteen years a member of the township council; David, a farmer at Salina, California; Jane, married to John Allen, a farmer of County Middlesex; Janet, who married Henry Wellman, of Michigan; Agnes, widow of Duncan McArthur, of Manitoba; Robert, a farmer of County Middlesex; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of Alexander Allen, of Detroit, Michigan; James, of this sketch; Isabella, wife of Robert Ferguson, a farmer of County Elgin; John, a farmer of Brandon, Manitoba; and Minnie, deceased wife of Gregor McGregor, of Manitoba.



James Webster

Mr. Webster attended the local schools and assisted his father on the home farm until the age of twenty-two years, when he engaged in lumbering for a time, and also in working through the township with neighboring farmers. In 1873 he made his first purchase of land, which was 100 acres of wild land in Dunwich, County of Elgin. After working this farm for two years, he sold it to advantage, and then bought another wild tract, in Aldborough township. Here he remained until 1883, when he came to his present farm. This valuable property has been put in first-class order by Mr. Webster and its productiveness is very evident.

On May 4, 1875, at Dunwich, County of Elgin, Mr. Webster married Margaret McArthur, and they have reared these children: John F., a railroad man in Manitoba; David M., at home; Mary A., at home; Barbara E., wife of Thomas Davidson, a carpenter at Duart, Ont.; and James D., at home.

Mrs. Webster was born at Dunwich, County of Elgin, a daughter of John and Barbara (Galbraith) McArthur, both of whom were born in Scotland, and came to Canada in 1842. They located in Dunwich township, County of Elgin, where Mr. McArthur took up 100 acres of land, which he continued to improve until his death in 1894, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died in 1887, aged sixty-eight years. They were buried in the Cowal cemetery, County of Elgin. Both were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to them were: Mary, deceased, was the wife of Peter McCollum; Duncan is a farmer at Dutton, Ont.; Margaret is the wife of our subject; Angus is a hardware merchant at Beamsville, Ont.; Flora is the wife of Walter Clark, a farmer of Dunwich, Ont.; Amelia is the wife of Colin Gillis, of Aldborough, County of Elgin; and John is engaged in the oil industry at Wallacetown, Ontario.

Since coming to this section, Mr. Webster has taken a deep interest in the affairs of the community, and because of his public spirit and high character has been called upon to fill many of the most important offices of the township. In 1898 he was elected a member of the township council, and so much were his efforts appreciated that each successive year he was re-elected, and in 1903, was elected reeve of the township; he resigned the latter office, however, in December, 1903. In politics he is identified with the Reform party. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian.

JOSEPH L. STREET (deceased), who for many years was a successful farmer of Orford township, was born on his property in that township, on Talbot street, Lot 72, N. T. R., and died on the same farm in March, 1892, aged fifty-seven years. His remains rest in Trinity Church cemetery.

Mr. Street's parents, Jacob and Julia A. (Teetzel) Street, of New Jersey, were married in Ontario. Jacob Street died in July, 1871, aged seventy-six years, while his wife died in 1864, aged seventy-one years, and both were consistent members of the Methodist Church to the last. The following children were born to them: Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of sixty-seven years; John, deceased; Sampson, deceased; Charles, deceased; Martha, who married Alexander Simpkins; Rachel, who married William Richardson, and is deceased; Jane, who married Thomas Dewitt, and is deceased; and Joseph L.

Joseph L. Street was twice married, his first union in 1858, being to a lady named Teeple, who died in 1861. Two children were born to this marriage: Prof. Jacob Street, D. P., of Syracuse, New York, who is professor in Syracuse University; and Sylvester, who is a carpenter of Ridgetown, Ontario.

In May, 1863, Joseph L. Street married Mary J. Hughson, and their children were: Martha J., of Port Arthur, Ont., who married F. T. Allen, and William T. Mrs. Mary J. Street was born in Orford township May 14, 1842, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Hunter) Hughson, of Yorkshire and Durham, England, respectively, who came to the County of Kent in 1830, locating in Orford township, where they took up land and remained. The father died in 1891, aged eighty years, while the mother passed away in 1881, aged seventy years; both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The father was a stanch Conservative, and served in the Rebellion of 1837. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hughson: Rachel, who married Horace Hills; William, a farmer of the County of Lambton; and Mary J.

Joseph L. Street spent his entire life upon the homestead, which originally comprised 200

acres, but now contains only 149 acres. He was a very valuable member of the community. Fraternally he was a member of the A. O. U. W. In politics he was a Reformer, and always took a deep interest in local affairs, serving in the council for two years. Like his parents he was a Methodist, and always gave liberally of both time and money for the advancement of the church. Probably few men made so many friends and few enemies as Mr. Street, and his demise was considered a public calamity.

WILLIAM T. STREET, son of Joseph L. Street, was born at his present home April 18, 1869, and has always lived there. His fine farm is a model for other farmers, and he takes great pride in improving both land and buildings. Having made farming his life work, it is only natural that he thoroughly understands all its details, and that he conducts his work intelligently and successfully. He and his most estimable wife are members of the Methodist Church. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the C. O. of Foresters.

On July 29, 1896, Mr. Street married, in Howard township, Miss Margaret Stinson, and their children are: Mary H., Elva G. and Joseph L.

The Stinson family, to which Mrs. Street belongs, is of good Scotch-Irish stock. William Stinson, Sr., her grandfather, was born in Scotland, but became a farmer in the North of Ireland, where he married Jane Higgins, of Irish birth. He died in 1841, aged seventy-five; his wife passed away in 1825, at the early age of thirty years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children, five in number, were: Charles, who died in Chicago, Illinois; James, deceased; Margaret, who married a Mr. Knight, and lives in Ireland; Sally, who died in Ireland, the wife of a Mr. McManus; and William, Jr.

William Stinson, Jr., now a retired farmer of Palmyra, Orford township, was born in Enniskillen, North of Ireland, in October, 1820. When he was twenty years old he left home, and coming to Canada located in Gananoque, Ont., where he remained six months in the employ of the Hon. Sir John Alexander MacDonald. The next three years he spent on farms in Howard township, County of Kent. He then went to Fingal, Ont., and began a career as traveling salesman for an implement and engine concern, which covered a period of fifteen years. He was very successful, and when he retired from the road it was to take possession of a very fine 200-acre farm he had purchased in Howard township. The cultivation of this land occupied his attention until 1899, when he moved to his present place at Palmyra. He was a good business man, and prospered greatly in all his undertakings. In Howard township, in January, 1857, Mr. Stinson married Ellen Stewart, who was born in Scotland in 1824, and they became the parents of the following children: Charles, who died in infancy; Archie, a farmer of Howard township; Jane, wife of Caldwell Wilson, a traveling salesman with home in Owosso, Michigan; Margaret, wife of William T. Street; and James, a farmer in Howard township. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson are members of the Methodist Church, in which he has served as trustee and collector. In politics he is a member of the Reform party. As his years have advanced Mr. Stinson has given his property to his children, and he and his good wife are passing the evening of their lives in peace and comfort, lovingly ministered to by their devoted family.

ROBERT TAYLOR (deceased) was one of the pioneer settlers of the County of Kent, a man well and favorably known to the public and appreciated and beloved in his home circle.

Mr. Taylor was born in 1810 in Yorkshire, England, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Taylor, both natives of Yorkshire, the former born in 1782, and the latter in 1787. Thomas Taylor died in England Aug. 9, 1861, and his widow survived until Nov. 13, 1866. They left two sons, Robert and Thomas, who came to Canada, and Joseph, Anthony, Jonathan and George, who died in England. It was at a very early day in the settlement of the County of Kent that Thomas and Robert Taylor located near Peterborough, where Thomas died leaving a family.

Robert Taylor came first to Canada, reaching Quebec in 1845, and was engaged as a farmer in the County of Northumberland until 1855, when he removed to Harwich, County of Kent, Ont. Before coming to America he had married Elizabeth Goundrell, a native of York-

shire, born in 1814, daughter of William Goundrell, who died in England. After coming to Harwich Mr. Taylor purchased a tract of wild land and began pioneer life in a little log house. As soon as he had cleared up a portion of his land he erected a house and barn, and they continued to live on that place until he purchased the Thomas Kelly improvement, on Concession 12. Here Mr. Taylor made extensive improvements in the way of clearing up land, and erected convenient and commodious buildings, and here his death occurred in 1872. His widow survived a number of years, her death taking place in February, 1901. They were devout members of the Church of England. Mr. Taylor always took an interest in public matters in his township and consistently voted with the Conservative party. A family of seven children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor: Thomas, William, Elizabeth, Sarah J., Mary, Robert and John.

THOMAS TAYLOR was born in Yorkshire, England, in July, 1836, completed his education in Canada, and remained on the home farm until after the death of his father. In 1872 he made a visit to England, and while there purchased "Venture," the first imported coach horse brought to this county, and which animal sired some of the best stock in the County of Kent. In 1880 Mr. Taylor returned to England and again invested in some notable horses, which were regarded as some of the finest bred stock ever brought into this section. Among the noted animals owned and bred by Mr. Taylor may be named: "Craigie," the well-known stallion; "Disraeli"; "Dalesman the Second"; "Jennie Crawford," the fine bred Clyde mare. Mr. Taylor has made five trips across the ocean since he came to Canada, and this locality is much indebted to him for the pure bred stock he has introduced. He owns the horse "Bon Ton," which he brought from Montreal, and which is now in service at the home. Mr. Taylor has always encouraged and supported all enterprises looking to the welfare of the lines in which he has been especially interested, and has been a prominent member of the Agricultural Society of West Kent, of which he was a director for several years. For one year he served as a director for North Canada of the Clydesdale Association of Toronto. Mr. Taylor has never married, and makes his home with his brother Robert on the old homestead.

WILLIAM TAYLOR was born in England in 1838, and resides on the place on town line range, with his wife and family of children.

Elizabeth Taylor, born March 10, 1840, in England, married John Clark, of Howard, and both are now deceased, a family surviving.

Sarah J. Taylor was born in March, 1841, in England, married Duncan McCoig, and lives on Concession 10. They have a family of nine children.

Mary Taylor, born in February, 1846, in Harwich, died in young womanhood.

RORERT TAYLOR was born Aug. 9, 1852, and grew up on the home farm. On June 30, 1876, he married Louisa Hamil, who was born Sept. 6, 1855, daughter of Robert and Sophia (Gammage) Hamil, of a prominent old family of Harwich. A family of four children has come to this union: Arthur, born in 1879, married Sarah Wallace, of Raleigh, and has one son, Harold, born in 1901. Ernest, born in 1882, after being educated in the home school and the Collegiate Institute at Ridgetown, took up the study of pharmacy in the drug store of Mayor Graham. Ethel P., born in 1885, is a student in the home schools, as is Edith L., who was born Aug. 25, 1890.

JOHN TAYLOR, the youngest son of the late Robert Taylor, was born in April, 1855, married Mary J. Middlemiss, of Glencoe, Canada, and now resides in Detroit, where he follows his trade of blacksmith in the car shops. They have two children, Guy, born in 1882, and Edward, born in 1885.

After his father's death Robert Taylor purchased the old homestead. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, but Thomas and John still retain membership in the Church of England. Politically the sons follow in the footsteps of their father, and all are identified with the Conservative party. They are worthy and substantial men and good citizens, and show the result of good Christian rearing. They are among the very highly esteemed and useful members of their community.

WILLIAM KENNY, who for many years was a prominent factor in the agricultural life of County Kent, died on his home-

stead of seventy-eight acres, Lots 14 and 15, Gore of Chatham, Jan. 6, 1902, aged sixty-five years, and was tenderly laid to rest in the Wallaceburg cemetery. He was born in December, 1837, son of Thomas and Jane (Meylor) Kenny, natives of Ireland, where the former died in 1863. Thomas Kenny had studied for the ministry but his health failed and he retired and lived on his estate. Thomas Kenny was a consistent member of the Church of England, as was also his wife. In his early manhood he had studied for the ministry, but the failure of his health compelled him to abandon his intention, and he retired to live on his estate, where his last days were spent. The children born to Thomas Kenny and wife were: William; Thomas, a wholesale merchant of Sarnia; Miss Dora, of Sarnia; Randal, a retail grocer of Sarnia; Jane, who died in Ireland, the wife of James Bell; and Amelia, who married William Kerr, and died in Ireland.

While still residing in his native land, in 1871, William Kenny married Mary Jane Watts, daughter of Henry and Matilda Watts, of Arrowtown, New Zealand. Mr. Watts was a sailor and died in shipwreck. Mrs. Kenny died on the homestead farm in 1886, aged thirty-five years, and is buried in the Wallaceburg cemetery. To William Kenny and wife were born the following family: Thomas Meylor, born in County Cavan, Ireland, Dec. 16, 1873; Charlotte; Jane A., a trained nurse of Sarnia; Dorothea, who died young; Mary A., attending college at Sarnia; Randal Y., of Sarnia; and Henry W., at home with his brother.

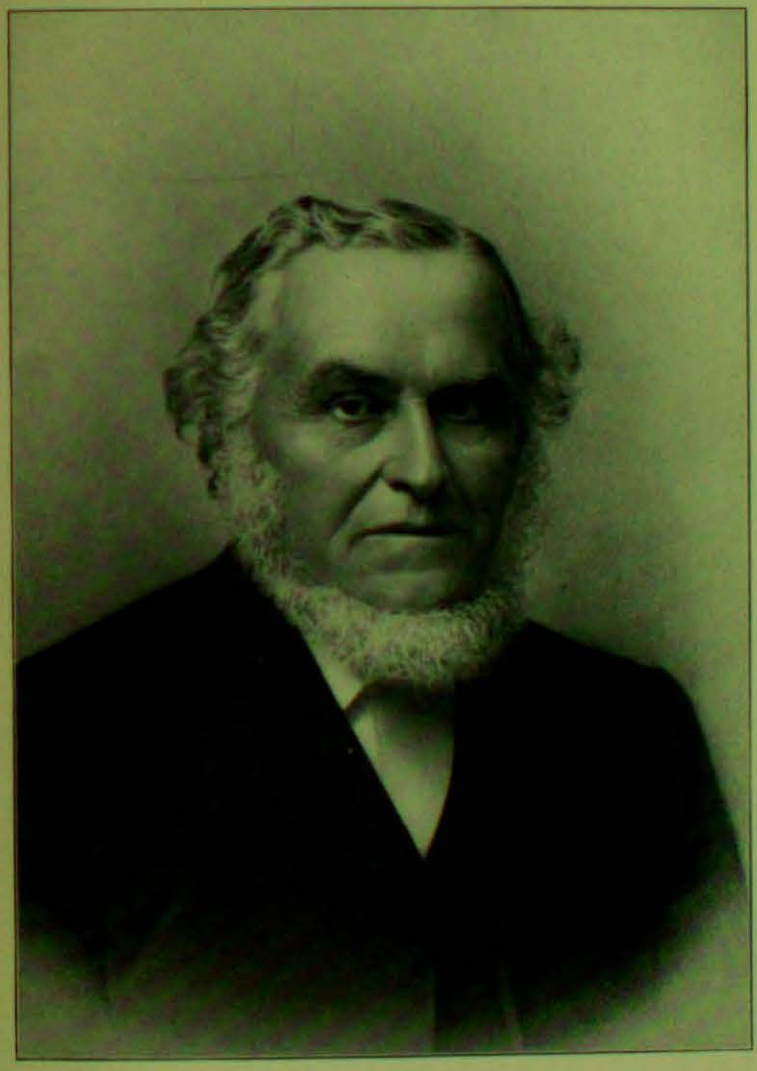
William Kenny, with his family, left Ireland in February, 1880, and emigrated to County Kent, locating on the farm now in possession of the family. But ten acres had been cleared, and without delay, Mr. Kenny began the work of placing it under cultivation, working so industriously and so intelligently that at the time of his death he owned one of the best farms in the township, well drained and all fenced. During his life he was a consistent member of the Orange Lodge of Ireland, and of the Established Church. In politics he was a Conservative, but he did not desire public office. In his death the Gore of Chatham lost one of its representative, reliable and substantial citizens, and his memory is tenderly cherished by many besides those in his home circle.

THOMAS MEYLOR KENNY, one of the enprising and successful young farmers of the Gore of Chatham, was born in Ireland as before stated, and came with his parents to County Kent. The homestead farm owes much to his efforts, and he is justly regarded as a leading representative of the best class of farmers of the county. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Like his parents he is a member of the Established Church, and in politics he is a Conservative.

DANIEL WILLIAM CROW, now living retired from active business in Chatham, County of Kent, is a native of Raleigh township, that county, born Dec. 8, 1830, son of William Crow, a native of the same county, born in 1802, and grandson of Thomas Crow, who was born in Ireland in 1748.

Thomas Crow married Isabelle Scarlett and emigrated to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania, where he remained but a short time, and then came to the County of Kent, Ont., locating in Dover township on the Thames river. Later he moved to Lot 10, Raleigh township, where he died about 1835. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Robert, Margaret, Thomas, Sophia, William, John and Daniel, all of whom grew to maturity, and all but Margaret located near the home; she wedded George Gyles, and made her home in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Crow traveled from Pennsylvania to Canada in a very primitive way. They had but one horse for themselves and their two children, but by placing a pannier, or double basket, on the back of this faithful animal, with a child in each basket, they succeeded very well, the mother riding and the father leading the horse along the Indian trail. Thomas Crow and one son served in the war of 1812.

William Crow, son of Thomas, was born on Lot 10, in Raleigh township, Kent County, in 1802. He married Jane Brown, who was born in Ulster County, New York, about 1804. After their marriage in 1824, they settled on a farm in Lot 9, Raleigh township, where they passed the remainder of their lives, becoming the owners of a large tract of land. William Crow died about 1885, and his wife passed away some time before. They were the parents



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of the following children: Harriet, who died young; George, who died about 1865, in hospital, from fever contracted while in the service during the Civil war (he had been engaged in Indian fighting in the United States); William, who died at the age of eleven; Thomas, who enlisted March 7, 1861, in the Civil War in the United States, in which his wife also served, as a nurse, neither being heard from afterward; Daniel William, mentioned below; Lucretia, who married Simon Hawk, a farmer of Raleigh, this county; Lucinda, deceased wife of Charles Hall; Melissa, wife of Charles Johnson, of Raleigh township; Evaline, wife of George Greenfield, of Colorado; Rodger, a farmer of Milan, Michigan; Charles, of Raleigh; and Alfred, who married Mary Orange, and lives in Flint, Michigan.

Daniel W. Crow was born Dec. 8, 1830, and grew to manhood in Raleigh township. He began life as a farm hand at eight dollars per month, and afterward threshed grain with a flail for different farmers, receiving one-seventh for threshing and helping to clean. In the spring he sold his grain, and with the sum thus earned purchased a yoke of oxen, and then bought wood of the farmers and hauled it to the Thames river, there selling it to the boats on the river running between Chatham and Detroit.

In 1854 Mr. Crow married Laura Adelaide Crow, who was born June 1, 1839, on Lot 10, Raleigh township, County of Kent, daughter of Daniel Crow. After his marriage he spent one winter in Saginaw, Mich., in the lumber business, and in the following spring returned to Canada, locating on Lot 8, in Raleigh township. There he bought timber standing, paying ten cents per cord for the same, cut, hauled and put same on the dock on the Thames river for sixty-two and one-half cents per cord. He did much work in harvest time with the sickle, and has cut, bound and shocked wheat for two shillings and sixpence per acre. When he left home as a young man he had nothing excepting the clothes he wore, and he has made his own way in the world assisted only by his worthy companion, to whom he gives due credit for his success in life. Although he began with nothing he now owns eleven hundred acres of fine land in Kent County, and a large amount of property in the city of Chatham. In 1883 Mr. Crow built the "Owen," on his farm in Lot 5, Raleigh township, and continued to be her owner until the spring of 1900, when he sold her. She laid the first cable for the telephone line between the mainland and Pelee Island, and carried the stone for the Colchester Reef lighthouse in Lake Erie, nine miles from the mainland. She also carried the stone used in the building of the Morpeth piers.

To Mr. and Mrs. Crow were born eleven children, six of whom are now living: Henry Edwin, a lake and river captain, married Carrie Gowen, of Windsor, and has one daughter, Laura; Angus R., a coal dealer of Chatham, married Emeline Pardo, of Lake Shore, and has six children, Alvin, Annie, Bertha, George, Lewis and Louisa; Owen, a farmer on Lot 8, Raleigh township, Kent County, married Elizabeth McCorkle, of Chatham, and has seven children, Effie, Kenneth, Daniel W., Eva, Alma, Clinton and Flora; George T., a grain merchant at Prairie Siding, married Margaret Brosenham, and has five children living, John Ray, Margaret Ellen, Lawrence, Gordon and George A., and one, Louisa, is deceased; Frank S., a grain merchant of Chatham, is single; Laura Jane is at home. Those deceased are Daniel Alonzo, Louisa A., Charles Alfred, Flora Evelyn and Lewis.

Mr. Crow is now living practically retired, though he looks after his investments of land and city property and several boats and tugs on the river. He and his wife are members of the Canadian Methodist Church, and in politics he is a Reformer.

ALVIN GOFF, who for many years was one of the progressive farmers of Orford township, County of Kent, was born in Howard township, that county, Feb. 3, 1841, and died April 4, 1880, at Ann Arbor hospital, where he had been for two weeks. His home, however, was on his fine farm in Orford township, N. T. R., Lot 65, consisting of 150 acres, to which he had come in April, 1864, from the family homestead in Howard township.

Mr. Goff was a son of Alexander and Harriet (Parker) Goff, of Kittle Creek and the County of Kent, respectively, who were among the earliest settlers in Howard township. There the father died in February, 1880, aged eighty-four years, and his wife died in 1888, aged seventy-four years, and both are interred in

Trinity Church cemetery, as is also their son, Alvin Goff. Alexander Goff participated in the Rebellion of 1837 and was a pensioner because of his services in that war. The children born to Alexander and Harriet Goff were: James, Cordelia and John, deceased; Margaret, deceased, who married James Fullerton; Albert, deceased; Alvin; Alexander, a farmer of Howard township; and George, a farmer on the old homestead in Howard township.

In January, 1862, in Howard township, Alvin Goff married Rachel L. Walters, and children as follows were born to them: William, a farmer of Bothwell, Ont., married Sarah J. Dancy, and has two children, Violet and William A. James is at home. Alvin married Della McTavish. Robert, of Windsor, Ont., married Lela McTavish, a sister of Alvin's wife, and has one child, Harold Clifford. Ernest, a farmer of Orford township, married Mary Guyett, and has two children, Elva M. and Mary B. Hattie married Thomas Leslie, a farmer of Orford township. Byron, a farmer of Orford township, resides with his mother.

Mrs. Goff was born in Howard township, a daughter of Robert and Hannah (Hall) Walters, of St. John, New Brunswick, where they were married, coming to the County of Kent in 1837. Here they took up 100 acres in Howard township, and spent the remainder of their lives. They were consistent members of the Baptist Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Walters were as follows: William and Matilda, deceased; Sarah, of Highgate, Ont., widow of John Johnson; Ellen, of Chatham, Ont., who married Joseph Stokes; John, of Morpeth, Ont.; Rachel L., Mrs. Goff; and Robert and Susan, deceased. The paternal grandfather and grandmother were Robert and Mary (Emmons) Walters, of England, who died in New Brunswick, where they were farming people.

Alvin Goff lived with his parents until his marriage, when he secured his farm, where he lived until his untimely death. During his long residence in Orford township he not only improved his property, bringing it into a fine state of cultivation, but made his influence felt in a quiet way throughout the community. In religion he was a member of the Church of England, while politically he was a Conservative. Hardworking, thrifty and a good manager, he made his life a success, and left behind him a name untarnished and a record of which his children may well be proud, for sterling honesty and uprightness of purpose.

DUNCAN GALBRAITH, a prominent and highly successful farmer, residing on Lot 18, town line range, in Harwich township, County of Kent, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, March 2, 1843.

Lachlan and Mary (Glen) Galbraith, his parents, were both also natives of Argyllshire, the father born in January, 1804, and the mother in April, 1806. He died Feb. 9, 1879, she on May 2, 1884. Lachlan Galbraith was the son of Lachlan and Mary (McPhail) Galbraith, who lived and died in Scotland, Mr. Galbraith passing away in 1849, at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife in November, 1863, at the age of ninety-two. They had children as follows: (1) Donald, born in 1800, married in Scotland, made several voyages to Canada, and died in 1839. (2) Lachlan has been previously mentioned as the father of Duncan Galbraith. (3) Margaret Galbraith (deceased) married Neil Galbraith in Scotland, came to Canada and died in 1864, leaving one son, Angus, a prosperous farmer in West Williams. (4) Christina, twin of Lachlan, married John McKeich, and lived in Bute, Scotland. (5) Isabella married John McKenzie, a gardener in Campbelltown. (6) John, born in Scotland, in May, 1809, was there married in 1840 to Margaret McMillan, who was born in Scotland in 1811. They came to Canada and settled in West Williams, County of Middlesex, in 1847, and began as pioneers, making a fine farm out of wild land, and on this property both died, he in 1892 and she in 1893. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and in his native land John Galbraith was an elder. Seven children were born to them: Mary died in Canada at the age of seven years. Duncan, born in Scotland, in 1843, was killed by a falling tree when a young man. Donald, born in Scotland in 1845, married Mary A. Hill, of Galt, and now resides in the County of Middlesex, where he is a farmer; his family consists of four children, Margaret, John, Frederick and Jean B. Margaret, born in Scotland, in 1846, married Angus McLachlan, a resident of the County of Middlesex, and they have nine children—Mary, Archie, Maggie, Kate, John,

Angus, Donald, Willie and Janet. Lachlan, born in Canada in 1849, married Agnes Lake, of the County of Middlesex, and they settled on the old homestead where they still reside; they have four children, John D., Bessie, Maggie and Mary. Mary, born in 1855, married George Clark, who lives at Bad Axe, Michigan, where he is a grain and cattle buyer; they have five children, George, John, Donald, Archie and Oliver. Elizabeth, born in March, 1853, was reared to young womanhood in the county of Middlesex, where she received a good education, and is now the wife of Duncan Galbraith. (7) Mary married Alexander McLeish, who settled at East Williams, County of Middlesex, where he became a large land owner and well-to-do citizen. They had a family of six children, Archie, Lachlan, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexander (deceased) and Margaret. Mrs. McLeish died in May, 1885. (8) Duncan, born in 1811, an exemplary young man, learned the carpenter's trade, and died at the age of twenty-eight years, in Glasgow.

Lachlan and Mary (Glen) Galbraith, the parents of Duncan, are fully spoken of in the sketch of his brother, John Galbraith.

Duncan Galbraith was reared and educated in the schools of Harwich. In November, 1873, he married Elizabeth Galbraith, and they first settled on his father's farm, but three years later removed to their present pleasant place, adjoining the homestead, yhere Mr. Galbraith has erected substantial buildings and cleared up a large portion of his farm, as well as the one left him by his father. In 1875 he purchased the McBrayne farm, on the town line, adjoining the homestead, and he is one of the substantial property owners of the township. He and his sons have made extensive improvements upon their property, which is kept in a fine state of cultivation. To Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith one daughter and four sons have been born: John, born in 1874, was reared at the home, received a good education in the home schools and the Collegiate Institute at Ridgetown, and died in Calgary in July, 1901, just as his young life was spreading out, filled with great promise. Duncan A., born in September, 1875, is unmarried and at the homestead. Maggie, born in 1878, was reared at home and received a good education, and was a most lovable young lady; she died in October, 1894. Donald, born in 1880, is unmarried and at home, where he is engaged in farming. Angus, born in June, 1883, is at home. Religiously the father, mother and children are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they are all active workers. The political opinions of Mr. Galbraith make him a member of the old government party, the Reformers. His uprightness and integrity of character, as well as his steadfastness of purpose and thrift, have made him one of the successful men of his locality, and he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

B. L. CHIPMAN, who passed away in Ridgetown in 1899, was born near Ottawa, at Newbury, Ont., in 1834. During his boyhood days Mr. Chipman was fortunate in securing an excellent classical education, which fitted him for the work upon which he embarked, that of newspaper writing. He began in that line, in Ontario, as early as 1865. One of the first connections he formed was that of local correspondent for the *Ayr Observer*, at Washington, Blenheim; later he was on the staff of the *Woodstock Sentinel*, the *Brantford Expositor*, the *Hamilton Times*, and for a number of years was editor of the *Waterford Express*. In 1873 he moved his business to Thamesville, where he continued his journalistic work for some time, but on account of failing health was obliged to abandon this line and for a short time turned his attention to mercantile life. In 1886 he located in Ridgetown, where he lived retired, taking pleasure in his books and home life until his death, in 1899, at the beautiful residence he had purchased on Erie street. Mr. Chipman was a man of wide reading, close observation, and keen insight into the motives of men. These qualities peculiarly fitted him for the work of his choice, and made him without an equal in Ontario. His writings show a rare degree of ability and thorough understanding of whatever subject was under discussion. His loss was deeply felt, not only in his home, but throughout his wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

In 1869 Mr. Chipman married Mrs. Sarah (Cunningham) Anderson, daughter of William and Martha (Cum) Cunningham, prominent pioneers of Ontario. William Cunningham was born in the County of Norfolk, and his wife at Long Point, Ont. They settled in the County of Norfolk, where the father

died in 1846, his wife still surviving, although she has attained the advanced age of ninety-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham had three children: William, born on the homestead in the County of Norfolk, where he still resides; Samuel, a Baptist minister of Waterford; and Sarah, Mrs. Chipman. The latter was born at the old farm, where she grew to womanhood, and in 1854 was united in marriage with Joseph B. Anderson, of the County of Haldimand. They settled on a farm where Mr. Anderson died in 1867, leaving his wife with one daughter, Mary Terressa, who is now the wife of N. W. Pursell, a business man of Waterford, near St. Thomas, and has one son, Thomas Pursell. There were no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chipman.

Politically Mr. Chipman was a stanch advocate of the principles of the Reform party, and wielded a great influence in its favor during the many years he was engaged in journalistic work. He made many friends, and was highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities. Mrs. Chipman is a most charming lady, highly educated and possessed of those qualities which endear her to her wide circle of friends, not only in Ridgetown, but also in Thamesville.

MILTON BACKUS, one of the largest peach growers of the County of Kent, is a descendant of Connecticut stock, his grandfather, Stephen Backus, having been born in that State. He removed to Pennsylvania, but thinking he could better his condition he came to the Dominion, locating in the County of Elgin, where he died when he was about eighty-five years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Storey, also died at an advanced age. Among their eleven children was one Thomas, who became the father of Milton, and who now lives retired in Chatham. His birth occurred in the County of Elgin, but when a young man he began farming in Howard township, County of Kent, where he owned property. In 1866 he sold this and purchased the farm of 125 acres in Raleigh township on which Milton Backus now lives, continuing his farming operations until 1881, when his wife died and he removed to Chatham. Thomas Backus married Cornelia Keyes, and to them were born the following named children: Milton; William Henry, deceased; Stephen, who is conducting a harness and horse furnishing business at Chatham; Lorenzo, M. D., who died in Chatham, Ont., in 1902; and Annie, who died young. In politics the father was a Conservative, and in religion a member of the Church of England.

Milton Backus was born in Howard township, County of Kent, near Morpeth, Feb. 22, 1849, and enjoyed the advantages of a common and high school education. In 1881 he purchased of his father the homestead in Raleigh township, and has since added twenty-seven acres to the original 125. His farm is one of the most thoroughly up-to-date places in Ontario. As soon as he took possession he began setting out fruit trees, principally peach, and now has one of the largest and most productive fruit farms, not only in the County of Kent, but in the whole Dominion. Ten acres are devoted to peaches, there being 1,200 trees; two and one half acres to apples, with seventy-five trees; three acres to pears on which are 800 trees; and one acre to plums, on which there are 150 trees. In addition to fruit growing Mr. Backus carries on general farming, and his is a farm which attracts special attention, from the river road, so well kept is it in every respect. Beautiful spruce trees ornament the property, which is very attractive. At the Chatham Fair in 1902 he received first prize for large potatoes, thus demonstrating that he can raise other products than fruit, in which he is a recognized leader. He is president of the Fruit Growers' Association of Chatham. He is planning to lay out another peach orchard of fifteen acres, and will probably make it as great a success as he has his other enterprises, for he is a man who always prospers in all his undertakings, and the success which has attended his merits is certainly well merited. In politics Mr. Backus is a Conservative, and he served on the school board for fourteen years continuously.

In 1895 Mr. Backus married Alice Wheeler, and to them have been born the following children: Harry Thomas, Oct. 20, 1895; Cornelia Mary, Jan. 23, 1897; Percy Wheeler, Sept. 22, 1898; and Alice and Mary (twins), Sept 4, 1900, who died in infancy.

DANIEL PROCTOR, a well-known citizen of Harwich township, residing upon his splendid homestead on Lot 18, Communication Road, has achieved marked success as an agri-



Milton Backus

culturist. From the wild bushy tract which he found it over thirty-five years ago he has developed his present farm until it is now one of the most valuable pieces of property in the locality.

Mr. Proctor comes of good Irish stock, whose hardihood, energy and determination have pre-eminently fitted them for grappling with nature in her wildness. To James Proctor, father of Daniel, this especially applies. Born in Ireland in 1814, he there received good rearing, with practical training for the duties of life. When a young man of eighteen, looking for a larger field for his activities than that furnished under the conservative institutions of his own country, he decided to cast his lot in a new land, and, coming to Canada, he settled as a farmer in the County of Lanark. There he married Emma Knapp, who was born in Grenville, Canada, in 1812, daughter of Joseph Knapp, an English Loyalist, who came from the United States and settled in the lower part of Upper Canada, being one of the pioneers of that section. Mrs. Proctor was a woman of much force of character and ability. She died at the home of her son in Harwich township, County of Kent, in April, 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Proctor were born five children: (1) James, a wagonmaker by trade, born in Lanark County in April, 1839, came to Chatham in 1865, and there worked at his trade until his death, which occurred in November, 1891. He married Ruth Bottum, of the County of Lanark, and they had one child—Amy. (2) Joseph E., born in January, 1841, started life as a merchant tailor in the County of Lanark, but in 1864 came to the County of Kent, where he purchased a tract of farming land and engaged in agriculture, following that occupation until his death, Dec. 5, 1898. He married Mary A. Grist, who was born in England, and is now deceased, and they had four children, Arthur, Herbert, Amy and Roy. (3) Daniel is mentioned below. (4) Sarah A., born in the County of Lanark in 1845, married Justin Barker, and they reside in Blenheim. They have one daughter, Orpha, who married William Akin, and resides in Blenheim. (5) Emma E., born in the County of Lanark in 1850, married Irvin Bowes, a business man of Detroit, and they have five children, Francis, Edward, Ida, Sarah and Milton.

After his marriage Mr. Proctor continued farming in the County of Lanark, and, being a hard worker, with a large capacity for directing affairs, he conducted his industry upon an extensive scale. Making well out of his work, he spent the main strength of his manhood in this line, and in time became solidly prosperous. In 1866, induced by his son Daniel, he disposed of his County Lanark property and moved to Harwich township, County of Kent, where, settling upon a tract of wild land, he continued for many years. He passed his last days with his son Daniel, dying in March, 1885. Mr. Proctor was not only a successful farmer, but a man who exerted an influence in many walks in life. His nobility of character and his large fund of general knowledge, as well as his practical business judgment, won him the confidence and respect of all who knew him. The Methodist Church numbered him and his wife among its most devout and substantial members.

Daniel Proctor, in a thriving rural community, was reared to a life of strong activity. Born in the County of Lanark Sept. 27, 1842, he there on his father's well-conducted farm grew to manhood. Intellectually keen and active, in the well-established schools of his locality he gained a good common-school education, which his inquisitive mind has since led him to supplement with reading and close observation. Well grounded in agriculture, with a wholesome respect for that occupation, upon reaching manhood he settled upon his father's farm and there followed his pursuit for several years. Then desirous of carrying on an industry of his own, he moved to the County of Kent, and procured 100 acres of rich bush land, where he settled and began making improvements. Energetic and determined, he soon cleared large tracts, which he at once put under excellent cultivation. He also erected attractive buildings, making the place one of the neat and prosperous looking farms in his locality. Each year he has added new improvements, enabling him to enlarge his industry, until he is now engaged in all branches of general agriculture, from each of which he makes good profits. He has increased the area of his farm by additional purchases, adding a large tract in 1900, joining the homestead, and another in 1901, embracing 137 acres, on the

Communication road in Harwich township, where his son William now resides. Wise economy and excellent management have enabled him to succeed financially, and he is now considered one of the wealthy farmers of the county.

In December, 1873, Mr. Proctor married Electa A. Wright, who was born in the County of Grenville in 1841, eldest daughter among several children born to Nelson and Sophia Wright, the former a descendant of an English Loyalist family who came to Canada during the American Revolution. A farmer by occupation, Mr. Wright settled in Harwich township in 1865, and there he followed his calling for many years. He died in that place in 1888, and his wife is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Proctor. To Mr. and Mrs. Proctor have been born six children: (1) William A., born in Harwich township in 1874, married Emma Woodside, of the County of Kent, and they reside upon one of his father's farms in Harwich township. They have no children. (2) Mabel B., born in 1878, resides at home. (3) Emma died in infancy. (4) Elsie M., born in 1880, resides at home. (5) James N. was born in 1884, and (6) George Roy was born in 1886.

Mr. Proctor is essentially a self-made man, his achievements being entirely due to his own well-directed efforts and dauntless courage. His plans have been well laid and carefully executed. Of a cheerful disposition, he has never for a moment allowed himself to entertain failure, and has bravely stemmed many a treacherous business tide. Square in his dealings, genial in his manners, public-spirited and generous, he has hosts of warm friends in his community. As a Conservative he is active in local politics, but has always been disinclined to office-holding. As a leading member of the Methodist Church he has long been active in the religious work of that denomination, serving as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday-school. To this church his wife and children also belong.

WILLIAM NEWCOMB, a prominent farmer residing on Lot 18, in Harwich township, was born on his present farm July 14, 1850, a son of Moses and Chloe (Baldwin) Newcomb, old pioneers of the County of Kent.

Moses Newcomb was born in Nova Scotia in December, 1819, while his wife was born near Hamilton, Ont., in 1830. The Newcomb family originated in the United States, but during the American Revolution, they were U. E. Loyalists, and emigrated to more congenial surroundings. When a young man Moses Newcomb located at Morpeth, where he married the daughter of Daniel Baldwin, then living in Morpeth, but who later moved to Blenheim, where he conducted a well-known and popular hotel. As early as 1842 Moses Newcomb and his wife located on the homestead now occupied by William Newcomb, in a little log house which served as a home until replaced by the present comfortable frame structure. There the wife died in 1866, leaving five children: William is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. Moses, born in 1853, was reared on the farm, and is now a lumberman; he married Sarah Collar, of Blenheim, where they reside, and they have three children, William, Myrtle and Nellie. John, born in 1856, married Ida Jennings, of New York, where they resided some years, but they are now living at Blenheim; they have three daughters, Eva, Frances and Katie. Chloe, born in 1859, married Robert Cleveland, and they reside in Blenheim; they have four children, Edward, Beulah, Herbert and Lorin. Henry married Miss Janet McColl, and settled in Harwich township, where he died, leaving three children, Agnes, Elsie and Jennett, who live at Windsor, Ontario.

Moses Newcomb married, in 1868, Miss Nancy Mead, of Harwich township, a member of an old pioneer family, and one son, Edwin, was born to this union. Mrs. Newcomb died in 1895, at the home where her son now resides. The latter was married to Miss Martha Vance, of Uxbridge, and they have three children, Arthur, Hazel and Gladys.

William Newcomb was reared on the old farm, receiving an excellent public school education, and remaining with his parents on the farm until his marriage, when he erected a house upon his portion of the homestead. He has also put up barns and outbuildings, and has developed his property until it is one of the finest in the township. In May, 1877, Mr. Newcomb was married to Miss Lavina Campbell, who was born in Harwich township, in January, 1854, a daughter of Duncan and La-

vina (Mead) Campbell, old pioneers of the township. Duncan Campbell settled in Harwich, where his first wife died in 1854, leaving children as follows: Lavina, Mrs. Newcomb; Marian, who married Dan McColl, and both are now deceased (they left two sons, John and Malcomb); Peter, who married Phoebe Maynard, and settled in Ridgetown, where he died in 1896, leaving a wife and one son, Orma, who resides in Ridgetown. For his second wife Mr. Campbell married Miss Mary McColl, and in 1869 they moved to Iowa. They then moved to South Dakota, and in 1899 moved to Idaho. There both died, in January, 1903, leaving a family of twelve children: Donald, Isabel, Katie, Dougal, Nancy, John, Neil, Malcomb, Douglas, Eldora, Myrtle and Edward.

One son has come to Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb, Moses Hilbert, born in 1878, who studied in the home schools, is unmarried, and at home with his parents. Politically Mr. Newcomb has always affiliated with the Conservative party, as did his father. Both Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb are consistent members of the Baptist Church, where their parents worshipped. Fraternally Mr. Newcomb is a member of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, uniting with the lodge at Blenheim. Coming of an old and honored family he occupies a recognized position in the community, which he maintains with dignity and character. His friends are numerous, and he is a good representative of the best interests of the community where he has made his home all of his life.

THOMAS LAWS, a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, residing on Concession 10, Lot 8, where he owns and cultivates a fine fifty-acre farm, at one time was one of the heaviest landowners in the township. He located on his present property in 1856, when this land was all a wilderness, but he cleared the property, and in 1875, erected his handsome, substantial brick home.

Mr. Laws was born in Norfolk, England, June 6, 1830, a son of William and Ann (Rolfe) Laws, of Norfolk, where both remained. The father was a laborer. He died in 1878, aged seventy years, while his wife died in 1874, aged seventy years, and both were members of the Church of England. Ten children were born of their union: Thomas; Emma A., who married William Daniels, of England; Susan, who married George Tuffs, of England; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Corston, of England. The others died in infancy, and Thomas is now the only survivor of the family.

In February, 1863, in Orford township, Mr. Laws married Janet Henderson, and they had children as follows: Mary, unmarried, of Orford township; Ann E., who married Thomas Johnson, and resides with her father; Alice C., of Swanton, Ohio, who married Henry Taylor, and has three children, John, William and Thomas; William, unmarried, a farmer of Orford township; John, who is with his father. Mrs. Janet (Henderson) Laws, the mother of this family, was born in Scotland, and died Nov. 5, 1898, aged sixty-five years; she was buried in the Gosnell cemetery. She was a most estimable woman, and a daughter of Robert and Mabel (Rennick) Henderson, of Scotland, who came to Orford township in 1858, took up land and there remained.

Mr. Laws was with his parents until he was eight years of age, when he began working out, and thus continued until three years prior to purchasing his present farm. He first came to Orford township in 1855, and worked for farmers. His present property is kept in excellent condition, and is considered a model in the neighborhood. He has given fifty acres to his son John. Mr. Laws is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as was his wife. In politics he is a Reformer, but has never sought or desired political honors. Although he has raised himself into a position of prominence and wealth Mr. Laws continues to work his land and superintends every detail. His advice is sought by many, and he is recognized as one of the leading men of Orford township, where he has lived for so many years.

THOMAS VICKERY, a retired farmer of Zone township, County of Kent, has resided on his present farm for eight years, and has lived in Canada from early childhood. He is a native of the North of England, born Jan. 6, 1834, son of Thomas and Jane (Ritson) Vickery, who emigated to Canada in 1837, the father coming hither to take part in the Rebellion of that year. They located in Toronto, and Mr. Vickery, after serving throughout the

struggle, became a gardener in that city, in the employ of the governor-general, continuing thus for many years. In 1859 he came to the County of Kent, locating in Orford township, where he rented land, and there he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1875, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife survived him ten years, dying in 1885, aged seventy-five. They are buried in the Thamesville cemetery. Both were members of the Established Church of England. Their family consisted of five children: Isabel, now deceased, who was the wife of John Portous, of Bay City, Michigan; Thomas, who is mentioned below; William, farmer in the County of Lambton, Ont.; James, who died in infancy; and James (2), who is a farmer of Orford township.

Thomas Vickery remained at home with his parents until his marriage, after which he commenced farming on his own account, in Orford township, where he remained until removing to his present farm, a tract of 126 acres in Lot 13, 3d Concession, Zone township, in March, 1895. Farming has been his principal work in life, though for eight years he also sold washing machines throughout the County of Kent, making a success in that as he did in the other line. Mr. Vickery has become well-to-do by the exercise of thrift and industry, and he has brought up his family well, giving them all good advantages for education. He is regarded as an excellent citizen, progressive and enterprising in everything he undertakes, and although he has now retired from the active work of life he still takes a deep interest in everything affecting the good of his township and county.

On May 6, 1869, Mr. Vickery was married, in Florence, Ont., to Ann Louise Prebble, and six children have come to this union: Alice is the wife of Maurice Rhea, of Dresden, Ont.; Stephen is a farmer of Zone township; Richard lives at home; Susannah L. married William Warren, of Zone township; Fred and Louisa are at home. The parents are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Vickery is a Conservative in politics, and fraternally unites with the Orangemen.

Stephen Prebble, father of Mrs. Vickery, was a native of England, and was a wood carver by occupation, becoming noted and successful in that line. He did work on many public buildings in England, Canada and the United States. In 1858 he brought his family to Canada, settling in Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Prebble was an able man, and attained considerable prominence as a politician and orator, and was a candidate for member of Parliament, but was defeated. He married Alice L. Harrison, also of England, and to this marriage were born children as follows: Robert, who died in Harriston, Ont.; Susannah, who married Francis Ogletree, a farmer; Ann Louise, wife of Thomas Vickery, who was born May 6, 1842, in London, England; Richard, a grocer in London, Ont.; Stephen, a local preacher of the Methodist Church, who died in the County of Lambton; George, who died in Normandy, Ont.; Phebe, who married Thomas Hunt and died in Michigan; Alice, wife of James Jeffery, a farmer of Luther, Ont. Both the parents of this family were active members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Prebble was a local preacher in same. He passed away in August, 1879, in Egremont, Ont., at the age of sixty-four years, and his wife survived until 1889, dying at the age of seventy-eight.

JENKIN RICHARDS, an extensive land owner and thrifty farmer of Raleigh township, is a son of Thomas and Maria (Davis) Richards of Tondee, Glamorganshire, Wales. The father died in the County of Northumberland, Ont., aged seventy-two years, and the widowed mother came with her children to County Ontario. She died at the remarkable age of ninety-eight years, hale and hearty to the last, having milked a cow a few hours before her death. Five sons and four daughters were born to the parents of our subject, of whom but two are living—our subject and a sister who lives at Brighton.

Jenkin Richards was born in Glamorganshire, Wales, April 23, 1824, and at the age of eight years, in 1832, he was brought to Canada. He received only a limited education, and at the age of sixteen years, he began the battle of life for himself, starting out as a farm laborer. He then learned the trade of pump making, and for sixteen years followed that occupation in County Northumberland, Ont. From 1861 to 1870 he engaged in farming in County Bruce, and then located in Tilbury township, County Kent, where he purchased a farm of 150 acres. This after six years he sold and moved to Raleigh township,

and from 1877 to 1886 he occupied the farm now owned by John Smith. In 1885 he began farming the tract where he now resides, which consists of 200 acres in Concession 4, Lot 11. This property he purchased in 1889, and by continual effort he has developed it into a very fine farm. All of the improvements upon it have been made by him, and he has also drained his land, and put up some excellent buildings. Politically Mr. Richards is a Conservative, and keeps himself well-informed upon local and national matters. All of the family are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in which they take an active part.

In Cavan, County of East Durham, Mr. Richards married Mary Elgar, and to this union have been born children as follows: Hannah M., who died at the age of forty years, taught for many years in the McKeough school at Chatham; Margaret Jane, who died at the age of thirty-two years, was also a teacher; John T.; Mary married Thomas McColl, of Blenheim; James; Albert Edward. John T., James and Albert Edward are at home, and assist in conducting the farm, and are also engaged in the manufacture of the Excelsior Fence Wire Tool, having erected a building for this purpose on the property. This business is growing rapidly, and promises to become a very important factor in the commercial life of the community. Mr. Richards and his sons are enterprising, reliable and wide-awake men, who enjoy in the highest degree the confidence of the entire community.

MOSES BOURASSA, one of the leading general farmers of Dover township, County of Kent, owns a well cultivated farm in Lot 8, 4th Concession. He was born at St. Jacques, County of Laprairie, Quebec, Oct. 6, 1844, a son of Felix and Celesta (Boutin) Bourassa, of Quebec, who came to the County of Kent in 1867, settling in Pain Court.

Felix Bourassa was a carpenter by occupation, and became one of the prominent residents of the county. His death occurred in 1893, when he was ninety-two years of age, and his wife died in 1897, aged ninety years. They are interred in Pain Court cemetery, having been members of the Church there. The following children were born to their marriage besides Moses: Marceline married Ubert Le Blanc, of Dover township; Rose, of Dover township, married Isaac Como, and later Ambrose Thibodeau; Matilda, of Windsor, is the widow of Dennis Guichon; Philip, a farmer of Dover township, draws a pension from the United States; Francois is deceased; Levi is a farmer in Raleigh township; Peter is deceased; Philomene is deceased; Edward is a resident of Worcester, Massachusetts; Vetal, of Cohoes, New York; Theodore, a retired hotel man of Chatham; Alphonsine married Edward Letourneau, of Bay City, Michigan.

On February 28, 1870, Mr. Bourassa married, in Pain Court, Lucy Thibodeau, and these children have been born to them; Lucy, married to George Peltier, a farmer of Dover township; Rose, who married George Bourdeau, a merchant of Pain Court; Louise, wife of William Primeau, of Pain Court, partner of George Bourdeau; Joseph, who died young; Emma, who died young; Rosanna, a nun in the St. Joseph convent; Alma, deceased; Marie, deceased; Philomene, at home; Joseph, deceased; Felix; Marie and Alfreda. Mrs. Bourassa was born in Dover township, in 1849, a daughter of Hubert and Esther (Remillerd) Thibodeau, of Quebec, who came to the County of Kent at an early day, and became pioneers of this section of the country.

Mr. Bourassa remained with his parents until he was seventeen years of age, when he located in the State of Massachusetts, and worked in the cotton mills for three years. He then returned to Canada and paid a visit to Quebec, which extended over a few months, when he located in Dover township, County of Kent, and for five years worked upon various farms, saving his money until he was enabled to purchase his present place, which then comprised 150 acres. Since then he has sold 100 acres. His property is kept in excellent condition, and yields him a handsome profit on his investment. Mr. Bourassa is a member of the C. M. B. A.; he and his wife are connected with the Catholic Church, and in politics he is a Conservative. Through his industry, integrity and thrift he has built his own fortune, and the success which has attended him through life is but the just reward of hard work and patient endeavor.

ADAM HENRY, one of the prosperous farmers of Harwich township, is now living in retirement on his fine farm of 100 acres. He

was born in Scotland, but came to Canada when a young man, and has lived in his present home since 1875. George Henry, his grandfather, was a native of Scotland, where he lived and died.

John H. Henry, son of George, was a stone cutter and mason, and passed his younger days in his native country, where he married Jane Chambers, a Scotchwoman. In 1844 they came to Canada, settling in County Dundas, where Mr. Henry took up a farm of 100 acres, on which they passed the remainder of their lives. He died in 1853, at the age of eighty; his wife lived until 1873, when she passed away at the age of seventy-six. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church; their children were as follows: Carr, who married Thomas Martin, a tailor and merchant of Waddington, New York; Adam, who is mentioned below; Joseph, deceased; Andrew, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and was killed at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Jane, deceased; William and George, who live in California; Agnes, deceased; and Ellen, who married George Middlemiss, of New York State.

Adam Henry was born in Dunce, Berwickshire, Scotland, July 12, 1823, and learned the trade of stone cutter and mason with his father. He remained at home, working with his father until 1843, when he came over to Canada, and was located for a time in Montreal. There he was employed for several months on the British North American Bank building, then in course of erection. On the completion of that work he went for a season to County Dundas, where his father had settled, and then returned to Montreal for another year. His next move was to Kingston, Ont., where he engaged in masonry work with Hon. Alexander McKinzie, a stone mason of that city, who later became prime minister. Mr. Henry was afterward two years in New York City, and then in various places in the United States and Canada, occupied on various important structures, at one time being foreman of a construction crew, and helped build the large stone bridge 1,180 feet long, 104 feet high, over a large gully near the Susquehanna river. Two years after his marriage he settled down to farming, locating at first in St. Lawrence county, New York. After two years there he purchased a farm in the County of Elgin, Ont., consisting of unbroken forest, which he cleared, and on which he lived for twenty years. From there he came to his present farm on Communication road, consisting of 100 acres in Lot 6, which he purchased in 1875. This farm is finely improved, and is valuable property; Mr. Henry intends to dispose of it, however, and move into Blenheim, now that he has retired from active life.

On April 30, 1850, in St. Lawrence, New York, Mr. Henry married Ellen Fife, who was born in that county, Dec. 1, 1826, daughter of Thomas and Elsie (Short) Fife, both of Scotch birth and parentage. Mr. Fife was a farmer and carpenter, and came to New York State in 1818, settling in St. Lawrence county, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. She died in 1879, aged seventy-nine years, and he died in 1884, at the age of eighty-eight. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Isabel, deceased; Margaret, deceased, who married George Rutherford; Ellen, who married Adam Henry; Hall, Elsie and Jesse, deceased; Agnes, who married S. C. Potter, of New York State; Jane, who married James Fisher, of New York State; James, who died at the homestead in New York; Euphemia and Thomas, deceased. Mrs. Henry's paternal grandfather was Jesse Fife, who passed his entire life in Scotland. He served as a soldier in the British army.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry the following children were born: (1) Alice I. married David Moore, of Ireland, and died in 1875, leaving two children, Ellen and Mary, who were raised by their grandfather Henry. (2) John is deceased. (3) Thomas, a farmer of Harwich township, married Jane Walker. (4) Jane married D. W. Dulmage, a merchant of Palmerstown, Ont., and had five children, Ellen, Mary, Agnes, Arthur and Margaret, Arthur being deceased. (5) Margaret H. died in infancy. (6) Margaret H. (2) taught school for several years, and lives at home unmarried. (7) Agnes E. died young. (8) Harriet, who was also a school teacher, is now the wife of Archie Milton, of Morpeth, Ont., and has three children, Henry, Arthur Adam and Archibald. Mr. Henry is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he adheres to the Reform party. He is a

prominent man in his community, of progressive ideas, one who has been prosperous and successful in all his undertakings.

JOHN SHAW, a retired farmer of Chatham township, County of Kent, was born Dec. 1, 1811, in the West Riding, Yorkshire, England, a son of Amos and Sarah (Shaw) Shaw. Though of the same surname, no known relationship existed between the parents.

Amos Shaw and wife emigrated from Yorkshire to the United States, and lived for a few years in Delaware, thence coming to Canada, settling first in County Norfolk, and in 1829, in County Kent. Mr. Shaw took up 400 acres of land in Chatham township, which he cleared and lived upon until his death in April, 1856. His widow died in April, 1861, both passing away at the same age of sixty-seven years. They were buried on a portion of their old farm. They were excellent Christian people, kind friends and good neighbors, and devout members of the Church of England. They had these children born to them: John; Mary, deceased wife of Absalom Shaw; Sylvanus, deceased; James, deceased; Maria, deceased, wife of Balwin Grover. Amos Shaw was a son of Rev. Sylvanus Shaw, a clergyman of the Church of England.

On July 8, 1840, John Shaw married Mary Traxler, of Chatham, and they became the parents of the following children: Amos married Margaret Pinkerton, and both are deceased; Miss Sarah is at home; John Martin, a farmer in Chatham, married twice; Anna is the wife of Fred Percy, of Cedar Springs, Ont.; Millie is the wife of Nelson Ellis, of Camden township; Maria married John Smith Crafts, of Chatham township; Mary is the wife of Hiram Davis, of Raleigh township; James is a farmer of Chatham township; and Jane and Sylvanus are deceased.

Mary (Traxler) Shaw was born April 10, 1818, in Chatham township, daughter of Michael and Hannah (Dolsen) Traxler, natives of Pennsylvania, both of whom accompanied their parents to this county and were among the early settlers. Mr. Traxler took up 200 acres of land on Lot 23, 4th Concession, and he continued in its operation and improvement until his death in 1855, aged seventy-six years. His widow survived until 1864, when she passed away, aged seventy-five years, and was buried beside her husband in the Traxler burying ground in Chatham township. They had a large family, as follows: Eliza, who died, unmarried, at the age of ninety-three years; Barbara, who died the wife of Peter Harris; John I. Brock and Peter, deceased; Jane, wife of Elijah Willis-ton, on the old homestead; Caroline, deceased wife of Richard Wilcox; Charles, deceased; Matilda, deceased wife of Miles McDougal; Martha, widow of Joseph Hazlitt, and now living in Pennsylvania; and Mary, wife of John Shaw, of Chatham township. Michael Traxler was a son of Peter and Barbara Traxler, pioneers in County Kent, coming from Pennsylvania. Peter Traxler was the first settler in Harwich township, and owned several fine farms there. Mrs. Hannah (Dolsen) Traxler was a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Fields) Dolsen, also Pennsylvania pioneers in County Kent, who settled in Raleigh township and owned large properties there.

Until his marriage Mr. Shaw remained with his parents, assisting in the clearing and development of the large home farm. After marriage he came to his present location, where he has since remained. This fine farm originally contained 140 acres. Mr. Shaw cleared it up, gave a share to each of his two sons, and seventy acres are still in the family. Mr. Shaw has never been an aspirant to office, although he takes an active interest in current events and public affairs, as a stanch member of the Reform party. Both he and his estimable wife retain their mental powers, and as they are most interesing conversationalists, a visit to their pleasant, hospitable home is a treat. They stand deservedly high in the esteem and affection of the neighborhood. The many changes which have taken place in this locality during their lifetime, have been wonderful indeed, and Mr. Shaw has done his full part in bringing about much of this section's agricultural prosperity, and he stands as one of the representative pioneer men of this section. He has been blessed in his family, and has his children settled in his vicinity.

JOHN SMITH CRAFTS, a prominent citizen and general farmer of Chatham township, on Lot 23, Concession 4, located here in 1894, and owns a well cultivated farm of fifty-one acres. He was born Aug. 29, 1849, in Cam-

den township, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Blackburn) Crafts, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, and the latter of this township.

Thomas Crafts came to County Kent early in 1818, and settled in Harwich township. His death occurred in Camden township, where having been given a soldier's grant he took up 200 acres of land in the year 1821, and in that township his death took place in 1866, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife died in 1858, aged forty-three years, and both were buried in the old Traxler burying ground. Their children were: Joseph, a manufacturer at Peterboro, Ont.; James B., a farmer in Camden township; Barbara, who died young; Mary, deceased, who married William Wells; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of William Lloyd; Isaac, of Sacramento, California; Alice, who married James Anderson, of Dresden, Ont.; William, of Kingsville, Ont.; Margaret, who married Albert Cook, of Dawn, Ont.; John Smith; Robert, of Mill, Ont.; Edwin F., of Chatham; Martha, who married William Eglin, of Sand Beach, Michigan; and Ella, of Princeton, Ont., wife of John Crittenden.

On Oct. 9, 1872, in Chatham, John Smith Crafts married Maria Shaw, who was born on the present farm, Oct. 25, 1849, daughter of John and Mary (Traxler) Shaw. Two children blessed this marriage: Angus B., a farmer in Chatham township, married Jane Chase, and has two children, John and Davis B.; and Audrey C. married John Chase, a farmer in Tilbury township.

Mr. Crafts remained on the home farm one year after the death of his father, and then assisted other farmers through the neighborhood until his marriage, when he began the operation of his present place. He is a practical agriculturist, and the fine condition of his land reflects credit upon his methods. Mr. Crafts is an honest and upright man, and one of the good citizens of County Kent. In politics he is a Reformer, and he belongs to the order of Good Templars.

ANTHONY RAYBURN HANKS, M. D., health officer and coroner of Blenheim, and one of the prominent representatives of his profession in that part of the County of Kent, was born Aug. 1, 1860, in Dawn township, County of Lambton, Ont., son of Anton and Sarah (McGuire) Hanks. On the paternal side he is of German ancestry, his grandfather, Joseph Hanks, having been a native of Germany, whence he came to Ontario, and he died in Brantford. The grandmother died in the Fatherland.

Anton Hanks, the Doctor's father, was born in Baden, Germany, Jan. 22, 1822, and grew to manhood in the land of his birth. In 1845 he crossed the Atlantic, and first made his home in the United States, locating in Rochester, New York, where he remained about one year, and thence migrated to Brantford, Ont., from which place, in 1849, he removed to Dawn township, County of Lambton. He took up 100 acres of wild land, and found himself a pioneer in an undeveloped region that offered little promise of anything but hard work for many years to come. When he first made his home in the tract he had acquired it was under water knee-deep in many places, but undismayed by these hard conditions he set to work, and he not only succeeded in making a fine farm out of that tract, but also became the owner of 300 acres more. He became a prosperous and influential citizen of his locality, but attended strictly to business, and though a public-spirited man would never consent to hold office or take any hand in public affairs. In 1889 he retired making his home in Florence, County of Lambton, where he is still living to enjoy the fruits of honorable toil.

Mr. Hanks married Sarah McGuire, who was born June 19, 1832, in Dublin, Ireland; her father died in that country, and her mother married for her second husband Thomas Lee, with whom she came to Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Hanks became the parents of the following-named children: Elizabeth is the wife of of W. J. Robinson, principal of the school at Dutton, Ont.; Josephine married Alexander Hughes, of San Francisco, California; Electa is the widow of Samuel Moon, of Detroit, Michigan; John A. is a farmer in Dawn township; Anthony Rayburn is mentioned below; Mary is the wife of John Shaw, a retired farmer of Chatham, Ont.; Frank is a farmer in Dawn township; Donescius died in infancy; Phigenia married Dr. W. E. Tiffin, a physician of Detroit; William T. died at the age of seventeen



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years. The parents are members of the Baptist Church, and in politics Mr. Hanks is a member of the Conservative party.

Anthony R. Hanks remained on the farm with his parents up to the age of fifteen years. During his boyhood he had received such advantages as the local common schools afforded, and left home to further his studies at Sarnia high school, attending until he was eighteen. He then taught school one year at Dawn Center, Ont., and in 1880 went to Normal school at Ottawa for three months, and to the Collegiate Institute at St. Catharine's, Ont. In the fall of that year he came to the County of Kent, locating in Orford township, where he was engaged in teaching for one year, and while there he commenced the study of medicine under a private tutor. In the fall of 1881 he commenced a course at Trinity College, from which he was graduated in April, 1885, and during the summer of 1884 he practiced medicine as an undergraduate at Forestville, Michigan, and accumulated enough money to enable him to complete his course in Toronto. After receiving his medical degree, at the institution mentioned, he located in Oil Springs, Ont., where he was in practice for several years, during six years of his stay there serving as county coroner. He also interested himself to some extent in the oil business. In May, 1893, he came thence to Blenheim, where he has since remained in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice, and he has been coroner for ten years, almost throughout the period of his residence there. For the past two years he has been medical health officer of Blenheim, and he has also been chairman of the school board two years. Dr. Hanks has shown himself worthy of the confidence thus manifested in him by his fellow citizens, for he has been active in the promotion of all local enterprises, and devoted to the welfare of his fellowmen in the community, especially in the line of his professional work. At present he is in England pursuing a course of study in the leading hospitals of London, after the completion of which he will make a short tour of the Continent before returning to resume his practice. The Doctor's political support is given to the Conservative party. He has been one of the prominent men of his locality for several years, and is much esteemed throughout the wide circle of his acquaintances.

On Sept. 1, 1886, in Duart, Ont., Dr. Hanks was married to Miss Rosannah E. Ridley, and they have had two children, Hazel R. and Edith M. They are members of the Church of England, and socially the Doctor is affiliated with the Sons of England, the C. O. F., the I. O. F. and the A. O. U. W.

Mrs. Rosannah E. (Ridley) Hanks was born at Clearville, Orford township, County of Kent, daughter of Edward H. Ridley, and granddaughter of William Ridley, who came from his native England to Quebec in 1813, thence to the County of Kent in the year of 1826, and was among the first to settle in the woods of Orford township. Edward H. Ridley was born in Orford township, and was a farmer of that locality all his days. He was a prominent citizen of his locality, serving many years in the county council, and was also a justice of the peace many years, holding that office up to the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1880, when he was fifty-six years of age. He married Rosannah King, who was born in St. Thomas, Ont., and was a daughter of Hooper King, of Nova Scotia, who was a pioneer in the County of Elgin, Ont. Mrs. Ridley passed away in January, 1899, at the age of seventy-three years, and both she and her husband are buried in Trinity Church cemetery, in Howard township, County of Kent. They were members of the Church of England. Their family consisted of five children, namely: William, who is a resident of Detroit, Michigan; Hooper, a merchant of Chatham, Ont.; Edward H., who is deceased; Thomas H., now in the real estate business in Detroit; and Rosannah E., wife of Dr. Hanks.

WILLIAM D. SHELDON, one of the well known and popular residents of Chatham, has resided in County Kent for more than half a century, although he was born in Jefferson county, New York, in 1845, a son of John Bishop Sheldon, a well known business man of Kent. When William D. Sheldon was only one year of age, his parents removed to Ontario, locating at Morpeth, Howard township. After a few years spent there, the father moved to Blenheim, and there embarked in a saw-mill business, continuing in that line for a number of years, and he also founded the "Sheldon Hotel." After conducting it successfully for some time, he made the business over to his son, Oscar B. Sheldon, now deceased, and it

is now operated by a grandson, John M. Sheldon, a full sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

It was in Blenheim that William D. Sheldon grew to manhood's estate, and made his first business venture. When only eighteen years of age, in 1863, he embarked in the grocery business, and continued in the same for two years, when, on account of his father's failing health, his services were required at the hotel. Closing out his business, Mr. Sheldon entered the hotel, and remained with his father, until the latter's retirement from active life. In 1871, Mr. Sheldon re-embarked in the grocery business, and was making a great success of his enterprise, when he was burned out, just after the expiration of his insurance, so that he sustained a heavy loss. This did not discourage him, however, although he saw the work of years swept away. After a pleasant trip with his wife to the Far West, Mr. Sheldon returned to County Kent, and began once more to gain a competence. As a means toward this end, he established a livery business in Chatham, and was very successfully engaged in it for four years, when he embarked in the business of shipping horses, for two seasons, in the Northwest, and he retired from this enterprise with a handsome profit. Upon his return home, he purchased a fine farm adjoining Chatham, and subsequently went into the wholesale liquor business, meeting success in this line, as he has in all others.

In 1873, Mr. Sheldon was united in marriage with Miss Martha McMichael, second daughter of the late Squire McMichael, a full sketch of whom appears elsewhere. The following children have been born to this marriage: Frank, who died at the age of thirteen months; Harry W., D. D. S., class of 1899, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1901 passed postgraduate in Glasgow, Scotland, obtaining L. D. S. degree, and is now located in Hull, England; Morton P., of Chatham; Fred W., of Chatham; Verna M., of Chatham; and John Mac. Politically Mr. Sheldon is a prominent member of the Reform party, and takes an active interest in local affairs. He has been a member of the Water Commission of Chatham since 1898; is a member of the West Kent Agricultural Society, and vice-president of the Chatham Mineral Water Company. Mr. Sheldon, like the other members of his family, is a genial gentleman who makes friends wherever he goes. By his own unflagging enterprise and uprightness of character, he has been fairly prosperous, and has firmly established himself in the confidence and respect of the community in which he has made his home for so many years, and for which he has done so much, he always favoring and forwarding all enterprises calculated to prove beneficial to the general public and the city at large.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS. There is always a feeling of satisfaction in recalling the events of a life which can be made a lesson to those whose circumstances compel them to begin at the bottom of the ladder. Such is the present instance, for William Reynolds began life as a poor boy, the eldest son of a large family, and through his own efforts has become not only one of the most substantial men of his locality, but of such sterling character and solid worth as to command universal esteem.

Mr. Reynolds was born July 31, 1831, in the County of Cornwall, England, a son of William and Elizabeth (Rogers) Reynolds, both natives of Cornwall. There they married, and in 1842, with their children, emigrated to Canada, settling at Cobourg, County of Northumberland, Ont., where they lived for some years. Then they moved to Port Stanley, where the father secured work in the service of the government for some years. In 1854 he purchased 100 acres of land in Harwich township, County of Kent, the same being wild and covered with its natural growth, erected a log house, and began the task of clearing a farm, working with much success until the death of his wife took away his ambition. After that he lived retired until his own demise, in September, 1870, at the age of sixty-two years. Both he and his wife were earnest members of the Wesleyan Church in England, good and worthy people, who reared a large family to industry and set an example of pious living. They brought seven children with them from England, and five more were added to the family in Canada. We have the following record of this family: (1) William is mentioned below. (2) Joanna died in the County of Cornwall. (3) Elizabeth, born in 1833, married John Sheeler, who resides in Howard, on the shore of the lake, and has children—Margaret, Anna, Ellen, Maurice

and William Reynolds. (4) Jane, born in 1835, is the widow of Thomas Taylor, of Morpeth. She first married Hiram Peabody, who died leaving children—Francis, Augusta and Larkin, deceased, and Minnie, who, with her mother, resides at Windsor. (5) James, born in 1837, enlisted for service in the Civil war, in the States, entering the 24th Ohio Regiment, and participating in the battle of Pittsburg Landing and several other engagements under the late Gen. Rosecrans. Upon his return he married a Miss Davis, of Dayton, Ohio, with whom he came to Canada, but returned to Dayton, Ohio, where he died, leaving a son, James, now a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. (6) Rev. John, born in 1839, was educated for the Methodist ministry, and is a resident of Detroit, on the church superannuated list. His children are: Minnie; Benson, of New York City; Jane, wife of Dr. McMullan, of Leamington, Ont.; Edgerton, a teacher in South Dakota; Ida, deceased wife of Robert Randerson, of Chicago; William, of Detroit; Ina; and Robert, of Detroit. (7) Johanna, born in 1840, married Michael Falconer, of Ridgetown, and had four children—Bessie, who married Caleb Huntley; George, living in Chatham township, who married a Miss Pearson; Florence, Mrs. James Sterling; and Eva, Mrs. Goodgen, deceased. (8) Henry, born in 1841, enlisted in young manhood in the 24th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, for service in the Civil war in the States, and suffered three days of neglect before a wound received at the battle of Chickamauga was dressed; he never took part in any battles after he was wounded, and draws a life pension from the United States government. Later he married Adeline Miller, of Ohio, and settled in Denver, Colorado, where he has large mining interests. He has three daughters, Minnie, Edna and Ruth. (9) George, born in 1843, in the County of Northumberland, Canada, married Anna Angel, of the County of Kent, and resides on his farm in Harwich. They have children—Theodora, wife of Thomas Ogle; Laura, wife of John Ogle; Burton; Roland, of the State of New York; Marvin; Mary; Meda; Grace; and Roy. (10) Ellen, born in 1845, in Canada, married Bird Allen, of Michigan, and resides at Minneapolis. Her children are Lillie and William. (11) Sarah, born in 1848, married Samuel Sterling, and they reside on a farm in Harwich. They have had children—Margaret, Walter, Eugene (deceased), Norman, Mary, Benson, Carmen (deceased), Harrold and Clara. (12) Charles, born in 1850, married Mary Nicholas, of Howard, lived on Pelee Island for a time, and then removed to Deacon Reynolds's farm, which he worked. There she died, leaving one son, Charles; of her other two sons, William was accidentally shot; and Edgar died, aged six years. (13) Eva, born in 1852, married David Ford, of Detroit, and they have children—Nellie, George, Lizzie, Charles, May, Bruce, Millie and Alta.

William Reynolds, the eldest son of this numerous family, had no very favorable chances of securing an extensive education, but he took every opportunity offered, in Cornwall and later in Canada. In his new home he found employment with a farmer at $1.25 per month, with board, for the first three months, after which he worked one year for $2 per month, one year at $3 per month, one year at $4 per month, and for eight months received $6. He faithfully served a neighbor, Farmer Wade, for four years, while with him attaining the wages of $6 a month for the last eight months. Realizing very early that he could accomplish little without means, he providently saved his small wages, and added to them by extra work whenever able to do so. On July 31, 1855, before he came to Harwich, County of Kent, he married Ellen Turk, who was born Jan. 11, 1833, in the County of Northumberland. She died Dec. 24, 1856, leaving no children. In the fall of that year Mr. Reynolds settled on 200 acres which he had purchased a year before, and there remained until the spring of 1857. On June 29, 1859, he married (second) Miss Mary Story, of the County of Kent, who was born March 5, 1832, daughter of the late John Story, a man of much prominence in the county.

In the spring of 1858 Mr. Reynolds traded his tract of wild land for his present homestead, Lots 23 and 24, Harwich, 1st Concession from Lake Erie. For a number of years the clearing of this land from the bush, its cultivation and improvement, and the stocking of it with suitable machinery and live stock, called forth every effort, but Mr. Reynolds finally con-

quered. During this time he worked eight years for Isaac Sworthout, by the month, letting his farm out on shares, and having it cleared, giving two or three crops. Not only has he made of this farm one of the finest in the township, and built a handsome brick residence and commodious barns thereon, but he has also accumulated much other valuable real estate.

Mrs. Mary (Story) Reynolds died Oct. 19, 1877, leaving the following children: Mary E., born in April, 1860, is the wife of George Guild, a farmer of Harwich, and they have one son Earl; John W., born Feb. 16, 1863, has traveled all over the world and is now a leading resident of the Klondyke region, in Alaska; Jonathan W., born in February, 1866, unmarried, lives at home; Henry D., born Jan. 3, 1869, married Annie McKishney, of Harwich, and they reside on the home farm (they have two children, Ellen and William Archibald); and Catherine E., born in January, 1871, married Frank Guild, a farmer and merchant in Harwich, and they have one daughter, Mary A.

On Feb. 11, 1879, Mr. Reynolds was married (third) to Mary A. Rose, born Dec. 25, 1848, daughter of Hugh and Betsey Rose, and a member of one of the prominent old pioneer families of the county. The Rose family came originally from Scotland. To this marriage came four children, as follows: Ada J., born Sept. 26, 1881, a cultured young lady, who lives at home; Maud L., born Aug. 14, 1883, is also at home; Charles D., born Aug. 18, 1889, is a student; Bertie Irene was born April 5, 1892.

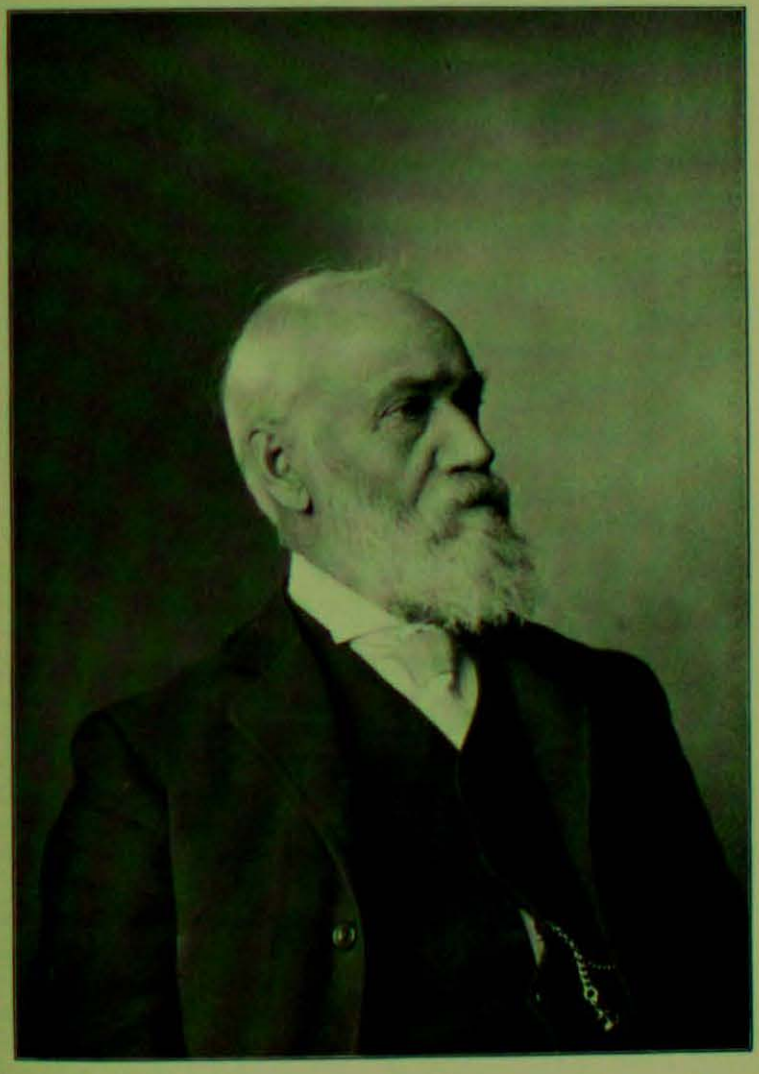
For many years Mr. Reynolds has been one of the leading members of the Methodist Church, in which he has served as class-leader and steward, and a continuous connection of fifty-three years very aptly testifies to his usefulness in that congregation. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 15, A. O. U. W., of Morpeth. He votes independently, although for many years he has supported the Government party. Mr. Reynolds is well worthy a place in this history, for he has been identified with its educational advancement as well as its agricultural development and worthily represents an honorable family.

J. K. MORRIS, postmaster at Blenheim, County of Kent, and a popular and very highly esteemed citizen of that section, was born in the County of Leeds, Ont., July 26, 1832, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Kidd) Morris, both of whom were natives of Ireland.

Henry Morris, the grandfather of J. K., lived out his life in Ireland. He was the father of the following-named children: Henry, John, Elizabeth, Ann and Mary, all of whom came to Ontario with their mother, who later married a Mr. Singleton. They located in the County of Leeds, and there Henry Morris (2), the father of J. K., resided until his death. He was born in 1805, and was eleven years of age when he reached Ontario and settled in the forest in Leeds. His life was one of industry and hard work, and he succeeded in clearing a fine farm and placing it under cultivation. He was a man of high morality, a consistent member of the Church of England. In 1824 he married Elizabeth Kidd, a native of Ireland, and a daughter of Joseph Kidd. The Kidd family came from Ireland to Toronto, and Joseph Kidd became the owner of the land on which Yorkville now stands. After selling that property he moved to the locality known as Hog's Hollow, near Toronto, where he died and was buried.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Morris died in their home in the County of Leeds. They had children as follows: Mary Ann, who married Nathan Fennel; J. K.; Henry, Susanna and Eliza Jane, deceased; Joseph, who is a resident of the County of Bruce; S. B., who is a banker in Rodney, Ont.; William, a merchant at Rodney; and Richard, who is a tinsmith at Portland, Ontario.

Postmaster Morris was born on the old homestead in the County of Leeds, Ont., and remained beneath its hospitable roof until the age of twenty-three. In 1854 he entered the post office service at Brockville as assistant postmaster and remained there one year, coming then to Blenheim and taking charge of the office of this place on May 1, 1856, the former official, John Cavanagh, having died. In October of that year he was regularly appointed to the position, which he has filled with ability ever since. It has been Mr. Morris's constant aim to increase the efficiency of his office in the interest of the public, and many of his methods



have met with the commendation of the community. In 1870 he was appointed issuer of marriage licenses, which position he still holds.

In 1861, when Volunteer companies were organized throughout Canada, Mr. Morris was appointed lieutenant in No. 3 Company, 24th Kent Battalion, and served at annual drill under Col. Woolsey, at Thorold. He also did service during the Fenian Raid, in 1866, and then was appointed captain, which office he held for two years. Resigning the captainship he was allowed to retire, retaining his rank, for which since he has been granted 160 acres of land in New Ontario.

Mr. Morris has taken an active part in politics, especially during the campaign of 1869, when his support of the Conservative candidate was productive of many votes. He has ably filled a number of offices, has been reeve of Blenheim, warden of the County of Kent, and, for nearly twenty years, member of the county council. His business interests have also been important. When he first came to Blenheim the present flourishing place was then but a village, containing three brick houses, one of these standing on the site of the "Royal Hotel." Not a half dozen persons are now alive of those who were residents when he tok charge of the post office in Blenheim. It is strange to know that at that time there was not a single church edifice, preaching being done in the schoolhouse. In 1856 the members of the Methodist body erested a frame building and called it "The Union," and this was used for religious services until other houses of worship were built as the town grew. Mr. Morris, in connection with his official duties, which at the beginning were insignificant, carried on a large lumbering and mercantile trade, in which he continued until 1879. During his business career he was prosperous, although several times he lost heavily by fire, on one occasion losing a mill worth $6,000, and at another time one worth $40,000.

In 1856 Mr. Morris was married (first) to Hester Cavanagh, who died in 1863, leaving no children. In 1866 he married (second) Sarah Green, and a family of eleven children was born to this union, nine of whom still survive, namely: Charles E. is with his father; Joseph H., who lives in the Northwest, married Dilly Jordan, and has three children, Harry, Maxine and Godfrey; John W. (who married Lillie Johnson), Ormand K. and Garnet G. all live in the Northwest; Fred, a lawyer at Fort William, married Miss Cora McDougal, and they have one son, Royden; Bertha married Clarence H. Jackson, merchant and mayor of Fort William, Ont.; Hester married Dr. David Mitchel, and has a daughter, Margaret; Bertram S. is at home.

Mr. Morris has always taken a deep interest in the development of the County of Kent and has been identified with much of its improvements. He was a member of the committee that built Harrison Hall, at Chatham. Fraternally he associates with both the Masons and the A. O. U. W. The religious home of the family is in the Church of England.

THEODORE PELTIER, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed retired farmers of Dover township, was born Sept. 16, 1839, on his present farm, a son of Andrew and Catherine (Fobert) Peltier, the former a native of the County of Essex and the latter of the County of Kent.

Andrew Peltier was a progressive and public-spirited man, and during a long and useful life filled many offices of trust and responsibility, and promoted many movements which resulted in permanent good to his locality. He came to the County of Kent in young manhood, and for a season carried the mail between Chatham and Windsor. Although a farmer all his life, and one who had to make his own way in the world in his youth, he educated himself and always interested himself in educational matters. Through his efforts the first school was started in this locality. He engaged a teacher from Wallaceburg, and secured the attendance of the twenty-four pupils promised to the educator before he would consent to come. His father-in-law gave him a half-interest in a farm on condition that he go to Toronto to have some papers made out in order to secure the property, which comprised ninety acres. The trip consumed thirteen days and was made on horseback, through a wild country, still inhabited by the Indians. He was deservedly noted for his physical courage. Mr. Peltier server as assessor, collector and councillor, and was one of the reliable men of the community who gave it strength and reputation. His death occurred in 1872, when he was aged seventy-five years, and his wife survived until 1885, dying aged seventy-four

years. They were consistent members of the Catholic Church. These children were born to them: Matilda, who married (first) John Rishey and (second) Moses Rivers, of Ludington, Michigan; Ellen, widow of John M. Dolston, a prominent citizen of Chatham; Agnes, deceased wife of Joseph Galarneau; Andrew, a retired farmer of Dover township; Theodore; Adess, who married Norcius Godreau, of Cahoose, Vermont; Oliver, who was drowned in the river Thames at the age of nineteen years; and Edmond, proprietor of a transfer company at Detroit.

Mr. Peltier's paternal grandfather, Gabriel Peltier, of Montreal, came to County Kent at an early day. He and his wife were both of French extraction. They later removed to the County of Essex, and Gabriel took part in the war of 1812. He was one of the earliest farmers in this then great wilderness. His death took place in 1845, when he was aged eighty-eight years, and his widow died ten years later, aged ninety-four. They were buried in St. Peter's Church cemetery. All of their children are deceased, viz.: Charles; Louis; Leon; Gabriel; Andrew; Fanny, who married Alexander Emery; Freezine, who married Louis Galarneau; Madeline, Mrs. Peck; and Mary, who married Edward Parson.

Until his marriage Theodore Peltier remained with his parents, and obtained his education in the public schools in his locality. After marriage he removed to his present farm of 250 acres, which he very successfully cultivated for many years, retiring in 1898. During this time Mr. Peltier has been a very useful citizen, having most efficiently served as assessor for two years; as collector for twenty years; and as school trustee for a like period. For three years he served under the appointment of Gov. Bowels as fishery overseer. Few men in his locality are better or more favorably known as honest, upright and intelligent citizens.

On Oct. 14, 1863, in Pain Court, Dover township, Mr. Peltier was married to Judith Trudell, who was born Sept. 29, 1837, in Tilbury township, daughter of Francis and Fanny (Barmer) Trudell. The following children were born to this marriage: Adolphus, who is an engineer on a dredge boat at Detroit, Michigan; George, a farmer in Dover township; Emma J., deceased; Francis, who married Delinia Ouellette, and now farms the homestead; William, a farmer in Dover township; Bella, Alfred and Joseph, deceased; Eugene J., who married Julia Robert, and is a wholesale liquor merchant in British Columbia; and Josephine, who married Frank Primeau, a farmer in Dover township.

DEACON THOMAS CAREY, a prosperous general farmer and prominent resident of Orford township, County of Kent, residing on a fine farm of 135 acres, Lot 69, at one time owned 500 acres of land in that township, but has divided a portion of his property between his sons.

Mr. Carey was born at Port Burwell, Ont., Jan. 10, 1825, a son of William and Susannah (Rodgers) Carey, of London and Portsmouth, England, respectively. These parents came to Canada in 1812, and during their passage over the sea, the war of 1812 broke out. They settled at Quebec, and the father engaged in the work for which he was sent to Canada, sawing keels for ships. At the close of the war they went to New York State, but as they did not like that locality returned to Canada, and settled on the Niagara river, near Chippawa, Ont. After a year they returned to Port Burwell and took up 100 acres, but in 1829 went to Chatham, Ont., where the father was employed in the shipyards for a few years. He next worked upon a farm, and finally located in the County of Lambton, where he took up land from Col. Talbot. In 1837 he was made captain of a company, so continuing until June, 1837, when he was shot in Dresden, Ont., in the faithful discharge of his duty as an officer. This gallant gentleman was but forty-eight, and in the prime of life. His widow survived until 1868, when she passed away aged seventy-five, and was buried in Euphemia, County of Lambton, in a private burying-ground on the old farm. Both were consistent and active members of the Baptist Church, of which Mr. Carey was for many years a deacon and local preacher. He was a man of considerable parts, well educated and very talented. The children born to them were: John, who died young; William, who died in the States, aged eighty-four years; George, who died in Dakota; Mary A., who died at Windsor, Ont., in 1900, the wife of John Siddle; Susan, who married William More, and is now deceased; Thomas; Charles,

who died at Milwaukee; Hosea, who died in the County of Lambton; and Elizabeth, who is the widow of William Walker, and resides in the County of Lambton.

On Sept. 3, 1845, in the County of Lambton, Ont., Mr. Carey married Marie Wright, and they had children as follows: Susannah, formerly a school teacher, now residing at home; Dr. Chester, who is a physician of Columbiaville, Michigan; Rev. Peter, who is a Baptist preacher of Rapid City, Manitoba; Charles, who lives in Orford township; Anna, who died young; Dr. Alford, a successful physician, now deceased; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Colan Luxton, a veterinary surgeon, at Milan, Michigan; Thomas, who is a farmer of Orford; Dr. Daniel, who is a physician in Missouri; Dr. Calvin, who is a veterinary surgeon of Adrian, Michigan; and William, who is a man of prominence at Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs. Carey was born at Utica, New York, Sept. 27, 1830, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Poole) Wright, of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, respectively. They came to Canada in 1833, and located in Chatham, Ont. After remaining there a short time they settled on the river Thames, near Thamesville. Their next location, after a year, was at Euphemia, County of Lambton, where they took up 100 acres. For a few years they cultivated the property, and then sold it, moving to another farm in the same county, on the river Sydenham, where they remained. This same property is now owned by a brother of Mrs. Carey. Both these good people were very charitable, and gave to all who were in trouble. The death of Mr. Wright occurred in 1873, in Kansas, at the home of a son, when he was seventy-five years of age, while the mother died in 1863, aged seventy-two years. Both were earnest Christians, the father being a member of the Church of England, and the mother of the Baptist Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright were: Marie, Mrs. Carey; Emily, who died in South Dakota, the wife of George Carey; Elizabeth, who is the widow of William Cross, and resides at Euphemia; Lewis, a wealthy resident of Los Angeles, California; William, who is a farmer on the old homestead; and Lyman, also on the old homestead. Mrs. Wright was a widow when she married the father of Mrs. Carey, her first husband having been Benjamin Scott, of Ohio, by whom she had three children: Benjamin, David and Catherine, all now deceased; the last named married William Wright, and later Rev. James Nelson, a Methodist preacher.

Until he was seventeen years of age Thomas Carey remained with his mother. He then obtained employment, receiving $72 for a year's work, and he subsequently received $8 per month for his services, but his mother needing him he returned home. His next step was to purchase a farm for himself in Euphemia, County of Lambton, which he cleared, but not finding it what he wanted he sold it and located on his present farm in 1873. In clearing off his large properties Mr. Carey was judicious in utilizing the lumber, and was often called to different points to dispose of it, so that he has traveled extensively. In addition to business trips, he has been to England, Scotland, Wales, France, and throughout the United States. During a visit to England he was presented to Queen Victoria. Another pleasant trip was made to the birthplace of his mother.

For the past fifty years Mr. Carey has been deacon of the Baptist Church, and he is one of its most honored and useful members. In politics he is a Reformer, but would never consent to accept office, although often pressed to do so. In every sense of the word Mr. Carey is a self-made man, for not only did he strive, during a boyhood filled with hard work, to obtain an education, but he attended school when he was the father of three children, and was not ashamed to learn from them. Such perseverance deserves the highest commendation, and he has received and does receive it, not only from his family, but from all who know him. Advancing years have obliged him to resign to his sons many of the duties which were in the past a pleasure to him, but he is still in possession of his faculties, and very active, taking a deep interest in current events, and keeping himself posted upon both local anl national matters. He and his most excellent wife are numbered among the representative people of the township.

JOHN McKERRALL, one of the well known and substantial citizens of Chatham, is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of County Kent, one which

brought from Scotland the habits of industry and thrift which are necessary contributions to the prosperity of any community.

John McKerrall, the grandfather of the above named John McKerrall, was born in South End, Argyllshire, Scotland, and there married a daughter of the McNaughton family. They became the parents of these children: Hugh; John; Peter; Jennette, who married John McKay, and is now deceased; Katherine, who became Mrs. Donald McCorvie and is now deceased; and Dougald, who was the father of the subject of this sketch. The father died in Scotland, and his widow accompanied some of her children to Kent County, about 1828, and they settled in what is now the township of Chatham. This pioneer mother died there in 1835.

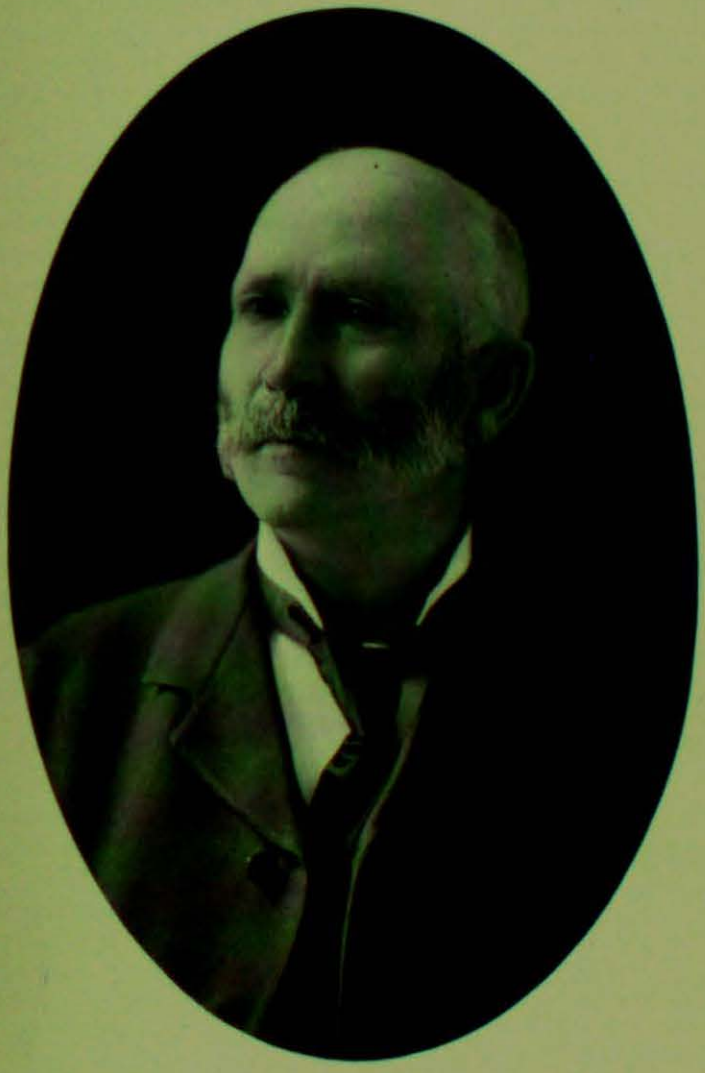
Dougald McKerrall was the eldest son, and was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Oct. 9, 1792, and he died in Chatham, Ont., April 6, 1880. In 1817 he was married to Jane Breckenridge, who was born Feb. 6, 1797, in Argyllshire, and died in February, 1872. In 1850 they came to Ontario and followed farming in the township of Chatham for many years. Their son Peter now owns and resides on the old homestead, located about eight miles from the city of Chatham. To Dougald McKerrall and wife were born these children: Hugh, born Oct. 16, 1821, resides on Victoria avenue, Chatham; Margaret, born Jan. 1, 1825, married Alexander Ralston, and now resides in the State of Illinois; John, born Oct. 29, 1826; Jennette, born Nov. 12, 1832, became Mrs. Brodie, and is now deceased; Jane, born May 25, 1837, became Mrs. McCoig, and is deceased; and Edward, born March 27, 1839, is a well-to-do farmer in Harwich township near the City of Chatham. Hugh Breckenridge, the maternal grandfather of this family, died in Scotland, and his widow some years later, in the State of Ohio.

In 1848, John McKerrall, the subject of this sketch, preceding his parents to Ontario, settled in what is now known as Scotch Settlement, in Chatham township. In 1849, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Alexander Ralston, he purchased 100 acres of land in that township, this property now being owned by his brother Peter. Later he sold his interest to his partner, and, in 1854, moved to Chatham, at which time, the beautiful and stately Victoria avenue was a cow pasture. Mr. McKerrall purchased a lot at the northeast end of the Fifth street bridge, and there carried on business for twenty-six years. About 1880 he retired from active life, built his comfortable residence on Victoria avenue, and there enjoys the evening of life surrounded by the comforts provided by his years of industry.

In 1856 Mr. McKerrall was married (first) to Miss Mary McLean, who died on March 3, 1860. Four children were born to this union, of whom only Jane, the wife of James Holmes, Esq., survives. In 1862 Mr. McKerrall married Jane Paxton, who was born in 1838, to whom two children were born, one of these being deceased, and the other, John A., a merchant in Chatham. For several years Mr. McKerrall has been an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in this city, and is held in universal esteem. In politics he is of the Liberal faith.

JOHN SHEPPARD, one of the prominent and representative citizens of Bothwell, County of Kent, is extensively engaged in general farming and cattle raising on his finely improved farm of 850 acres, which adjoins the corporate limits of the town. He was born March 7, 1843, in Euphemia township, County of Lambton, Ont., son of William and Joanna (Berch) Sheppard, of Ross Gray, County Tipperary, Ireland.

Mr. Sheppard's parents came to Canada in 1841, and when they setled in Euphemia township, County of Lambton, they found a wilderness where they were surrounded by wild animals and molested by savages. They were of sturdy pioneer stock and bravely faced the inevitable hardships, worked hard and reared an honorable and respected family. Both passed away in 1886, both aged seventy-two years, and they were separated by death but a few days, the aged father dying on May 28th, and the beloved mother following her companion of so many years, on June 8th. They were worthy members of the Church of England, living up to its doctrines, although for many years deprived of attendance on its services. Children as follows were born to these parents: Miss Hannah is a resident of Newbury, Ont.; Maria married Hugh Armstrong, a stock dealer at Newbury; Ann died unmarried; John



John Sheppard

is the subject proper of this sketch; Sarah died unmarried; William resides at Newbury.

John Sheppard attended the local schools and remained with his father until his marriage, attending to the farm and engaging in some cattle speculation. After his marriage he removed to Bothwell, and, with no capital except his experience, began the business career which has resulted in such eminent success. When he first left the home farm he was employed by a Quebec firm for two years in buying lumber, and then by Hiram Walker, as purchasing agent for him of horses, stock, staves, etc., during his five years with this firm averaging 3,000 head of cattle and horses annually. Since 1883 he has been extensively engaged in the buying, selling and importing and exporting of cattle. In 1882 Mr. Sheppard bought his present farm, of the George Brown estate. The land was considered at that time of little value, but under his management it has developed into one of the most desirable farms in the township, and, with its fine brick residence and substantial outbuildings, is certainly one of the most attractive. After a residence of nineteen years in Bothwell, Mr. Sheppard removed with his family to the farm, in September, 1895. Although he was entitled to a part of his father's estate he resigned all claim to it, giving his share to his sisters, although this brotherly act threw him entirely upon his own resources.

Mr. Sheppard has been twice married. On Feb. 12, 1873, he was married in Chatham to Clara J. Wood, and five children were born to this union, namely: William, a stock dealer at Bothwell, a prominent citizen, who married Lydia Duffius; and Fred, Clarence, Elinor and Fanny, all of whom died in infancy. The mother was born March 4, 1854, in Gloucestershire, England, and died March 4, 1881, aged twenty-seven years. She was a daughter of Charles and Fanny (Arkell) Wood, both of whom were born in Gloucestershire, came to Canada, and settled in 1871 in the County of Middlesex, where Mr. Wood engaged in hotel-keeping. He had been a large farmer and stock raiser in England.

The second marriage of Mr. Sheppard, April 12, 1882, in Bothwell, was to Margaret A. Mylne, and the only daughter of this marriage, Marion, resides at home. Mrs. Sheppard was born at Grand river, near Dunnville, Ont., in the County of Haldimand, and is a daughter of John and Esther A. (Rodgers) Mylne, the former of whom was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and the later at Wainfleet, Ont. They came to Bothwell in 1870, from Newbury, and Mr. Mylne conducted a drug store, removing in 1885 to Walkerville, where he died Dec. 20, 1887, aged sixty-five years. He was a man of prominence, a notary public, a member of the town council, and served at one time as lieutenant, in the Rebellion of 1837. The mother was born July 16, 1834, and resided at Toronto. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mylne, besides Mrs. Sheppard, were: William, station agent at Wyoming, Ont.; Miss Marion, of Bothwell; Walter, a contractor and builder at Detroit, Michigan; Herbert, a railroad conductor at Toronto; Anna, of Baden, Ont., wife of Walter Waugh, agent there for the Grand Trunk Railroad. Mrs. Sheppard's grandparents, William and Margaret (Fyfe) Mylne, were married in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1798, and emigrated to Canada in 1835.

Fraternally Mr. Sheppard is connected with the leading secret organizations, being a Mason, Forester and Chosen Friend. Politically he is identified with the Conservative party. In religion the family is connected with the Church of England.

At the present writing, August, 1903, Mr. Sheppard, his wife and his sister-in-law are touring England, Ireland and Scotland. Mr. Sheppard has combined business with his enjoyment, having taken one hundred head of cattle to dispose of during the trip.

SAMUEL TODD, who passed away April 28, 1904, in Blenheim, was born Jan. 20, 1826, in Northumberland, Canada, and was actively identified with the agricultural development of the County of Kent for more than forty years. He was one of the most highly respected citizens of his locality.

The parents of Mr. Todd were William and Margaret (McKeven) Todd. The latter, born in Scotland, died while Samuel was but a small boy. William Todd was born in County Down, Ireland, and was a son of Samuel Todd, who came from that country to Cobourg, County of Northumberland, Ont., at an early day. Some years later, with his family, he moved to the County of Durham, where he died, leaving a family of eight children,

William, Samuel, Charles, John, Henry, James, Nancy and Mary, all of whom settled and died in Canada. William, the eldest of the family and the father of Samuel, followed farming on his father's land in the County of Durham, and there he died in 1857. William and Margaret Todd had three children born to them, namely: Jane, who died in childhood; Mary, born in 1832, in the County of Northumberland, who grew up in her grandfather's home, and is now the wife of Silas Burke, a farmer on Concession 4, in Howard, and has a family; and Samuel, whose name introduces these lines.

Samuel Todd grew to manhood in the home of his grandfather, Samuel Todd, whose name he bore. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed that business until his marriage, which took place in 1852, to Miss Ruth Hutchinson, a daughter of Thomas Hutchinson, of old English ancestry. Until 1860 Mr. Todd and his family resided on a farm in the County of Durham, and then moved to Harwich township, County of Kent, buying here a farm which he occupied for seven years, at the end of which time he purchased his farm on the Talbot Road, in Harwich township. Mr. Todd cleared up a large portion of his land and erected all of the comfortable buildings on the place. In 1882 he moved to Blenheim, where he bought a home and resided until 1893, returning to the farm. In the fall of 1902 he again went to Blenheim, where he remained until his death.

In 1886 Mrs. Ruth Todd passed away. She was the mother of six children, viz.: Pamelia is the wife of M. J. Bentley, and they reside in Muskoka; they have two children, Lena and Harold, Lillian dying in young womanhood. Jennie, born in the County of Durham, is unmarried. Maggie, born in the County of Durham, married George Goldworthy, and died in her home in Harwich, leaving two daughters, Ruth and Eunice. Elda, born in Harwich, married Dr. Stewart, of Port Huron, and has one daughter, Kate. Emma, born in Harwich, married John Prout, a farmer in the County of Durham, and has children, Ruth and Marie. Minnie, born in Harwich, the youngest of the family, is an accomplished stenographer.

In 1890 Mr. Todd was married (second) to Mrs. Robert Hall, formerly Annie Wiles, daughter of John and Maria Wiles, who were natives of Yorkshire, England. Mr. and Mrs. Wiles came to Canada at a very early day and settled near Toronto, where they died, the parents of ten children, namely: George, of Manitoba; William, of St. Thomas; Walter, of North Dakota; Edward and Fred, of Chicago, Illinois; Elizabeth, widow of George Powley, of Peel, Canada; Mary J., wife of Schuyler Hood, of Peel; Adelia, wife of James Rodgers, a merchant of Peel; Hannah, wife of Sidney See, of Peel; and Mrs. Todd, who was born March 22, 1841, near Toronto. The latter first married Robert Hall, of the County of York, Ont., and they settled in the County of Essex, where he was engaged in a grocery business until his death, in 1887. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hall were: John H., born Feb. 29, 1864, married Ella Coburn, and is engaged in the restaurant business in Detroit; Walter, born in 1866, died in Detroit, unmarried, in July, 1902; Elizabeth A., born in 1868, married George Furse, and they have one daughter, Gladys; Anna M., born in 1870, married John Henderson, a bookkeeper in the railroad station at Detroit, Michigan; Sarah J. died when four years old; Adeline died when eleven years of age; Mabel married George Little and resides in Detroit; Beatrice, born in 1880, resides with Mrs. Todd.

After his second marriage Mr. Todd only remained in Blenheim until 1894, returning then to the farm. For a number of years, however, he lived practically retired. Through an accident while threshing he suffered the loss of his right arm some years ago, but as long as there was any necessity he made the remaining member do good execution. In politics he always supported the Government. In religious views he was a Methodist, Mrs. Todd belonging to the same church. The Todds are regarded as being among the best people of Harwich township, kind, neighborly, charitable and hospitable.

SAMUEL JAMES PARDO, one of the wide-awake and enterprising farmers of Cedar Springs, County of Kent, Ont., was born on his present home Aug. 4, 1843, a son of Thomas Pardo. The fine property was the Pardo homestead, and Mr. Pardo has always made it his home, and takes great pride in the cultivation of his 375 acres of rich land. To the original 325 acres of the homestead, he has

added fifty acres, and he is now one of the heavy land owners of the county, as well as one of its prosperous farmers. Some idea of the extent of his operations may be gained from the record of his operations in 1902, which shows that he threshed 3,200 bushels of wheat, oats and barley; had 1,900 bushels of corn in the ear; sold 13 head of cattle, and 42 hogs. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Pardo was in partnership with his brothers, William H. and T. L., in a successful sawmill business, until 1877, when he sold his interest to the other members of the firm. All the latest appliances and machinery have been used both upon the farm and in the mill, and no man in the locality is more progressive than Mr. Pardo.

In politics Mr. Pardo is a Liberal, and he takes a lively interest in local affairs, upon which he is very well posted; in 1893 he was honored by election to the municipal council, and was school trustee for nine years. Mr. Pardo has a very excellent memory, and, having always lived at Cedar Springs, he knows its history thoroughly, and is a very reliable source of information. Success breeds success, and the past prosperity of Mr. Pardo should be an indication of what the future holds in store for him, both as a public official and a private citizen. It is most certain that in whatever capacity he may serve the people he will devote to his duties the same painstaking, conscientious effort which has made him one of the wealthy and influential men of Raleigh township.

GEORGE GREENWAY, a prominent and representative farmer of County Kent, occupying a fine farm in Concession 5, Lot 11, Howard township, was born in June, 1837, in Somersetshire, England, a son of Thomas and Ann (Davie) Greenway, the former of whom was born in England in 1814, and the latter about the same time.

On Nov. 5, 1850, Thomas Greenway and wife, with their six children, left the old home in England to find a new one across the ocean, taking passage in a sailing vessel which consumed six weeks in the passage, and finally landed them in Canada. From Quebec they located on a farm in County Elgin, near Port Stanley, two years later moving to Yarmouth, same county, where Mr. Greenway rented a farm which he occupied for seventeen years. In 1867 he moved to County Kent, where he purchased a tract of 100 acres, on the 5th Concession, Howard township, upon which some few improvements had already been made, and here he lived the balance of his life, dying in 1880. Coming, as he did, with a large family and with limited means, his success was very remarkable, due entirely to his perseverance and industry. His wife was helpful and devoted to the interests of husband and family, and she survived until 1896. Both were consistent and most worthy members of the Church of England. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: (1) George, of Ridgetown, was the eldest. (2) Charles, born in England, in 1839, grew to manhood in Canada, and after marriage with Permelia Zimmerman, settled in Howard township on Concession 4, where he died, leaving wife and family. (3) William, born in 1840, in England, married Maggie McIntosh, of Southard, County Elgin, and they resided upon his farm in Howard, which he cleared from the bush, until 1902, when he retired to Ridgetown, his present residence; his only surviving child is a daughter, Harriet, now the wife of George Simpson, who lives on the homestead; two sons died young. (4) Harriet, born in 1842, in England, died at Port Stanley, in 1867. (5) Jane, born in 1844, in England, married John Brown, of near St. Louis; they have one daughter. (6) Mary, born in England, is the wife of Alexander Wiley, of St. Thomas, and has two children, James C. and Anna B. (7) Thomas, born in 1847, married Martha Lindley, of Thamesville, and they resided on the old home in Howard until within a few years when they removed to the River St. Clair; they have one daughter. (8) Annie, born in 1854, in County Elgin, Canada, died in County Kent in young womanhood. (9) James, born in 1856, in County Elgin, moved to Manitoba in young manhood, where he purchased land and engaged in farming for twelve years; while there he married Emma Robinson, of Clearville, County Kent, and they now reside in County Elgin, having sold the property in Manitoba; their two daughters are Violet and Gladys.

George Greenway, of Ridgetown, was fourteen years of age when his parents came to Canada, attending school in his native land,

but having few advantages in Canada, for he was early obliged to engage in assisting the family by work on farms in the vicinity. As the eldest son, he assisted his father very materially in the clearing and cultivating of the home farm, and grew to manhood, not only strong and sturdy from active out-door exercise, but also thoroughly instructed in all kinds of agricultural work.

In 1874 Mr. Greenway married Jane George, daughter of Richard George, who came from England to Howard, County of Kent; she was born in 1858. The new home of the young people was a tract of wild land which Mr. Greenway bought of the Canada Land Company, prior to his marriage. With the greatest industry and good management, Mr. Greenway began and carried on to success the clearing of this land, and its careful cultivation. In the course of time he erected a substantial bank barn for the yield of his acres, and a handsome and comfortable brick residence for his family. The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenway were the following: Alexander, born in 1877, married in 1902, Janet Dick, daughter of David Dick, and they reside on the David Gladstone farm on the 4th Concession; James, born in 1878, is his father's partner; Sarah A., born in 1880, resides at home, is a very popular young lady, an excellent dressmaker, the accomplished organist in the Disciples Church of Howard and a teacher in the Sunday-school; Rebecca J., born in 1882, Etta, born in 1886, and Carrie May, born in 1890, all are at home, still students. The whole family is very intelligent and most highly regarded in Howard.

For some thirty years, Mr. Greenway has been the Howard pathmaster. In his political action he votes the Independent ticket. Both he and his wife are members of the Church of England.

DANIEL SMITH. Among those numbered with the honored dead, is Daniel Smith, formerly a prominent farmer of Harwich township, County Kent, who resided on Lot 18, Concession 11. He was born in Howard, County Kent, in 1838, son of John and Mary Smith, both natives of Scotland, who, being U. E. Loyalists, came to Canada from New York State, about the time of the American Revolution.

John Smith was a soldier on a British man-of-war during a portion of the Revolution. He and his wife settled in Howard, where they lived and died, and their children were as follows: Neil, of Howard, is the only one now living; Malcomb died in Howard; Dougal and Peter were both soldiers in the Civil war in the United States, and they died in Howard on the old homestead; a daughter, now deceased, married Hugh Hayes; and Daniel.

Daniel Smith was educated in the schools of Howard, and he worked upon the farm. Upon reaching manhood he married Miss Isabella Sampson, a daughter of William and Marian Sampson, well-known pioneers, in Harwich township. After his marriage, Mr. Smith settled on the farm now owned by his son, Enos, then wild land, which he redeemed from the brush. The first home was a very primitive one made of logs, but he replaced this by the present frame structure, and in it he lived until his death, May 24, 1892, his wife surviving him until July 12, 1900, when she too passed away, surrounded by her sons at the old home. Religiously Mr. Smith was a consistent member of the Disciple Baptist Church, and a faithful follower of the Master. His political opinions made of him a stanch Reformer, and he always supported those measures he believed calculated to prove beneficial to the general welfare of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of three sons: (1) Enos; (2) William, born Sept. 21, 1877, was reared at the old homestead, where he received a good education in the schools of Harwich, is unmarried and one of the managers of the home farm; (3) Daniel, born Oct. 22, 1882, was educated in the home schools.

Enos Smith, born May 15, 1871, was reared at the old homestead, and, like his brothers, received the advantages offered by the home schools. After the death of his father, he and his brother William became managers of the farm, and still so continue. Among other improvements, the brothers have erected a fine new barn on their property, in 1902. In 1899 they purchased 100 acres on Lot 19, known as the Donovan farm, adjoining their other property, and on this they have made many improvements, and they are considered as leading young farmers of the locality.

In June, 1900, Enos Smith married Miss

Mary Mosey, who was born in Harwich in 1876, daughter of Thomas and Helen Mosey, old pioneers of the county. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Smith settled at the old homestead, where they are still living. Their home has been blessed with two children: Isabella, born in April, 1901; Elake, born in March, 1902.

Both Enos and William Smith follow their father's example in their political and religious views, and are highly esteemed in the community. The parents brought up their sons honestly, uprightly, teaching them the principles of truth, and carefully instructing them in their duties toward God and man. As a result of their noble examples and devout teachings, the young men are a credit to those who bore them, and also to the locality where they were born, and where they have since made their homes.

JAMES M. GARDINER, who for several years conducted a successful livery business in Chatham, has been a resident of the County of Kent for fifty years, during which time he has been a prominent, useful and highly esteemed citizen. The family is of Scotch extraction, the grandfather of James M. having been a native of Scotland, where he passed his whole life. His family consisted of six daughters and one son, William Gardiner.

William Gardiner was born in Scotland in 1806, and was married there in 1828 to Jane Lee, who was born in 1808, a daughter of Daniel Lee, all of Scottish birth and ancestry. In his native land Mr. Gardiner was well educated, and followed the vocation of bookkeeper, and after coming to Ontario he taught school, cultivating a farm during the summer seasons. His first residence was in the County of Durham, and later he removed to the County of Essex, where he died in 1891; his wife passed away in 1873. Politically Mr. Gardiner was a Reformer. Religiously he followed the teachings of the Presbyterian Church. Ten children were born to William Gardiner and his wife, namely: John, of Tilbury township; David, of Harwich township; Margaret, the wife of James Glanders, of the County of Essex; William, a retired farmer; Nancy, wife of Thomas Ervin, of the County of Essex; James M.; Murry F., of Tilbury township, County of Kent; and three who died young.

James M. Gardiner was born Aug. 20, 1844, in the County of Durham, Ont., and when ten years of age went to Tilbury township, County of Kent, where he assisted his father on the farm until 1865, at which time he began farming for himself, on Lot 12, West C. R., township of Harwich. There he continued for thirty years. In 1896 he came to Chatham and embarked in the livery business, in which he engaged until 1901 with eminent success, enjoying a large amount of patronage on account of the excellent service he gave the public. His residence is on Queen street, in Chatham.

In 1866 Mr. Gardiner was married to Miss Agnes Ferguson, a daughter of David and Ann (Murry) Ferguson, and children as follows have been born to this union: David Lee, who moved to Detroit, married Nellie Patterson, and they have one son, Burton. William, who engages in the manufacture of brick at Blenheim, is unmarried. Annie Bell married Fred Brundritt, of Harwich township, and has four children, Stanley, William, Albert and Harold. James Malcolm, who resides in Detroit, married Alfy Bass, and they have one son, Earl. John Murry, who married Nellie Tompkins, lives in Romney township, County of Kent, and they have two children, Harold and Aggie. Daniel, who married Aggie Horeston, has two sons, Robert and Willie. Aggie Lee is now Mrs. Hough. Arthur Malcolm is engaged with his father in the livery business. Jennie, Mrs. Bedford, has one son, Charles Herbert; she lives at home. Murry died when young. Henry Burges and Charles Lawrence are both at home. It is unusual for so large a family to have but one vacant chair. All of these children have been afforded excellent advantages of all kinds, and are among the respected and intelligent residents of their various localities.

Mr. Gardiner is connected with several local enterprises of prominence, notably the Binder-Twine Co., in which he is a stockholder, and the Chatham Sanitarium. His interests are centered there, and his influence is directed to the upbuilding and development of the resources, industrial, commercial and agricultural, of the County of Kent. Politically he is active in the Reform party. He and his wife are valued members of the Presbyterian Church.

ROBERT SMYTH died in Harwich township Sept. 18, 1880, and his widow, Mrs. Agnes (Marrow) Smyth, is one of the prosperous residents of that locality, residing upon the extensive and attractive homestead on the Communication road, Concession 2. She combines with all the most desirable domestic virtues much business ability, and in superintending the education of a large family of children, as well as looking after the property, has evinced great wisdom. She was born in County Down, Ireland, Sept. 13, 1835, daughter of Hugh and Agnes Nesbit Marrow.

HUGH MARROW was born in Ireland, and there passed many years of his life. At an early age he entered a shipbuilding yard, and learned the trade of a ship carpenter. Becoming proficient at that craft, he followed it with much success for some years, but hoping to better his fortunes in a new country, he in 1837 came to Ontario, and in Concession 10, Harwich township, purchased a tract of wild land, where he settled and began making improvements. He was possessed of both courage and muscle, and he endured all the hardships of a backwoodsman's life, and, with ax in hand early and late, he soon cleared up large tracts, which he put under thorough cultivation. A skilled carpenter, he later erected attractive buildings on his land, and in time had one of the most desirable farms in the locality. In addition to farming he also followed his trade of carpenter, and for some years worked at boatbuilding in Chatham, largely increasing his income. His efforts brought in good money returns, and he became a man of considerable means. He died at his farm in Harwich township in 1852. While in Ireland Mr. Marrow married Agnes Nesbit, who died in 1880. To this union came eight children: (1) John, born in Ireland, married Eliza Nicholas, of Harwich township, and after her death, which occurred on his father's family homestead in Harwich township, he married Mrs. McCoig. He died at the family homestead in 1898. By his first marriage there were three children, Hugh (a resident of Harwich), Bessie and Annie. By the second marriage there was one son, John, who resides in Harwich. (2) James, born in Ireland, made his home at different times in the County of Kent, Ont., Missouri, and Michigan, where he died in 1879. He married Maria Brown, of the County of Kent, and their children, all of whom are now living in the United States, were John, Phoebe, James, Henry, Sarah, Delia and George. (3) Margaret, born in Ireland, married Robert Campbell, and they settled on Concession 11, in Harwich township, where they both died. They had a large family of children. (4) Mary, born in Ireland, married George Huffman, now deceased, and settled in Blenheim. (5) Anna, born in Ireland, married Joseph Carswell, of Chatham, and is now deceased. By this marriage there were six children. (6) Caroline, born in Harwich township, in 1842, married Duncan Campbell, and they settled in Blenheim. They have six children. (7) William, born in Harwich township, met his death at the age of four years, being drowned in a well. (8) Agnes (Mrs. Smyth) is mentioned below.

Mr. Marrow was a man of firm religious convictions, conscientious and zealous in all good works, and he assisted in establishing the Presbyterian Church in his vicinity. Politically he affiliated with the Grits.

Mrs. Agnes (Marrow) Smyth was but two years old when her parents came to Canada, and on her father's new farm grew to womanhood. Ambitious to make the most of herself, she availed herself of every opportunity to acquire an education, and in the primitive schools of her section succeeded in gaining a thorough understanding of the rudiments. In 1852, when about seventeen years old, she married Robert Smyth, who was born in Wicklow, Ireland, in 1818, and there passed his early life. When about twenty years he came with his parents to Canada, and eventually turned his attention to farming. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smyth settled upon 100 acres of wild land, a portion of the present farm, in Harwich township, and there, in a little log cabin, began the life of pioneers. Mr. Smyth cleared up large tracts, put them well under cultivation, and in time added to the area of the farm by purchase until he possessed 200 acres of well-improved land, nearly all of which he himself had cleared. He also improved the buildings, erected attractive and commodious barns, and, in 1864, a handsome brick house, where he resided until the time of his death. Mr. Smyth occupied a leading place among farmers in his locality, and was exceedingly active in public affairs, serving as school trus-

tee for many years. Politically he affiliated with the Conservatives, and in religious sentiment he was an Episcopalian, being a consistent member of that church. He was one who lived his religion, and is still spoken of as a good Christian man. To Mr. and Mrs. Smyth were born thirteen children: (1) Eliza married Daniel Johnston, and has two children, John and Edith. (2) Anna, born in 1856, married David McMann, of Harwich township, who is now deceased, and they had four children, Agnes, Ethel, William R. and Pearl, all deceased except Agnes, who married Joseph Mosey, and has one child, Norman Lloyd (3) Hester, born in 1858, married James Wrencher, of the State of Idaho, and they have four children, Eva, Edna, Lloyd and Beryl. (4) William, born in Harwich township, in 1859, married Lizzie Biggot, of Ireland, and they settled upon part of his father's homestead, where, erecting good buildings, he made a fine home for himself. They have two daughters, Agnes and Ann. (5) Henry, born in 1861, has never married, and resides at the old homestead. (6) James, born in 1863, married Maggie Houston, of Harwich township, and they reside upon his father's farm, joining the homestead. They have two children, Norman and Milton. (7) Maggie, born in 1866, married Samuel Snoblen, a farmer of Harwich township, and they have four children, Joseph, Robert, Bessie and John. (8) Thomas, born in 1867, married Maggie Ritchinson, of Harwich, and they reside upon a farm in that place. He has one daughter, Edith. (9) Miss Mary, born in 1869, resides upon the family homestead. (10) Robert, born in 1871, married Anna Smith, daughter of James Smith, of Harwich, and they reside in the northwestern part of Manitoba, where he is engaged in farming. They have two children, Arthur and Mary. (11) Albert, born in 1873, has never married and resides in Harwich township. (12) Jennie, born in 1876, married Alexander Houston, of Harwich township, who is now engaged in farming in Raleigh township. They have one daughter, Grace. (13) George, born in 1880, is unmarried, and is now the manager of the family homestead in Harwich township.

After marriage Mrs. Agnes Smyth took up pioneer life in the little log cabin with much energy and fortitude, and by wise management of household affairs assisted her husband materially in accumulating his property. A conscientious and ambitious mother, she never, even in her busiest seasons, neglected her children, but has assisted them all in gaining a good practical education. Since the death of her husband, she has attended both to the education of the younger children and, to some extent, to the business of the farm. Mrs. Smyth possesses those strong traits of character which win respect from all who know her, and the Methodist Church counts her among its most active and influential members. Socially she is widely known and esteemed, and her benevolence has won her hosts of warm friends.

William Smyth, father of Robert Smyth, came from Ireland to Toronto, Canada, about 1838, and there remained for several years. Later he settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, where he passed his last days. By his marriage there were four children, all of whom are now deceased. Robert; Henry; William; and Eliza, who married James Smyth, and resided near Chatham.

JOSEPH WEAVER, a successful general farmer of Chatham township, residing on the 4th Concession, Lot 4, owns and cultivates a fine farm of 100 acres. He has been a resident of the locality since 1877.

Mr. Weaver was born in Suffolk, England, Jan. 2, 1843, son of William and Phoebe (Crow) Weaver, also natives of Suffolk, England, where they married and remained until February, 1853. Then the father emigrated to the County of Kent with his son Joseph, locating in Camden township, where he rented a farm from William Partridge, of Windsor, Ont., an old settler. Mr. Partridge was the first man to introduce a threshing machine in the County of Kent. Later in life he removed to Windsor, where he kept a hotel. When properly settled William Weaver returned to England for his family, in 1854. Once again he returned to the land of his birth, in the fall of 1871, this time on a visit, but unfortunately he was taken sick with smallpox and died in January, 1872, when only fifty-three years of age. During the time he resided in the County of Kent he had removed from Camden township to Chatham township, in 1854. It was his intention to remove to a farm he owned in Missouri, upon his return from England, but

he was not spared to carry out this plan. The mother died in May, 1899, aged seventy-nine years, and is buried in Arnold cemetery. She and her husband were consistent members of the Church of England. The children born to these parents were as follows: Joseph; William, a farmer of Chatham township; John, who died in England when eighteen months old; Mary Ann, deceased, who married Perley J. Fogle, of Chatham township; Mina, who married Robert McCubin, of Chatham; Benjamin, a farmer of Chatham township, unmarried; Henry George, a farmer, who married Amanda McCubin; Cecelia, who died on the homestead, aged sixteen years; and Louisa, who died in Chatham township, aged three years.

On Oct. 27, 1873, Mr. Weaver was married in Chatham township to Hope Sharpe, and children as follows have been born to their union: Alfred F. married Florence Orton, and is a farmer of Chatham township; Jane M. married Stanley Arnold, a farmer of Chatham township; William W., a farmer of Chatham township, married Lillian Thompkins; J. Frank married Edith Catton, and is a farmer of Chatham township; Percy L., Cecil H. and Lila E. are all at home. Mrs. Weaver was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 18, 1856, a daughter of William and Jane (Thackery) Sharpe, of Yorkshire, England, who came to Canada in March, 1851, and located at Raymond, Ont., after five years removing to Toronto, and six years later to Chatham township. Subsequently they located in Raleigh township, whence they returned to Chatham township, and after several years they settled at Chatham, where in 1879 the father established himself in a grocery business, which he has since continued successfully, although formerly he was a farmer. He was born in March, 1823, and his wife was born in July, 1827; they have been consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe's children were as follows: Faith married Ed. Craft, of Chatham; Hope is the wife of Joseph Weaver; Charity married Edgar French, a farmer of Chatham township; Francis is a farmer of the County of Elgin; William died at the age of forty-two years, in Chicago, where he was a contractor and builder; John is a machinist of Sacramento, California; Ella married George Brown, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Esther died at the age of two years; Mary (deceased) married Duncan McNichols; Capt. Edward, a farmer of Pearl, Michigan, was a captain in the 2d Illinois Volunteers, serving in the Spanish-American war.

Joseph Weaver remained with his parents until his marriage, after which he farmed for himself in Chatham township, on the river Thames, until 1877, when he settled on his present farm. He has brought this place into fine condition, making it one of the best in the County of Kent. His buildings and premises denote that an energetic, thrifty man is at the head of affairs, and his success has been attained through his own unaided efforts, directed along proper channels. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, as well as their children, are members of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Weaver is a Conservative, but though he takes an interest in local affairs he has not aspired to office, preferring to devote his attention to his private business.

JOHN HENRY, whose active days were spent as a farmer and cattle buyer, but who is now living retired at Clearville, Orford township, County of Kent, Ont., was born in that township June 2, 1832, son of George and Mary (Gillies) Henry.

Capt. Philip Henry, the grandfather of John Henry, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was a native of Hanover, Germany. When quite young he was brought to New York State, where he lived until after the Revolution. Then he joined the movement which brought to British America so many settlers from the new Republic, people who would not forsake their allegiance to Britain, who were afterward known as the United Empire Loyalists. Philip Henry went to St. John, N. B. Here in 1788, he maried Miss Elizabeth Hamm, who was also a native of Hanover, but who had lived from infancy in North Carolina. Shortly after their marriage the young couple moved to the Niagara District and settled in the District of Gainsboro, at a point between Beaver Creek and the Chippewa river, known at that time as the Narrows. Here Philip Henry became engaged in farming and became a very prosperous man. When the war of 1812 broke out he was appointed captain of a company in the 4th battalion, of which Johnstone Buttler was lieutenant-colonel, and Jacob Ten Brock the major.



John Henry.

with their headquarters at Twelve Mile Creek. Capt. Nelles commanded one of the flank companies of this battalion and Capt. Crooks the other. The muster roll of Capt. Henry's company, dated 24th of March, 1812, is still in the possession of the family. It was composed of some volunteers and others who were drafted, all drawn from the neighborhood in which Mr. Henry lived. The descendants of some of these hardy veterans still live in that vicinity, as the names of Lymburner, Robbins, Dils, Crosby, etc., testify. Peace was concluded between the conflicting parties and a treaty was signed at Ghent in October, 1814, but the colonel of the 4th Battalion was not notified until Feb. 25, 1815, and on that date Capt. Henry received news from the Department of War. He died Nov. 1, 1815, leaving a family of four sons and three daughters.

George Henry, the eldest son of Capt. Philip, was born May 16, 1797, in the Niagara District. During the war of 1812 he served in his father's company, all men between the ages of sixteen and sixty being enrolled. In 1818 young Henry came west to the County of Kent, several of their family having their land allotted to them in that sparsely settled region. His brothers, Jesse and David came to him, but did not remain long. George followed the trade of carpenter for a while. Then, in 1823, he bought a gristmill in Elgin County, at a point known as No. 9 at that time, but later renamed Tyconnell. About this time he was married at New Glasgow, Ont., to Miss Mary Gillies, a young woman of Scottish descent, and she proved a most admirable helpmate to the rising young man. He sold his mill and in 1830 came to Orford township, County of Kent, and purchased one hundred acres of land on the lake, upon which he built a gristmill and remained for ten years. He then removed to Clearville, and bought 200 acres of land on the South Talbot road, making his home there until 1858, when he returned to New Glasgow, where he built a pier on the lake shore, whence were shipped lumber, staves and grain. After ten years Mr. Henry went to Newbury and lived retired until his death in 1877, at the age of seventy-nine years and ten months. His wife, Mary (Gillies), passed away in March, 1873, aged sixty-eight years. They were interred in New Glasgow cemetery.

After his removal to Orford township Mr. Henry soon made his presence felt in the growing community. He was a power in his part of the country for many years, and did much toward making life tolerable for his fellow settlers. He built a gristmill at Clearville, County of Kent, and had a carding-mill and fulling attachment also; he ran a distillery, kept hotel, and built warehouses and docks at Clearville and New Glasgow in Elgin County; he bought the settlers' grain, staves and square timber, also their cattle and other live stock; his energy was many-sided, for he was a successful farmer in addition to all his other ventures. In the troublesome times of '37 Mr. Henry was a supporter of the Government, and was appointed captain of a company, and later a colonel of militia, and took part in battle. He was elected representative to the Sandwich Council, and served as such for ten years. He was also county councilman, and always adhered to the principles of the Conservative party. Both he and his excellent wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to them were: Philip, who was killed at a sawmill at Detroit, Michigan, in 1851; Colin, who died on the homestead; Elizabeth, of Newbury, Ont., widow of H. S. Laird, who was a distiller; John; George, of Huntsville, Alabama, a manufacturer of carbonated drinks, etc.; James N., who died in Florida; Alexander, who died young; and Jesse, of Chicago, Illinois.

On Jan. 3, 1856, in Eagle, County of Elgin, John Henry married Miss Mary Mowbray, who was born at Tyrconnell, County of Elgin, Ont., daughter of Robert and Mary (Wilson) Mowbray, of Scotland, who settled in the County of Elgin and there died. Mr. Mowbray was a school teacher, and although he taught for three years in the County of Kent he maintained his home in the County of Elgin. Mrs. Henry died May 1, 1901, aged sixty-eight years, and was buried in the Duart cemetery. By her marriage with Mr. Henry she became the mother of children as follows: (1) George, a farmer of Clearville, Orford township, with whom Mr. Henry now lives, married Bertha Walker, and has two children, Bertha and John W. (2) Annie died at the age of five years. (3) Robert lives in Detroit, Michigan. (4) Philip J. is one of the leading farmers and cattle dealers of Ridgetown, Ont., owning 500 acres of some of the finest land in the County of Kent, besides being one of the extensive cattle dealers and

shippers of the county. He married Lida Bail, of St. Thomas. (5) William, a picture and frame manufacturer of prominence, residing at Detroit, Michigan, married Susan Corns. (6) John, of Detroit, Michigan, married Margaret E. Frank. (7) Mary R. married R. G. Buchanan, a farmer of Orford township, and has three children, John H., Maud and Mary I. Mr. Henry also has an adopted daughter, whom he reared from childhood, Anna E., now Mrs. Joseph Baldwin, of Detroit, Michigan.

Until he was twenty years of age John Henry remained with his parents, and at that time he began working in the woods, teaming or engaging in any honest labor which promised to bring him wages. His education was self acquired, as he was hard at work at the time he should have been in school. Being very frugal, in time he accumulated sufficient money to purchase a 350-acre farm in the County of Elgin, from his father, and he remained upon this place until 1876, when he removed to Clearville where he has since remained. After the death of his wife, in 1901, he retired from active work on the farm, although he still engages in buying and selling cattle. That line of business he had previously carried on on an extensive scale, and was well known throughout a wide territory, his range of operations including not only Ontario, but portions of the States as well. Mr. Henry has much of his father's enterprising spirit; he has been a farmer and also an extensive dealer in all kinds of live stock. He and his son, Philip J., are known in most parts of Ontario, as heavy buyers of choice cattle, sheep and lambs.

Mr. Henry is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the A. O. U. W., the I. O. O. F., the I. O. F. and the order of Orangemen. In religious matters he is a strict member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also his wife. In politics he is an ardent Conservative, but he has never aspired to public office. Although advanced in years, Mr. Henry is very active, and takes a deep interest in current affairs. Being an excellent story teller, he is often called upon to relate his numerous experiences of the earlier days, and very entertaining they are. Mr. Henry has not only made a success of his own life, but has aided his children, so that all of them are comfortably well fixed, he believing that it is better to see the happiness that money creates than to make heirs wait for death to lift the burden of poverty. Not only is he tenderly loved by his immediate family, but he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the neighborhood, and he is justly accorded a foremost position among the representative men of Orford township.

SAMUEL TURNER, one of the prominent and highly esteemed farmers of County Kent, located in Howard township on Concession 5, Lot 3, was born on this homestead on Christmas Day, 1836, a son of Jeptha and Elizabeth (Spencer) Turner, a pioneer family of this township.

Jeptha Turner was born near Kent Bridge in County Kent, in 1812, while his wife was born in 1816, in England, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Spencer, who came in 1828 to Canada, locating at that time in the vast timbered region which is now the prosperous and cultivated farming land of Concession 5 in Howard township. With a courage and steadfastness which seem almost marvelous to their descendants, they began pioneer life in the new land under very hard conditions. Mrs. Turner and one sister, Ellen, the widow of John Adalman, are all the members left of this old and once numerous family.

Edward and Sarah Turner, the paternal grandparents of Samuel Turner were both born in Germany, and after coming to Canada, settled on the River Thames as early as 1804. They were among the very first families to locate on the banks of the river, receiving land from the English government, under Col. Talbot, and there they lived, labored and died. Their children were: Wyatt, Morris, Seth, Jeptha, Nancy, Ruth, Betsey and Sarah, all now deceased.

Jeptha Turner grew to manhood on the home on the Thames River, and engaged in clearing the farm, and then in cultivating it, until his marriage, in 1835, when he settled on what is the present home, in Howard, which he had purchased from the government at a prior time. The parents began life in a log cabin, where their son Samuel was born, in 1836, and remained upon this place until 1870, when he bought a farm near Wallaceburg, in Chatham township, where he lived until his death in 1898. His widow still survives, and resides with a daughter near Wallaceburg, at the age of eighty-four years. Samuel Turner

was the eldest of their eleven children, the others being: (2) Seth, born at the present home in 1838, is a resident of Chatham; he married Aurilla Thorn, of Howard, and they have a number of children. (3) David, born in 1840, is a resident of Ridgetown; he married Hannah Field, and has a family. (4) Ruth, born in 1842, is the wife of George Pender, of Harwich, and they have several children. (5) Hannah, born in 1845, is the wife of Thomas Peers, of Wallaceburg, and they have a family. (6) Leonard, born in 1847, is a farmer in Chatham township; he married Nancy McDonald, and they have children. (7) William, born in 1849, married Nancy Farslow, and they reside in Chatham. (8) John, born in 1851, married Katie Murphy, of Chatham, and he is a farmer in the State of Michigan. (9) Mary, born in 1854, is the wife of Lock McDonald, and they reside in Dawn, Ont. (10) Henry, born in 1857, married Rosanna McDonald, settled in Chatham township, and there he died, leaving wife and family. (11) The youngest, Jeptha J., died in childhood.

Samuel Turner, as the eldest of this large family, had many cares early devolve upon him. Prior to the death of his father he purchased the old homestead, which he has made one of the very fine farms of the township, has reared a family to be a credit to him, and he is regarded as one of the leading men of his locality. Since his marriage this old home has been his place of residence, and here as years have passed he has continued to improve and make more valuable this pleasant country home. Much of the land remained to be cleared when Mr. Turner took charge of it, and he erected the comfortable and substantial buildings.

In 1856 Mr. Turner was married to Rebecca Glassford, daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Field) Glassford, the latter a daughter of George Field, one of the first settlers in Harwich township. Benjamin Glassford was born in Glengary, Lower Canada, and his wife in County Kent, in 1819. Mr. Glassford was killed by a runaway team, in Chatham, in 1856, a wife and five children surviving him, these being: George, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Angus, of Ashland, Ohio; Rachel, the wife of R. Wynegarden, of Elk Rapids, Michigan; Catherine, wife of James Anson, of Chatham township; and Rebecca, born in 1840, now the wife of Mr. Turner. A family of seven children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner, namely: (1) Elizabeth died in childhood. (2) Nelson, born in 1859, married Dorcas Wigent, a native of the State of Nebraska, and they reside on a farm in Howard; they have children: James, Catherine, Ella and Lena. (3) Seth, born in 1861, died in young manhood. (4) George, born in 1864, learned the trade of jeweler, in Chatham, and engaged in business there for some years, but in 1897 he moved to New Mexico, remaining there one year, moving thence to Old Mexico, where he built up a large jewelry business, and where he died, unmarried, in May, 1901. (5) Jesse, learned the trade of carriage-maker at Chatham, and died, unmarried, in his old home, in 1890. (6) Angus died in young manhood. (7) Katie, born in January, 1873, in the old home, married, in December, 1893, Neil Gosnell, of Orford, son of Christopher Gosnell; they settled in South Detroit, where they lived until January, 1901, when they went to Old Mexico, where Mr. Gosnell took charge of his brother-in-law's jewelry business.

Mr. Turner was reared in the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Turner in the Presbyterian, both of them being active in religious work, and liberal contributors to charitable and benevolent enterprises. Mr. Turner has always been identified with the Conservative party, although he has steadily refused office. Fraternally he is connected with the Order of Orangemen, Botany Lodge, No. 1107, with that exception being connected with no secret organization. Both Mr. and Mrs. Turner are honored members of the community in which they have lived so long.

CHARLES HARRETT, a very prosperous farmer and representative man of Chatham Gore, is a son of the well known Peter Harrett, a retired farmer of Chatham Gore.

Peter Harrett came to his present farm of 100 acres, 3d Concession, in 1873. He was born in the County of Welland, July 20, 1830, son of Azaliah and Mary (Tuttle) Harrett, both of the County of Welland, where they married and engaged in farming. Azaliah Harrett died in 1867, aged seventy-four years, while his wife died in 1871, aged seventy-four years; they were members of the Society of Friends. The founder of the family in Can-

ada was John Harrett, a Quaker of New Jersey. The children born to Azaliah and Mary (Tuttle) Harrett were: Robert, deceased; Mary, deceased, who married David Pound; Susan, deceased; Sarah, unmarried, who resides at Aylmer, Ont.; Hopy, of Fort Erie, widow of Henry Fliege; Abigal, deceased, who was the wife of John Tinkie; John, deceased; Jeremiah, deceased; Azaliah, of Van Buren County, Michigan; and Peter.

On February 10, 1852, in the County of Welland, Peter Harrett married Hulda Bearss, and the children born to them were: Caroline, of Wallaceburg, married Alexander Morningstar; Lucinda, of Sombra, married Albert Fullmer, a farmer; Frank, a farmer of Camden, married Eva Shirk, deceased; Alice married Sanford Burley, a farmer of Windsor, Ont.; Jennie died in infancy; Melvin, of the County of Lambton, married Alice Deacon; Bertha and Jennie, young ladies, are at home; Charles is mentioned below.

Mrs. Harrett was born in the County of Welland, Sept. 3, 1827, a daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Kinzie) Bearss, of Pennsylvania and Welland, respectively. Josiah Bearss was a farmer. He came to Canada with his parents when three months old, and died March 17, 1878, aged eighty-seven years, while his wife died in 1864, aged sixty-seven years; they were members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Edmond; Daniel; Thomas; Virginia; Nelson; John, of Perce, Ont.; Edward, deceased; Benjamin, of Buffalo; Nancy, deceased, wife of John Coke; Mary, deceased, who married Isaac Schooley; Hulda; and Lucinda, of Buffalo, widow of Kenneth Smades. The grandfather of Mrs. Harrett, David Bearss, came from Pennsylvania.

Peter Harrett remained on the homestead for a number of years after his marriage, finally removing to his present home. He has worked hard in clearing it off. For a number of years he has served ably as school trustee, and is a very thrifty, upright and successful farmer. He is one of the sturdy pioneers of the township, and has well borne his part in the development of his locality.

Charles Harrett was born at Bertie, County of Welland, April 20, 1870. He remained with his parents until his marriage to Mary Green, in 1897, in Sombra, Ont. They have had four children: Ella V., Charles S., Clarissa and Mary A. In politics Mr. Harrett is a Reformer.

RICHARD WILLEY, a highly respected farmer, living on a fine farm located in the 7th Concession, Lot 12, County Kent, was born near Port Hope, County Durham, Aug. 28, 1851, a son of George and Mary (Hollowell) Willey, the former of whom was born in Cornwall, England, July 3, 1827, and the latter in 1831.

George Willey was a son of Richard Willey, who came to Canada and settled in County Durham as a pioneer, where he engaged in farming until 1854, when he bought the present home in Howard township—the land at that time being wild—and there he cleared eighty acres and erected comfortable buildings. At that place he died in 1876, his wife passing away in 1872. George Willey had two brothers, Richard and William, deceased, and one sister, Mary, the wife of William Haines, of Port Hope. George Willey and wife were members of the Methodist Church, and were leaders in its work, good and pious people. They were the parents of seven children, Richard Willey, of Howard, being the eldest of the family. The others were: Mary J., born in 1853, in County Durham, is the wife of James Houston, a farmer of Harwich township, and has three children: Flossie, Walter, and Ada; Susan, born in 1856, in County Durham, is the wife of Richard Adams, and they have five children, Roy, Albert, Walter, John and Stanley; Edwin, born in 1859, is a carpenter at Charing Cross, and he married Martha Walker, of Raleigh, by whom he has one son, Clifford; John, born at the present home in 1862, successfully follows fruit growing, in Ridgetown, and he married Debby Serson, and they have three children, Bella, Veda and James; George A., born in 1865, is unmarried and lives with his brother Richard at the homestead; and Emily, born in 1867, is the widow of John Whiteman, but has no family.

Richard Willey was reared in Howard township and received a district school education. After the death of his father, although young in years and experience, he became the manager at the old homestead. Later he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the farm, and continued to operate it, adding thirty

acres to the original tract, and this farm now ranks favorably with any in the township.

In 1883 Mr. Willey was united in marriage with Lizzie Hayes, of Howard, who was born in 1859, daughter of Hugh and Katie Hayes; she grew up in her native township, where she received a fair education. They have had three children: Lottie C., born in 1885, is a student in the Ridgetown High School; Marion Gertrude, born in 1887, died in 1901, at the age of thirteen years; and Hazel, born in 1891, is one of the bright little students in the schools of the vicinity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Willey are consistent, valued and active members of the Methodist Church, the former being one of the trustees, and one of the reliable men of the Church. Like his father, Mr. Willey has always been identified, politically, with the Tory party. As one of the responsible men of his locality, he has been called upon to serve in many offices, has been a trustee of the schools for a long period. Fraternally he belongs to the order of Foresters of Ridgetown, and socially both he and wife find pleasure and recreation as members of the Home Circle order.

CHARLES KEIL, one of Raleigh township's successful farmers and a prominent man in his community, was born in Prussia, July 22, 1826, a son of John Keil, a pressed brick layer, who bore the distinction of being a member of the army of Gen. Blucher when he was on the memorable field of Waterloo and saved the day for Lord Wellington.

Charles Keil grew to manhood in Prussia, and became a miller and millwright by trade. At the age of twenty-seven years he emigrated to Canada and became head sawyer for the Gillmore Lumbering Company, continuing with them for eight years. After leaving the employ of that company, Mr. Keil settled in Raleigh township, there purchasing his present home, to which he added from time to time, until he now has a fine farm of 125 acres. Economy and hard labor, together with the unfaltering assistance of his good wife, brought him prosperity.

In 1854 Mr. Keil was married to Wilhelmena Kroft, who was born in West Prussia, daughter of John and Apolina (Holland) Kroft. John Kroft was a native of Prussia, and by trade was a blacksmith. His death occurred when he was but forty-five years of age, and his wife was the same age when she passed away. Their children were: August, who died in Prussia; Henrietta, who died in Prussia; Wilhelmena, born Dec. 4, 1837; Charles, who became a soldier and died in service; Ernestine, who remained in Prussia; John, a blacksmith of Chatham; and Frederick, who remained in Prussia and became prosperous.

Mr. and Mrs. Keil were reared in the Lutheran faith, but since residing in Raleigh township have attended the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Keil is a Conservative, and a very honorable, upright man. The family born to himself and wife is as follows: Lena, born June 29, 1862, married William J. Rhodes; Emma, born Sept. 15, 1864, married George Baker, of Dresden; Charles, born March 6, 1867, married Miss Rhodes, and is a thrifty farmer of Raleigh township.

NEIL A. McGEACHY, a successful farmer and dairyman of Harwich township, residing on Lot 3, Concession 3, was born in that township, on the same Concession, Dec. 1, 1844, a son of John and Flora (McNaughten) McGeachy, old pioneers of the county.

John McGeachy was born in Scotland in 1800, a son of Neil McGeachy, who died in Scotland. Flora McNaughten was a daughter of John and Johanna McNaughten, who came to Harwich township from Scotland and settled on Lot 10 about 1838. Neil McGeachy had three daughters, Margaret, who married Peter Longwell, and is now deceased; Catherine, who married Peter McKerrell, and settled in Chatham township; and Mary, who married Edward McTaggert, and settled in Virginia, where she died leaving two sons, of whom Edward McTaggert is now a resident of the State of Washington, and Archibald lives on the old homestead in Virginia.

John McGeachy and his wife were reared and married in Scotland, and in 1840 came to Canada via New York on a sailing-vessel, the trip taking six weeks. They settled in the dense forests of the County of Kent and suffered all the hardships incident to pioneer life, but by steadfast industry they brought peace and plenty out of the wilderness and became very prominent people in their locality. John McGeachy died at his home in 1862, and his

wife survived him until 1898. Both were founders and consistent members of the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Chatham. Politically Mr. McGeachy was a Reformer, but he never aspired to municipal office.

John and Flora McGeachy had eight children, and Mr. McGeachy had three children by a former marriage, namely: Mary, the widow of Robert Duff, of Chatham; and Anna and Jennett, both deceased. The children born to the second marriage were as follows: John born in Scotland, is unmarried and lives at Chatham; Jane, born in Scotland, married the late D. W. Huff, of Dresden, Ont., and died leaving no family; Catherine, born in Harwich township, is unmarried and lives in Chatham; Duncan and Neil A. are twins; the former married Mary Huff, of Harwich, is a farmer of Howard township and has four children, Arthur, Edwin, Jennie and Agnes; Daniel died in young manhood; Flora, born in Harwich township in 1850, married Albert Fields, resides in Harwich township and has four children, Grace, Victoria, Stanley and Nellie; Peter, born in the homestead in 1854, still makes his home there, and he married Isabella Bradford, of Canada (they have no children).

Neil A. McGeachy, like all of the family, was educated in the common schools of Harwich township, and learned farming on the old homestead, where he remained until his marriage, in 1874, to Miss Agnes E. Everett, daughter of William and Jane Everett, prominent pioneers of the County of Kent. Mrs. McGeachy was born in January, 1842, at her father's homestead. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McGeachy settled on Lot 12, Harwich township, but after a year purchased 200 acres in Thamesville, on which he erected a large brick house and made many improvements; in 1889, however, he sold this property and purchased a $13,000 farm in Harwich township, known as the Indian Creek farm, and there he and his family still reside.

In addition to his other interests he has long been one of the leading dairymen of Chatham, having thirty-five cows, and carrying on all of the business according to the newest and best methods, and he owns much valuable farm and dairy machinery. His cattle are short horn thoroughbreds. He has been very successful, and his prosperity has been acquired through intelligent effort, hard work and good management.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGeachy, two of them dying in childhood. William A., born in 1875, was graduated from the high school and business college of Chatham, and is at present manager of the Fruit Growers' Association, holding full direction in the Northwest. John A., born in 1879, was educated in Chatham, and is unmarried, residing at the homestead. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. McGeachy are members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Chatham, of which he is one of the leaders, and in which both are very prominent factors. Politically Mr. McGeachy is an Independent, and served as a member of the board of trustees for a number of years. He is also one of the trustees of the Fruit Growers' Association of Harwich township.

WILLIAM GRANT, a retired agriculturist of Dover township, has for nearly half a century prominently identified himself with the industrial and public affairs of his township. Strength in overcoming obstacles, courage in making new ventures, and a persistency in carrying forward each undertaking to a successful issue are among his dominant traits. Mr. Grant is a thorough Scotchman both by birth and ancestry.

William Grant, his grandfather, a shepherd by occupation, passed his life for the most part among the rugged hills of Scotland. There, as a young man, he married Margaret Halliday, and among their children was a son James.

James Grant, father of William, passed his early life in Coldingham, Scotland. In that country he married Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Thomas Brown, a blacksmith, and his wife, Margaret (Blair). Mrs. Grant died in 1888, at the age of eighty-two years, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. Their union was blessed with seven children: William, who is mentioned below; Thomas, a retired farmer, now residing in Detroit, Michigan; John (deceased), who was a prominent contractor and builder of Chatham, Ont.; Peter (deceased), who was a farmer in Iowa; Maggie, who married Jonathan Woodall, a shoemaker of Port Dalhousie, Ont.; Jennie, widow of William Breckenridge, now residing with

her brother Thomas; and Elizabeth, who married Alexander Robertson, a wagon and carriage manufacturer, of Fletcher, Ontario.

Reports of the rapid development of the resources of Canada induced James Grant to leave his native country in 1842, and, coming to County Kent, Ont., he settled in Chatham township, where, prospering in business, he remained until 1870. Then he moved to the State of Illinois, and located upon a farm in Will County. The place proved a most desirable one, yielding good money returns for labor, and he operated it for about twelve years. At the end of the period, however, it seemed advisable to dispose of the property, and in March, 1882, he returned to his farm in Chatham township, and there he remained for the next ten years, carrying on a flourishing industry. Having made exceptionally well out of his ventures, in 1892 he retired from active farm work, and moved to Chatham. He died in 1893, at the age of eighty-six years, and his wife in 1888 at the age of eighty-two years. Both are buried in the Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. Mr. Grant was one of those strong men, whose word carried weight in any community. Far-sighted, energetic and frugal, he was a splendid business man, and he accumulated considerable property. Both he and his wife were long active in religious circles, and devout members of the Presbyterian Church.

William Grant was born in Coldingham, Berwickshire, Scotland, April 24, 1827, and when fifteen years old came to Ontario, and settled in Chatham township. Reared to farm work, upon reaching manhood he chose that occupation for his life work. In Chatham, April 10, 1856, Mr. Grant married Mary McIntosh, who was born in November, 1831, daughter of Robert and Jane (James) McIntosh, the former a prominent farmer and hotel-keeper of Scotland. Mrs. Grant died Jan. 29, 1889, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery in Chatham. To her and her husband were born eight children: James, born June 4, 1857, is a farmer in Dover, Kent; Robert died young; John is mentioned elsewhere; Thomas is a blacksmith, residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan; William is a farmer of Northcote, Minnesota; Robert is a farmer of Dover township; Mary, twin to William, married James Jack, a farmer of Dover township; and Maggie married David Barr, a farmer.

In 1855, the year prior to his marriage, Mr. Grant settled upon a 100-acre farm in Dover township, where he has since resided. He has cleared up new tracts, put large areas under cultivation, and has raised almost every product adapted to the soil. As fast as he has made money he has spared some for improvements, and has equipped the farm with all machinery necessary for economizing labor. Some years ago he erected a handsome brick house, which is still considered one of the finest residences in the township. In 1890, having done his share of hard work, he rtired from his labors, turning over the management of his farm to his son John. He still, however, abides at this fine old homestead.

Mr. Grant's many attainments have long commended him to the esteem of the general public, and for thirty years he served his township faithfully as justice of the peace, evincing much practical knowledge of legal matters, and sound judgment in discharging his duties. Zealous for the advancement of education, he acted as school trustee for twenty-five years. He is a man of marked integrity, of strong religious convictions, and has long been a leader in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is still a member. Politically he affiliates with the Reformers.

THOMAS BROWN, a prosperous farmer and influential citizen of Raleigh township, is a son of Jonathan and Isabella (Stephenson) Brown, both natives of Scotland, and was but a babe when the family crossed the ocean, from Penicuick, Scotland, where he had been born April 25, 1848. He was but two and a half years old when his father brought him to Raleigh township, and left him with an uncle, Charles Clark, of the County of Leeds, Scotland, who died in Chatham, Ont., in April, 1898. The vessel on which Mr. and Mrs. Brown crossed the ocean was shipwrecked on the banks of Newfoundland, and Mrs. Brown was drowned. The father for his second wife married Mary Ferguson, by whom he had four children, namely: Alexander, who is an attorney of Detroit, Michigan; Charles, a farmer in Howard township, County of Kent; James, a hardware merchant of Thamesville, Ont.; and John, a farmer of Howard township.

The father now lives retired on a farm in Howard township, and though past eighty, having been born Dec. 25, 1821, enjoys good health and is quite active.

Thomas Brown has practically spent his life in Raleigh, with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, and his education was received in the excellent schools of the township. After he had attained manhood's estate he purchased the Clark homestead of seventy-eight acres. The first house in which he lived was made of logs, and only one-half was floored, with split logs. His present home, which he built in 1898, is one of the finest modern residences in that vicinity, furnished complete with every modern convenience. Mr. Brown engages in general farming, and makes his land yield good profits upon his investment. His aunt, Mrs. Clark, makes her home with him, and although advanced in years she retains her faculties to a remarkable degree, and enjoys relating incidents of the early days of privation. In politics Mr. Brown is a Grit, but has never aspired to office, his private affairs consuming all his time and attention. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church.

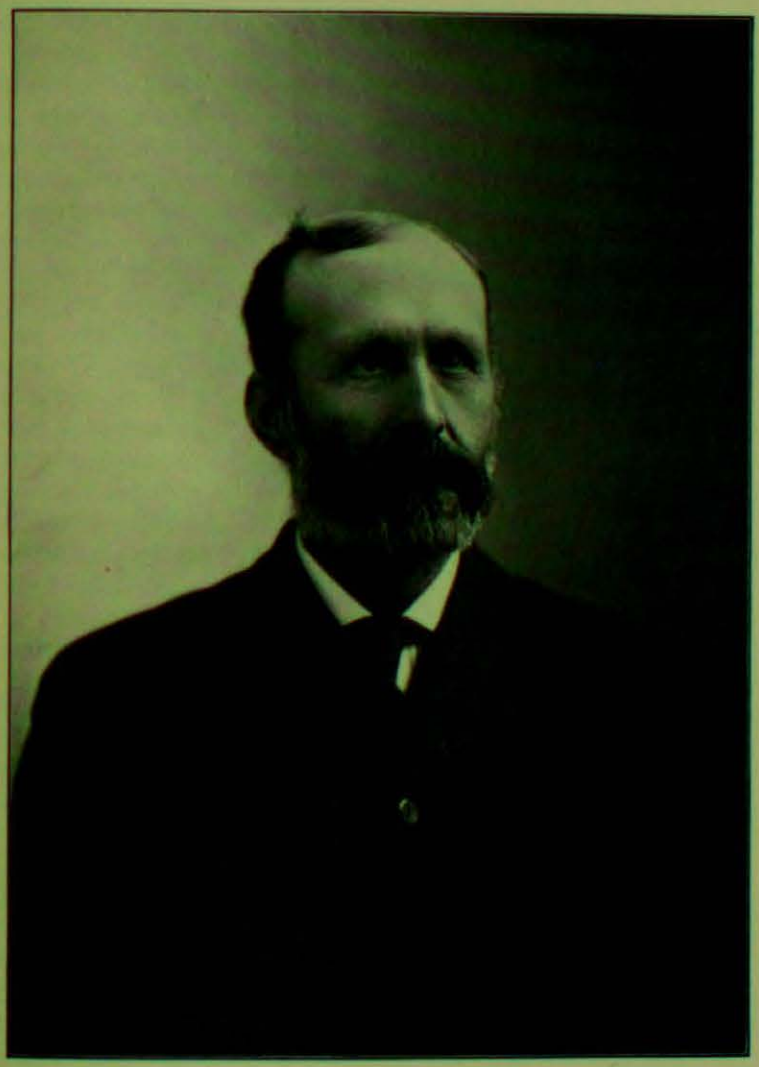
On Dec. 27, 1876, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Lavera Morden, a native of Hyde Park, County of Middlesex, Ont., and to this union have been born: Isabella married Sidney Aldis, of Raleigh township; Ethel married George E. Jordan, of Raleigh township, and has one daughter, Lavera; Gertrude and Thomas are at home. Mrs. Brown was born Sept. 20, 1858, at Hyde Park, daughter of David C. and Margaret (Brown) Morden, the former of whom was born in August, 1831, in Hyde Park, the latter a native of Kent, in which county they were married. Mr. Morden came to Kent in 1868, locating first in Raleigh township, and thence moving to Chatham township, where he engaged in farming. Mrs. Morden passed away in 1882, at the age of forty-four years. She was a member of the Methodist Church, to which Mr. Morden also belongs. They were the parents of four children: Lavera, Mrs. Brown; Laura, wife of Herman Schneider, of Detroit; Agnes, who married William Farr, of Sarnia, Ont.; and May, who married William Nichols, of Chatham township.

Possessed of intelligence, enterprise and thrift, Mr. Brown has been able to grasp every opportunity offered, and to raise himself up on the ladder of fortune. While doing so he has not neglected social virtues, but has made many friends, among whom he is deservedly popular.

DR. PETER NICHOLAS DAVEY, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Orford township, who has been located at Duart since the fall of 1884, was born Dec. 3, 1846, on a farm in the County of Durham, Ont. He is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Bullock) Davey, both of whom were born in Cornwall, England.

The parents of Dr. Davey were brought to Canada in childhood, and they grew up and married in the County of Peterborough, removing to the County of Durham where they lived many years. The father lived retired prior to his death, which occurred in March, 1890, when he was aged seventy-six years; his wife survived until September, 1892, dying at the age of seventy-eight years. They were most excellent people, consistent members of the Methodist Chuch, and were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethesda Church, near Bowmanville, Ont. They were the parents of the following named children: Walter J.; Peter N. and William R., twins, the latter of whom died in May, 1903; Sarah J., wife of David Walker who is in a mining business at Denver, Colorado; and Mary A., who married J. W. McBurnie, a farmer of the County of Durham.

In November, 1888, in the County of Kent, Dr. Davey married Margaret E. Genge, and six children have been born to this union: Ethel G., Edna J., Clarence G., Hazel C., Edith G. and Margaret H. Mrs. Margaret E. (Genge) Davey was born in August, 1864, at her present home in Duart, daughter of Richard S. and Catherine (Patterson) Genge, natives of England and the County of Elgin, Ont., respectively. In 1855 Mr. Genge removed to Duart and engaged in the manufacture of furniture and in undertaking, continuing there until his death, Jan. 2, 1900, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died at the age of forty one years. They belonged to the old-time Baptist Church and were most worthy Christian people. Mr. and Mrs. Genge had these children: Daniel, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Alvinston,



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Ont.; Samuel, John and William, all deceased; Richard, in the lumber business in Michigan; Edwin H., a station agent; Catherine, married to J. G. Leach, who is in the lumber business in Michigan; Sarah, who died young; and Margaret, who became the wife of Dr. Davey.

Until he was nineteen years old, Peter N. Davey attended to farm duties, and pursued his studies in the local schools. He then went to Toronto, where he took the Normal course, becoming an educator himself. For five years he was engaged in teaching in that city, during which time he served in the public, high and model schools, and spent some twenty years in all in the teacher's profession. In 1879 he began the reading of medicine, at Toronto, later entered Trinity College, and was there graduated in 1884. He then continued his medical studies in the celebrated College of Physicians and Surgeons at Edinburgh, Scotland, and successfully passed the examinations in 1884. In that year Dr. Davey located at Duart and has since not only gained eminence in his profession in this part of the County of Kent, but he has also obtained a strong hold on the esteem and affection of a large circle of patients and friends.

Fraternally the Doctor is a Mason of the Royal Arch degree, and also a member of the Foresters, Chosen Friends and Maccabees. In politics he is identified with the Liberal party. He was reared a Methodist, but since locating at Duart has been connected with the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Davey is one of the progressive citizens of that place, and ever since settling there has taken an active interest in the development of her educational possibilities, so that he may be justly termed a thoroughly representative citizen of the County of Kent. His influence may always be depended upon for movements which will benefit the community, and he is very popular. He is one of the best read men of the town, not only in his profession, but on current events and general literature. Dr. Davey has for several years been a member of the board of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, and since 1902 has been chairman of that board.

MARTIN S. SIMPSON, market gardener at Ridgetown for many years, and one of the highly respected citizens of that part of the County of Kent, was born Nov. 10, 1833, in the city of Brantford, Canada, a son of John and Maria (Smith) Simpson, both of whom were from old families of the Dominion.

John Simpson was born Aug. 4, 1798, in Yorkshire, England, and his wife was born Aug. 25, 1798, in the County of Kent, England. They were reared and married in their native country, and in 1821 came to Canada, settling at Brantford, where Mr. Simpson engaged in lumbering, a business he continued to follow through life. At various times he owned real estate in Brantford, and was able to leave property to his family at his death, which took place April 25, 1845; his wife died Sept. 10, 1867. Both parents were followers of the Wesleyan faith and consistent members throughout their lives. They had a family of eleven children who grew to maturity, namely: (1) Fannie, born in England May 19, 1822, was educated in the little log school house at Brantford, and married Mathew Thompson, of that place, and they settled in the County of Oxford. For a few years they were farming people there, and then moved to Grand Bend, Canada, where he died, leaving his widow with a large family, who now reside in the County of Oxford. (2) Maria, born in 1823, married Samuel Crumbach, who was a resident of the County of Oxford until the time of his death, since when she has resided with one of her twelve children, in Buffalo. (3) Hannah, born in 1825, grew up in Brantford and married Jacob Lutz, and they settled in Waterloo, Canada, for some years, and then moved to Howard, County of Kent, where he bought a farm; they lived upon it until their deaths, Mrs. Lutz passing away in November, 1899. Nine children survived. (4) James, born in 1827, married Katie Kertz, of Pennsylvania, and they settled first as farming people in the County of Oxford, but later moved to Sanilac county, Michigan, where he resides with his family on his farm. (5) Sarah, born in 1830, is the wife of Christian Friend, of Philadelphia, and they reside in Kent county, Michigan, and have a family of seven children. (6) John, born in 1832, was reared at the old home, and married Diana Erb, of the County of Oxford; they moved to Kent county, Michigan, soon after their marriage, and settled on a farm, where they have reared a family and prospered. (7) Martin S. is mentioned below. (8) Mary, born in 1835, died unmarried in the County

of Kent. (9) Jane, born in 1837, married John Smith, of the County of Kent, who settled in Ridgetown, where she died in 1888, leaving two children, William and John, merchants at Ridgetown. (10) Eliza is the wife of Ezra Bonham, of Orford, County of Kent, and they have children—Carrie, John, Olive, Jeriah, Mary, Jennie and Nellie. (11) William, born in 1841, married Jane Brown, who died in Ridgetown, leaving three children, James, Lila and Charles. His second marriage was to Anna Goldhawk, a native of England, and they live in Ridgetown.

Martin S. Simpson was the seventh member of the above family. His educational opportunities were of a limited character, as his boyhood came before the free school system was introduced. In early manhood he learned the trade of painter, with John Noble, of Brantford, and this he followed for some fifteen years.

On Jan. 8, 1861, Mr. Simpson married Miss Anna Bricker, the estimable daughter of Moses and Susannah (Groff) Bricker, of the County of Waterloo, Canada. The former was born in April, 1817, and the latter in July, 1820, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of Andrew Groff, who came to Canada from Lancaster County and settled many years ago in the County of Waterloo, where Mrs. Bricker was reared, and where she married in 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Bricker settled in Waterloo township, County of Waterloo, and lived there on a farm until 1841, when they moved to Blenheim, County of Oxford, where he continued to farm until late in life. He then removed to Berlin, Canada, where he died in 1894. His wife died in 1887, leaving one daughter, Mrs. Simpson, who was born in May, 1838, in the County of Waterloo. She received a fair education in the County Oxford schools and grew into estimable and capable young womanhood.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Simpson settled in the village of Washington, County of Oxford, where he worked at his trade until 1866, in which year he bought a farm in Blenheim, County of Oxford, and followed farming until 1882. Then he bought another farm in Howard, County of Kent, which he carried on until 1891, when he bought a fruit farm at Ridgetown. This is land well adapted to the cultivation of all kinds of fruit and Mr. Simpson has succeeded in producing many choice varieties in very satisfying quantities.

Having no children born to them, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, in 1867, adopted a little girl named Mary Head, who grew up in their home as their own. She married William Vowels, of Canada, and they now reside, with their children, in the State of Idaho. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have been active members of the Methodist Church, and he has served for a long period both as trustee and steward. His active interest in the Sabbath-school, as the cradle of the church, made him willing to serve for many years in the capacity of superintendent, and many can recall his words of encouragement and his cheerful explaining away of many of the difficult points of the Scripture lessons. He is very highly respected by all who know him. Politically his convictions have made him a supporter of the Reform party.

JAMES A. IRWIN, who for the past fifteen years has been engaged in agriculture on his attractive 100-acre farm, on Lot 11, Concession 12, Chatham township, comes of a race which has prominently identified itself with the development of the agricultural resources of this country—the determined and energetic Irish stock. His paternal grandfather was the first of this particular line to push out of the repressed and cramped environments of his native soil, and seek to better his fortunes in Canada.

John Irwin, father of James A., was born in Ireland, and at the time his parents settled in Canada, was but six years old. His education was all acquired in this country, and here, too, he received training for his life work. The splendid openings in the agricultural lines decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that occupation, and he followed it at different places throughout the rest of his active career. County Hastings was for the most part his abiding place, and there he had a large farm, which he worked successfully for many years. He was practical, progressive, and an excellent manager, and, as a result, won for himself in time a very solid prosperity. Near the close of his life, March 1, 1876, he moved to County Kent, and there he passed his last days, dying July 12, 1877. Mr. Irwin married Mary A. Robinson, who was born in Ireland, and who is now

living with a son in Chatham township. By this union there were nine children, all of whom are now living. Mr. Irwin was a man of ability who always derived good returns for his labor. Sound judgment, perseverance, courage in undertaking new ventures, and a large capacity for work were among his dominant traits. Possessed also of integrity of character, and many winning social attributes, he won friends for himself at every step in life.

James A. Irwin, the fifth child of John and Mary A. (Robinson) Irwin, was born in County Hastings, in September, 1861. Possessed of a bright and active intellect, he availed himself of every opportunity of cultivating his studies and in the schools of his native county laid a solid foundation in the rudiments. Plenty of work on his father's farm decided him upon starting out for himself to engage in agriculture, and for several years he assisted in the management of the home farm. For the next seven years he passed a varied career, working out in several different places, including one year in Michigan. Now possessed of some means, on Nov. 16, 1888, he purchased the well-improved 100-acre farm, in County Kent, where he has since made his residence. Taking up his work with determination and energy, he soon engaged in many lines of general agriculture, and made well out of his industry. He has since branched out extensively, and has made some marked improvements in the place. Keeping at all times abreast of advancement in his line, he has established for himself a recognized place among the progressive farmers of the county. His fine apple orchard of two acres, which yields large and excellent harvests, is a special mark of his industry and care.

On Jan. 2, 1888, Mr. Irwin married Lydia Fry, of Canada, the third child born to Alfred and Jane (Farwell) Fry. Of this union there have been seven children, six of whom are now living at home: Mary J., James W., Robert F., George E., Hazel M., Ella L. and John A. (who died Oct. 3, 1902, at the age of two years, one month, and twenty-five days). Mr. Irwin is a wide-awake, intelligent farmer, who spares himself neither time nor energy in the perfection of each task. His intelligent grasp of his subject, and his successful methods have won him the confidence of agriculturists far and near. He is a man of irreproachable character, interested in all good works, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a Conservative, he is influential in local politics.

Alfred Fry, father of Mrs. Irwin, born in England, followed the sea for many years. Later he came to Canada, and engaged in sailing on the Lakes. He has since turned his attention to farming, and is now one of the prosperous and influential agriculturists of County Kent. He married Jane Farwell, who was born in Newfoundland, and they had eleven children, nine of whom are now living.

VALENTIN ZIMMER, a prosperous farmer residing on Lot 16, 3d Concession, in Harwich township, was born in Baden, Germany, Dec. 27, 1827, a son of Charles and Mary Zimmer, natives of Germany who lived and died in their native land.

Valentin Zimmer was educated in Germany, and was a good German scholar when he emigrated to Canada and settled in the County of Welland. There he married Miss Mary E. Blank, who was born in Germany in 1832, and they lived in the County of Welland for ten years, then located in the County of Kent, in 1866. Mr. Zimmer worked in a sawmill for two or three years, and then purchased 100 acres of land from Thomas C. Street, and there he and other friends of his nationality started the improvement known as the German Concession of Harwich. He and his wife started their pioneer life in a little log cabin, which was later replaced by a comfortable frame edifice, in 1888, in which he is enjoying life, surrounded by comforts acquired by his efforts. He has cleared off two fine farms, one of which belongs to his son and adjoins his homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmer are the parents of the following named children: Charles, born in 1856, married Julia Gerber, and they reside on his farm in Harwich; they have children—Fred, Lizzie, Josephine, Rose, Wilfred and Eugene. John, born in 1858, married Mary Gillar, and they reside in Harwich township, adjoining the homestead farm; their children are, Albert, Sebastian, Louisa, Frank Ambrose, Joseph, Edna and Bertha. Mary, born in 1860, married Sebastian Gillar, and they live in Harwich township; they have children as follows—Joseph, Willie, Angella, Leo and Francis. Valentine, born in Harwich, married Bar-

bara Gerber, and they reside in that township, near the old homestead; they have children—Clara, Olive, Harry, Edward and Mertle. Teressa (deceased) married George Guber, who settled on the 4th Concession in Harwich, and she left children—Mary, William, Ella, Arthur, Della, Clara and Ida. William married Miss Magdalene Lachine, of Harwich township; they lived on the 5th Concession, where he died leaving children—Eva, Reginald, Mabel and Thomas. Joseph married Lizzie Gerber, of Harwich, and resides on a part of the old homestead; his children are Marcus, Harold, Loretta and Beatrice. Edward, born in 1872, married Abbie Roesch, daughter of Lewis and Mary A. (Zink) Roesch, old and substantial farmers of Harwich township; Mrs. Zimmer was born in that township in 1881, and they reside at the old homestead, where Edward acts as manager. Cecilia, born in 1875, married John Guber and they reside in Chatham; they have one child, Saraphine, born in 1903.

Valentin Zimmer is a Conservative politically, but has never aspired to public office. The entire family are connected with the Catholic Church, in which they take an active part. When Mr. Zimmer came to Canada he was a young man entirely without means, but possessed of an unusual degree of energy and perseverance, and he now is one of the most prosperous farmers of his locality. His fine farm, one of the best in the County of Kent, has been developed through his efforts from wild land. He and his wife have reared a family that is a credit to them and trained their children to be honorable men and women, able to bear their own part in the struggle of life and support the best interests of whatever community they may happen to become citizens of. A life such as that of Mr. Zimmer points an excellent moral to the rising generation of the reward sure to be paid to honest industry and tireless energy.

DUNCAN P. McPHAIL, M. D., physician and druggist of Highgate, Orford township, County of Kent, came to that place in 1887 from his birthplace, Iona Station, Dunwich township, County of Elgin, Ont. He is a son of Hugh and Mary (Paterson) McPhail, of the County of Elgin, the father, now (1904) eighty-one years of age, living retired on the homestead. The mother died April 1, 1902, aged seventy-five years. Hugh McPhail has been a justice of the peace many years, and was also township councillor for several years. In religious belief he is an adherent of the Baptist Church, to which his wife also belonged. They were the parents of the following named children: Alexander, who is postmaster at Alvinston, Ont.; John, a farmer of the County of Elgin; Hugh, a farmer on the old homestead; Daniel, who died after growing to manhood; Arthur, who died at the age of seventeen years; Sarah, wife of Duncan McCallum, a retired farmer of Glencoe, Ont.; Eliza, who married John Mitchell, of Iona, Ont.; Duncan P.; Christina, unmarried, at home; and Minnie, unmarried and at home.

Duncan P. McPhail remained at home on the farm with his parents until he was seventeen, rounding out his literary education with a course at the St. Thomas and St. Catharine's Collegiate Institutes. He then took up teaching, following that calling in the Counties of Elgin, Middlesex and Lambton, and meantime began reading medicine with Dr. Marlatt, of Alvinston, now of St. Thomas. He was successful in that calling, having been principal of the Alvinston public schools, when he left to give all his attention to medicine. He entered Trinity Medical College, Toronto, from which he graduated in 1887, and he was one of the few to receive first honors from that college. After practicing in Highgate for seven years he took a post graduate-course in the Post Graduate school at New York, and has ever since devoted himself to his calling; since 1890 he has been coroner of the County of Kent. His standing is among the most successful medical men of the county, for he enjoys a large practice, and in addition he has a lucrative drug business, which he has carried on since 1897. In that year he built his fine brick store in Highgate, where his office is established. He is progressive and up-to-date in all that relates to his profession, as well as in all that concerns the public welfare, and is regarded in the community as a man worthy of the respect he receives.

Dr. McPhail is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, in which he has advanced to the Knight Templar degree; he is also a member of the A. O. U. W., the I. O. F. and the C. O.



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F. In politics he is a Liberal, taking an active part in local affairs, and he has served upon the school board for the past three years. In religious matters he subscribes to and attends all the churches.

JOHN VAN HORN, a prosperous retired farmer of Harwich, living on Lot 13, was born at his present home on the river Thames, March 7, 1834, a son of Daniel and Mary (Sims) Van Horn, prominent people of that locality.

Daniel Van Horn was born in New Jersey in 1794, and his wife was born in Canada in 1806. The family was founded in America by Daniel Van Horn's father, Cornelius Van Horn, who emigrated from Holland to New Jersey prior to the Revolutionary war. Some of his sons were soldiers and officers in this war, and a branch of this family are among the wealthy residents of New York. Cornelius Van Horn and his family all lived and died in New Jersey except his son Daniel, father of John Van Horn, who migrated to Canada in 1825, and purchased 100 acres of land on the Thames river, erecting a log cabin on the wild land. Here he and his wife lived many years, until he built the present comfortable home. In December, 1831, he married Mary Sims, who died in December, 1853 He later married Mrs. Mary A. (Cook) Smith, who came from Long Island, and who died in 1902, leaving no children.

John Van Horn was the only child born to his father. He grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving a good education in the public schools. In 1854 he married Amelia Gammage, who was born in Canada, of a good English family, and she was his adviser and faithful helpmate until her death, April 29, 1883. The children of this union were as follows: (1) Daniel, born in February, 1856, married Annie Irene Vasburg, of Harwich, daughter of William and Elizabeth Vasburg, the former of whom was born in Harwich in 1827, and the latter in the County of Essex in June, 1833; after some years spent in Harwich they removed to De Kalb county, Illinois, where they died, and Mrs. Van Horn and a sister Emma, now Mrs. Bean, of Alberta, are the only members of this family residing in Canada, the remainder being in the States. Daniel Van Horn resides with his father, being manager of the farm. He and his wife have one son, Albert E., born in June, 1883, who was married Dec. 16, 1903, to Miss Maud Williston, and is residing at home. (2) John W., born in February, 1858, married Elizabeth Delion, of Canada, in May, 1899, and they reside in Zone township, near Bothwell, on a farm; they have no children. (3) Mary E., born Dec. 4, 1859, now deceased, married Rev. Paul Huff, a Methodist minister of Michigan, where his wife died leaving five children—Abram, Raymond, Amelia, Clayton and Edwin. (4) Laura E., born May 16, 1862, married John W. Mulligan, a resident of Chatham, and has one son, Joseph. (5) Sophia E., born Feb. 24, 1873, married C. J. McMullen, in August, 1895; they reside in Chatham, where he is a machine agent, and they have two children, Jessie M. and Clayton R. (6) Albert S., born in January, 1869, died in 1883.

Mr. Van Horn was the first fruit grower on the river Thames, and has devoted himself to that branch of agriculture with marked success. He also founded the first cheese factory in Harwich. A large portion of the homestead was cleared by Mr. Van Horn, who has always been exceedingly energetic, and interested in all matters calculated to benefit the community at large, as well as those which result only in his own advancement. While he has always been a stanch Conservative he has never taken any active part in political life, preferring to exert his influence as a private citizen. Mr. Van Horn and his family are members of the Christian Church, and his wife died in that faith. He is one of the charter members of the Masonic fraternity at Chatham, organized in 1858, and is also a member of the Royal Arch and Chapter degrees of that order. Mr. Van Horn is one of the pioneers of the County of Kent, and has been identified with its best interests for many years, as was his father before him, and the respect in which he is held is but the just reward of his many manly traits of character and upright life.

GEORGE J. LANE, one of the substantial and highly respected retired farmers of Howard township, residing on Lot 87, was born June 20, 1829, in Buckingham, England, a son of William and Mary Lane, who lived and died in England.

In 1837 George J. Lane came to Canada,

from the State of New York, where he had lived for a few years previously, and six years later his sister, Mrs. Thomas Higby, came to Morpeth. She is now a widow and resides at St. Thomas. These are the only members of the Lane family settled in Canada. In 1853 Mr. Lane was united in marriage with Miss Frances M. Shuburg, daughter of Francis and Nancy (Martin) Shuburg, and a member of one of the old pioneer families of the county. Mrs. Lane was born in 1826, at the present home, in which her father settled, soon after the close of the war of 1812, in which he was a participant. Mr. Shuburg was one of those who took up land from Col. Talbot, who was the agent for the English government, and, like his neighbors, built his cabin in the woods and took up the arduous life of the pioneer. This place he cleared, improved and cultivated, although an early death cut short what promised to be a very successful career. His death occurred in 1830, and he left a wife and three daughters, the farm of 200 acres being divided between them. Eleanor Shuburg, the eldest, was born in 1819, and married Leon Pauline, of Lower Canada. They settled on a part of her inheritance and lived there until within a few years, she moving to London after the death of her husband. Her children were: Frank, Peter, Leon, Agnes, Maria, Maggie and Mary, who was the wife of John Walters, of Howard. The second daughter of Mr. Shuburg, Jane, was born in 1823, and is the widow of William Walters. They lived on a part of the old homestead and had children as follows: William A., born in Howard, married Miss Lizzie Spencer, and they reside near his mother on the farm; they have one daughter, Dora Walters. Alice, who married James Quitge of Detroit, has six children, Ada, Percy, Reginald, Irene, Hazel and Alva. Albert, who married Lizzie Bevan, settled on a farm in Howard, near Morpeth, and they have three children, Osten, Ethel and Mary. Adaline is the wife of David Beadle, who resides at the old Shuburg homestead, and has one son, Dewey Beadle.

Frances Maria Shuburg, the third daughter, grew to womanhood in the old home. After her marriage with Mr. Lane they settled, in 1854, on her portion, one-third of the homestead, on the side road west, on Lot 87. There Mr. Lane erected a fine brick residence, good barns and outbuildings and made one of the fine homes of the section. The air of solid comfort which prevails, combined with the neatness of all the surroundings, makes the place very attractive. Until the death of Mrs. Lane this was a home where trouble seldom entered. The family was bereaved on Aug. 19, 1894, when Mrs. Lane passed away, leaving three children: (1) William, the eldest, was born in 1854, and grew up at the home, where he engaged in farming for some years. He married Miss Laura Easterly, a lady of Oxford, and they now reside in Detroit, where he is engaged in business as a barber, having been obliged to give up farming on account of poor health. His children are Mina, Charles, Ethel and May. (2) Francis, who was born in 1869, grew up in the comfortable old home and married Miss Maggie Young, a lady of Harwich, and they now live on a farm in Raleigh; their children are Mary, George, Edward and Arthur. (3) Matilda A., who was born in September, 1861, grew to gracious young womanhood in the shelter of this pleasant home and was afforded a good education. Her advantages were all that her parents could give, and that their care and affection was not misplaced she proved when her mother became an invalid, and for six years the cares of the household rested upon her shoulders. In September, 1901, she was united in marriage with Louis H. Bentley, who was born and reared in Howard and is a most estimable and capable young man; he now manages the homestead farm. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bentley.

The Lane family is one of those known as the bulwarks of the Church of England, and they are prominent in all the social life of the locality. In political sentiment Mr. Lane is a Reformer, and he has held a number of municipal offices in Howard. In his community he is almost universally known, and is as universally respected. His exemplary life has been lived before his fellow-citizens, and they have found nothing in it but integrity and high moral standards. His life has by no means been one of ease, for he has earned the comforts which surround him in his declining years. To the outside world he is just and generous, while to his own he is more than kind. Mrs. Lane was a woman of character, and possessed many

Christian virtues. She is still affectionately remembered in the neighborhood outside the family circle. Her influence was elevating, her example was inspiring, and she filled the ideal of a perfect wife and mother.

GEORGE HENDERSON, a successful general farmer and leading citizen of Harwich township, County Kent, owns a fine farm of 200 acres on Lot 20, 3d Concession. He was born in County Huron, Ont., Feb. 11, 1853, a son of Peter and Jane (Ryrie) Henderson, of Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland, respectively.

Peter Henderson and wife were married in County Huron, where he engaged in farming for about thirty-three years. He died May 23, 1873, aged sixty-two years. The widowed mother resides on the old homestead in County Huron, now aged eighty-three years. Like her husband, she early connected herself with the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were: Christiana, of Plover, Iowa; Catherine, who died at the age of fourteen years; George; Dr. Thomas R., a physician of Detroit, Michigan; Peter, a farmer and Sunday School teacher of Plover, Iowa; Jane Ann, who married Asa Palmer, a farmer of Kincardine, Ont.; William, a physician of Detroit, Michigan; Agnes, who married Rev. John Hall, a Presbyterian minister of North Dakota; James, a miller of Duluth, Minnesota; Catherine, who married Charles Manning, a barber of North Dakota; and Mary, who married John Neilson, a farmer of Indiana.

In January, 1875, Mr. Henderson married, in County Huron, Elizabeth Ann Blatchford, and the children born to this union were: William, a farmer of Chatham township; Frank, Wilbert, Albert, Ethel, Westley, Laura, Roy, Beatrice, James, Nelson, Gordon and Allen, all at home, and Clarence, deceased. Mrs. Henderson was born in County Huron, and she died in Chatham township Feb. 25, 1903, aged forty-seven years, and her remains were interred in McVickers cemetery. She was a daughter of Richard and Rebecca (Cole) Blatchford, of Devonshire, England, who removed to County Huron in 1853, and became pioneer farmers of that locality.

Mr. Henderson remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age, and then worked among the farmers for some time, but prior to his marriage he rented a farm in County Huron, and lived upon it for three years. At the expiration of that time he went to County Lambton, and there purchased a farm of fifty acres of wild land. In three years he sold this and moved to Chatham township, buying forty acres of wild land, fourteen acres of which had been cleared. Here he remained twelve years, adding fifty acres to the original purchase. He then removed to another farm in the same township, consisting of fifty acres, and from 1890 to the spring of 1903, he operated both farms, but in that year sold both and purchased his present farm in Harwich township. He still owns a farm of 100 acres in Chatham township, and is justly regarded as one of the substantial men of the county. He is one of the most liberal supporters of the Baptist Church, upon the services of which he is a constant attendant, and his political views make him a stanch Reformer. Energetic, a good manager, and one who understands thoroughly the business of farming, Mr. Henderson has made a success of his work, adn gained the respect of his neighbors.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, a prominent and successful farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 12, town line range, was born July 1, 1838, in Yorkshire, England, a son of Robert and Elizabeth Taylor.

Mr. Taylor's parents were natives of Yorkshire, England, the father born in 1812, and the mother in 1815. They were married in England, and emigrated to Canada in 1855, coming in a sailing-vessel, via Quebec. For a time they lived at Port Hope, and later lived for ten years at Durham, engaged in farming. The next change was the removal to Harwich, County of Kent, where Robert Taylor purchased 100 acres on the creek road. Here he made his home during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1872; his wife survived him until 1900. They were consistent members of the Church of England. On the property he bought Mr. Taylor erected substantial buildings, and brought the land into a good state of cultivation. In politics he was a Conservative. Four sons and three daughters were born to these worthy people: Thomas, born in England in 1836, is unmarried and resides on

the old homestead. William is mentioned below. Sarah J., born in England in 1840, married Duncan McCoig, of the 10th Concession, Harwich, and they have a family. Elizabeth, born in England in 1843, married John Clark, of Howard, and both are deceased (they left four children, James, Anne, Mary E. and Rosella). Robert, born in 1846, married Louisa Hamil, daughter of Robert Hamil, of Ridgetown, and they reside on the home farm (they have four children, Arthur, Ernest, Ethel and Edith). Mary A. died when still a young woman. John, born at the old homestead in 1852, learned the trade of machinist and is now employed at Detroit in the car works; he married Miss Sarah J. Middlemiss, of Canada, and they have two sons, Edward and Guy.

William Taylor received his education in the schools of England and Canada. He was reared upon his father's farm and early in boyhood decided to embrace an agricultural life, which he has continued to follow ever since. In May, 1860, he was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Cameron, of Howard, daughter of Allen Cameron, one of the pioneers of the County of Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor settled in a little log house after their marriage, and began the difficult work of clearing their property of the brush which covered it. In time this was accomplished, and a substantial frame house replaced the more primitive one of their early days. Gradually the property improved until it become one of the finest farms in Harwich township, and Mr. Taylor's success has been obtained through his own industry and thrift.

Mrs. Jessie Taylor died at their home in June, 1874, leaving six children: Albert, born in Harwich in 1861, is now a resident of Idaho; he married Etha L. Wise, and has four children. Allen, born in 1862, is unmarried, and at home. Mary, born in 1864, married Prideau Wigle, a wine merchant of Kingsville, Ont.; they have no family. Euphemia, born in 1866, married Alex. MacIntosh, of Kent, and they have one daughter. Christina, born in 1868, married Dougal McCoig, and lives in Howard township; they have one daughter. Annie, born in 1872, married Arthur Alexander, resides in Howard, and has one son.

In 1875 Mr. Taylor married Miss Catherine McVicar, of Harwich, who died in 1893, leaving seven children: Barbara, a resident of Detroit; Elizabeth, who married Dougal Leitch, a manufacturer of Ridgetown, and has one daughter, Catharine; Jeanette, unmarried, at home; Ida, unmarried; Laura, a student in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown; William R., unmarried, and at the old home; and Ella May, at home. Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which she was an active worker until the time of her death.

Politically Mr. Taylor has been identified with the Conservative party, and for a number of years has acceptably held the position of trustee of schools. Upright in all his dealings, with charity toward all and malice toward none, Mr. Taylor is peacefully enjoying the fruits of a useful, well-spent life, surrounded by children and friends, and no man in all of the County of Kent stands higher in public estimation than he.

ALEXANDER YOUNG. Probably few names are better or more widely known in the County of Kent than that borne by Alexander Young, one of the prominent and substantial residents of Harwich township. He was born April 3, 1844, son of George and Janet (Robertson) Young.

George Young was born Feb. 19, 1809, in Roxburghshire, Scotland, on the banks of the river Tweed, and died on Aug. 14, 1890, at the age of eighty-one years. He was the only son of Charles Young and Agnes Nisbet. His father being accidentally killed three months before he was born, he lived principally with an uncle, and went to school until he was ten years of age, when he removed to Paisley and assisted in keeping a toll-gate for a couple of years. Going to Glasgow at the age of twelve, he was apprenticed to a cabinet maker and builder for a term of seven years. Having completed his apprenticeship he worked a year or two as a journeyman, acquiring the reputation of being one of the best mechanics in the city. He soon commenced as a master builder, at what was then considered an unusually early age, entering into partnership with John Stewart. They carried on an extensive business as cabinet makers and builders. Between 1830 and 1840 Mr. Young erected or superintended many of the finest blocks in Glasgow and so high did he stand as an architect and builder that when, in 1836, the city contemplated the erection of new public buildings, he was chosen to visit



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some of the principal cities of England, including London, Liverpool and Manchester, to inspect their public buildings and report on same. His plans and suggestions were adopted. Dissolving the partnership mentioned he carried on the business himself, owning his own quarries and lumber yard, and employing from three to five hundred men. He took a leading part in all affairs tending to promote the political and commercial interests of the city of Glasgow, and the corporation rewarded him by presenting him with the freedom of the city, an honor he regarded with just pride as long as he lived.

Mr. Young was an enthusiastic Radical, active in politics, and the great political movement which resulted in the Reform Bill of 1832 found in him a fearless and untiring advocate. Glasgow at that time held a high place among the cities of Britain for the wealth and intelligence of its working classes, and thousands would be affected by the bill. As delay after delay occurred in the passing of the Bill by the Government Mr. Young always declared that he had worked day and night to keep some of the hotter headed ones from breaking out in open rebellion, and by his quick and determined decision he stopped a riot that had in contemplation the wreck of a number of houses belonging to high Tory gentry. The night before the news came of the final passing of the Bill excitement ran to a tremendous height. All the people of the town remained on the street all night, and when in the morning the news came that the Bill had passed the people, true to their Scottish character, quietly dispersed after having decided to hold a monster demonstration and procession of all the Trades and Guilds of the city. To Mr. Young was given the honor of walking at the head of the Trades procession.

Another great work in which Mr. Young was interested in his early manhood, the restoration of the Andersonian Institution, should be mentioned here. John Anderson, a professor of Natural Philosophy in Glasgow, left a sum of money in the year 1795 to establish a school for the education of mechanics, which afterward received the name of the Andersonian Institution. At first the Institution was not well patronized and the funds were insufficient. About the year 1825 Lord Brougham visited Glasgow, and by his writings and lectures on behalf of popular education aroused the enthusiasm of a number of wealthy men in the city to revive the Institute. George Young, then a young man of eighteen, was asked to co-operate and stir up the mechanics to take an interest in the Institute. Some of the master minds of the country were employed to give lectures, and Mr. Young was thrown greatly into their company. Among others were Dr. Andrew Ure, the scientist; Sir Archibald Allison, the historian; Sir William Hamilton, the metaphysician, and Rev. Dr. Eadie. These men then gave mostly free lectures at that time. Mr. Young threw his whole energy into the work and the first Mechanics Institute was organized in connection with the other work. From a small beginning the institution has grown until Anderson's University of Glasgow ranks today as one of the most famous seats of learning in Europe, with its fifty professors and three or four thousand students.

In the year 1841 a disastrous fire occurred in Mr. Young's workshops and lumber yard, and he lost so heavily that he determined to give up the business and emigrate, that being his third and most serious fire inside of two years. The British Government was building a harbor and twelve ships in New Zealand, and he was offered the position of overseer at a high salary, but he declined, having decided to come to Canada. He made the trip in 1842, in a sailing vessel. Before he left the Corporation gave him a public dinner, and when he came to the wharf to embark for Liverpool almost all the men that had ever worked for him were there to see him off. Landing in Quebec he came up the Lakes to Windsor, then on to Chatham, at that time a straggling village. The same year he bought the property in Harwich where he resided until his death, comprising two lots on the creek road, about ten miles from town. There were very few settlers when he came. The road between his place and Chatham was only a track through the woods. A man had been on the place he bought five or six years and had a log house and stable and a few acres cleared. A year or two after he came Mr. Young started to build a house, which still stands. He drew part of the logs to Arnold's mill, on the river Thames, but cut the joists and rafters and all the large timber by hand, with whip-saw.

Shortly after he came to the country, Mr. Young was appointed superintendent of schools for Harwich, and all his life took a great inter-

est in educational affairs, being for many years a high school trustee for the county. He was one of the leaders in the establishing of a county grammar school, was elected a trustee by the county council in 1864, and served until 1884, when the school came exclusively under town management for a few years. From the time of his settlement in the county until his death George Young was a conspicuous figure in the history of the section, and was intimately associated with all the progressive movements which had so much to do with advancing the welfare of the county. Before the year 1850 Essex, Kent and Lambton were joined together for municipal purposes under the name of the Western District. The meetings were all held at Sandwich. In 1843, shortly after coming to the county, he was elected a member of the old Western District council (which comprised many prominent men of the day), and served until that system was abolished in 1850. At the first election held under the municipal act in January, 1850. Mr. Young was chosen a member of the first council and in 1852 he was elected reeve. He retained a seat in the county council (with the exception of the years 1857 and 1859) until 1867, when the reeves were elected by direct vote of the people instead of being chosen by the councilors. In 1867 he was elected reeve, was re-elected in 1868, and with occasional intervals of a year continued to hold the office until 1878, when he retired from public life on account of advancing age. In 1864 and 1865 he served as warden, in that incumbency succeeding his warm friend, James Smith, of Camden. At the time of his retirement Mr. Young was entertained at a public dinner by his old constituents and friends, and was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane in friendly recognition of his services. During all those years he only missed two meetings from any board and that because of sickness. He was counted an authority on all matters connected with municipal law. In 1852 Mr. Young was appointed clerk of the Fourth Division Court for Kent, by Judge Wells, and he continued in that office until within a few years of his death, resigning in 1888. With the exception of Sheriff McKerrall he was the last survivor of the old commissioners for Kent when it was a part of the old Western District. We take the following from an article published in a local paper at the time of Mr. Young's death:

"Mr. Young superintended the erection of the present court house and gaol in 1849, and had entire management of the work, none of his colleagues wishing to interfere when they had such a master amongst them. He also superintended the building of the old grammar school, and it is worthy of note, that although 40 years old both are still substantial structures, so thoroughly was the work executed. He also laid the stone pavement on King street, and the main sewer, early in the fifties. In 1870 he superintended the Rond Eau harbor works for the government. Indeed, for twenty or thirty years he was the general architect for all public structures, drawing plans and specifications for town halls, bridges and many other public works in all parts of the county.

"Politically Mr. Young was a thorough Liberal, and took an active part in many of the political contests in the County. On several occasions he was spoken of as the Reform candidate, but he steadfastly refused political honors.

"The influence of such men as George Young will long be felt, and the world has been made better by his life. A man of untiring industry and strong will, he resolutely set out in every undertaking with a determination to succeed, setting an example to be especially commended to the young men of the present day."

In 1832 Mr. Young was married, at Glasgow, to Janet Robertson, who was born in 1809, daughter of Alexander Robertson, of Glasgow. She died several years before Mr. Young in 1879. A family of nine children was born to this union, namely: Rachel was born in 1832, in Scotland, and received part of her education there; she married John Coutts, a prominent farmer of Tilbury township, and both are now deceased; their surviving children are John, Janet, Annie, George, William, Rachel, Mary, Richard, James and Edgar. Agnes, born in Scotland in 1834, died in young womanhood, on the present farm. Elizabeth, born in 1836 in Scotland, married Theophilus McCarroll, of Chatham, where she died, leaving two sons, George and Theophilus. Jessie, born in 1837, resides with her brother on the old homestead. George E., born in 1839, learned the trade of cabinet maker, worked a few years at the same

in Cincinnati and returning to Chatham, engaged in a grocery business until 1901, when he removed to Los Angeles, California; he married Maria Brodie, of Chatham, and has one son, George A., of Chatham. Isabella, born in 1841, married Peter McKerrall, of Chatham township, and has three sons, Dougald, George and Peter. Alexander is mentioned below. Marion, born in 1845, in Harwich, died in 1860, aged fifteen years. Richard, born in 1849, married Miss Isadora Mitton, sister of E. D. Mitton, one of Ridgetown's prominent citizens, and they reside on Concession 13, adjoining the farm of Alexander Young; they have children, Dora, (wife of Sidney Cooper, of Harwich); Lena, Eva, Arthur, Edgar, Edith and Hazel. George Young, the father, was one of the founders and strong supporters of the Presbyterian Church in Harwich.

Alexander Young was reared on the old homestead and obtained his education by attending school in the winter months. His summers were devoted to farm work. Mr. Young is a practical farmer having devoted his whole life to that vocation. In November, 1879, he married Miss Flora McLain, daughter of Robert and Agnes McLain, who were born and reared in Scotland, where the father was killed by an accident. Mrs. Young was born in 1861 and came to Canada in 1875. For eighteen years Mr. Young managed the affairs of the old homestead prior to his marriage. He gave devoted filial care to his parents as long as they lived, and tenderly waited upon his mother, who was a cripple for sixteen years. Since purchasing the old homestead, Mr. Young has made many improvements upon it, has adopted new methods and uses modern machinery, and has one of the most attractive homes in County Kent. He and his wife are leading members of the Presbyterian Church, which they liberally assist in supporting. Politically he is a Reformer, and has always taken an active and an intelligent interest in political work. His personal standing his high in his community and he is justly ranked with the representative men.

SALEM RUTH, one of the prominent and much respected business citizens of Ridgetown, is a member of one of the early settled pioneer families of the Dominion, one which gave to this locality a number of worthy individuals who have attained prominence in various walks of life, and have, in turn, honorably perpetuated a respected name.

Mr. Ruth was born Dec. 17, 1835, in the County of Lincoln, Ont., and his parents were Jacob and Leah (Snyder) Ruth, the former of whom was born in Canada in 1802, and the latter in 1804. Jacob Ruth was a son of Henry and Mary (Overholt) Ruth, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, and who in 1797 came to Canada, settling in the County of Lincoln at a time when the land was still uncultivated and life was lived in most primitive style. His children were: John; Jacob; Nancy, the wife of Malcolm Smith; Isaac; Mary, the wife of Nelson Boughner; Margaret, wife of Rev. Mr. Vanloon, a Baptist minister; and Henry, born in Canada, who went to the States when a young man, settled at Quincy, Illinois, engaged in a mercantile business and became wealthy; his one daughter still resides there.

Henry Snyder, the maternal grandfather of Salem Ruth, came to the County of Lincoln from New Jersey and was one of the early settlers.

Jacob Ruth was the second son of his father. He remained at the home in the County of Lincoln until his marriage, in 1825, when he moved to the County of Wellington and there bought land in the forest, where he remained for eight years, engaged in farming. Returning to the old home in the County of Lincoln, he lived retired until his death, in 1886, his widow surviving until 1897. Both were consistent members of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Ruth belonged to the Reform party.

Jacob Ruth and wife left a family, of whom we have record as follows: (1) Maria, the eldest, was born in the County of Wellington in 1825, married Charles Jarvis, of Brantford, Canada, and died leaving children, Clarence, Charles, Jacob, Anna and Minnie. (2) Mary, born in 1827, married Henry Elcy, and they reside in Manitoba; their children are Harry, Frank, Jacob, Charles, John and Maggie. (3) Henry, born in the County of Wellington, in March, 1831, grew up on the homestead in the County of Lincoln, and in 1853 married Almyra Churchill, of the County of Lincoln, daughter of James Churchill, of the State of Vermont; they settled first in the County of Welland, Ont., where he engaged in farming, three years later returned to the old home, and

there followed farming for eight years, moving then to Cass county, Michigan, and in 1883 to Cavalier county, North Dakota, where he took up a homestead and still resides; they have had a family of seven children, William (of Michigan), Jane (wife of Lewis Phelps, of Michigan), Gussie (wife of Edmund Segar, of North Dakota), Ella (deceased wife of William Edwards, of North Dakota), Frank (who died in young manhood), Laura (wife of Isaiah Ebie, of Dakota) and Harry (at home, unmarried). (4) Salem, born in 1835, is mentioned below; (5) Edward, born in 1837, moved to Buffalo when a young man and there engaged in work at his trade of carpenter; later he enlisted for service during the Civil war, in the 21st New York Regiment, was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, and took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Cedar Mountain and others. He was discharged on account of wounds, returned to the County of Lincoln, married Minnie Tufford, of Canada, and settled there for some years. He then moved to Chicago, and from there to southern Missouri, where he died in 1901. His wife died in Chicago. The seven children of their family, now living in Oaklawn, near Chicago, are Fred, Maggie, Rose, Hugh, Jacob, Henry and Leah. (6) Abner, the youngest member of the family, born in Canada, married Mary A. Clemmens, and they now reside in Alberta, Canada, where he is engaged in ranching; his family consisted of five daughters and five sons, Charles, Edward (deceased), Fred, Jesse and John.

Salem Ruth grew to manhood in the old home in the County of Lincoln, where he received a district-school education, and then learned the trade of tinner at Brantford. In 1864 he married Marion Gordon, a daughter of James and Margaret Gordon, of the County of Haldimand, one of the old Scotch families. Mrs. Ruth was born in 1837. Mr. Ruth first settled in Newbury, County of Middlesex, where he followed his trade until 1876, and during that and the succeeding year he engaged in lumbering on Georgian Bay, moving to Ridgetown in the latter year. Here he engaged in the tinning and hardware business until 1890, when he turned his attention to fruit culture on land adjoining his home in Ridgetown, where he is at present so occupied, also being in partnership with his son in the manufacture of the Acetylene Excelsior and Machine Generator, of which his son Lewis is the inventor, and which was patented in the Dominion and the States in January, 1900. The business is already a large one. This wonderful invention is the result of six years of study. The product, which is manufactured from calcium and carbide, is becoming a commercial product, and is rapidly displacing the incandescent electric light and coal and water gases. The machine is so simply constructed and so safe that it may be confidently predicted that the time will come when one will be found in every home, the expense being trivial, while the light exceeds that of any other kind. These machines are being rapidly placed in the business houses as well as in private residences in Ridgetown, and the bright young inventor is most highly valued by his fellow-citizens.

Four sons and one daughter have come to Mr. and Mrs. Ruth, namely: (1) Lewis, born in the County of Middlesex Dec. 12, 1864, learned the trade of plumber with his father, for several years was a hardware merchant in Ridgetown, and has given much attention to his present successful invention; in 1889 he married Mina McTavish, of Palmyra, County of Kent, where she was born in 1865, and they have since resided in Leamington and Niagara Falls. Their three children are Lewis P., Leah M. and Salem A. (2) Augustus, born in Newbury in 1867, is engaged in the dry-goods business at Omaha, State of Nebraska. He married Florence O. Hanlan, of Kansas City, and has one son, Gordon. (3) Harry A., born in April, 1869, now resides in London, where he is foreman in a machine plant; he married Effie Foster and has no family. (4) Jessie M., born in Florence, Lambton County, was educated in the common and high schools of Ridgetown. (5) William J., born in Florence, is a telegraph operator, and is cashier in the Pere Marquette offices at St. Thomas.

Politically Mr. Ruth has always been identified with the Reform party. Religiously his connection has been with the Baptist Church, with which his wife and family are also identified. His fraternal relations are with the Odd Fellows and the Foresters. Mr. and Mrs. Ruth have reared a family which reflects the greatest credit upon them, and all are most highly esteemed in the communities in which they live.

JOHN A. JOHNSTON, a successful general farmer residing on Lot 6, 5th Concession, and ex-councilman, was born near his present home on Prince Albert Road, in August, 1851, son of John and Agnes (Allen) Johnston, of Fifeshire and Grennoch, Scotland, respectively.

John Johnston and his wife were married in Scotland, and there they remained until 1853, when they emigrated to Canada, and located in Chatham township, County of Kent, taking up a farm of 100 acres of wild land in the 3d Concession, on Prince Albert Road, near Chatham. They settled in a little log cabin, which had been begun by a previous occupant, but never finished. For twenty years they remained upon that farm, and then removed to the one now owned by John A. and another son, Thomas, in partnership, together with other property amounting in all to 425 acres in Chatham township. Mr. Johnston was deputy returning officer for about twenty-five years, and for two terms served as township collector. His death occurred in 1898, when he was seventy-six years old, while his wife died in 1882, aged fifty-six years, and they are both interred in McVicar's cemetery, Chatham township. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Jennie, who married John Merritt of Louisville, Ont.; Isabella, who married Stephen Griffith, of County Lambton, Ont.; John A.; Agnes, deceased, who married Charles Melvaine; Andrew, who died young; Thomas, partner of John; Elizabeth, who married Louis Reynolds, of County Lambton; and Mary, who died at the age of two years.

John A. Johnston remained with his parents until their death, when he succeeded to the property, and in conjunction with his brother, Thomas, has made many improvements, and has brought the farm into a high state of cultivation. For one year Mr. Johnston was township councillor, being elected by the Reform party, and he served most acceptably. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and contributes liberally towards its support.

ARTHUR JOHNSTON, another member of the Johnston family, who is a prominent and successful farmer on Lot 6, Concession 6, the same township, is the owner of 100 acres of excellent farming land, which he operates very profitably.

On Feb. 22, 1899, Mr. Arthur Johnston married Ida M. Bond, who was born near Oshawa, County of Ontario, Oct. 1, 1875, a daughter of William and Annie (Bowers) Bond, of England, who came to Canada in an early day, and in 1877 located in Chatham township, County Kent. Mrs. Bond died in September, 1869, aged thirty-six years, and lies buried in McVicar's cemetery. Mr. Bond resided in Chatham township until his death May 17, 1903, aged fifty-three years. His remains also rest in McVicar's cemetery. His sister, Mrs. Mary J. Heard, who faithfully cared for his home, died April 10, 1904, and was buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Bond were the parents of the following children: Sarah A., who married Gilbert Brown of Chatham township; Ida M.; William J., a farmer of Chatham township, who married Minnie Catton; Ella M., who married Charles Bellamy, of Chatham township; Alfred F., who married Bessie Edwards; and Samuel J., who with his brother Alfred F., resides on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have become the parents of two children: Willis C. and Annie L.

Mr. Johnston remained on the old Johnston homestead, just across the road from his present home, where he was born in 1871, until his marriage, when he took his bride to the new farm, on which, in 1898, he had erected a handsome brick residence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is one of the managers. In politics Mr. Johnston is a Grit; and he is one of the enterprising young farmers of the township, and his success is a source of gratification to his many friends.

JOHN W. CLARK, one of the prosperous farmers of Tilbury East township, County of Kent, is a man active in township affairs and at present a member of the township council.

Charles Clark, his father, was born in Inverness-shire, Scotland, in 1817, and there grew to manhood. On May 26, 1842, he was united in marriage with Jane McKenzie, and they immediately sailed for Canada in the ship "Josephere Green" and landed at Quebec July 16, of the same year. They went directly to Esquesing township, County of Halton, where they resided two years, in 1844 coming to Tilbury East township, making the trip via Lake Erie, up the Thames river and across the

marsh, and reaching the government tract they had taken up, Lot 18, M. R. North, in March, 1844. This was the year that the Middle road was laid through, and Mrs. Clark acted as cook for the twenty-five or thirty men employed upon the road. At first Mr. and Mrs. Clark found shelter in the shanty occupied by the workmen, but Mr. Clark soon built a log cabin a few rods west of the present pleasant home. The great difficulty experienced by all the pioneers of this locality was the securing of food, which had to be brought from Chatham or Sandwich by canoe. The woods were so dense that a clearing had to be made before grain could be grown, and then it was almost as hard to get it ground. Mr. Clark worked incessantly, clearing his land, and trying to make a comfortable home for his family, until his death in 1853; he was struck by a splintered tree and killed. It would be difficult to describe the hardships of his widow, who was left in a wilderness with five small children, the youngest of whom, John W., was then only six months old. However, with a nobility which was almost superhuman, she worked along, helped by her kind-hearted neighbors, and as her children grew up they aided her in completing the task begun by the father. She came from the same locality as her husband, where she was born Jan. 18, 1812, and still survives, aged ninety-two years, possessed of her faculties and remembering in a remarkable manner the stirring events of those early days, which she relates in a very entertaining manner. Even John W. Clark remembers when hickory bark torches were used for lights, which the children held while the women spun wool. In politics the father was a Reformer. Copies of his handwriting which are in existence show that he was a man of education, and at the time of his death he was clerk of the township. The children of this worthy couple were as follows: Alexander, born May 10, 1843, died July 18, 1902; Margaret, born May 4, 1845, married James Ross, county representative and a resident of Tilbury East; Charles, born July 13, 1847, died Feb. 17, 1894; Isabella, born Aug. 29, 1850, died Nov. 8, 1881, married James Sterling, and resided in Chatham; John W. is mentioned below.

John W. Clark was born Aug. 5, 1852, and his opportunities for securing an education were very limited, as he had to walk to Lot 21, on the Middle road, where the school then stood. The homestead place has always been his home. In time another house took the place of the log cabin, the land has all been cleared, and he now owns the farm which was brought to its present state through the overcoming of so many difficulties. He engaged in mixed farming and for many years has operated a threshing machine, having built up quite a large business in that line. In politics Mr. Clark is a Reformer, and he has always taken an active part in township affairs, now serving his third year as a member of the township council. Fraternally he is a charter member of the A. O. U. W. lodge at Valetta, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and the Masonic order at Tilbury. All of the family are Presbyterians, being connected with the church at Valetta.

Mr. Clark married Margaret Reid, a daughter of Robert Reid, of Tilbury East, and to this union have come children as follows: Isabella Pearl, born Nov. 3, 1883; Jennie MacKenzie, June 23, 1885; Ellen Maud, born Dec. 7, 1887; Charles, March 21, 1889 (died July 22, 1889); Robert, Jan. 21, 1891; John A., Nov. 30, 1894; William, Oct. 14, 1896; Margaret, May 10, 1903.

JOHN GESNER (deceased), who for many years was one of the leading and highly respected citizens of Orford township, County of Kent, was born in that township May 29, 1829, and died on his farm in the 2d Concession, Lot 5, July 6, 1897. His remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, Howard township. His parents, David and Sarah (Stuart) Gesner, of Nova Scotia, were married in the County of Kent.

In 1864, at Duart, Ont., Mr. Gesner married Jennie Leitch, and there were born to them the following children: Sarah, who married Alexander Gillard, a farmer of Orford township; Elizabeth, who is a school teacher; John S., who was born in Orford township; David, who is a physician; George, a physician of Marshall, Michigan; Daisy, a music teacher of Ridgetown, Ont.; Bertha, who is a school teacher at Leamington, Ont.; Ada, who is a school teacher of Kingsville, Ont.; Percy, who is a druggist of Ridgetown, Ont.; and Mabel, a teacher of Ridgetown, Ontario.

Mr. Gesner was reared upon a farm, but after he attained his majority embarked in a mercantile business at Duart. In 1871 he located upon the farm now occupied by his son, John S. Gesner. During his residence in Orford he became prominent in local affairs, and was clerk of the township for several years. He was also a prominent member of the order of Orangemen, and a consistent member of the Church of England. Mrs. Gesner survives and resides at Ridgetown, Ont. She is a daughter of Dougal and Elizabeth (Gibson) Leitch, of Scotland, who were early settlers in Orford township.

JOHN S. GESNER has spent the greater portion of his life upon his fine property of 140 acres, and is numbered among the enterprising young farmers of his locality. In politics he is a Conservative, but as yet has not aspired to public office. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he takes an active part.

ANDREW SMYTH, a retired agriculturist of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Concession 1, west of the Communication Road, entered into rest July 5, 1903, and was buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, at Chatham, Ont. His farm was one of the best improved in the township, its attractive buildings, broad fields and neatly kept grounds being a striking evidence of the thrift and prosperity of the owner. It was first settled over sixty-five years ago by his father, Andrew Smyth, Sr., but to the late owner's untiring energy and progressive ideas is largely due its present high state of cultivation. Mr. Smyth was born on this farm in 1851, son of Andrew (Sr.) and Ellen (Bear) Smyth.

Andrew Smyth, Sr., an ambitious and successful agriculturist, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1806, and in that country received careful rearing, with practical training for life's activities. Upon reaching manhood he married, in Ireland, Ellen Bear, a woman of much ability and many charming traits of character, who was born in County Derry, Ireland. She died in Harwich township, County of Kent, Ont., in March, 1891. Of this union there were eight children: (1) Thomas, born in London, in 1836, was a farmer of Harwich township for many years, and there died in 1897. He married Ellen Faning, and had two children—George, a farmer of Harwich township, and Jane, who married Albert Percer and resides in Pontiac, Michigan. (2) Nancy, born at the family homestead, died during her young womanhood. (3) James, born at the family homestead in 1846, and (4) William, born at the same place in 1848, have never married and now reside in British Columbia. (5) Mariah, born in 1850, now a resident of Concession 5, Harwich township, married Fred Letherdale, and they have one son, John J. (6) Andrew is mentioned below. (7) Ellen, born in 1853, married Thomas Biggart, and they reside on the Communication Road in Harwich township. One daughter, Eleanor, has come of this union. (8) John, born at the old homestead in 1856, is unmarried, and is now engaged in mining in British Columbia.

In 1835 Andrew Smyth, Sr., hoping to better his fortunes, came to Canada, making the trip in six weeks on a sailing-vessel. Coming directly to the County of Kent, Ont., he secured a tract of some excellent wild land in Harwich township, where he settled and began making improvements. It was no easy task clearing the land of timber and brush, killing off the wild beasts, living in a little log hut, and going miles over bad roads or no roads at all to market, but all these things, with true pioneer spirit, Mr. Smyth endured, and by persistent and tireless energy he soon made a striking transformation in his property, and was enabled to engage in many branches of general agriculture there. With the assistance of his sons he continued developing the land throughout his active life, and in 1870 he and his son Andrew erected the attractive brick house still to be seen on the place. He eventually retired from active work, leaving the management of the place to his son, and his death occurred there in July, 1891. Mr. Smyth possessed hardihood, determination and keen foresight, enabling him to carry forward his well-laid plans to successful issue. Moreover, he was broad in his views, possessed a large interest in all affairs of life, and with his wife was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church in his vicinity, of which both were long devout members. As a strong Conservative, he exercised a telling influence in local politics.

Andrew Smyth, the younger, inherited his father's large capacity for work and his keen business insight. Reared on the pioneer farm

in Harwich township, he acquired in the district schools of his neighborhood a fair education, making the most of the opportunities within his grasp. The large demands of the new farm, however, consumed much of his time, and under the careful oversight of an intelligent father he received excellent training in agriculture. With a natural bent toward this occupation, upon reaching manhood he continued the pursuit on his father's farm, acting as manager for many years. After the death of his parents he came into full possession of the place, and there he continued his labors. He supplied the farm with stock, machinery and everything necessary for carrying on all lines of general agriculture, and as a result his farm products were among the most marketable raised in the county. Progressive and scientific in his methods, he became an authority among the agriculturists of his locality upon the latest movements along their line of work. Having made well out of his industry, he was now solidly prosperous, and some time before his death retired from active work because of ill health. He resided upon his well-conducted farm until his death.

In November, 1896, Mr. Smyth married Elizabeth J. Collard, who was born near Brantford, Canada, in March, 1857, daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth J. Collard, residents of the County of Elgin, who were both born in the County of Lincoln, and descended from U. E. Loyalists, most of whom were residents of the United States. The Donaldsons, maternal grandparents of Mrs. Smyth, were born in Scotland.

Mr. Smyth lived a most exemplary life, being conscientious, thorough and efficient in the discharge of every duty, and was especially thoughtful and considerate in the care of his parents. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, he continued to be a regular attendant and substantial supporter of that church, as is his widow. A man of genial manners and many winning social attributes, he had hosts of warm friends. He was well informed upon all public questions, and as a Conservative was influential in local politics.

JOHN WESLEY WHITE, a well known barrister of the City of Chatham, is a descendant of one of the early settled families of the County of Kent, and a son of Stephen and Harriet Elizabeth (West) White. Extended mention of the White family will be found elsewhere.

Stephen White, the father of John W., was a prominent man in Raleigh township and in the County of Kent. While still a comparatively young man he was placed at the head of the municipality, where he continued almost all the time until his death, in 1887. He served as justice of the peace, director and overseer of the Dominion Grange, director of the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, member of the Provincial Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario, and from 1872 until his decease represented District No. 12 in the council. Politically he was a leading member of the Reform party, and contested the riding of West Kent for the Provincial Legislature in 1875, being defeated by but a very small majority. In religious belief Stephen White was a Methodist, and he filled many of the official positions in that body. His name is still remembered with expressions of the highest esteem.

John Wesley White was born Dec. 10, 1853, on the old homestead in Raleigh township. His literary training was received at the Chatham Grammar school, the London Commercial College, the Toronto Normal School and the Coburg Collegiate Institute, at which latter he matriculated in 1881. In September of the same year he began the study of law with Charles E. Pegley, Q. C., of Chatham, completing his course with Messrs. McLaren, McDonald, Merritt & Shepley, of Toronto, resulting in his admission to practice as a solicitor and his call to the Bar in September, 1886. In the same year he received his appointment as Notary Public, and he began the practice of his profession in Chatham. For fifteen years Mr. White has prospered in his profession, winning a competency and many friends, both public and personal. For the past fifteen years he has been a trustee of the Chatham Collegiate Institute Board, and was chairman in 1903. In 1900 and 1903 he was a delegate to the Ontario Educational Association, and on both occasions was elected a member of the executive committee as representative for all of the eight districts in the Province of Ontario. Mr. White was so highly thought of as an educationist that he was selected as a member in the proposed recon-



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struction of the Educational of Ontario. He is justly regarded as a representative citizen of Chatham.

On Aug. 28, 1889, Mr. White was married to Mary Jane Jones, who is the only daughter of William Jones, Esq., of Toronto, and his wife, Isabella (Anderson) Jones, also of one of the old and honored families. Mr. and Mrs. White have become the parents of four children: Wilfred Elmo Jones, John Wesley Edgerton, Evelina Lillian Mary and Ettie May Lenora. Politically Mr. White stands in the front ranks of the Reform party. The religious membership of the family is in the Methodist Church. Mr. White is an earnest advocate of the individual communion cup service on the grounds that it is both sanitary and efficient, and enjoys the distinction of being the first to introduce this service into the city of Chatham by presenting Park Street Methodist Church with a complete individual communion set in December, 1903.

ALEXANDER WILLIAM CROW, a retired farmer of Chatham township, and treasurer of the same, residing in the pleasant village of Louisville, was born July 27, 1833, in Dover township, on the River Thames, six miles below Chatham, Ontario.

Thomas and Rachel (Everett) Crow, his parents, were natives of Dover township and Louisville, respectively. Thomas Crow was a prominent farmer and a man of public importance, and was the first councilor of Dover township, holding the position a number of years. For six years he served as township reeve, and he also acted as magistrate. He died in 1864, aged sixty-four years. The mother died in 1867, aged sixty-eight years. They were buried in the Crow burying-ground in Raleigh township. Although not members, they were attendants on the services of the Methodist Church. They had children as follows: David died aged sixty years, at Wallaceburg; Thomas died at Chatham, aged seventy-two years; Alexander William is mentioned below; John lives retired in Chatham; James died in Chatham, aged forty-four years; Andrew died in Chatham, aged thirty-five years; Nancy, who died at Wallaceburg, married (first) Andrew Mummas and (second) Parker Hodge; Isabella, of Wayne county, Michigan, is the widow of John Slater; Elizabeth, Mrs. Samuel Heath, died in Dakota; Margaret, who died in Michigan, married (first) a Mr. Hodge and (second) a Mr. Dolph; Lucy died young; Lovina was drowned when young.

The paternal grandparents of Alexander W. Crow were Thomas and Rachel Crow, both born near Dublin, Ireland, who emigrated to the United States and settled on farming land in Pennsylvania. Mr. Crow was loyal to England during the Revolutionary struggle and had his land confiscated in consequence. He then moved to the County of Kent, Canada, settling in Dover township, but later purchased a farm of 200 acres in Raleigh township. His sons took part in the war of 1812. The grandfather died on his farm in 1839, aged eighty-two years. His children were: William, Robert, Thomas, Daniel, John, and Sophia (who married H. McClain, of Wallaceburg.

In 1854 Alexander W. Crow was married in Dover township to Jane Veitch, and children as follows were born to them: Thomas, who is in the implement business at Wallaceburg, married Sarah Traxler; Ellen married W. W. Merritt, of Chatham township; Frederick, a farmer in Chatham township, married Eva Moorehouse of Merlin, Ont. Mrs. Crow, who was born in Scotland, died in 1885, aged forty-eight years, and was buried in Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. She was a daughter of William and Jane (Smith) Veitch, of Scotland. The second marriage of Alexander W. Crow, which took place in 1887, in Chatham, was to Mrs. Anna M. (Minshall) Hubbell, widow of Charles Hubbell, by whom she had the following named children: Alena, Mrs. William Pickard, of Thamesville; Lucinda, widow of George McGlochton, of Tilbury Centre; and Christia, Mrs. Herbert Street, of Vanhorn, Ont. Mr. Hubbell died in Thamesville in 1881, aged forty-nine years, and was buried at Thamesville; his parents were Wheeler and Anna (Dougherty) Hubbell. Mrs. Crow was born July 15, 1837, at Montreal, a daughter of Dr. John and Helen (Dalrymple) Minshall, of England and Scotland, respectively. Dr. Minshall was the principal of the British and Canadian school at Montreal, having been sent from England as an instructor in this institution when but twenty-one years of age. While teaching he prepared for his medical career and became a noted physician. His useful life was cut short by cholera, in July, 1854, at the age

of fifty-two years. The mother died in 1876, aged seventy-one years, and both were buried in Mt. Royal cemetery, at Montreal. Their children were: Andrew, deceased; John, of St. Thomas; Jane, Mrs. George Orr, of St. Catharine's; Ellen, who died young; Christiana, Mrs. William Burrell, who died in 1902; Eliza, Mrs. W. J. McNiece, deceased; and Anna M., Mrs. Crow.

Mr. Crow remained engaged on the home farm until his marriage, moving then to a farm in Chatham township, from which he removed in 1888 to the village of Louisville. Since that time he has been retired from active life. He has honorably filled a number of the responsible township positions, was councilor and deputy reeve for eight and one-half years; township collector for five years; and since Oct. 28, 1885, has been township treasurer. His long public service reflects upon him the greatest credit and he is universally esteemed. In politics he is a Conservative. Fraternally he belongs to the C. O. F. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist Church.

MOSES CARON. Among the prominent and substantial retired farmers of Pain Court Block, Dover township, County of Kent, Ont., is Moses Caron, whose residence in this part of the country dates from 1866. He was born Feb. 4, 1825, in St. Jacques le Mineur, Quebec, a son of Augustin and Mary (Gourdenet) Caron.

Augustin Caron passed his life as a farmer in Quebec, where he died in 1844, at the age of forty-eight. His wife, Mary (Gourdenet), died in 1889, aged eighty-seven years. Their children were: Florence, deceased wife of Jacob Roy; Melie, deceased wife of Alexis Godfois; Moses; Romain, of Massachusetts; Remi, a retired farmer of Massachusetts; Prudent, a farmer at Montreal; and Toussaint, also a farmer of Montreal.

As previously stated Moses Caron came to Dover township in 1866. Purchasing a partially cleared tract of 100 acres on Pain Court Block, he located thereon, and at once began to clear and cultivate his land. His industry and frugality met with deserved reward; his land became highly productive, and his means accumulated. He became an influential man among his neighbors, all of whom, like himself, are French, and his advice is often sought. Moses Caron has been three times wedded. By his first wife, Flevia Pinsonneault, he became the father of two daughters: Flevia, who married August Lever, a prominent farmer of St. Edward; and Matilda, who died young. For his second wife Moses Caron married Celina Tetreault, who died in Pain Court in 1872, aged forty-five years, and is buried in the consecrated ground of Pain Court Church cemetery. This union was blessed with six children: Mederic, mentioned below; Joe, Edward and Napoleon, all farmers at Pain Court; Edwidge, who married Alex Sterling; and Cordelia, who died young. The third wife of Mr. Caron was Mrs. Mary (Thibodeau) Bechard, and to this union have come Denise, who married Adolphus Trahan, a farmer of Dover township; and Solomon, who manages the home farm, now consisting of 150 acres. The family—all communicants of the Church of Rome—are members of Pain Court Parish.

MEDERIC CARON, son of Moses, and a man of prominence in his community, was born in Montreal Aug. 4, 1857. He remained with his parents until his marriage. At the age of seventeen he entered Sandwich College, from which he was graduated in 1878, and then returned to the farm. Two years later he began teaching school at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and after a year and a half there returned to Dover township, where he also taught for a time. He began farming on his present place of 100 acres in 1882. This farm, at the time of his purchase, was all covered with brush, but with the application characteristic of his race he bent his energies to the task, and in a comparatively few years had the land cleared and under cultivation. It has now, by his wise management and progressive methods, become one of the finest in this county of rich farms.

In November, 1882, in Chatham, Mr. Caron was united in marriage with Elmire Faubert, who was born in Chatham in October, 1865, a daughter of Anthony and Olive (Robert) Faubert, of Montreal. Anthony Faubert came from Montreal to the County of Kent in 1850, and for a few years lived in Dover township, thence removing to Chatham, where he and his wife yet reside. Their children, besides Mrs. Caron, were: Rose, who married Marcel Marshall, a farmer of Chatham; Marguerite, who married Peter Yott, a farmer of Chatham; David, a farmer of Dover; Nelson, a

farmer of Chatham; Louise, who married Philip Lucier, a farmer of Big Point, County of Kent; Napoleon and Alfred, at home; and James, John and Salina, all three of whom died young. Anthony Faubert was a school trustee for a number of years. The family are all Roman Catholics in religious belief.

To Mederic Caron and his wife have been born the following children: Josephine, who married Wilfride Bechard, a farmer in Dover township; Salina, who died young; Dennis, who died young; Remi, Alfred, Marie Louise, Celina, Olive, Alphonse, Melina, Delia, Magdalena and Cecilia, all at home; and Albert, who died young.

Mederic Caron is a believer in the principles of the Conservative party, and he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and has been honored by election to a number of local offices. For four years he was school trustee, and for sixteen years he has been treasurer, proving himself an efficient and acceptable public servant. He has been careful in the management of his own affairs, and equally so in the care of the trusts reposed in him. Like all his family he is a communicant of the Roman Church. His life has been an exemplary one, and no man in the community is more highly esteemed; few men in any community are so deserving of unstinted regard from their fellowmen.

JOHN STENTON, of Harwich township, a representative of an old and honorable pioneer family of the County of Kent, was born July 27, 1827, a son of Robert and Mary (Maud) Stenton, the former of whom was born in Hawkley, Yorkshire, in October, 1798, and the latter in 1796, in Lincolnshire, England.

Robert Stenton was a game-keeper prior to coming to Canada, in 1847, but the latter part of his life was spent in farming. He located for a few years in the County of Durham, where he engaged in farm work, and in 1853, with his son John, purchased 200 acres of wild land in Harwich, on the town line, Lot 24, 6th Concession. Here both erected log houses and lived while engaged in clearing up their farms. Robert Stenton and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on that place, his death taking place in 1879, when he was aged eighty years. In 1834 he was appointed a local preacher in his own country, and continued his ministerial work in Canada, for forty-five years preaching in the Methodist Church in Chatham and all over the County of Kent. Mr. Stenton was the first pioneer preacher of the district, and his faithful services can never be forgotten. After working hard all week on his farm his neighbors gathered about him in the little log school houses and gladly listened to his religious teachings.

Of Robert Stenton's family, the only daughter died prior to coming to Canada, but the sons accompanied him, namely: (1) Thomas, born in 1823, came to South Monaghan, Canada, in 1846 with his family, but shortly afterward moved to Huron county, Michigan, where he became one of the leading men of the locality and died. He left children —George, of Peterborough, Canada; Charles, of Michigan; Robert, of Peterborough; Fred, of Michigan; Mary, Mrs. Charles Curtis, of Peterborough; John and William, business men of Peterborough, deceased. (2) John is mentioned below. (3) George is a resident of Dover, County of Kent. (4) William, born in 1832, married Mary Hutchinson, settled on the homestead a number of years, and now resides at Port Lambton; their children are Dr. David, of Bridgeport, Canada; Robert, of Harwich; Zacharias, of Port Lambton; Mary M., Mrs. Robert Payne, of Port Lambton; Catherine, Mrs. James Moran, of Port Lambton; Rufus and Archie, of Port Lambton.

John Stenton received his educational training in England, prior to coming to the wilds of Canada. He learned practical farming in his native land and became foreman for a large stockman, and was thus well qualified to continue his calling. After coming to Canada he soon found plenty of demand for his services, and remembers when he worked fifteen hours out of the twenty-four, but he later secured a position on a lake vessel as a sailor and roustabout, thus spending several years. When he returned to Canada, he purchased land with his father as above mentioned, and started into the difficult work of clearing off the brush. Mr. Stenton had many years of hard labor before him, but he succeeded in clearing up a large farm, improving it as to cultivation and stock, and has long been one of

the wealthy and leading agriculturists of his part of the county. In 1873 he erected a substantial and comfortable residence to take the place of the picturesque little log home, and also built his commodious barns and made other desirable improvements. Mr. Stenton has done much for the stock interests in his locality.

In 1855 Mr. Stenton married Mary Spence, who was born in 1835, in Howard township, daughter of John and Ellen Spence, old pioneers of the County of Kent. John Spence was born in 1806 in Yorkshire, England, and married Ellen Broadbank, who was born in March, 1811, in Nottinghamshire, England, and they came in an early day to Ontario, settling on the Howard Road. Three children were born to Mr. Stenson and wife, viz.: Ellen B., John and Thomas. Ellen B. was born at the present home in November, 1857, married John Maw, who resides on a farm in Harwich, and has four children, Mary Annie, Minnie, John L. and Clarence. John, born in July, 1859, married Nancy E. Canoyer, of Des Moines, Iowa, where he settled as a contractor and builder. He died Dec. 3, 1877, leaving a wife and one daughter, Edith May, born in January, 1877, and they reside in Michigan. Thomas was born Oct. 2, 1861, and was educated in the Howard schools, becoming one of the well-informed and intellectual young men of the locality. For a number of years he has been his father's assistant in all business transactions and the very capable manager of the farm. Mr. Stenton and son support the Conservative party. The religious connection of the family is with the Methodist Church.

Mr. Stenton has been identified with the development of his locality ever since he settled there, and while busily engaged in protecting his own interests he has never lost sight of the general good of the community. While he is a man most highly esteemed for his sterling traits of character, he is especially noted for his pacific disposition and for his influence in keeping the peace. He is a man of such good judgment, and so thoroughly understands human nature, possessing at the same time a happy, genial disposition, that he has been able to settle many disputes to the satisfaction of all concerned, without recourse to law. Few men in the township can count a larger number of warm friends.

JOHN REEDER is well remembered in Orford township, County of Kent, as a citizen who in his day ranked among the most highly respected and influential in the locality. He had lived in the township from early manhood, and was well known throughout his section of the county.

Mr. Reeder was born Sept. 11, 1810, in Derbyshire, England, of which county his parents, Henry and Ann (Black) Reeder, were also natives. In 1819 the family came to Canada, and for a few years, until the father's death, lived as "squatters" upon land in Aldborough, County of Elgin, Ont. After the father died John, then eighteen years of age, walked to St. Thomas, Ont., over the trails, to try to get a grant of land in Howard township, County of Kent, from Col. Talbot. The Colonel told him he was too young to get a grant, whereupon the lad replied, "I may be too young but I am large enough;" and the Colonel, pleased at the answer, gave him the land, 100 acres in Howard township. Accordingly the same year (1828) he removed thither from the County of Elgin with his mother and two sisters. Thence they moved to Orford township, same county, where Mrs. Reeder died in 1845. To Henry and Ann (Black) Reeder were born three children: Charlotte married Thomas Scane, and both are now deceased; Sarah married John Gosnell, and they were the parents of George A. Gosnell, who was reared by John Reeder; John is the subject proper of this article. The father, Henry Reeder, had also two sons by a previous marriage, Henry and George, both now deceased.

A few years before his mother's death John Reeder removed to Orford township, and settled on the farm where he passed the remainder of his life, the place now owned and occupied by his nephew, George A. Gosnell. He took up sixty-seven acres in what was then practically a wilderness, and by hard work developed the tract into a fine farm. His faithful industry brought him success in all his undertakings, and he always retained the respect of all with whom he came in contact, being well thought of everywhere. He never forgot his own early struggles, and never refused to lend a helping hand to the needy, his charity and nobility of character manifesting themselves in many ways. His memory was exceptionally good, and in his later years he delighted to dwell on the events of



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pioneer days, their hardships, the incessant toil, and the many changes which had been wrought in this section during his lifetime. Mr. Reeder was one of the founders and oldest members of the Methodist Church in Orford, and no man in the vicinity was held in higher esteem. His political support was given to the Reform party, but he respected the principles of all.

On Aug. 15, 1840, Mr. Reeder was married in Orford township, to Ellen Gosnell, who was born March 17, 1804, in County Cork, Ireland, daughter of Lawrence and Catherine (Salter) Gosnell, of that county. No children came to this union. Mrs. Reeder passed away Aug. 15, 1890, in the faith of the Methodist Church, and was laid to rest in the Gosnell cemetery, where Mr. Reeder is also buried. His death occurred Nov. 14, 1895, on the farm in Orford township, where they made their home with their nephew; George A. Gosnell. Mr. and Mrs. Reeder were large physically, each weighing 220 pounds.

GEORGE A. GOSNELL, one of the leading agriculturists of Orford township, County of Kent, lives on Lot 3, Concession 6, where he owns a farm of sixty-seven and one half acres, and has a fine brick house, which he built in the spring of 1903. He came to this property Aug. 11, 1868, and was born on an adjoining farm Aug. 11, 1856, a son of John and Sarah (Reeder) Gosnell, who were natives of County Cork, Ireland, and Derbyshire, England, respectively. They were married in Howard township, County of Kent, and the mother died in January, 1865, aged fifty-three years, while the father died in Orford township, in August, 1870, aged eighty-seven years. They were buried in the Gosnell cemetery. These two most excellent people were among the founders of the Methodist Church. The children born to their union were: Mary A., who died from the bite of a spider when six years old; Lawrence B., a farmer of Orford township, who is mentioned elsewhere; Ellen, who died young; Catherine, wife of James W. Gosnell, a retired farmer of Pilot Mound; Rebecca, who died in Howard township in 1901, wife of Henry Reeder; John H., who died at the age of twenty-two years; Christopher W., a farmer of Orford township; Charlotte, married to Robert Barker, a farmer of the County of Elgin; Jerusha, who married Hall Barker, a farmer of the County of Elgin; James R., a farmer of Orford township; Thomas H., a farmer of Orford township; Wellington, a farmer of Harwich township; and George A.

The paternal grandparents were Lawrence and Catherine (Salter) Gosnell, of County Cork, Ireland. He came to the County of Kent in 1832, his wife dying in Toronto, on the way, of cholera.

On July 28, 1878, in Chatham, Ont., George A. Gosnell married Bertha Eastman, and they have had five children: Lena, Mabel, Alma, Myrtle and J. Manson, all at home and very bright, intelligent young people. Mrs. Gosnell was born in North Gore, near Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13, 1860, a daughter of John and Emily J. (Ross) Eastman, of Cornwall, Ont., and Wales, respectively. The father came to the County of Kent in 1863, and settled in Orford township, where he was a successful farmer. The mother died in the County of Grey, Ont., April 4, 1866, aged thirty years, and Mr. Eastman now resides in Walkerville, Ontario.

George A. Gosnell remained with his parents until he was nine years old, after which he lived with an uncle, John Reeder, on his present farm, to which he came Aug. 11, 1868. There he was reared by his uncle, and now owns the place to which he succeeded on his uncle's death. It has been much improved and developed under his management. In politics Mr. Gosnell is a Reformer, but as yet has not had time to devote to public affairs. He and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Church.

Among other very valuable family relics is a pair of little shoes, made of wood and iron, which were worn by Mr. Gosnell's grandmother Reeder, and which he highly prizes. His home is one of the best in the neighborhood, being finely finished in hardwood, and supplied with gas, running water and furnace, as well as other conveniences. He and his wife have many friends and they are highly esteemed by all who know them.

ALEXANDER FREDERICK FALLS, chartered accountant, and one of the well-known and eminently successful business men of Chatham, County Kent, Ont., was born in Adelaide, County Middlesex, in 1862, son of Rev. Alexander Sidney Falls, B. A., of Trinity College, Dublin, and his wife, Ann Clare, also a native of Ireland.

Rev. Alexander Sidney Falls was a Canon in the diocese of Huron and Rural Dean of County Essex. He was twice married, his first wife being Ann Clare, by whom he had the following family: John C., with George D. Wood & Co., wholesale hardware dealers of Winnipeg, since 1893; J. Peebles, in Victoria, B. C., since 1890, with the Hamilton Powder Company; William S., at Amherstburg, member of the firm of Cuddy, Falls Company, private bankers; Alexander Frederick; Francis M., at Amherstburg, with Cuddy, Falls Company, private bankers. By his second marriage Dean Falls had children as follows: A. S. B., of Chicago, Illinois, architect of the Northern Trust Company; Daisy, at home in London, Ont.; Tara Tephi, at home in London, Ont.; Richard M. C., in the Chicago & Northwestern Railway offices, Chicago, Illinois, and three children who died from scarlet fever on March 1, 2 and 7, 1880.

Alexander Frederick Falls was educated in the excellent schools of Berlin, Ont., and in the Jarvis Street Institute of Toronto. In 1879, he went to Amherstburg, Ont., where he occupied a clerkship for Deneau & Rondot, during 1880 and 1881. On June 20, 1881, he entered the Merchants Bank of Canada, at Chatham, as junior, and in March of the following year, he was made discount clerk. So ably did he discharge his duties in that connection that he was made teller Oct. 9, 1882, and continued in that position until 1888, when he became manager of the S. Barfoot Bank, and remained as such until October, 1895, when for two months he was with the Stevens Campbell Company, Limited, millers of Chatham, St. Thomas, Aylmer and Blenheim. On June 1, 1895, Mr. Falls accepted the position of accountant with the Sutherland-Innes Company, Limited, and in June, 1898, he was made assistant secretary and treasurer, and March 19, 1901, was elected secretary and treasurer. On May 1, 1902, he resigned his position to open an office as Public Accountant, but has continued to perform the duties of Auditor for the company. On Oct. 1, 1902, he became associated with F. H. Macpherson, F. C. A., of Windsor, Ont., and under the firm name of F. H. Macpherson & Company, they have offices at Windsor, Chatham, and St. Thomas, Ont., Detroit, Michigan, Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Illinois.

On June 2, 1887, Mr. Falls and Miss E. Kate Heyward were united in marriage. A complete sketch of the Heyward family is given elsewhere. One son, Andrew Sydney, born July 18, 1889, has come to bless this union. By steadfast adherence to duty, careful attention to details, Mr. Falls has achieved his present success, and is regarded as a man of integrity and uprightness, in whom all confidence may be safely placed.

HENRY MITTON, a widely known agriculturist of Howard township, has risen to his present prominence mainly by his own efforts. From a small beginning made by his father, he has transformed his wilderness homestead into one of the most desirable farms in the section, with extensive, well-cultivated tracts, handsome buildings, and other improvements. He was born in Yorkshire, England, Jan. 9, 1835, son of James and Isabella (Whaley) Mitton.

James Mitton, though engaged but nine years in pioneering, proved himself in every respect the equal of his Howard township contemporaries in that line. He was a native of Yorkshire, England, and there spent many fruitful years of his life. Upon reaching manhood he married Isabella Whaley, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and, after her death, which occurred in her native land, he there married Alice Armstrong, who died at the Howard township homestead. By his first marriage Mr. Mitton had four children: (1) Jane, born in England, in 1827, came with her father to Canada, where she grew to womanhood, and married Henry Clark, now a retired farmer of Ridgetown. (2) John, now a retired citizen of Ridgetown, was born in England, in 1829, but was reared for the most part on the Howard township homestead; upon reaching manhood married Rachel McLaren, of the County of Kent. (3) Robert, born in England, in 1832, married Mariah Scarlett, of the County of Kent, and after her death, a Miss Bobier, of the same county, and later a Miss Newcolmb. By the first marriage there was one child, James Edward. By the second there were two: Wilbert and Tillie. By the third marriage there was one son, Leslie, who now resides with his father in Harwich. (4) Henry is mentioned below. By the second marriage there was one daughter: Mary A., who

married Benjamin Fields, and settled in Howard near the township line. She died, leaving four children: George, now a resident of California; James, a farmer of Orford, County of Kent; Osburn, also residing in California; and Alice, who married a Mr. Bradshaw, of Canada.

In 1838, late in years, Mr. Mitton, deciding to leave the comfortable home where he had spent many fruitful years, set out with his family for the new districts of Ontario. There, on the 10th Concession, Lot 4, in Howard township, he purchased 200 acres of wild land, and started life anew. In true pioneer fashion he lived for nine years—dwelling in a log house, and working early and late at felling trees, and at grubbing, breaking, and cultivating his land. So energetic was he that at the end of the period he had partly cleared twenty-five acres of heavy timber land, the work having been begun before he came to the farm. He worked up to his last illness, and died at his Howard township homestead, in September, 1848.

Mr. Mitton was a forceful man of the highest integrity, who made friends at every step in life. Well-informed upon all questions of public interest, he exerted a large influence in local affairs, and his word had not a little to do with giving to the community the best institutions, and a high moral tone generally.

Henry Mitton was early inured to the hardships of life in a wild country. Reared on the Howard township homestead, he there, in the district schools, gained his education. More unfortunate than many of his companions, however, on account of losing his father, he, with his brothers, early shouldered the heavy responsibility of the farm management, and the care of the family. Upon reaching manhood he and his brother Robert purchased the other heirs' interest in the homestead, which they carried on together for some time, and afterward divided. In 1857, during his early manhood, he married Mary J. McBrayn, who was born at the family homestead in Howard township, in 1840, daughter of Archie and Catherine (Shaw) McBrayn, who are mentioned below. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitton have been born six children: (1) James H., born in 1858, and educated in the Ridgetown schools, and (2) Archie, born in 1860 and reared on the family homestead, are both now residing on farms in Howard township purchased for them by their father, the former on the 9th Concession, and the latter beside the Lake. James H. married Susan Gage, of Howard, but has no children; Archie married Hattie Henry, of Harwich towship, and they have two sons: Henry and Arthur. (3) Katie A., born in 1862, married Donald J. McLean, a merchant of Ridgetown, and they have two daughters, Ethel and Grace, who are attending the Ridgetown schools. (4) Whaley, born in 1865, married Ollie McPherson, of Ridgetown, and they reside on his farm on the 8th Concession. They have no children. (5) John A., born at the family homestead, in 1868, now a practicing lawyer, of Benson, Minnesota, procured his education in the Ridgetown high schools, and the Ann Arbor Law School, of Michigan, graduating from the latter in 1890. He married Gertrude Hay, of Ridgetown, and they have two children: Clare and Ronald. (6) Dorward L., born in 1882, is now attending the Business College, of Chatham, Ontario.

Since his marriage Mr. Mitton has resided upon his portion of the family homestead. He has cleared and put under cultivation large tracts, and has from time to time greatly enlarged the place by additional land purchases. The old homestead still embraces 191 acres of rich and productive land. This he has managed so wisely that it has for years yielded a large income, and he is now considered one of the most successful and prosperous agriculturists in the township of Howard. In 1899 he erected a modern brick house.

Mr. Mitton is one who commands the highest esteem of all who know him. His business dealings, and his large interests in agricultural matters and public affairs, have brought him in contact with men far and near, and there is probably no better known man in the county than he in religious and educational matters, and in fact in every movement for the betterment of society he always evinces an interest. He was reared as an Episcopalian, his wife as a Presbyterian. In politics he has always affiliated with the old Reform party. Sympathetic and generous, he has ever been one of the first to lend a hand to the needy, and many an unfortunate one has to thank him for a start on the uphill road.

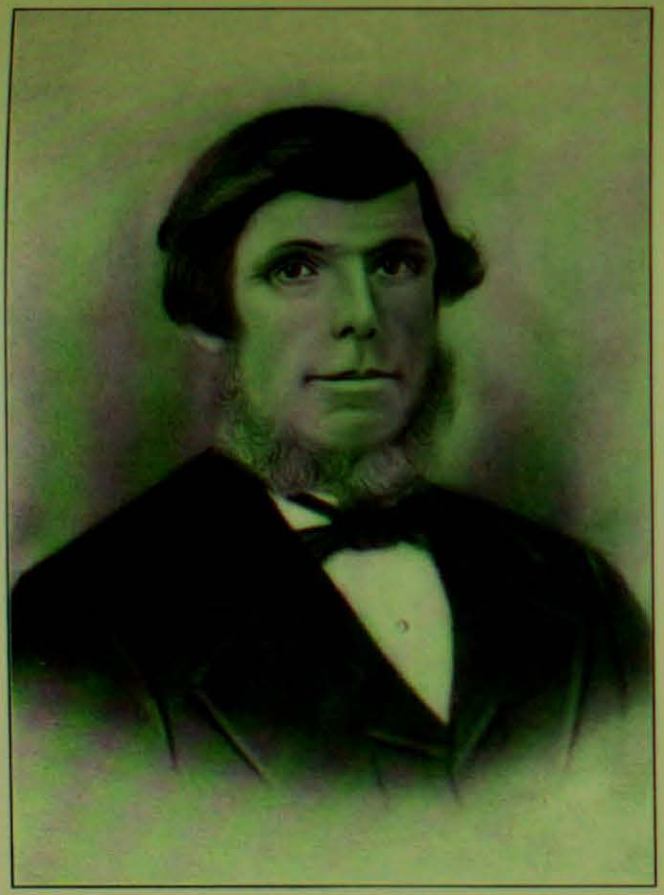
Archie McBrayn, father of Mrs. Mitton, was

one of the prominent pioneers of Howard township. Originally from Scotland, he there married Catherine Shaw, and afterward came to Canada, settling at Botany (which place he named) in Howard township. Both died at their homestead in that place. By this union there were six children: (1) Peter, born in Scotland, is now a resident of Howard township. (2) Cornelius, born in County Kent, is now the postmaster of Botany, where he resides. He married and has four children: Walter, a lawyer of Hamilton, Ont.; Emma, who married John Everett, of Howard township; Kittie, at home; and Jennie, who married Walter Oldes, of Minneapolis. (3) Mary J. is the wife of Henry Mitton. (4) Catherine M. married the late Duncan Johnson, of Michigan, by whom she had two children—Jenne and Wilbur. (5) Archie, who died at the old homestead, was never married. (6) Isabella married Harry Spencer, and they settled at the old homestead, where she died in 1895. By this union there were two sons, Herbert and Archie.

DAVID WILSON was, for many years of his life, a prominent and highly esteemed farmer of the County of Kent, residing on Concession 4, in Harwich township. He was born Dec. 11, 1819, on a farm within ten miles of the city of Dublin, Ireland, and he was educated in private schools in his own country. In 1839 he came to Canada, and took up his residence with his two brothers, Robert and William, who were engaged in a mercantile business at that time in Chatham. Mr. Wilson bought 112 acres of land, constituting the present homestead, and entered upon the hard labor of the pioneer farmer, continuing to follow an agricultural life until his death in February, 1893. He was very successful as a cattle buyer, and raised and shipped large numbers of cattle, being among the first to ship cattle to England, whither he himself went twice.

Mr. Wilson was twice married. In 1846 he wedded Mary Smith, who died the mother of four children, of whom Mrs. Alexander Brown, wife of a leading lawyer in Detroit, is the only survivor. In October, 1857, Mr. Wilson married Susan McGarvin, daughter of Michael and Olive (Wood) McGarvin, and sister of Patrick McGarvin, of Dover township. The children born to this marriage were as follows: (1) David, born in 1858, in Harwich, resides on his beautiful farm on the lake front in Howard township; he married Minnie O'Loane, of the County of Kent, and they have two sons, A. David and Harold. (2) M. J., born in February, 1861, resides on a 200-acre farm, a part of the old homestead; he is interested in the binder twine industry of Chatham, and he is active in public affairs, serving as a member of the council for a number of years. He married Ada Dunn, of Chatham, and has one daughter, Olive. (3) Frank, born in 1863, lives on the old homestead; he married Jennie Shoemaker, of the County of Waterloo, and has five children, of whom Olive M., Jennie, David J. and Anna I. are mentioned. (4) Olive, born March 25, 1866, was carefully educated in the home schools and the Chatham Collegiate Institute; on Dec. 9, 1891, she married Harvey J. O'Loane, of Ridgetown, born in January, 1866, who, in 1897, purchased the Daniel Field homestead, where they have made many improvements. Their children are Wilson H., born in December, 1893; George H., born July 10, 1895, who died in 1896; and Norman M., born May 19, 1898. (5) Anna M., born in November, 1876, died in girlhood. The children were all given exceptional educational advantages, and they have become prominent in the social life of Harwich.

Politically David Wilson was a Conservative, and was ever active in the work of the party, and keenly interested in everything that tended to the welfare of the county. He was the first deputy reeve in Harwich township, holding that office and that of reeve in all about twenty years, and for a number of years was school trustee and treasurer, resigning at the last on account of his advancing years. His marked ability and well-known integrity made him a favorite candidate of the people, and he was offered the nomination for Parliament, but refused. He was president of the Agricultural Society for years, and did much to promote the general adoption of modern methods in farming. Religiously he was a communicant of the Church of England, to which Mrs. Wilson belongs. Mr. Wilson was one of the most prominent men of this part of Kent, and also one of the most successful. At the time of his death he owned an unincumbered estate valued at $100,000, all accumulated by industry and frugality. Personally he was very popular, being





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of a genial, social disposition, loyal to his friends and charitable to all. Mrs. Wilson is a lady well known in the community for her many Christian virtues and helpful charities. She was a faithful wife and is a kind and loving mother, with many friends in the community where she has spent a long and useful life.

Michael McGarvin, father of Mrs. Wilson, was born in Harwich in 1805, son of Patrick McGarvin, who came from Ireland, and passed the rest of his life in Harwich. Michael McGarvin married Olive Wood, who was born in 1809, in Nova Scotia, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Wood, who came from Nova Scotia to the township of Howard at a very early day.

SHERMAN AND GEORGE GIFFIN, prosperous farmers of the 7th Concession, in Harwich township, and prominent men of their locality, are sons of James and Elizabeth (Willcox) Giffin and members of one of the old pioneer families.

James Giffin was born in Raleigh township, County of Kent, May 22, 1820, while his wife, Elizabeth Willcox, was born on the river Thames, in the County of Kent, Sept. 18, 1821. She was a daughter of Isaac and Margaret Willcox, the first settlers of Raleigh township, County of Kent. Isaac Willcox was the son of Hezekiah Willcox, who came from the States as a United Empire Loyalist. James Giffin was a son of James and Elizabeth (Lackard) Giffin, the former of whom was born in 1795, of Scotch descent, and they too were among the first settlers of Raleigh township. The grandfather died at his old home in September, 1848, leaving children as follows: Jonathan, who died in Michigan, leaving a large family; James; Ruth J., who married a Mr. Enos, who died in Michigan; Willard, who still lives at Sarnia, and is a very learned man, the author of several well known works.

James Giffin, the father of Sherman and George, was reared in Canada, and received an excellent education, meantime working on the home farm. On Oct. 20, 1842, he married Elizabeth Willcox, and they settled on his father's farm in Raleigh township, where they made their home until 1856. In that year they bought the present family home in Harwich township. At first Mr. Giffin began life in the woods, in a little log cabin, in time clearing up a large farm, and in 1886 built the present home, where his death occurred in December, 1893. He left a wife, who still lives on the home farm, and eight children: (1) Abbott, born May 12, 1844, was reared on the old home and married Miss Jennie Forsythe, of Toronto; they now reside at Blenheim, and he has retired from farming. They have no family. (2) Ruth J., born in May, 1846, married Donald Campbell, who died leaving one son, James Campbell, of Raleigh. She then married James Gilbert, of Chatham township, by whom she had no children. (3) Schuyler J., born in Raleigh township, in April, 1848, married Miss Jane Good, now of Port Stanley, and they reside at St. Thomas, where he is a farmer. Their children are: Emma, Ethel, William, Lottie, Olive and Leonard. (4) Anna, born in Raleigh township, April 11, 1853, married Elijah Adkins, a farmer of Dresden, and their children are Ebby, Elton, Ethel, Charles, Elvin and Grace. (5) Catherine, born in September, 1856, is the deceased wife of William Parrott, who settled in Harwich; she left one daughter, Lillian Parrott, of Harwich. (6) SHERMAN GIFFIN was born at his present home June 2, 1859, and was educated at the public schools of Blenheim, where he was reared. In October, 1884, he married Miss Rachael Parrotte, daughter of William and Emma Parrotte, prominent English people of the County of Kent, and they have three children: Nettie, born in July, 1887, a very highly educated young lady; Erie, born Nov. 23, 1888; and Herbert, born May 20, 1890. Mrs. Giffin was born in Harwich in 1858. Sherman Giffin resides upon a portion of the homestead, upon which he erected a very comfortable home in 1885, and by hard work, good management and thrift has become one of the most prosperous farmers of Harwich township. (7) GEORGE GIFFIN was born in May, 1862, at his present home. In 1897 he married Miss Lizzie Lunday, of Harwich, daughter of John Lunday, an old farmer of Harwich. Mr. and Mrs. George Giffin also reside on a portion of the Giffin homestead, and they have three children: Jean, born in 1897; Bertha, born in 1898, and Pearl, born in 1902. (8) The youngest child in the family of James Giffin was Christine, born in May, 1866, and she is the wife of John McCorvie, of Harwich, where

they farm. They have two children, Percie, born in 1891, and Florence, born in 1893.

The religious faith of this large family is that of the Methodist Church, while the men are all Conservatives; they give their support to matters they judge to be for the best interests of the community.

Sherman and George Giffin are members of the Foresters and Order of Independent Workmen of Blenheim, Lodge No. 98. They are descendants of the first family in Raleigh township, and the early ancestors came to the County of Kent at a time when their loyalty was called into question. They endured many hardships to prove their loyalty to their king, and came out triumphant. The venerable Mrs. Giffin upon occasion delights her family and friends by reciting the thrilling adventures she still remembers, in which they all took part, when they were threatened on the one side by roving bands of savage Indians, and on the other by equally savage animals.

The sons of James Giffin, Sr., and Hezekiah Willcox were gallant soldiers in the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1836-37. They were men of sterling qualities, hardy woodsmen, and sturdy founders of the several families bearing the names not only in this locality, but in many parts of the country. These many excellent characteristics have been inherited by the generations of to-day, and men bearing the names of Giffin and Willcox are to be found among the leading agriculturists, business men and professional men of Canada, men who hold high position in the confidence of their fellow citizens.

BROUGHTON McDONALD, a retired farmer and prominent resident of Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., was born in Utica, New York, in 1830, a son of William and Margaret McDonald.

William and Margaret McDonald were natives of Scotland, who, in 1730, emigrated to New York State, where they resided for three years, the father following his trade of a weaver. The family then came to the Dominion, Mr. McDonald purchasing 100 acres in Howard township from the government at $2.50 per acre. This land was situated in the woods, and these worthy people suffered many hardships during their pioneer life. As the sons grew to manhood's estate, the work of clearing the land and cultivating it was turned over to them, and the father spent his time weaving and spinning flax for the neighbors who gradually took up land about the McDonald property. The father lived a useful and happy life, dying in 1869, on this farm, his wife surviving him until 1878, when she, too, passed away, in Ridgetown. These two most excellent people became the parents of eight sons and one daughter: Donald died on his farm in Howard township; John, born in Scotland, settled in the County of Kent, where he died, leaving a family; William, born in Scotland, settled in Orford, County Kent, where he died; Isabel, born in Scotland, is the wife of Alexander McKinney, of Howard, and has a family; Robert is a farmer in Howard township, and the father of a son, William; Broughton; James, a farmer of Orford, County Kent, has a large family; Hugh, born in the Dominion, died in 1896, in Ridgetown, where he was engaged as a hardware merchant (he left no family); and Alexander, born at the homestead in Howard township, purchased a farm in Orford, where he died in 1896, leaving no family.

Broughton McDonald grew to manhood on the old homestead, working on the farm in summer, and attending the district schools in winter, as do most country boys. In 1863, Mr. McDonald married Miss Margaret, daughter of Kenneth and Margaret (Douglas) McLean, natives of Nova Scotia, who came to the Dominion in 1851, settling as farmers at Aldborough, County Elgin. Kenneth McLean was the son of William McLean, a native of Scotland, who died in Nova Scotia. Of the family born to Kenneth McLean and wife, four are now living: Donald, of Glencoe, Ont.; John, of Abercrombie, County Elgin; Margary, married to Christopher McRae, of Michigan; and Mrs. McDonald, born in Nova Scotia, in June, 1843.

After their marriage, Mr. McDonald and his wife settled on a farm in Howard township, and on it Mr. McDonald erected all necessary buildings, including a comfortable dwelling house. They resided there until 1900, when he rented his farm and purchased a house on Johns street, Ridgetown, to which the family removed that same year. Mr. McDonald owns other valuable real estate in this city and is quite well-to-do. To Mr. and Mrs. McDon-

ald were born the following children: (1) Kenneth, born in County Kent, in 1864, lives in Howard township on the homestead farm. He married Hannah Brown, of the same county, and has six children: Jean, Henry B., Kenneth N., Thomas B., Hugh A. and Lewis. (2) Margaret, born in 1866, married Thomas Price, a farmer of County Lambton, and has six daughters, Margaret, a student of Ridgetown high school; Margary; Ida M.; Eliza J.; Anna E.; and Thelma J. (3) Margary, born in 1870, married William Howey, of Howard township, and has three children, Bella, Kenneth P. and Edna M. (4) Jennett, born in 1874, married William Cudmore, a farmer of Howard township, and has one son, Broughton. (5) Bella, born on the old homestead, unmarried, resides at home.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, as well as the members of their family, are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which body they have worshiped for a number of years. Politically, Mr. McDonald has always been identified with the Liberal party. Having spent his life in hard work, the ease Mr. McDonald is now enjoying is but a just reward of his successful endeavors, and by his earnest efforts to take care of his interests, and at the same time not interfere with the rights of others, his pleasant and kindly disposition, and his charitable acts, he has endeared himself to many, and gained the respect and esteem of a large circle of warm friends.

ISAAC B. WEBSTER, one of the prominent business men of Dresden, and one who has served his community in many public capacities, is a native of Camden township, born Aug. 30, 1842, on the river Sydenham, son of Henry and Jane (Waterworth) Webster. His paternal grandfather, Henry Webster, married a Miss Mahan, like himself born in Ireland, and there their lives were passed, the mother living to the extreme old age of 103 years.

Henry Webster (2) came alone from Ireland when he was sixteen years old, locating in London township, County Middlesex, where he taught. Thence he went to Hamilton as a clerk in Stinson's store, after which he traded with the Indians for some time. He next came to Kent and conducted a store. He was also a farmer and speculator, but was really better known as an informal legal adviser to everyone for miles a round, while he also held the official position of justice of the peace. He was optimistic, charitable, devoting himself to the aid of the poor and needy, and in every way a man to be honored and admired. Coming to Canada in the early days of the County of Kent, he became quite familiar with the Indian language, and did much trading with the Indians. His wife, Jane Waterworth, had been brought from England to America by her parents, William and Ann (Siddle) Waterworth, of London, England, when only a year old, the family coming to Canada in 1822, and locating first near South Hold, at St. Thomas, Ont. In 1837 they settled in the township of Mosa, County of Middlesex. The father was a surgeon at the battle of Waterloo.

Mr. Webster died only two days after passing his seventy-second birthday, on Oct. 11, 1866; his wife died at the age of sixty-five, Jan. 16, 1886, and both are buried in Blackburn cemetery. They were members of the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Webster was warden at the time of his death. Their family was a large one, as thirteen children were born to them: Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of William Smith; William is a land speculator in Arizona; Isaac B. is our subject; Joseph is a resident of Indian Head, Assiniboia; Robert A. is a farmer in Camden township; Sarah is the widow of Isaac Smith, of Camden; John, deceased, was a farmer and collector for Camden township; Henry is a farmer; James Alexander is also engaged in farming; Jane (deceased) married Nathan Howard; Margaret is the wife of Charles Peter, a blacksmith; David lives in the County of Middlesex, Ont.; Daniel died when twenty years old.

Isaac B. Webster was married in Detroit, Michigan, July 4, 1876, to Elizabeth Johnson, who was born in Hinchinbrook, Quebec, daughter of William Johnson, of Ireland. To this union has been born one child, William H., who is now a physician of Chicago, Illinois, and married Miss Hester Hysardt, of that state.

Mr. Webster was reared on a farm up to the age of seventeen years, when he was bound out for three years as an apprentice to learn the tanning business. After serving his apprenticeship he worked at that trade for eighteen years in Dresden, at the end of that time selling

out to his apprentice, and for the next seven years he ran a shoe store. The three years following were spent in operating a stave mill; the property was destroyed by fire, and although Mr. Webster rebuilt he gave up that employment and worked five years as foreman for Southerland & Innes, buying lumber, etc., for them. At present he is engaged in a brokerage and insurance business, conveyancing, etc. In 1898 he was appointed justice of the peace, and is the issuer of the marriage licenses.

Mr. Webster belongs to the Reform party in politics, and has held several important positions, as he has been reeve two years, town assessor one year, and a township councilor for most of the time during the last nine years. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, and is secretary of Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, G. R. C., at Dresden. He is a member of the Methodist Church. While Mr. Webster has had some reverses, he has forged his way ahead again, and is now a leading business man of the town, looked up to and respected by everyone.

JOSEPH LEWIS, a member of the council and one of the enterprising and successful general farmers of Dover township, County of Kent, residing on his farm of 375 acres, in Lot 17, 14th Concession, was born Jan. 14, 1843, in Lincolnshire, England, son of William and Catherine (Roe) Lewis, of the same locality. In 1881 the parents came to Canada, but after a two years' visit with their son Joseph in Dover township they returned to England, where the father died in 1894, aged seventy-seven years. They were consistent members of the Church of England. The following children were born to these parents; Joseph; Mary Ann, who married William Fox, of Croxton, England; Jemima, of Woodford, Northamptonshire, England, who married Samuel Peck, of Eaton Socon; William, who died in England; and Fred, who died in England. The paternal grandparents were William and Mary (Ewell) Lewis, of Russelenworth and Doddington, Cambridgeshire, England, respectively. He was a farmer.

On March 11, 1867, Joseph Lewis married, in Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, England, Harriet E. Bodger, and the following children have been born to this union: Frederick L., a farmer of Dover township, married Keziah Allen; Catherine B. and Norah J. died young; Joseph W., a farmer of Dover township, married Amanda Elliott; George died young; Richard, a farmer of Dover township, married Kate McDonald; Herbert, a farmer of Dover township, married Ollie Rabideau; Maudie died young; Lenard, Venus and Fay are at home. Mrs. Lewis was born in Eaton Socon, Bedfordshire, England, Aug. 10, 1848, a daughter of Richard and Mary (Ensman) Bodger, of England, where they lived. The father died there in 1876, aged sixty-one years, and the mother now resides on her old homestead, in excellent health and very active for her years, she having been born in 1824. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bodger were as follows: George, a butcher of Chatham, Ont.; Harriet E., Mrs. Lewis; Sarah, of Derby, England, who married Charles Hardwick; Deborah, of Sheffield, England, who married George Pack, and Thomas, of Manchester, England. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Lewis, John Bodger, was a farmer of Kimbolton, England, where he lived and died.

When Joseph Lewis was sixteen years of age he left his parents and enlisted in the marine service, in which he remained for twelve years, spending eight years on the old frigate "Isis" and the "Meandy," along the coast of Africa. He was transferred to the "Archer," a steam cruiser, and when his term of service was ended returned to the barracks for six months. Then, purchasing his discharge, he retired to his old home and married. After a few years spent there he removed to Lincolnshire, England, but after six months, in 1874, he emigrated to Canada, and settled in Raleigh township, County of Kent. Six months later he located in Dover township, and after a period during which he worked for various farmers for fifty cents a day, on which he supported his wife and three children, he worked digging ditches by the job until he secured sufficient money to purchase 100 acres of land, in 1884. Prior to this purchase he had worked the land on shares, and knew its possibilities. From time to time he has added to his farm until he now owns 375 acres, and is assisted by his children in cultivating it. This property is recognized as being one of the best in the County of Kent, and it has been all obtained by hard, unremitting labor. In politics Mr. Lewis is a stanch Conservative. He served five terms as member of the Dover township



Joseph Lewis

council, a fact which testifies to his high standing in the community where he has spent more than a quarter of a century of his active life. Mr. Lewis and all the members of his family are members of the Church of England.

In 1897 Mr. Lewis attended the Queen's Jubilee, and in 1902 he and his eldest son returned to England for the King's coronation. Although Mr. Lewis was denied the advantages of educational opportunities during his youth, by close observation and mingling with men he has gained much useful knowledge, and is a man of intelligence and good business ability, as his success testifies. He and his family stand well in the public estimation, and he ranks among the foremost farmers of the County of Kent.

JAMES HUTCHISON, a son of one of the early pioneers and a member of one of the prominent and substantial families of Harwich township, living now on his fine farm on Concession 5, was born July 26, 1844, at the old homestead on the town line in Harwich. His parents were David and Mary (Brown) Hutchison, the former of whom was born in 1805, in Scotland, and the latter in Canada. Mrs. Hutchison was a daughter of Adam and Sophronia Brown, natives of Pennsylvania, of German parentage, who were U. E. Loyalists and removed to Harwich, where they lived some years; later they settled at Charing Cross, Canada, where they died.

David Hutchison, a son of Archibald Hutchison, who died in Scotland, came to Canada in 1830, with his brother-in-law, George Robinson. They settled first on 100 acres of land, now owned by James Hutchison, but some few years later the father made a permanent home near McKays Corners, in Harwich. He was a wheelwright by trade, and followed this vocation through the greater part of his life. He and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church and were among its early founders in this section. In politics David Hutchison was a Conservative. He died in 1877, and his wife in 1891. They were the parents of the following named children: Mary, born in Harwich, married William Stenton, and they reside on the river St. Clair, near Port Lambton; they have children, David, Robert, Zachariah, Archie, Rufus, Maud, Catherine and Lena. David A. married Margaret Selkirk, of Harwich, and they reside in Chatham, retired; they have children—Mary, Catherine, Susan, Margaret, Arthur and Roger. James is mentioned below. Elizabeth, born in 1846, married Daniel Winters, of Botany, Howard township, and is deceased. Rebecca, born in 1848, married James Ransom, and they reside near Blenheim; their children are Alba, Olie and Kenneth. Margaret, born in 1850, is the widow of Robert Spence. Catherine, born in 1852, married William Ransom, and they reside near Cedar Springs, in Harwich. They have children—Mary, Sylvia and Archie.

James Hutchison was educated in the schools of Howard and grew up on the old farm, remaining with his parents until he started out in life for himself. In February, 1872, he married Rebecca A. Spence, born in January, 1852, daughter of John and Ellen Spence, old pioneers of Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison settled in a little frame house on their present farm, which had been purchased by his father prior to his death. The land was still uncultivated, and Mr. Hutchison was obliged to labor long and hard in the clearing up of his present well cultivated farm. To the original tract he has added 160 adjoining acres, and placed eighty of these under cultivation. In 1895 he encountered misfortune, when his first barns were destroyed by lightning. They were immediately rebuilt in more convenient and substantial style. In 1886 he erected his large brick modern residence, and now owns through his own industry and energy one of the fine properties of this section of the county. A family of eleven children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison, as follows: Miss Ellen, who remains at home with her parents; Katy, who married John Anderson, of Howard, and has one daughter, Allie, and one son, Archie Reginald; Miss Bertha A., who received a high school education in Howard and Harwich, and resides at home; Ida, who married Harvey McKay, resides in Chatham, Ont., and has one daughter, Jessie Adeline (she was educated in the Chatham high school); Miss Mary, residing with her uncle, James Scane, in Ridgetown; John, who lives at home; Hattie, a student of the high school of Chatham, now teaching school, a very bright and ambitious young lady; Rebecca, educated in the home schools, who re-

sides at home; Annie, a student at Chatham, who is also teaching; Ethel and Stanley, both students of the home schools. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison are leading members of the Methodist Church of their locality. Politically Mr. Hutchison has always voted with the Conservative party, but has never aspired to office.

Although Mr. Hutchison received but a meager education, he is now a man well read and intelligently interested in all the topics of the day. His exemplary character and his kindly disposition have made him esteemed by all who have been permitted to form his acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison have reared a family that would be a credit to any community.

JOSHUA WRIGHT, a business man of Dresden, was born there June 13, 1848, a son of William and Mary (Noble) Wright. The father was married three times, his first union being with Mercy Merriman. She was the mother of one son, Amasa McKinney, now a retired farmer of Dresden, who was born in Montague township, County of Leeds, Ont., Nov. 1, 1829. The children born to his second union, with Mary Noble, were as follows: Elizabeth, died at Dresden, the wife of Alexander Terrice, former justice of the peace; John, who was in the sawmill business at Dresden, now deceased; Louisa is the wife of John Wees, of San Bernardino, California; David, deceased, was a farmer at Dresden; Joshua is mentioned again; Martha is the wife of S. P. Sturgess, county commissioner at Camden Gore. The third marriage of William Wright was to Mrs. Sarah A. (Little) Fox, of the County of Essex, Ont., and they had one child, Mary, now the widow of Hiram Perry, of Dresden, Ontario.

William Wright was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and coming to Canada, located in Montague township, County of Leeds, Ont., where he was first married. He purchased a farm of 100 acres, but in 1836 removed to the County of Kent and settled on a 200-acre farm which he purchased, in Lot 17, 9th Concession. There he remained until 1840, when he removed to Dresden. Here he kept tavern and embarked in a large lumber business, opened up a general store and operated the first gristmill in the place. In fact, it would be difficult to name any industry or public movement in which Mr. Wright took no part at that time, being a man of energy, enterprise and great public spirit. Dresden owes much to him for its rapid and substantial growth. For many years he served as a useful public official, and he passed away Feb. 9, 1862, in the midst of his activities, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife died in June, 1861, aged sixty-three years, and both were buried in Maple Leaf cemetery at Dresden. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics he supported the Conservative party.

Joshua Wright remained at home with his parents until after the death of his mother, when he removed to Wisconsin, where he lived with a sister for one year. Upon his return to Dresden he served for a few years at the wagon and carriagemaking business, and then embarked in a sawmill business which he continued some years. He finally opened up his present business, in which he has met with success, at present dealing in coal, wood, lime, ice and sewer pipe. He is well known throughout the community and is held in high esteem.

Thomas and Anna (McKinney) Wright, the paternal grandparents of Joshua Wright, were natives of County Armagh, Ireland. They came to Canada at an early day and in 1838 removed from the County of Leeds to Kent, settling in Chatham township with their son William.

On May 21, 1863, Mr. Wright married Isabella Trerice, who was born in 1848 in the County of Yarmouth, Ont., daughter of Isaac and Euphemia (McKillip) Trerice, natives of Argyllshire, Scotland, who came to the County of Kent in 1858 and married here. Mr. Trerice located at Dresden, where for a few years he was engaged in ferry-boating, and, after the bridge was built, in running a lime kiln. He then removed to Gore of Camden and farmed an estate of eighty acres there for some eighteen years, at the close of this period returning to Dresden, where he lived retired. He was a man of fine character, public-spirited and charitable, and had a wide circle of friends. He died in 1891, aged eighty-nine years, and his wife ten years earlier, aged seventy-two years. Both lie buried in Dresden cemetery. They were worthy members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: John, a blacksmith, who is deceased; Daniel, a gardener at Appleton, Wisconsin; Duncan, in the livery business at

Sandac, Michigan; Alexander, who will be mentioned later; James; Catherine; Rhoda, deceased, wife of John Moat; Anna Belle, wife of Christopher Lynch, a farmer of Chatham Gore; Isabella and Mary Ann, twins, the former of whom married Mr. Wright, and the latter is the wife of Melvin Chase, a farmer of Huron county, Michigan.

Alexander Trerice was so prominent a man in the Northwest Territory after his removal there, in 1891, and also in Dresden, where he was long one of the leading citizens, that special note should be made of his life and services. He was deeply interested in the upbuilding of Dresden, built there the boat "Byron Trerice," named for his son, was long a justice of the peace and also served as mayor for several terms. His death took place in 1901, and his remains were brought back to lie with those of his family in the burial ground at Dresden. He was much lamented.

Mr. Wright belongs to the Blue Lodge of the Masonic fraternity and also to the I. O. O. F. and the Maccabees. In politics he is a Conservative. In religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Wright is a man much respected and stands as one of the best representative citizens of Dresden.

CHARLES J. MARTIN, a retired mason of Howard township, County Kent, and a very prominent man of that locality, was born in the County of Kent, England, Jan. 11, 1827, a son of John and Harriet (Waghune) Martin, both natives of the same county. John Martin was a farmer by occupation, and he died in his native land at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died many years before, leaving him nine children, of whom John died in England; Celia married and is a resident of London, England; Stephen is a resident of Yorkshire, England; Sarah married George Fowler, and lives in England; Emily is a resident of England; Abram died in England when a young man; Helen married and lives in County Kent, England; Alfred G. died in England when a young man; and Charles J.

Charles J. Martin grew to manhood in England, where he learned the trade of mason, and he also served an apprenticeship as sailor in Yorkshire. In 1852 he married Miss Mary A. Smith, of Yorkshire, and that same year came with his bride to Canada via New York, stopping at McKay's Corners, where he purchased real estate and erected a home. Until a few years ago Mr. Martin followed his trade of mason, and he was very successful in his work. In 1860 his wife died, having borne him eight children, all of whom are dead except Charles, a sailor on the Lakes. In 1862 Mr. Martin married Miss Jackson Smith, a sister of his first wife, and she died in 1886, leaving no family. In 1888 Mr. Martin married Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, widow of John O'Brien, a daughter of Christopher and Jane (Ingraham) Payne, who were both born in Ireland, and came of royal families who fought in King William's army. They were people of great prominence and the coats-of-arms on both sides are still preserved. Mrs. Martin was born in Ireland in 1850, but as her parents died when she was young, she was brought up by her grandparents, Mathew and Margaret Ingraham, who came to the County of Kent and settled in Howard township. Mrs. Martin was married to John O'Brien in Ireland, but came to County Kent in 1877, and settled at McKay's Corners, where Mr. O'Brien died in 1887. He was a prominent man in Ireland, where he was postmaster for a number of years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, three of whom are living: William James, died when four years old; Letitia, Henrietta and Christina, died when young; Kate married Louis Towsley, of Canada, and died in June, 1901, leaving two children, Roy and Gracie, who are being reared on their grandmother's farm; Margaret J. married Isaac Washburn, who lives in the Northwest, and has five children, Frank, Ralph, Vernie, Gladys and John; Lena, born in Harwich township, married James Summerville, of Center Lake, Michigan, and has two children, Oliver C. and Celia; and Miss Nettie resides at the home in Howard township.

Mr. Martin has made his home in Howard township ever since he located in Canada, with the exception of one year when he resided in Michigan. Many changes have come to pass in County Kent since Mr. Martin has located here, and he has borne his part in the development of this locality. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Martin were formerly members of the Church of England, but of late years have connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. Martin has always

been a Conservative, and is a member of the Order of Orangemen. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin enjoy in the highest degree the confidence and respect of their neighbors. Whenever there is sickness in that locality, Mrs. Martin is called upon for assistance and sympathy, and the call is never made in vain. They are good church members, kind neighbors, and people who conscientiously endeavor to carry out in their lives the teachings of the Master they follow.

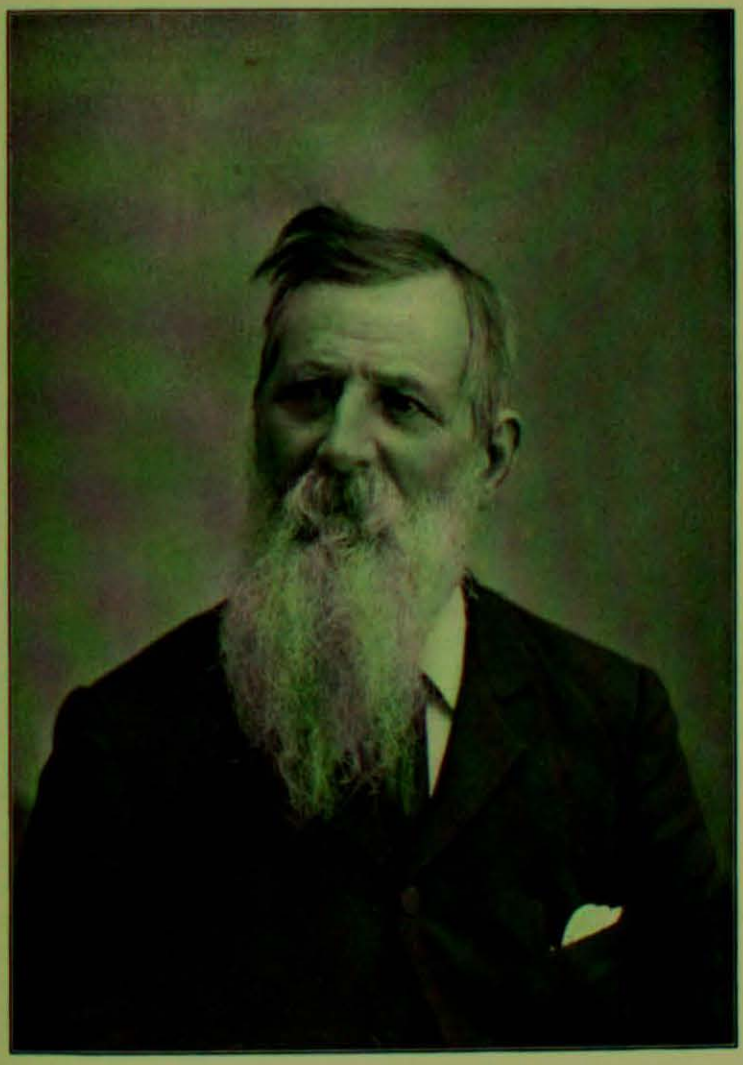
LEVI SHREVE HANCOCK, the genial and popular postmaster at Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., has long been a resident of that locality. He was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, March 18, 1819, a son of John and Zeruiah Hancock, both natives of New Jersey, who settled on a farm in that State after their marriage, and subsequently removed to the township of Mansfield, Burlington county, New Jersey, where they died. They had children as follows; (1) Abigail (deceased) married John Venable, of New Jersey, and left a son, Joseph, now a resident of Newark, New Jersey. (2) Levi S. was second in the family. (3) Ferdinand died while serving in the Civil War. (4) Charles died in youth. (5) Amy (deceased) married a Mr. Purdy, of Burlington, New Jersey, and two of her daughters are now living, Ella and Florence, of New Jersey. (6) Isaac S., born in New Jersey, where he grew to manhood and married, settled in Bordentown, New Jersey, and followed the trade of contractor and builder; he has no family.

Levi S. Hancock received his early education in his native place, and there grew to manhood. After attaining to years of maturity he went to Philadelphia, and there served six years as an apprentice to a tailor. He then lived a few years in New Jersey, and when about twenty-five years old went to Madison (now Colgate) University, at Hamilton, New York, where he studied four years. In 1851 he was sent to Canada by the American Sunday School Union of Philadelphia, as a missionary, and for three years continued in that line of work. In 1854 he settled in Ridgetown, Ont., where he followed his trade until 1861, when he was appointed postmaster by the governor-general of Canada, which position of trust and responsibility he is still filling, to the entire satisfaction of all.

In 1865 Mr. Hancock was married to Sarah A. Sumner, who was born in May, 1846, in Westminster, County of Middlessex, Ont., daughter of Capt. Samuel L. Sumner, and a member of one of the old families of the County of Middlesex. They belong to the same family to which Senator Sumner, of the States, belonged. In 1861 Mr. Hancock purchased a lot on Ebenezer street from Ebenezer Colby, where he erected his present residence and where he has since made his home. Eight children have been born to himself and wife: Carrie, born in May, 1867, married John G. Kontzie, of Ridgetown. Mahlan F., born in June, 1871, in Ridgetown, is express messenger on the Lake Erie & Detroit River road; he married a Miss Doyle, of Delaware. Coriolana, born in May, 1873, and now living at home, was educated in Ridgetown, and is a young lady of culture and refinement. Mennetta, born in June, 1875, is one of the assistant clerks in the post office. Sumner L., born in May, 1877, is head clerk in the post office; he married Lena Hayden. Alice M., born in October, 1880, was educated in the high schools of Ridgetown, and is highly accomplished; she has charge of her stationery store. Henry H., born in August, 1885, is at home. Levi S., born in April, 1890, is a student in the home schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock and their children are all members of the Baptist Church, of which Mr. Hancock has been deacon for many years, and all of them are very prominent in church work. Mr. Hancock has never taken any active part in politics, devoting his time and attention to the duties of his office. Having begun as a poor boy, his life affords an excellent example of what can be accomplished by honorable effort, directed along proper lines. As a church worker his life is one to be followed; as a public official his record is one of which his family may well be proud, while as a friend and husband and father he is a good Christian man, richly deserving the affection he inspires.

JOHN P. McKINLAY, police magistrate of Ridgetown, is a man whose temperament and experience have made him so well fitted to sit in the place of justice that it would be hard to convince his fellow citizens that any other could so effectively sift truth from evidence or so impartially administer the law. He is recognized throughout his district as a man of



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broad, humane principles, a faithful official and an upright man.

Justice McKinlay was born in the western part of the County of Elgin, Scotland, in 1824, a son of Peter and Mary (Buchan) McKinlay, the former of whom was born in 1791, in Perthshire, and the latter in 1804, in Argyllshire, Highlands of Scotland. Peter McKinlay was a son of John and Mary (McVean) McKinlay, natives of Scotland, and a grandson of John McKinlay, who was the eighth son of the eighth generation born in Scotland, and the owner of large estates, the family being of note in that country.

Peter McKinlay grew to manhood in Scotland, and after the death of his father, accompanied his mother and her five other children across the ocean. She located in Livingston county, New York, and there married, and one year later the family moved to Canada, locating in the County of Elgin West. The family consisted of the following members: James died in Aldborough, where he had become a prominent citizen; he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Aldborough. Duncan, who settled in Howard, acquired property, became an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and lived to advanced life. Robert lived and died in Howard township, leaving children. Janet and Mary both married and settled in Ontario. Peter was the father of Justice McKinlay.

Peter McKinlay married and settled in the County of Aldborough, where he followed farming until the death of his first wife in January, 1824. He then moved to Howard township, County of Kent, and settled on a 200-acre tract of land which he cleared and made habitable and productive, and where he continued to live until his death. Peter McKinlay married a second time, Mrs. Margaret Carr becoming his wife, and five children were born to this union, as follows: Donald, the eldest, served four years in the Confederate army, during the Civil war in the States, enlisting in the State of Missouri and dying in the State of Texas; Margaret married James Smith, a farmer near Chatham, County of Kent; Catherine married Cyrus Smith, who settled in Howard townsip, and she died leaving three children; Janet, who married Thomas Huckerby, resides in Manitoba; and Nancy, who married Elder Duncan Smith, died in her home in Howard township, where her husband also died (they left no children).

John P. McKinlay, the only son of his father's first marriage, was reared by his grandparents at Aldborough, where he obtained his education. In early manhood he learned the trade of carpenter, and followed the same for some years. In 1847 he moved to Medina county, State of Ohio, and there married Miss Mary E. Ritter, a member of one of Pennsylvania's old established families. In 1854 he returned to Howard township and settled on a farm of 200 acres which he had purchased near the borough of Ridgetown. Here Mr. McKinlay industriously cleared up a large farm, making substantial improvements, planting orchards and doing many other things which contribute to the making of an attractive home. Here he resided until the death of his wife, when he removed to Ridgetown. Mr. McKinlay has been a public-spirited citizen, and has been interested in business enterprises, one of these being the Ontario Casket Burial Co., of which he was made president, continuing his association with it until it was sold to a London company, ten years later.

Mr. McKinlay was appointed police magistrate, a position for which his calm judgment and superior judicial mind make him eminently suitable. Politically he is identified with the Liberal party and has taken a very active part in political work in his county. He has accepted many offices of honor and responsibility, and declined more, and has been a very acceptable member of the city council and a wise and progressive councilor. He and his wife were early united with the Disciples Church.

The family of Mr. McKinlay consisted of the following members: John F., who was born in the State of Ohio, is an attorney of Detroit, Michigan, where his political future is promising. Peter A., who was born in Ridgetown, at the age of seventeen migrated to California, enlisted in the United States army during the troubles with the Modoc Indians, and was injured so severely by a fall of his horse that his young life was ended. Jennie E., who was born in Ridgetown, married W. G. Malcomson, a leading architect of Detroit, Michigan, and has five children, Mary K., Joseph E., Arthur J., Caryl and Ruth. Arthur F., who was born in Ridgetown, received

a high school education there, and since 1897 has been clerk of the Second Division court of the County of Kent; he has been the incumbent of many offices, has been mayor and officially prominent for a long period. He married Miss Minnie Dedrick, of Port Rowan, Canada.

Justice McKinlay is a member of a very old pioneer family whose record both in the States and in the Dominion is one to be justly proud of. His Scotch ancestry has given him many of the estimable characteristics of that race, while his individual successes, as business man, agriculturist and public official, make him a notable resident of the County of Kent. Since his appointment to the office of public justice he has distinguished himself by the fairness with which he listens to and weighs evidence and metes out justice. By nature kind and considerate, he has won more genuine esteem than often falls to the public official.

AUGUSTINE McDONELL, one of the capable and reliable Dominion surveyors and civil engineers of the County of Kent, has been a resident of Chatham for more than forty years. He bears a name which is well known and respected through the Scottish Highlands, whence came his ancestors.

John McDonell, the grandfather of Augustine, was born, reared and married in the Highlands of Scotland, there reared his family, and died. One son, Austin, the father of Augustine, was born in the Highlands of that grand old country in 1795, and died in Chatham, Ont., in 1879. He came to Canada in 1816, and for some years afterward followed lumbering, and then purchased a farm in Dundee township, County of Huntingdon, Quebec. He was a pioneer there, and his land was heavily timbered, but he cleared it and lived upon it until 1872, when advancing years caused him to retire to Chatham, where his last years were passed in ease. His wife had gone long before, in 1853, leaving seven children who grew to maturity: Isabella, who resides in Seaforth; Augustine, of Chatham; Anna Bell, who is a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts; Elizabeth and Alexander, both of whom are deceased; Flora, who is Sister Superior in a convent at Muskegon, Michigan; and Mary, Mrs. Edward O'Keff, of Canada, deceased.

Augustine McDonell was born June 22, 1828, at Dundee, Quebec, and there obtained his primary education, later becoming a student in the Normal School at Toronto, where he prepared himself for the profession of teaching, which he followed for ten years, in Blenheim and other parts of the County of Kent. His tastes lay in the direction of scientific work, and during these years he studied civil engineering, and as he was patient and courageous by 1860 he felt qualified to open an office in Chatham. He saw where in the County of Kent there was a wide opportunity for practical work in his line, and in 1862, on account of his accurate knowledge, he was made Provincial surveyor; in 1867, by act of the Confederation, he was made Dominion surveyor, and is still filling that office. His forty-two years of activity in the County of Kent have resulted in many material changes in the face of the country, much of his labor having been in the way of drainage, his field being the submerged lands in the western portions of Ontario. Mr. McDonell was one of the civil engineers and builders of the Erie & Huron Railroad, now the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad, a branch of the new Pere Marquette. He is well and widely known, his work being of such a character that it is his best advertisement, and he is frequently called to places in various parts of Canada as a witness in drainage cases.

In 1861 Mr. McDonell was married to Miss Margaret O'Flynn. She is the devoted mother of a family of five children, namely: Alexander P., who had prepared for the practice of law, and had every promise of a brilliant career when removed by death, in 1886; Mary Ellen, who is at home; Angela, wife of Joseph T. O'Keefe, a successful produce dealer of Chatham; Flora, who is a member of the Sacred Heart Community of nurses and is now stationed in Halifax, N. S.; and Dr. John F., who is a physician and surgeon of Detroit, Michigan. In politics Mr. McDonell is a Liberal. With his family he belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.

GEORGE M. BAIRD, the present clerk of Harwich township, and one of its most highly estemed citizens, is a descendant of one of the earliest settlers in the County of Kent. The Baird family is of Scotch extraction, the great-grandfather, William Baird, being a native of

that land, where he married and reared the following children: William, James, David, Bessie and Margaret.

William Baird (2), grandfather of George M., was born in Ireland, where he died. He married Margaret Campbell, daughter of James Campbell, and they had children: David, James, William, Elizabeth and Margaret A., all deceased. After the death of Mr. Baird his widow married Samuel Arnold, of Ireland, who also left her a widow, and she then came to Ontario, where she died in 1874.

William Baird (3), father of George M., was born in 1822, in Ireland, and on Sept. 2, 1848, located at Morpeth, Ont. There he followed shoemaking for seven years and then settled at Blenheim, where he continued to work at his trade for fifteen years, after which he settled on a farm in Harwich township, three miles east of Blenheim, and there he died Jan. 1, 1899. In the following October his widow removed to Blenheim, where she still resides. Her maiden name was Jane Meredith, and she was born April 20, 1829, a daughter of George and Mary (McMurry) Meredith, and a granddaughter of Joseph Meredith, the latter of whom was born in 1776, in Ireland, and died at the age of ninety-six years. The children of George Meredith were: Mary, Ann, George, Joseph, William, Hannah and Jane, the latter being the only survivor. Jane Meredith married William Baird June 12, 1851, and their children were: George M., Margaret Ann, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Louise (deceased), Hannah Sarah (deceased) and Nellie M.

George M. Baird was born April 8, 1852, at Morpeth, and received his literary education in the public schools of Blenheim and the Toronto Normal School. For three years he taught in the public schools of Harwich township and then took a business course at London, Ont. He then carried on the farm for a few years, after which he accepted the position of accountant in a private bank at Blenheim, where he continued five years. His official life began in 1888, when he was appointed treasurer of Harwich township, and in 1898 he received his present appointment, that of township clerk; his services have contributed very much to the efficiency of the management of township affairs. In addition to attending to his official duties, Mr. Baird is engaged in the fire and life insurance business.

In 1878 Mr. Baird married Mary H. Rowe, daughter of Lewis G. Rowe, one of the very early settlers of the township, and two sons and one daughter were born to them, of whom Lewis, the oldest, only survives. He has been thoroughly educated in the local schools and the Collegiate Institute at Ridgetown, and is a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. Politically Mr. Baird is a Prohibitionist, and in religion he is a Methodist. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F, and is an ardent Royal Templar. He is an enthusiastic lawn bowler.

JAMES W. HODGSON, the present clerk of the township of Romney, has for many years been prominent in municipal affairs, as was also his father, Thomas Hodgson.

Thomas Hodgson was born in the County of Durham, England, in 1821. He was left an orphan at the age of two years, and in 1832, when only eleven years of age, came to Canada, in company with a half sister, and made his home in the township of Mersea, County of Essex, where he grew to manhood. There he married Mary White, a member of one of the early settled families. Very soon afterward he and his wife removed to Tilbury township, East, County of Kent, and received of Col. Talbot government Lot 24, M. R. N., of 100 acres, upon which Mr. Hodgson began the task of clearing wild land. After eight years he sold this farm and in October, 1850, moved to Romney township, purchasing 100 acres, Lot 12, Concession 3. This property, like the first, was entirely wild, but he erected a log house and began again the work of clearing it off, and continued to reside upon his farm until he was seventy-five years of age, when he retired from farming, sold his property and is now residing in the village of Wheatley, aged eighty-two years. His wife died in 1890, aged sixty-eight years. In politics Mr. Hodgson has been a Conservative all his life and for many years was a prominent figure in municipal affairs. In 1858 he became a member of the township council, and for twenty years, with the exception of one year, was a member of that body. In religious belief he was a Methodist from childhood, and in earlier days took a prominent part in church matters, and is to-day strong in his faith. To himself and wife the following children were born: James W.; Jane (deceased),

who married Joseph Wright; Phoebe, widow of R. Pickle; Frances, who married Abram Hyatt; Isaac, residing in Wheatley; and Mary, who resides with her father.

James W. Hodgson was born in Tilbury East township, Dec. 27, 1844, and was six years of age when the family came to Romney township, where he grew to manhood, receiving such educational advantages as were afforded by the section school of that time. At the age of twenty-three years he began for himself on the place he now occupies, Lot 10, Concession 3, his farm then consisting of seventy-five acres, of which less than half was cleared. He soon had the entire property under cultivation, and later added fifty acres to the farm. Mr. Hodgson still continues to devote his land to general farming, and as all of his nine sturdy sons are with him he rents farms, he and his children cultivating them all with marked success. Politically he is a Conservative, and has been active in township matters for a number of years. In 1880 and 1881 he served as collector; in 1882 he was assessor; in 1884 he was a member of the council, and served in that body for eight years, and in February, 1894, he became clerk of the township, which office he has continued to fill most acceptably ever since. In religious matters he is a member of the Trinity Methodist Church, in which he served as superintendent of the Sunday-school for four years. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Foresters, at Wheatley.

In 1867 Mr. Hodgson was married to Helen Imeson, then a resident of Mersea township, but a native of Detroit, and she died Jan. 31, 1900, aged fifty years, the mother of the following children: Isaac G., who is a farmer on Lot 14, Concession 4; Henry T., a farmer of Lot 14, Concession 4; David I., who has a 320-acre farm at Minto, North Dakota; James W., Jr., a farmer of Lot 10, Concession 3; Joseph W., a farmer of Lot 15, Concession 6; George L., a farmer of Lot 11, Concession 3; Wallace W., a farmer on Lot 23, Concession 3; Jonathan E., a farmer on the southeast quarter, Lot 10, Concession 3; and Russell E., at home.

JAMES LAWTON was among the highly esteemed and prominent farmers of Howard township who will be long remembered on account of business integrity and many sterling characteristics. His home was in Concessions 4 and 5.

Mr. Lawton was born in Canada in 1820, a son of George and Mary E. (Wolley) Lawton, both of whom were born at Manchester, England, the father in 1792, and the mother in 1798. George Lawton was a highly educated man, having attended some of the best schools of his native land, and after emigrating to Canada was a teacher in the schools of the Dominion for a number of years. He was also a fine and eloquent speaker, and participated in numerous public debates. Later he settled on 200 acres of land in the County of Elgin, near Yarmouth, where he resided many years, until he located in Union, and there erected a large brick house and spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1865. His wife survived him for ten years, passing away in this home his love had made for her in 1875. They had a family of five sons and two daughters: John (deceased), born in England, settled on the Lake Shore in the County of Elgin, and there lived and died, leaving one son, Alexander, now residing on his father's homestead; Hannah married William Hindey, of the County of Elgin, who is now deceased, and she resides in Dakota with her daughter, Mrs. Miller; George and Joseph died when young men, during the Rebellion; Bessie, born in England, married Henry Hindey, who settled in California, where they both died, leaving one son, George Hindey, of California; Hugh, born in Canada, is now a resident of St. Augustine, Texas, and is unmarried; James is mentioned below.

James Lawton was reared to manhood upon his father's farm, receiving the usual advantages for acquiring an education given to farmer boys of his time. On Jan. 19, 1845, ha was united in marriage to Margary, daughter of Angus and Anna (McMickel) Sinclair, who were both born in Scotland, he in 1809, and she in 1815. By occupation Mr. Sinclair was a shipbuilder. He came to the Dominion and settled in Quebec, where he worked at his trade for twenty years. He then settled in Toronto, living there some years prior to his death. He left his wife with two daughters and one son: Daniel, Anna B. and Mrs. Lawton. Mrs. Sinclair moved to the County of Elgin a few years after the death of her husband, where she brought up her children, and

died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lawton, in 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Of the children; Daniel Sinclair married Margaret Campbell, and lived on a farm in Lambton for some years, after which he went to the Cariboo Gold Mines and became wealthy. Returning home, he purchased a large farm in Tilbury, and there lived retired until his death, in 1898; he left a wife and family. Anna B. Sinclair, now deceased, married Neil Campbell, who lived and worked at his trade of carpenter in the County of Elgin, where his wife died, leaving four children.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton settled at Yarmouth after their marriage, upon his father's farm, and remained there until 1870, when he purchased a farm in Howard township, in the 4th and 5th Concessions, but he later divided up this large property among his sons, and in 1897 moved to Ridgetown, purchasing a comfortable home in that town. There he resided until 1899, when he passed away, deeply mourned by his family and a wide circle of friends.

Nine children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, as follows: George, born in Yarmouth, married Miss Mary Shope, and resides on one of his father's farms in Howard township; he has four children, Frank, Minnie, Grace and Ernest. John married Miss Carrie Shope, and lives in Detroit, where he is a butcher; he has four children, John, James, Ben and Anna. James married Miss Mary A. Simpson, lives on a farm in Howard township, and has seven children, of whom we have the names of five, Welby, Haway, George, William and Kile. Dr. Thomas Lawton, born in Canada, studied medicine in Toronto, and later finished his course in Edinburgh, Scotland; he married a Miss Green, of Edinburgh, and they now reside in Detroit, where he is a leading physician and surgeon; they have four sons, George, Fred, Joseph and Thomas. Angus, born in Yarmouth, married Miss Hammil, of the County of Kent, and lives on the old home farm in Howard township; he has one daughter, Margery. Mary A. died when sixteen years of age. Isabella and Mary, twins, were born in Howard township. Isabella married James Leatherdale, and settled on a farm where she died in 1886, leaving two children, Emily and Laurin; Mary married David Simpson, a carriage maker of Ridgetown, and has two children, Lawton and ——. Anna, born in Howard township, married Andrew McDonald, a prosperous farmer of Chatham, and has two children, Mildred and Gordon.

In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Lawton celebrated their golden wedding, and pleasant memories cluster about that day for Mrs. Lawton. They early connected themselves with the Baptist Church, of which she is still an active member. Politically Mr. Lawson was a radical Reformer. The Lawton family is one of the oldest and best in Canada, and occupies a high position socially in Ridgetown. Mrs. Lawton is a good Christian woman, charitable and kind hearted, and her husband was one of the progressive and successful farmers and business men of his locality. All the members of the family enjoy the highest respect and esteem of their fellow townsmen in the several communities in which they reside, and they are worthy children of such excellent parents.

WILLIAM CHARLES SIFTON, a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, and one of the prominent public men of the County of Kent, being county warden, county commissioner and postmaster at Palmyra, was born in the village of Ancaster, County of Wentworth, Ont., April 22, 1851. His parents, Robert and Mary (Ellis) Sifton, natives of Ireland, were married in Canada. The father came to Canada with his parents in 1820, locating in London township, County of Middlesex, and became a stonecutter, contractor and builder, making a specialty of railroad contracting. During the last ten years of his life he lived retired, and his death occurred in the County of Elgin in 1877, when he was sixty-seven years old. The mother resides on the old homestead, now (1904) aged seventy-seven years. She is a member of the Church of England, as was the father. Mr. and Mrs. Sifton became the parents of the following named children: Rebecca married J. L. Pierce, a farmer of Wallacetown, Ont.; William C. is mentioned below; Joseph is a farmer of Romeo, Michigan; Bennet E. is on the old homestead; John J. is a farmer of Wallacetown; Edmond S. is a lumberman of Munising, Michigan; Harry F. is a farmer in Orford township; Frank is a machinist of Toronto, Ontario.

On Oct. 14, 1880, in Orford township, William C. Sifton married Elizabeth Luxton, and

they have had four children, Mary E., Floyd, William (who died in infancy) and Harry L. The survivors are still with their parents.

Mr. Sifton was twenty-seven years of age when he moved to Orford township, in the spring of 1878, from Dunwich township, County of Elgin. He rented his present farm for three years, after which he purchased the property, which consists of 120 acres in Lot 74, on the Talbot road. He also owns another 130 acres in the same township. The handsome stone house in which the family resides was erected in 1891, and is one of the show places of the township, being finished in hardwood and handsomely fitted with all modern improvements, including gas, steam heat and hot water; it is thoroughly comfortable in every respect.

For a number of years Mr. Sifton has been one of the leading men of his community, and he is steadily advancing in public favor, being recognized as one of the coming men in politics in the county, as well as an excellent farmer and practical business man. In politics he is a Conservative, and has served his party for many years, having been a member of the township council for seven years, and deputy reeve for one year, and in 1895 he was appointed postmaster. In 1899 further honors awaited him, and he was made county commissioner, now serving his second term in that capacity. On Jan. 14, 1904, he was elected county warden. He is also prominent in fraternal organizations, being a Master Mason, a member of the A. O. U. W. and a member of the C. O. F. His religious connection is with the Church of England, with which his family also unites.

FREDERICK MACAULEY (deceased), who for many years occupied a very prominent place in the life of the township of Camden, County of Kent, was born in Euphemia, County of Lambton, Ont., April 8, 1840, and died on the homestead farm July 20, 1902. This fine farm of ninety acres is located in the 1st Concession, Lot 3, and upon it he built a fine brick house, which was completed May 24, 1882.

Mr. MacAuley was a son of Robert and Agnes MacAuley, of Scotland, who came to the County of Lambton, settling there in 1846, but later removed to the present homestead, at a time when all the country was a wilderness. Upon this farm the father died in 1850, aged forty-six years, while the mother died in 1868, aged seventy-nine years. They were buried on a portion of the present farm. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. The following children were born to this worthy couple: James (deceased) lived in the County of Lambton; William (deceased) lived on a portion of the homestead; Robert (deceased) lived on a portion of the homestead; Ellen (deceased), who died in Marine City, Michigan, was the wife of James D. Brown; Ann, of Caseville, Michigan, is the widow of Eugene Perry; Agnes, of Ridgetown, married Robert Alexander; Frederick is mentioned below; Arthur is a retired farmer of Baker City, Oregon.

In March, 1866, in Camden township, Frederick MacAuley married Mary McBride, and four children were born of this union, as follows: Etta F., at home; Ella, married to Joseph Hazzard, a farmer of Chatham township; James R. and Robert G., at home. Mrs. MacAuley was born at Port Dover, Ont., and is a sister of Mrs. Thomas Rook, of Camden township.

Frederick MacAuley came to the present homestead with his parents in 1846 and remained there all of his life. Although a stanch Reformer he always refused political preferment, and lived an honest, upright life, setting an excellent example to all and discharging the duties of life according to the dictates of conscience and the faith of the Presbyterian Church, to which denomination he gave liberally; he died firm in its teachings. His family reside upon the homestead, where the widow, assisted by her sons, carries on the work of the estate, and all of the name stand very high in the estimation of the community. Mr. MacAuley lies buried in the beautiful Dresden cemetery.

JAMES STEPHENS (deceased) was a prominent merchant and banker of Dresden, and also a man of much prominence in the municipal life of the place. He was born in the County of Northumberland, Ont., and died in Dresden Feb. 20, 1900, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His remains are buried in the Dresden cemetery.

Mr. Stephens was married in Detroit to Miss Sarah Traxler, who was born in Louis-

ville, County of Kent, daughter of Capt. John Traxler of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have had five children, three sons and two daughters. Only one of the sons is now living, the eldest, Charles N., who is a prominent and influential resident of Dresden, having a fine farm closely adjoining the town. He is a man who spends much of his leisure time in reading and is unusually well posted on current topics and matters of general information. Lizzie, the eldest daughter, married E. J. MacIntyre, a jeweler in Chatham, and is at present taking a course of study in Germany. Mary E. lives with her widowed mother in Dresden, in a handsome brick house. Salem A. and John A. are both deceased.

James Stephens was reared on a farm, but was given a good education, and began his work in life by teaching in the Kent County schools for several years. Later he took up farming, and after some years of it went to Dresden, in 1873. There he continued to farm for the next seven years, and in 1880 opened a grain business, which he conducted for ten years. His next business venture was to open a private bank in Dresden, and this enterprise he was successfully conducting at the time of his death.

Politically Mr. Stephens was an ardent Tory, and he was an influential element in the political life of Dresden. A man both respected and liked, he was chosen to fill various offices and served as clerk of Camden township twenty years. For the same length of time he was bailiff of the Division court, while he was a member of the township council, and for two years was reeve of Dresden. He was the returning officer in the contested county election which resulted in the election of J. J. Hawkins as member of Parliament.

Fraternally Mr. Stephens belonged to the I. O. O. F. His religious connection was with the Church of England, of which both he and his wife were communicants. In all the relations of life his was an efficient and helpful personality, and his death was felt to be a distinct loss to the community.

THOMAS BURTON WEST, of the firm of West & Bouskill, proprietors of the Commercial Mill at Wallaceburg, a roller process flourmill, was born in London, England, March 23, 1845, a son of Thomas M. and Lydia (Gooderham) West, of England. The father came to the County of Kent in 1855, and was followed by his family a year later. They located in Bothwell, but soon after went to Dresden and lived there a few years, finally settling in Wallaceburg, where the father purchased a hotel and became very prominent, serving as bailiff ten years, from 1856 to 1866. During the later portion of his life he lived retired, selling his property, and locating in Wireton, Ont., in 1872. His death occurred in 1884, when he was sixty-four years of age. His wife passed away in 1883, aged sixty-four years. Both were members of the Church of England. The children born to their union were: Charles, who died young, in England; a daughter who died in New York; Thomas B.; and Harriett, who died at the age of six years.

In February, 1877, Thomas B. West married Maggie Scott, at St. Catharine's, Ont., and the children born to this union are: Thomas B., Moss S. (of Chicago), Roland G., Hazel H. and William, all but Moss with their parents. Mrs. West was born at Niagara Falls, Ont., in 1857, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Scott, of Canada, the latter dying at Niagara Falls; in 1885 the father removed to Wallaceburg, where he now resides with Mr. West.

Thomas Burton West remained with his parents until 1870, when in connection with Jason Holt he commenced to run a boat between Wallaceburg and Sarnia, but he sold his interest in 1874. The boat carried both freight and passengers, and Mr. West acted as purser. His next venture was the purchasing of the "Hiawatha," which he ran between Sarnia and Wallaceburg, continuing thus one year, when he again sold his interest, and embarked in a hardware business. After five years, in 1880, he embarked with S. C. Davis in the hardware line, and thus continued until 1899, at which time he disposed of that interest. In 1888 he had purchased a flourmill, and, while not conducting it himself, was its owner. In 1899 he directed his attention toward this establishment, and since then has largely increased its facilities and the volume of business, and now devotes all his time to it, manufacturing all kinds and grades of flour, and commanding an excellent trade.

Mr. West is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Royal Arcanum.

Both he and his wife are members of the Church of England. In politics he is a Conservative, and has served one year in the council. He is one of the best-known and most successful men in Wallaceburg.

CAPT. MATHEW P. SCOTT, gentleman farmer, ex-captain of boats on the lakes, now residing on Lot 4, 4th Concession, in Dover township, and one of the leading men of that section, was born at Brogville, Lower Canada, Feb. 21, 1850, a son of James and Jane (Byers) Scott, of Canada and Ireland, respectively.

James Scott was a sea captain, and died in 1879, aged seventy-five years, at Marine City, Michigan, having moved to the United States in the fall of 1850. His wife died in July, 1890, aged seventy-six, and both are buried at Marine City, Michigan. During his residence in Marine City James Scott served as school director. The children born to himself and wife were: Elizabeth, of Marine City, Michigan, who married William Anderson; James R., of Detroit, Michigan; Henry H., a hardware merchant of Marine City; John T., deceased; Margaret A., deceased, who married George A. Shaw; Capt. Mathew P., and Capt. Andrew B., of the schooner "Albany," Marine City.

On Feb. 1, 1893, Capt. Scott married, in Windsor, Ont., Thressa Daly, and their children are: Grover Cleveland and Winfield Byer. Mrs. Scott was born in the County of Kent, daughter of Barnard and Elizabeth Daly, of Ireland and Lower Canada, respectively, who emigrated to the County of Kent in 1848. For forty-eight years and six months he taught school in the County of Kent, but retired to Raleigh township, on a pension, owning a farm, which he rented for a number of years. There he died at the age of 101 years, in 1903; his wife is now eighty-nine years old, and is hale and hearty.

Capt. Scott remained with his parents until 1890, and during the years which had elapsed since he attained to manhood's estate he was sailing during the summer and employed in the shipyards during the winter season. Later he purchased a small schooner, the "Tim Baker," and ran it between Saginaw and Buffalo, New York, for four years, when it was lost. Since then he has been interested in other schooners. After about twenty-five years spent as captain of sailing boats he retired, in 1900, to his present home, where he expects to spend the remainder of his life. In 1901, he was elected a member of the school board, and is very much interested in educational matters. Capt. Scott and his wife dispense a delightful hospitality at their pleasant home, where they are surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, and they occupy a position of prominence among their neighbors and friends, being important factors in the social life of the community.

ISAAC S. BELL, a prominent farmer of the County of Kent, located on the Talbot road, in Howard township, was born on the Talbot road, Dec. 15, 1837, a son of Isaac P. and Ann (Kitchen) Bell.

Isaac P. Bell was born in 1787, in New Jersey, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Pettit) Bell, the former of whom was born in Wales and emigrated and settled in New Jersey prior to the Revolutionary war. Being opposed to fighting in the Colonial army, he came to Canada, and settled at Grimsby, near Hamilton, where he followed the profession of teaching until he moved to Howard, in the County of Kent. Soon afterward Isaac P. Bell settled on the Talbot Road, two miles west of Morpeth. This was in 1816, and at that time the country was a vast wilderness. The land was obtained through Col. Talbot, the English agent. Benjamin Bell died in 1820, his wife dying here also, in 1840. They had the following children: Jonathan, who was born in the East, settled and died on the Talbot Road; Dr. Nathaniel, who was born in New Jersey, practiced medicine through life near Hamilton; Benjamin, who was born in New Jersey, married and settled on the Talbot Road, where he lived for many years, and died at Grimsby (his daughter, Mrs. John Hartwick, a widow, now lives in Ridgetown); Isaac P. was the father of Isaac S. Bell.

Isaac P. Bell was but a lad when his parents moved from New Jersey to Canada, and he was educated in the schools of Grimsby prior to removing to Howard, where he started life as a farmer. He was appointed division magistrate and held the office for many years, being a man of education and most excellent ability. His fitness for office was recognized by his appointment as assessor and collector of Howard. Mr. Bell first put up log buildings on



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his farm, and in time built the fine home where he died in 1867. His widow survived until 1881, reaching the age of eighty; she was born in 1801, in Canada. They were both members of the Church of England, in which they worshipped for many years. Politically Mr. Bell was an active worker in the interests of the Conservative party. Mr. and Mrs. Bell reared a family of seven children, as follows: Amanda, who was born in Howard, in 1829, was the wife of Joseph Willson, and at the time of her death, in 1889, the family resided in Blenheim; her children were Theresa, the deceased wife of Samuel Murphey, of Blenheim; Bertha B.; Elizabeth, wife of Albert Upham, of Flat Rock, Michigan; Ada, wife of Byron Robinson, of the County of Essex; Walter, of Detroit; and Stillwell, who died in young manhood. Wheeler K., born in 1831, died in 1864, at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was engaged in business; he was unmarried. Cyrus S., born in 1833, married Susan Stewart, of Howard, and settled there as a farmer, later moving to Amherstburg, where he kept hotel; he subsequently went to Detroit, and thence to Windsor, and died in 1891, in Ridgetown, leaving three children—Dr. Oliver S. Bell (a practicing physician of Detroit), Annie, and Isaac P. (a dentist in Windsor). Isaac S. is mentioned below. John Bell died at the old homestead in boyhood. Maria Bell, born in 1843, is the wife of William Heath, a music teacher, who resides in Alberta, Northwest Territory; they have two children, Norris Bell and Cynthia Beulah, the latter the wife of William MacLaren, a general merchant of Strathcona, Alta., Canada. J. P., born in 1845, grew up at the old home in Howard, and after his marriage to Miss Guida A. Kitchen located at Waterford, Canada, where he died in 1872, soon after marriage; Mr. Bell owned the old homestead in Howard; his only daughter is now the wife of Omer Watson, a barrister of Ridgetown.

Isaac S. Bell grew to manhood on the old family homestead and was able to take advantage of the school opportunities when farm work did not press too much. He was trained to the practical duties of agriculture. In January, 1861, he married Miss Cynthia E. Smith, who was born near London, the estimable daughter of Edward and Ann Smith, the former of whom was one of London's prominent stock dealers, and was born near Toronto of American parentage. His wife, Ann Early, was born on the ocean, in 1814, of Scotch-Irish parentage. Her parents settled at London, where they lived till 1857, when Mrs. Smith died. Mr. Smith soon moved to Detroit, where he died in 1864. Mrs. Bell has one sister, Martha, the wife of Edward Smith, of Manitoba, Canada.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bell settled at their present home on Talbot street, which was purchased by his father. There were at the time some small improvements, consisting of a little house and twenty acres of cleared land. By 1880 Mr. Bell had succeeded in making many changes for the better, and then erected a fine brick residence, with all modern improvements; his substantial barns had been built as early as 1862. His farm, now cleared and cultivated, richly repays him for his years of industry. It is cultivated with excellent judgment and Mr. Bell is justly regarded as one of the most prominent and capable farmers of the vicinity.

A family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bell, two of whom, Clarence E. and Isaac R., died young. The others are: (1) Charles Edward Bell, born at the old home in 1861, received a good business education at Chatham, being Gold Medalist at the Chatham Business College, in 1882, and was head bookkeeper and office manager of the Harvester Co. of Chatham; while so engaged he became ill and died in 1889; he was unmarried. (2) Wheeler R. Bell, who was born in 1864, was a student in the Howard and Ridgetown schools and graduated from the Chatham Business College. He married Miss Sarah Guyett, a native of Howard, who died there in February, 1900; leaving one son, Douglas, born in 1898, who resides with his grandparents, while his father is a cattle rancher at Alberta, where he owns a large tract of land. (3) Lorne S. Bell, born in 1879, at the present home, attended the Conservatory of Music, at Toronto, where in 1899 he obtained a diploma, with honors, as a pianoforte tuner and skilled mechanic on musical instruments, and he was regarded as a remarkable young man, of great musical promise; he died at Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 14, 1904, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Ridgetown. (4) Maud M., born in 1867, had fine musical ability, and was educated at the Con-

servatory at Toronto. In 1890 she married A. R. McRitchie, B. A., and they settled in Ridgetown, where he was an instructor in the Collegiate Institute. She died in 1893, leaving two sons, Charles Victor, born in 1891, and Clare M., born in 1893, who died in 1896. In politics Mr. Bell has always been identified with the Conservative party, but he has never aspired to official recognition. Religiously he was brought up in the Church of England, but of late years he has become a Liberal. Fraternally he is connected with the United Order of Workmen, at Morpeth, Lodge No. 15.

The Bell family is one of the early pioneer families of Howard, their record reaching as far back as 1816, and during the many intervening years its members have been noted for their high morality, good scholarship and manliness of character. The present generation reflects credit upon the past. Isaac S. Bell enjoys the universal esteem of his community and both he and wife count the whole neighborhood as friends.

JOSEPH SMITH BOOTHROYD, a prominent and substantial farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, located on Concession 10, was born on his present farm in December, 1843, a son of Richard and Mary (Smith) Boothroyd, pioneer settlers of the county.

Richard Boothroyd was born in December, 1788, in Yorkshire, England, and Mary Smith was born in January, 1800, in Herefordshire, England. They grew to maturity and married there, coming to Canada in 1830, via the city of New York, making the journey on a sailing vessel across the ocean, from New York by the Erie canal to Buffalo, and thence to Canada, where he secured employment from Col. Talbot, for whom he worked until he was able to pay for 100 acres of land on Concession 6. There he lived for a time, when he bought part of Lot 12, in the 9th Concession, and traded it for Lot 13, 10th Concession, where he lived for the most part afterward. He made many substantial improvements, building a house and barn, fencing his land, and setting out orchards, and when death ended his labors, in 1879, he had a fine property. During the Rebellion of 1836-37 he performed patriotic service, under Col. Pattison. His wife died in 1858. Both were consistent members of the Church of England. Mr. Boothroyd was a man of firm political principles, and took an active part in the work of the Conservative party. A family of nine children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Boothroyd, as follows: (1) Michael died in childhood. (2) Thomas, born in England in 1827, married Mary Scafe, of Howard, and they settled on his farm in Concession 11, where he was accidentally killed in 1880, by a wild hog. He left a wife (who died in 1893) and four children. (3) George, born in 1829, in England, is a farmer on Concession 9, Howard township; he married Margaret Newcomb, of Orford township, and has two daughters. (4) Hannah, born in 1832, in Howard, married Robert Devereaux, of Chatham, Ont., where she died; Walter J. Devereaux, of Howard, is the only member of this family living in Canada. (5) Sarah, born in 1836, is the wife of Thomas Mitchell, of Chatham. (6) Richard, born in 1838, in Howard, married Belle Jenes, of Detroit, where they reside, he being engaged in business there as stage carpenter in Whitney's Opera House. (7) Mary, born in 1841, was twice married, and is survived by her second husband, William Stokeley; her first marriage was to John Collins, who left one daughter, Mary. (8) Joseph Smith is our subject. (9) Eliza, born in 1845, is the widow of the late Angus Campbell, of Ridgetown, and has children—Richard, John, Sarah Ann, Ella, Maggie and Etta.

Joseph Smith Boothroyd, the eighth member of his parents' family, was reared on the old farm and obtained his education in the schools of Howard. During his father's life he had charge of the home farm for twelve years. On Aug. 28, 1889, he was married to Mrs. Jennie (Wright) Day, daughter of William and Mary Wright, and a member of one of the old and prominent county families. Mr. Wright was born in Lincolnshire, England, and Mrs. Wright was born in Nottinghamshire, England. They were married in the old country, and came to Howard about 1835, settling on Concession 5, Howard township, where they lived and died. Mrs. Boothroyd was born in October, 1851, in Howard, and in 1874, married William Day, who settled at Highgate, where he died in August, 1880, leaving one son, Richard James, who married Mary Catherine Ford, and lives in Howard. Two other children, William J. and Mary E., died in childhood.

One daughter has come to Mr. and Mrs. Boothroyd, Lillie May, born July 3, 1893.

Joseph S. Boothroyd purchased the old homestead, and has resided all his life in the old place. During his possession he has made many substantial improvements, and his is one of the most comfortable and hospitable homes of the locality.

In the political field, Mr. Boothroyd, like his father, has been prominent, and has always been identified with the old Conservative party. His valuable services have been recognized and for six or seven years he has been elected councilman. He has been both deputy reeve and reeve, and was appointed to the latter position in 1901. For some sixteen years he has faithfully served the township in some capacity or other, and is very well known and most highly esteemed, his reputation being that of a capable, conscientious, public-spirited citizen. Mr. Boothroyd was reared in the Church of England. His fraternal association is with the Foresters. For many years he has shown his deep interest in both agricultural and educational matters, has been a director in the Agricultural Society of Howard township and Ridgetown, for a long period, and since 1870 has been the secretary-treasurer of School Section No. 5, of Howard—both honorable and responsible positions.

THOMAS DILLON. Among the men who have been prominent in the public life of the County of Kent is Thomas Dillon, a retired merchant in Bothwell, and one of the leading men of that locality. Mr. Dillon came to Bothwell in 1867 from Euphemia township, County of Lambton, Ont. He was born at Carlow, Ireland, Aug. 1, 1827, a son of Joseph and Mary (Riley) Dillon, of that county, who came to Canada in 1832, locating in the County of Lambton, where the father was a farmer and became quite well known, holding many of the minor township offices. His death occurred in 1889, when he was eighty-six years of age, while the mother died in 1890. They are buried in Wardsville, Ont. Both were consistent members of the Catholic Church. The children born to Joseph and Mary Dillon were: Sarah, of Bridgeton, Ont., the widow of George Huff; Thomas; Michael, a retired farmer of Chatham, and a man of prominence; John, an implement dealer of Chatham; Margaret, of the County of Lambton, widow of Henry Curran; and James, a farmer of Chatham, Ontario.

In July, 1852, in Chatham, Ont., Thomas Dillon married Margaret Waters, and there were born to this union children as follows: Mary, married William Regan, and died at the age of fifty-one; Joseph, a merchant of Bothwell, Ont., married Mary O'Keefe, of Hamilton; John died in 1898, in Vermont, where he was engaged as a general merchant, at St. Albans (he married Anna Harvey, of Ontario); Thomas, who died in 1895, was a merchant in St. Albans, Vermont, and a member of the militia of that State; James died in the Northwest Territory in 1894, unmarried; Philip died in 1863, in the County of Lambton; Margaret died in 1864; Catherine, of Dubuque, Iowa, married Frank Beachley, trainmaster of the Michigan Central Railway Company; Ellen, of Detroit, Michigan, married Walter Skelly, a coal merchant.

Mrs. Dillon was born in County Carlow, Ireland, and she died July 6, 1895, and was buried in the Wardsville cemetery. She was a daughter of Philip and Bridget (Coleman) Waters, of Ireland, who, in 1840, settled in the County of Lambton, where the father engaged in farming. In 1898 Mr. Dillon married for his second wife, Miss Elizabeth Sullivan, who was born in 1864 in Windsor, Ont., daughter of John and Catherine (Quinn) Sullivan. Prior to the marriage Mrs. Dillon lived in Detroit many years.

Thomas Dillon remained upon the farm until he attained to manhood, and three years prior to his marriage purchased a farm upon which he alone lived until he took unto himself a wife, after which he continued there until his location in Bothwell, where he embarked in a general merchandise business which he conducted successfully until 1890, when he retired. In addition to his business interests he found time to devote to town affairs, and served as school trustee for three years; was town councillor for twenty-five years; mayor of Bothwell four years; and member of the county council for eight years. Before removing to Bothwell he was councillor of Euphemia township, County of Lambton, and school trustee. About 1863 he was appointed postmaster for the County of Lambton, which he declined, and he also declined the office of government justice

of the peace for that county. In religious connection he is a Roman Catholic. His political views make him a Conservative, and he has always been a man to weigh carefully before entering into any enterprise, but once his mind was made up he has never been known to neglect a duty, or to fail in carrying it out. Mr. Dillon is a self-made man. In all his business ventures he has been successful, and in his years of public life has discharged his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people.

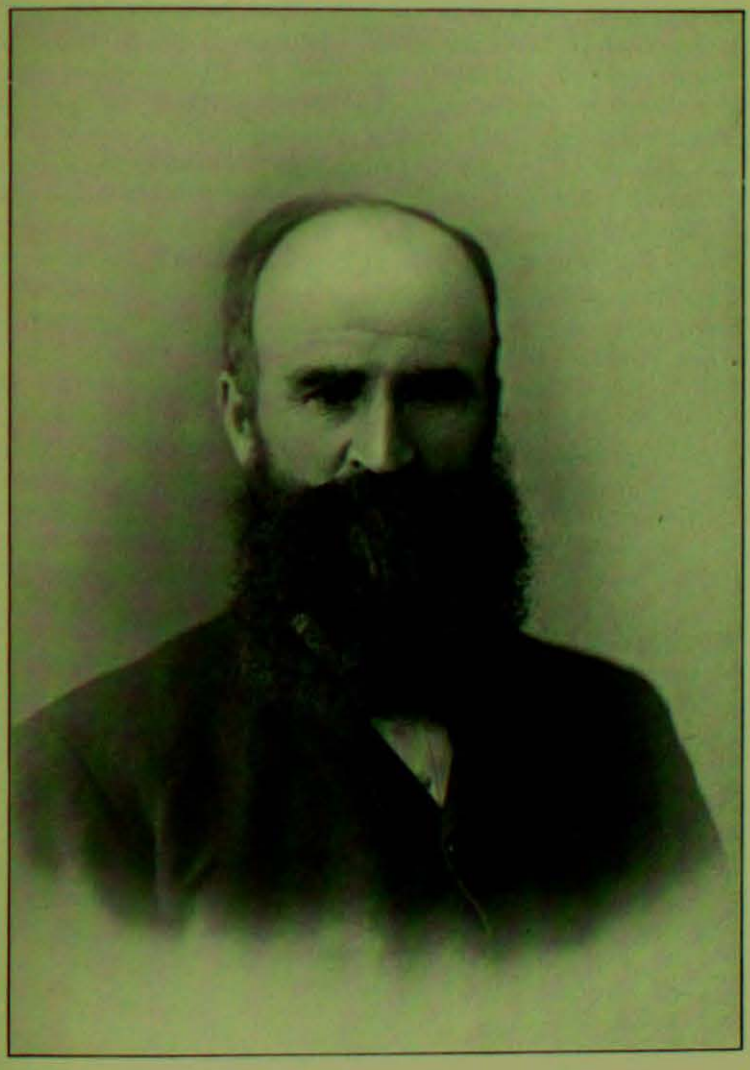
JOHN McKAY (deceased), who for many years was one of the leading farmers of the County of Kent, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Feb. 17, 1832, and died on the farm in Chatham still occupied by his family, Aug. 21, 1892. He was buried in McVickers cemetery, Chatham township.

Mr. McKay came to this farm in 1838, when it was known as the Albion farm, and upon it erected two handsome brick houses and made many improvements. His parents were John and Janet (McKerrall) McKay, of Argyllshire, Scotland, where they remained until 1838, in which year they came to Canada and located in Chatham township, County of Kent, taking up 100 acres of wild land which they improved. The father was born July 3, 1792, and died April 14, 1856, while the mother, born May 17, 1797, died May 1, 1860; they were buried in McVickers cemetery. They were members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Chatham, in which he was one of the first elders, holding that office until his death. The children of this worthy couple were: Margaret, born April 8, 1822, is the widow of Duncan McNaughton, of Chatham, Ont.; Isabella, born April 13, 1824, resides in Detroit, Michigan, widow of Alexander Paton; Mary L., born April 19, 1826, married Neil McCorvie, and died in 1876; Amelia, born April 19, 1828, lives in Chatham, Ont.; Janet, born Aug. 17, 1830, died May 1, 1831; John was born Feb. 17, 1832; James, born Feb. 23, 1834, died July 25, 1888; Janet, born Sept. 30, 1836, married John Smith, of Detroit, Michigan; Peter, born May 20, 1839, died Feb. 18, 1850.

On March 28, 1861, John McKay was united in marriage with Catherine McKerrall, and they had children as follows: Janet, born July 5, 1863, married William D. McNeilage, of Chatham township; Catherine M., born Oct. 11, 1865, is at home; Mary, born July 13, 1867, married James Gray, merchant of Chatham; John D., born Oct. 3, 1869, a farmer on the old homestead, married Alice Pugh; James D., born Sept. 4, 1872, is unmarried, and remains with his mother. Mrs. McKay was born in Hamilton, Ont., April 5, 1834, a daughter of Donald and Janet (McFarlane) McKerrall, of Argyllshire, Scotland, where they married and lived until 1832, when they emigrated to Hamilton, Ont., and purchased a farm. There they remained until 1835, at which time they came to the County of Kent, settling in Chatham township, where they purchased a farm on the present site of Darrell and lived for eleven years. They then retired, removing to Chatham, Ont., where the father died in 1863, aged seventy-two years, while his wife died in 1867, aged seventy-one years. They are both buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, and were members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Chatham. They were the first to settle in what was known as the Scotch settlement in Chatham. During the Rebellion of 1837-38 he was a gallant soldier and was wounded. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKerrall: Janet, deceased, married Peter Longwell; Margaret, of Chatham, Ont., is the widow of Dugal McNaughton; Malcolm and John died young; Catherine is the widow of John McKay; Mary, deceased, married Salem Traxler.

The late John McKay came to Chatham township with his parents and settled on the 5th Concession, facing the 6th, Lot 8. At the time of his death he had two fine farms, one of 150 acres and the other of 100 acres, both in excellent condition and supplied with good buildings. For many years he acted as school trustee, was township councilman for a year, and was returning officer for many years, holding that office at the time of his death. His influence was much felt in local affairs. Politically he was a Conservative. For three years he resided in Chatham, but returned to the farm, where his death occurred. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which faith his wife and children still hold, and he was honored and respected by all who knew him.

A. C. WOODWARD. The Chatham *News*, successor to the *Banner*, was launched on the ocean of newspaperdom in January,



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1865, by J. R. Gemmill, now the esteemed sheriff of the County of Kent, who remained its proprietor till 1894, its editor till 1897. These were stormy days in the country to the south and the columns were full of war news. The service in this respect was splendid, and this, combined with the prominent stand taken by the paper in political matters, soon caused it to assume the place which it has ever since held as the Liberal organ of the county. From its foundation in 1865 till April 7, 1894, when it was first issued as a daily, it continued to rank high among Canadian weeklies, taking a prominent part in politics and the discussion of business and agricultural problems. During this year Mr. James S. Brierly, of St. Thomas, acquired control of the property, Mr. J. F. McKay, now business manager of the *Globe*, being interested later on. In 1896 Norman W. Ford, now of Toronto, purchased the property, and it remained in his control till November, 1900, when the present proprietor, A. C. Woodward, acquired it. Under the present management the name was changed from *The Banner* to *The Banner-News*, and later to *The News*, the name *Banner-News* still obtaining for the weekly edition.

The Daily News and its weekly edition at present has the largest circulation in the county and one of the largest west of Hamilton. Its reading matter is always fresh and consistently true, its policy progressive, its advertising list always crowded and its popularity continually growing.

THOMAS HARRISON, a retired gentleman of County Kent, and for thirteen years the efficient keeper at the light-house at Rondeau, is a native of the village of Morpeth, where he was born Oct. 16, 1817, a son of Lovell and Margaret (Ruddle) Harrison, who came hither from Nova Scotia in 1815, where the former was born, a son of John Harrison, a native of England, who had settled in Nova Scotia many years before. Mrs. Margaret (Ruddle) Harrison was a native of Ireland, and a daughter of Thomas Ruddle, who came from Ireland at the beginning of the American war of 1812, and was taken prisoner by a British privateer, and carried to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Lovell Harrison and wife were married in Nova Scotia and on coming to Ontario, settled on land selected through Col. Talbot, in Lot 88, on the Talbot Road, North. Here he built a log cabin in the woods where he was one of the very first settlers, and he spent his whole life in clearing up a farm. Both he and wife, the latter his very able helper, died in the old home, his life ending in 1842, in its prime, while his faithful widow survived until 1880, dying at an advanced age. Their children were: (1) Lovell was born in Howard. (2) John James, born in 1816, settled on the 7th Concession, where he died; he married a Miss Calbery and left two daughters, who are still living. (3) Thomas. (4) Charlotte, born in 1820, married Edward Bury, of County Kent, and they resided near the Lake shore in Howard, where he died. (5) William Harrison, born in 1826, married Jane Flook, of Chatham, and they lived for some years on a part of his father's farm on the lake shore, and then moved to Port Huron, State of Michigan, where he purchased a farm, where he still resides. They have five children, Frank, Annie, Thomas, Charlotte and Letitia. (6) Margaret, born in Howard in 1828, married William Money, and settled near Rondeau, on the line of Harwich, where both died, leaving children, P. L., of Cleveland; James A., of Canada; William I., a teacher in Canada; and Sarah, since deceased. (7) Robert, born in Howard in 1831, married Nancy Nicholas, a native of Scotland, and settled in Howard, where he spent many years as a thresher and farmer. He died at his home in 1887, survived by his wife and the following children, all residents of Ridgetown: Lovell, William, Margaret, Archie, Mary and Duncan.

Thomas Harrison received his education in Howard, although he was able to take advantage of but a few months in winter. When he reached young manhood, he began life as a sailor on the Lakes Erie and Ontario, and continued in the work for some time after marriage. He then settled on a part of the old home farm, where he was occupied in farming, and he was made light-house keeper at Rondeau. Here Mr. Harrison faithfully served the government until superannuated, when he purchased a home in Morpeth, selling the farm and retiring from active life.

In 1849 Mr. Harrison married Jemima C. Kenny, daughter of William and Alice Kenny, who came from Ireland, and settled as farmers

on the lake shore in Howard. Mrs. Harrison was born in 1826 in Ireland, but was small when her parents came to Canada. She died in her home in Morpeth, in February, 1902, a Christian woman, a faithful member of the Church of England. No children were born of this union, but these good people opened their hearts and home to two little fatherless children, a brother and sister, the former of whom, Henry, died young, but the latter, Miss Loudesky, resides in the home in Morpeth. Politically Mr. Harrison is identified with the Reform party, but he has never desired or sought office. For many years he has been a member of the old English Church, which his parents were instrumental in founding in this locality. Mr. Harrison has always been a man of reliability, and while holding a government office, paid that attention to its duties which brought him commendation. He is well known in the vicinity of Morpeth, and justly takes his place in the honorable line of the makers of Howard township.

LAWRENCE J. GOSNELL, general farmer of Orford township, residing on his excellent place of 163 acres in the 7th Concession, Lots 11 and 12, came to this property in 1877 from the family homestead on the Ridge road, in the same township. He was born on that homestead Nov. 23, 1848, a son of James and Ann (Gosnell) Gosnell, of County Cork, Ireland, who came to Orford township, County of Kent, Ont., about 1824 and here remained, the father dying May 24, 1866, aged seventy-six, and the mother Aug. 4, 1891, aged seventy-two years. They were buried in Gosnell cemetery, and were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were as follows: Catherine married Robert McDonald, of Howard township; Ellen married James McDonald, of Orford township; Mary A. married Jonas Gosnell, of Orford township, who is spoken of elsewhere; Sarah married John Baxter, of Orford; Eva married Robert Forbes, of the County of Elgin; William R., James and Joseph are deceased; Amelia, of Ridgetown, married Albert Ferguson; John S. is on the old homestead in Orford; Lawrence J. is mentioned below.

On Oct. 25, 1877, Lawrence J. Gosnell married Margaret Gillanders and children as follows were born to them: Angus J. died in infancy; Clayton and Jennie L. and A. Mary, young ladies, are at home. Mrs. Gosnell was born on her father's farm on the Ridge road in Orford township, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Matheson) Gillanders, and a sister of Augus Gillanders, of Orford township.

Until his marriage Mr. Gosnell remained at home, at that time purchasing his present place, which is one of the best in the neighborhood, although the land was wild when he located upon it. He attends and supports the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer, and he is a man well and favorably known through the community where he has made his home for so many years.

JAMES SIMINGTON (deceased). Perhaps few men were more sincerely mourned by the whole community than was the late James Simington, of Howard, County Kent, who, after a long, useful and upright life, passed away, leaving behind him a record which is cherished by his relatives more highly than the material gifts which his industry provided.

The birth of James Simington took place in 1807, in the great city of Dublin, Ireland, a city which has sent to Canada many of her best and most loyal citizens. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Henry) Simington, both of whom were born in Ireland, where they married, coming with their children to Canada in 1821. They settled first on Government land, near London, Ont., and then moved on land procured from Col. Talbot, on the Botany Road, in Howard township. This was so early in the settlement of the country that the forests were still growing to the edges of the streams, and the savage animals and bands of Indians had not yet been frightened away. Here Mr. Simington took up the burden of making a home for his family, working with industry and perseverance, ably assisted by his growing sons. His children were: (1) William never married. He lived for many years on his father's farm and accumulated large means; later he engaged in a banking business in Chatham, where he died in 1892. (2) Hugh was born in Ireland, and married Mary Griffin, a Canadian, and settled on land adjoining the Canadian homestead where he died. He married Mary Griffin, of Canada, and their chil-

dren were: John and James, on the old homestead in Howard; George and Daniel, who reside at Bad Axe, State of Michigan; Hugh and William, of Howard; Christina, who was drowned in the Thames River, in young womanhood; Mary A., wife of Henry Sullivan of Bad Axe, Michigan; and Elizabeth, the wife of George Scott, of Kent Bridge, County Kent. (3) John Simington, born in Ireland, died in Chatham, a retired farmer. He married Miss Mahala Huff, who with their one son resides on the old home farm near Chatham. (4) Ann, deceased, was the wife of John McDowell, a native of the State of New York, who owned the first foundry in Chatham. They had these children: Mary, Lizzie and Annie, of Bay City, Michigan; Dr. Christopher, of Detroit; John, who was drowned at Bay City; and William, who is one of the wealthy residents of Bad Axe, Michigan. (5) Henry Simington was born in Ireland, and lived for a time on his farm in Howard township, and then moved to Ridgetown where he died after some years of retired life. He married Christina Cone of County Kent, and their two children were: Henry, who owns a ranch in Northwestern Canada; and Alice, who is the wife of Henry Alexander, formerly of Detroit, now of Colorado, and they have two sons. (6) Elizabeth Simington, born in Ireland, never married, but made her home with her brother William, and died in Chatham. (7) James.

James Simington was a youth of quick perceptions, and prior to coming to Canada acquired all the schooling ever given him. From an early age he was his father's dependable helper, operating the farm when his three brothers fought during the Rebellion of 1836-7, and performing the duties of several men. In 1840 he was united in marriage to the beloved lady who still survives, the center of a group of tender relatives. Harriet Julian, now Mrs. Simington, was a daughter of William and Sarah (Mills) Julian, the former of whom was a native of the State of Maryland, and the latter of Delaware, Ont. William Julian was the only son of John and Martha (Johnston) Julian, who were early settlers from Ireland and Wales, in the State of Maryland, moving to the State of Pennsylvania after the War of the Revolution, and coming to Canada prior to the Rebellion. During their residence in Pennsylvania they suffered from the Indians. The long journey to Canada was made as a caravan, as they drove their cattle and horses through the country, landing on the banks of the river Thames in 1806. They never left this place, lived peaceful, quiet, industrious lives here and accumulated large means for those early days, possessing great herds and flocks and many acres of land. Besides their son, William, who settled on the homestead, John and Martha (Johnston) Julian had five daughters: Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth, who died in the States; Ruth, who married William Kilnburn, and died in Delaware, Ont.; and Martha (or Polly) died unmarried, in Canada.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Simington settled on the Botany Road in Howard, in a little log house which Mrs. Simington's good management made neat and comfortable, and this was their home until 1853, when they erected a hotel on the present farm, on the Thames River, and for seven years they here cared for the traveling public and provided rest and refreshment for man and beast. Mr. Simington also dealt extensively in stock and produce. After the death of Mrs. Simington's mother, the former inherited the farm in connection with her sister, Pauline. The latter married William Plympson, an English gentleman who taught school in this locality, and they later moved to the State of California, where she died, leaving two children: Joseph, of the State of Texas; and Ellen, who is Mrs. Stone, of Washington, D. C.

The birth of Mrs. Simington took place on this old homestead in 1818, and after receiving a fair education, she engaged in teaching, and was one of the first teachers in that vicinity. After inheriting the farm, she and her husband gave up the hotel, and the balance of their lives were spent on the old home, with the exception of a few years spent in Thamesville. They then went back to the comforts of the farm and there Mr. Simington died in 1896. He was one of the prominent members of the Methodist Church, and a man who in every relation of life fulfilled the highest ideal. His widow is one of the valued members of the same Church, in which she has a wide circle of friends who appreciate her Christian character. A family of seven children were born to them, namely: (1) Elizabeth, born on the Botany Road in

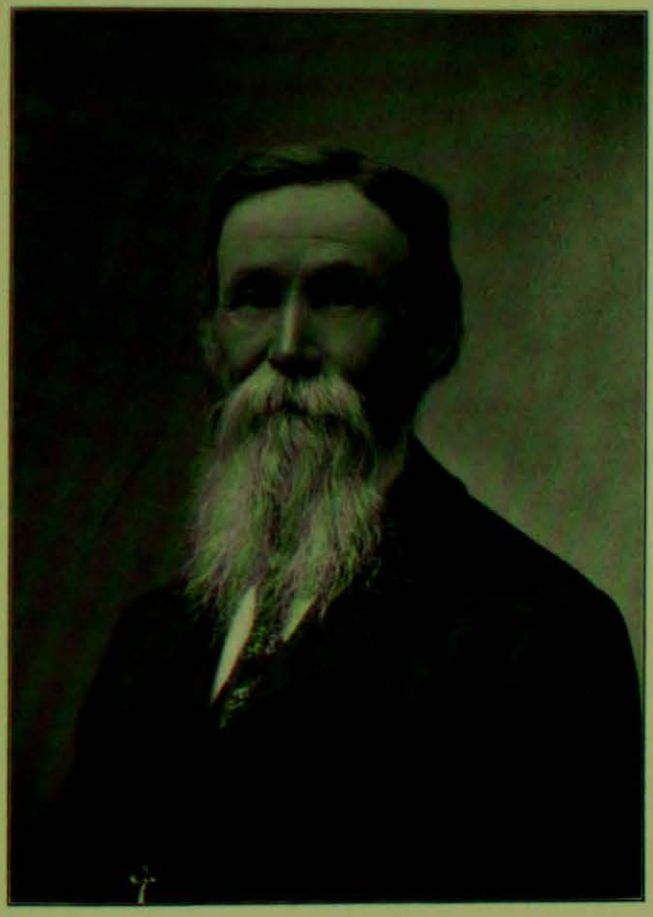
Howard, in 1841, is the widow of John Ford, of Cleveland, an engineer on the Lakes, and she still resides in that city. Her children are: William, John and Sylvester, of Cleveland, unmarried; Winnie, wife of George McGaffey, of Cleveland, by whom she has one son, Cecil; and Hattie, wife of George Malone, of British Columbia, by whom she has one daughter, Marguerite. (2) William, born in 1843, grew to manhood and died in the State of Michigan. (3) Annie, born in 1846, married William Ashwin, of an old Howard family, and they resided in Thamesville until 1902 when they moved to Holland, Michigan, where he is fireman on a railroad. Their two children are: William, a family man in Thamesville; and Miss Nettie. (4) James, born in 1849, married Belle, daughter of Alexander McDonald, of Howard; and they moved to the Northwest, where he became wealthy as a surveyor and in the real estate business. He was accidentally killed in 1900, while out with a hunting party, leaving a widow and seven children, namely: William, Walter, Edward, James, Percy, Mary and Edith. (5) Sarah, born in 1851, married Charles Sterch, a carpenter in Detroit, and they have four children—James, Carrie, William and Verna. (6) Pauline, born at the present home in June, 1861, was well educated, and on July 4,1885, married James Henderson, who was born in 1860, in the Province of Quebec. They reside on the home farm which he capably manages, and they have four children: Kenneth, born in 1888, is a student at the Chatham Business College; Clifford, born in 1891; Arthur, born in 1892; and Bella, born in 1894. Mrs. Henderson is a member of and an active worker in the Methodist Church and is a lady of refinement and culture, inheriting many of her winning attributes from her beloved mother. (7) Hattie, born in 1865, was well educated, and is now the wife of Henry Tiffin, of Camden, County Kent, and their children are: Pearl, Hazel, Harry and Hattie.

In political connection Mr. Simington was a strong Conservative. For many years he was a member of the Order of Orangemen, being enrolled in the Thamesville Lodge. He was a man so highly esteemed that his name is never mentioned without some respectful comment from old friends and neighbors. In him they knew they could find a man of reliability and of sterling honesty, and one who was actuated in his life by motives approved by a Christian conscience.

SILAS JAMES HARVEY, a member of one of the old families of Raleigh township, County of Kent, and one of the most highly respected residents of that locality, is now serving his thirty-fourth consecutive year as treasurer of the township, having been appointed first in December, 1869, and during all of the intervening years there has been no fault found with him.

William Harvey, his grandfather, was a native of the Isle of Wight, where he married a Miss Chessell, and there followed farming. He reared a family of five sons and three daughters, namely: William, Isaac, John, George, Cornelius, Charlotte, Mary and Sarah, the father of our subject being the youngest but one. Of the daughters, Charlotte, Mrs. Dyer, lived at Ryde, Isle of Wight. Mary, Mrs. Holbrook, came across to Philadelphia in 1819 with her husband, and died soon afterward, leaving him with three little boys, James, George and William, the last named an infant; Mr. Holbrook survived her only ten months; he was a blacksmith by occupation. Sarah, Mrs. Henry West, came to Canada and settled in the township of Raleigh, opposite her brother George's place, and died in 1838, leaving her husband and six children, five sons and one daughter, the daughter becoming the wife of the late Stephen White, Esq.

George Harvey, father of Silas J., was born on the Isle of Wight Sept. 26, 1800, and when a lad of nineteen years came with his sister and brother-in-law, the late Henry West, to America, first locating at Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained two years. He then removed to Pennsylvania, living there three years, after which he determined to come to Canada. He came to the township of Southwold, County of Elgin, Ont., in 1825, and was married in the Church of England, St. Thomas, by Rev. Mr. McIntire, on March 7, 1827, to Mary White, daughter of William and Hannah White, a native of Rolvenden, County of Kent, England, born July 16, 1808. She came with her father to America in 1816, locating in Pennsylvania, where they remained until 1825, in that year coming to the township of Southwold, County of Elgin, Canada, where they



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remained two years. Mr. White became one of the first settlers on the Middle Road in Raleigh township, and there died in 1850.

In 1827 George Harvey came to Raleigh township and received a free grant of 100 acres, Lot 23, 12th Concession, and began the labor of clearing up the wild land. By almost unceasing industry he developed a fine property, and became enrolled in the ranks of the sturdy pioneers who made it possible for civilization to progress as it has. He and his wife reared a family of three sons and seven daughters, and at their golden wedding were surrounded by forty-three grandchildren. In politics Mr. Harvey was a Liberal. He and his wife were prominent members of the Methodist Church, in which he was a class-leader for many years. Mr. Harvey passed away Dec. 24, 1878, and the mother died June 9, 1879. Their children were as follows: Jane Elizabeth, who is deceased; Solomon Chessell, deceased; Silas James; William Henry, deceased; Sarah Hannah, widow of Thomas Jenner, of Raleigh township; Mary Ann, deceased; Martha Hester, wife of Rev. George Clark; Harriet West, wife of Peter Jenner, of Raleigh township; Olive Adelaide, wife of Charles Scaman, of Blaine, Washington; and Priscilla L., wife of S. C. Wait, of St. George.

Silas James Harvey was born on the homestead April 1, 1835, and attended the schools of the township until he was eighteen, when he learned the carpenter's trade, and for a time was employed in Chicago. In 1857 he returned to Raleigh township, and continued at his trade for about three years. For the succeeding two years he farmed on the southeast half of Lot 24, 13th Concession; then, trading with his brother William, he came into possession of the home place, where he has since resided, farming on an extensive scale and being very successful. All of his fine buildings he erected, and he has purchased good farms for each of his sons. From 1864 to 1866, inclusive, he served as assessor of the township. Since January, 1870, he has been township treasurer, and is probably the oldest municipal officer in point of service in the County of Kent. In 1902 he was appointed justice of the peace. The family are all members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Harvey is a member of the board of trustees of that body, and has been a member of the quarterly board of the church for many years.

On Dec. 12, 1860, Mr. Harvey was married to Sarah Ann Jenner, a Normal school teacher, a daughter of Thomas Jenner (deceased), at one time clerk of the township. To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have come the following named children: (1) Nettie, born Oct. 23, 1861, also became a Normal school teacher; she married Rev. E. E. Scott, of Vancouver, B. C., and they have three children, two sons and one daughter. (2) Francis Charles, born Jan. 28, 1864, is a farmer and walnut grower in Rivera, California. He married Isa May Broadbent, and they have four children living; four are deceased. (3) John Haldane, born June 18, 1868, attended the Business College at Chatham, Ont., taking a diploma with honors. He married Eliza McDiarmid, of Highgate, Ont., a Normal teacher, and to them were born two children, Flossie and Larue. He died March 6, 1902, at the home of his brother Charles, in California, where he had gone for his health. After a time his wife was called to nurse him, and she brought the body with her to the old home and burying-ground on the Middle Road, Raleigh. (4) Thomas Benjamin, born Sept. 29, 1870, attended the Agricultural College at Guelph for two sessions and is a farmer of Raleigh township.

At the present time Mr. Harvey has nine grandchildren and seventy-two nephews and nieces living.

HIRAM J. MERRITT, a highly respected citizen with well known ability as a general farmer, of Chatham township, County Kent, residing on Concession 3, Lot 15, was born here Jan. 30, 1850, a son of William and Elizabeth (Best) Merritt, the former of whom was a native of Nova Scotia and the latter of Brockville, County Leeds, Ontario.

The Merritt family is of English extraction, and its earliest founders in America located in the State of New York, where they owned 200 acres of land which is now covered by the stately buildings of that great metropolis, New York City. When the troubles incident to the Revolutionary War agitated the land, the great-grandfather of Hiram J., being loyal to the Crown, removed to Nova Scotia, where he remained. In 1829, his son Gilbert, and wife, Lucy Wescott, of Nova Scotia, came to County Kent, locating on Concession 4, in

Chatham township. Later they removed to Chatham, and there resided some years, moving then on the Caledonia Road, where both died. The children of this marriage were: Nathaniel, John, William, Gilbert, Lucy Ann (who married Peter Arnold) and Sarah Jane (who married Washington Best, of Chatham).

William Merritt, father of Hiram J., came to Chatham township with his parents, when four years old. Later he went to County Oxford, but returned to Chatham township and spent his life here, dying on the farm to which he had come in childhood. His useful and blameless life ended at the age of seventy-three years, June 30, 1896. Both he and his estimable wife lived quiet, industrious, exemplary lives, the influence of which is reflected in a large family of children who are numbered among the best citizens of the township. The mother of Hiram J. Merritt was a daughter of William and Esther (Widows) Best. William Best came to Canada at an early day, and to the County of Kent in 1837, where he took up a farm of 100 acres in Chatham township. Here his death occurred in 1872, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having died in the previous year, aged eighty-three years. Mrs. Merritt died in 1870, aged forty-five years, and her interment was in the Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. Both she and husband were worthy members of the Baptist Church. For a number of years he was one of the township school trustees and a man of integrity in every position in which he was placed. The children of this marriage were: Albert E., of Chatham, a traveling salesman; George B., a lumber merchant of Chatham; Hiram J., above noted; John T., of London, a traveling salesman; William G., city clerk of Chatham; Armelia, wife of William Bennett, of Chatham; and Willard E., a banker and broker and one of the capitalists of Chatham.

Hiram J. Merritt remained on the farm which he now occupies, until 1880, and then removed to a property in 4th Concession, adjoining, where he continued for six years, afterward residing for six months in Louisville, at the end of that time returning to his present farm, which he has most successfully operated ever since. Mr. Merritt has taken an active part in all local movements, especially in educational matters, and has served for nine years as school trustee. Other local offices have been officially held by him, his known integrity of character and excellent judgment making him well qualified for office.

On June 20, 1870, Mr. Merritt was united in marriage with Salina Stanlick, born in 1854, at St. Thomas, Ont., daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth A. (Gliddon) Stanlick, the former of whom came from England, but he was married in Canada. Coming to County Kent in 1860, Oliver Stanlick settled in Camden township, where he purchased a farm and remained until ten years prior to his death, when he removed to Dresden, Ont. He died March 10, 1902, aged eighty years; his wife died in 1866, aged forty-five years, and the remains of both were interred at Dresden. They were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Frances A., who married James Meed, of Lowell, Mich.; Salina; Malissa, deceased, who married James Merritt; William, deceased; Matilda, who married Henry Webster, of Dawn Mills, Ont.; Elizabeth A., who married George Stanlick, of Dawn Valley, Ont.; and William, deceased. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt were: Sarah J., who married George Gliddon, of Blenheim, Ont.; Lulu M., at home; Olive L., who married Clarence Bedford, and died aged twenty-four years; Oliver W., a farmer of Chatham township, who married Ida Shaw; and Roy S. and Pansy A., at home. Mr. Merritt and family belong to the Baptist Church. In politics he is identified with the Conservative party.

HENRY WILSON. This leading agriculturist and successful business man of Tilbury township comes of a cultivated and distinguished Irish family, his maternal line possessing a crest and coat of arms, and tracing its descent to Lord Worthington, of the time of Edward IV. of England.

Andrew Wilson, father of Henry, was one of those energetic, capable pioneers who, in the early days, assisted in clearing Tilbury township of woods and brush, and in draining the marshes and swamps, thus casting malaria from the region and making the section an inhabitable and desirable abode for man. Born in Kilkenny, Ireland, May 4, 1811, he there, under the beneficent influences of a refined home, grew to manhood. Reports of the excellent openings for young men of push and ability in Canada decided him in 1832 to come

to this country. Locating at St. Catharines, he there found desirable employment, and for several years remained in that place. During this period, in 1837, Mr. Wilson married Maria Worthington, who was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, July 19, 1819, and died June 29, 1897. Of this union there were nine children: Robert, who for the past thirty-five years has acted as rector of the Episcopal Church at Burr; Jane and Francis, who died young; Henry, who is mentioned below; James, who died at Bangor, Maine, while a college student; John, managing editor of the *Native Copper Times*, of Lake Linden, Michigan; Frank, a physician at Shelby, Michigan; Arthur, a real estate dealer of Tilbury, Ont.; and Mary Ann, who married Rev. E. J. Burgess, and resides at Honor, Michigan.

After his marriage Andrew Wilson moved to Toledo, Ohio, where, securing a good business opening, he remained for some time. Later, however, he returned to Canada, and continued his activities with good results in Mersea township, County of Essex, for several years. About 1844, obtaining a splendid 100-acre tract of government land, on Lot 24, M. R. N., in Tilbury East township, he settled there and began making improvements. Well-directed efforts wrought good results, and he soon displaced his temporary log shanty with substantial frame buildings, and made other desirable transformations in his farm. Gradually he branched out extensively in his industry, and for twenty-five years he continued there, winning for himself a leading place among the agriculturists of his section. He passed his last days in the village of Tilbury, dying there May 25, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Mr. Wilson was one of the foremost pioneers of his township, being active in all matters pertaining to the good of his locality. Because of his prominence as a member of the Episcopal Church his fellow worshippers christened the new edifice of their denomination at Tilbury, St. Andrew's, in his honor. The Conservative party, with which he affiliated, favored him at different times with many local offices, and for more than twenty-five years he served at different times as reeve, township councilor and county councilor, discharging his duties with marked efficiency and fidelity.

Henry Wilson has inherited his father's ability, both for business and public service. Born in Tilbury East township, May 13, 1845, he there, under the careful oversight of wise parents, grew to manhood. In the various schools of his locality he sedulously cultivated his studies, laying the foundation of a solid education. Both environment and inherent taste for the work decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in agriculture, and about 1870 he purchased Lot 21, of the 6th Concession, where he settled and began making improvements. Well-directed efforts enabled him to branch out in his industry, and he later enlarged his farm by an additional land purchase of part of Lot 22. This tract, as well as the first, he has cleared and put under cultivation, and his farm now embraces 163 acres of some of the most productive land in the township. He has shown himself a wise manager, is progressive and scientific in his methods, and is now one of the foremost agriculturists in his county. As fast as he has made money he has invested it to advantage, and, as a far-sighted business man, at the time of the opening up of the Canadian Southern Railroad in this locality he purchased several lots in Tilbury, from which he has realized a large profit upon his investment. He now owns several large business blocks in Tilbury, from which he derives a good income.

Mr. Wilson married, in June, 1888, Sarah Isabella (Taylor) Stewart, who was born in Anthony township, County of Peterborough, and of this union there has been one daughter, Maria Worthington, who was born March 20, 1889.

Mr. Wilson is a thoroughly up-to-date, energetic, public-spirited man. In the affairs of the township he has long occupied a leading place, serving as member of the township council from 1885 to 1897, and as reeve and deputy for five years. In the promotion of education he has always evinced the keenest interest, and his word upon these matters carries weight in his community. During the Fenian raids Mr. Wilson served in the Canadian militia for seven years, in the 24th Battalion of Kent, and was promoted from private to color sergeant.

ROBERT C. YOUNG, M. D., a leading physician of Ridgetown, Ont., and a highly esteemed and beloved citizen of that place, is a

Canadian by birth and parentage, and a devoted son of the Dominion. He was born July 29, 1850, in the County of Wentworth, a son of Alexander and Hannah (Kirkendall) Young, the former of whom was born near Hamilton, Ont., in September, 1821, and the latter in 1823.

James F. Young, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in Canada, a son of Daniel and Elizbeth (Risley) Young, both of whom were born in the United States. Daniel Young's father was Adam Young, who was born in Germany, of Scottish parents. James F. Young was married to Christina Young, a native of the United States, who died at Hamilton at the age of ninety-four years. He died aged eighty-six years. They followed an agricultural life, reared an estimable family, and passed away respected by all who knew them. Young street, Hamilton, was named in honor of James F. Young, he being one of the first to settle and erect buildings in that portion of the city. His children were: Alexander, the father of Dr. Young; George, Christina and Margaret, all deceased; David, who is a resident of the State of Georgia; Hannah, who married Joseph Kneeshaw, a prominent citizen and president of the Duncan Lithograph Company, of Hamilton; Catharine, who married William Almas, and Harriet, who married David Almas, both residents of the Township of Barton, County of Wentworth.

Alexander Young settled in the County of Wentworth, and engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was the first to introduce Merino sheep in Canada, exhibiting his stock and carrying off all the prizes at the old Provincial Exhibitions, which were then held at London, Hamilton, Toronto and Kingston.

In 1844, Alexander Young married Miss Hannah Kirkendall, who was born in 1823, the estimable daughter of William and Nancy (Hess) Kirkendall, old pioneers of the County of Wentworth; she died in 1884. William Kirkendall was the son of David and Rosie (Smith) Kirkendall, who were born in the United States, and were of German ancestry. A family of six sons and one daughter was born to Alexander Young and wife, namely: (1) James W., born in 1845, a farmer in the County of Wentworth, married Corilla Rymal, daughter of the late Joseph Rymal, M. P., and they have six children, Rymal, Robert, Lydia, Lisetta, Josephine and Ada. (2) George M., born 1847, married a member of the Horning family, who were old settlers in the County of Wentworth; they have a family of two sons and a daughter, and are now living in Hamilton. (3) Robert C. was born July 29th, 1850. (4) Harriet, born in 1853, married William Spera, a grain inspector at Toledo, Ohio, and they have a family of three children, Harriet, Willie and Lizzie. (5) Wellington, born in 1856, married Miss Potruff, of Hamilton, and resides in Columbus, Ohio, where he is manager of a large department store; they have a family of two sons and one daughter. (6) Peter, born in 1859, married Miss Julia Gage, a member of one of Hamilton's oldest families, and they reside in Chicago, where he is a prominent lawyer and holds a half interest in a large business establishment; they have had two children, Willie (deceased) and Pearl. (7) Miles, born in 1862, died at Toledo, Ohio, in September, 1903; his wife had preceded him two years, and they left one son, Willie, now living in Toledo. Alexander and Hannah Young were members of the Methodist Church.

Robert C. Young obtained his primary education in the Hamilton schools, and in 1864 was a student in the Hamilton Grammar School, from which institution he passed his Matriculation Examination at Toronto for the study of medicine. In 1869 he entered McGill Medical College, at Montreal, graduating in 1873, also graduating the same spring before the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ont. After several months' residence as House Physician in the Hamilton City Hospital, he settled permanently at Ridgetown, where he has been in active practice ever since. In 1899, he received and was made a Licentiate of the State of Illinois to practice medicine and surgery. He has fairly earned his reputation as a leading physician of the county, as well as a public-spirited citizen.

In 1879, Dr. Young was united in marriage with Miss Martha E. Mattice, of Ridgetown, formerly of the County of Haldimand, a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Hunter) Mattice, old residents of the county. One son came to this union, Clinton Mattice, born in 1884, a graduate of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, Chatham Business College and the British American Business College of Toronto, where he took the advanced work and the chartered accountant course. The family reside in a

handsome brick residence on Main street, erected by Dr. Young in 1883.

Dr. Young has taken an active part in the city politics, has served the city as mayor and has held other local offices, being particularly interested in educational matters. He was one of the promoters of the public library, was president several times, and a director for a number of years. He has acted as trustee on the Collegiate Institute Board for several years and is now secretary-treasurer of that board. He has also acted as director of the Howard Branch Agricultural Society, and has had charge of the Fine Arts Department for several years. He was appointed coroner for the County of Kent by the Ontario Legislature in 1879. His political allegiance has been given to the Liberal party. Fraternally he belongs to Howard Lodge, No. 391, A. F. & A. M., of Ridgetown, of which he is a Past Master; Companion of Erie Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M.; Ridgetown Lodge No. 144, I. O. O. F., and Encampment, of which lodges he is a P. G. and a P. C. P.; Canadian Order of Foresters, in which he has acted on the Medical Board of the High Court for twenty-three years.

Dr. Young with his family and friends spend several weeks every summer at their commodious summer residence at Erieau, where boating, fishing and bathing are the orders of the day. In Ridgetown and vicinity the Doctor enjoys universal esteem both as a skilful practitioner and a thorough gentleman. His charity, kindness, self-sacrifice and generous giving of talent, time and means being known to all, make him not only valued, but much esteemed.

From Canniff's History of the Settlement of Upper Canada, it is learned that the Young and Mattice families were U. E. Loyalists, who came from Albany, New York, to Canada, the former settling in Hamilton, Ont., and the latter near Cornwall and Prescott. Both families were active in the wars of Upper Canada.

The name MATTICE was originally written Mathias or Matthias, pronounced Matteeas. History records the deeds of Mathias the Great, King of Hungary and Bohemia, who was born in 1443, and who died in 1490.

Rudolph Matthias II, born in 1552, died in 1612.

History also gives one Mathias, Emperor of Germany, born in 1557, and died in 1619. He compelled his brother Rudolph to cede to him Hungary, Austria and Moravia, and he was crowned King of Bohemia in 1611. At this time the empire was at war with the Turks. The peace that followed was of short duration, and in 1618 the war was renewed, lasting for thirty years. One hundred years later many of the Mathias family moved to England, and several of its representatives fought under the Duke of Marlborough in the Spanish Succession war during the reign of Queen Anne. During this period in English history the queen sent many to the Colony of New York, among whom were members of the Mattice family, who afterward took part in the wars with the French and Indians, each generation in turn proving, by their active service, loyalty to the Crown; and then as United Empire Loyalists they moved into Canada. At the present time in His Majesty's service are found the following: Col. Henry N. Mathias, A. D. C., C. B., commanding the First Battalion, Gordon Highlanders; captain 1879; served in the Nile expedition, 1884-85. Hugh Broderick Mathias, D. S. O., Major Royal Army, Medical Corps, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Lieutenant G. M. Mathias, D. S. O., 1902, Imperial Light Horse; served in South Africa. Lieut. Col. Gregor Mattice, Montreal, Canada.

With the emigrants sent out from England to New York by Queen Anne in 1709, was George Mattice, a native of Germany.

William Mattice, a grandson of George, was born in Schoharie, New York. In 1783 he came to Canada, settling in 1807, near Toronto. During the Revolutionary War he fought under Sir John Johnson in the King's Royal Regiment. Of his brothers and sisters there is record of Abraham, John, Nicholas, Michael, Mary (who married Adam Brown), Margaret (who married James Jackson, a Methodist minister) and Sarah (who married John McVean, of whom the McVeans of Dresden, Ont., are descended). By his wife Elizabeth, William Mattice had the following children: Nicholas, William, John, Solomon and Jacob.

Nicholas Mattice, son of William, was born at Cornwall, Ont., March 25, 1793. He fought in the war of 1812, and for his services received a government grant of 100 acres of land in Chiquacocy. He married Rachel Eastman, and their children were: Reuben; Hannah, deceased; William, of Hamilton, Ont., now in his eighty-eighth year; Mary Ann, also residing

in Hamilton, aged eighty years; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Reuben Mattice, son of Nicholas and Rachel, was born at Weston, Ont., May 23, 1823, and he entered into rest aged sixty-seven years. He married Mary Jane Hunter, daughter of Joshua and Rosanna (McConnell) Hunter, the former of England and the latter of Ireland, whose other children were: Eliza, deceased, who married —— Wilson; Sarah, deceased, who married Thomas Langstaff; Marjory, deceased, who wedded John Nolton; Rosanna, who died unmarried; William, of Winnipeg, Man.; and Thomas, deceased. To Reuben and Mary Jane (Hunter) Mattice were born four sons and five daughters, namely: James Harvey, of Hamilton, who married Sarah Louise Crompton, and has two daughters, Marion Eve and Hortense; Emily, of Ridgetown, who married Daniel O'Loane, and has children, James, Harvey, Minnie, Lizzie, Reuben, Willie, Walter, Howard and May; John Eastman, of Huron, South Dakota, who married Maggie Milne; Mary Ann, of the township of Harwich, who married Leslie English, and has three children, Martha Etta, Harold and Reva; Martha Ellen, who married Robert C. Young; William Francis, of the township of Harwich, who married Ellen Scane, and has three children, Clayton, Harry and Marie; Matilda Elizabeth, who married Francis W. Wilson, of Chatham, and has three children, Clinton, Percy and Walter; Annie, who married William T. Prangley, of Dresden, and died at the age of thirty-six, the mother of two children, Alice and Willie; and Walter, unmarried, of the township of Harwich.

REV. WILLIAM KING, who died in Chatham at the age of eighty-three years, was a man of whom little has been written, but who deserves a place in history. He was a native of Ireland, of Scotch descent, and was reared in his native country, receiving a liberal education. He entered the Presbyterian ministry. Upon coming to America he located in one of the Southern States, where for a time he was a teacher in a young ladies' seminary. He was always a stanch advocate of anti-slavery, and when he married a planter's daughter he decided to come to Canada and devote his energies to the uplifting of that down-trodden race. His wife owned some six or eight slaves, which were brought to Canada and liberated. Rev. Mr. King settled at Buxton, Raleigh township, County of Kent, where he purchased several hundred acres of land, and the house, which was greatly enlarged after his coming, is still standing. It is a very large one-story log structure, the roof broken by dormer windows, and even now, in its dilapidated state, gives one an impression of hospitality; it stands well back from the road, facing the broad, high-posted gateway, and to the right of the gate stands the lodge, a relic of southern ideas.

Rev. Mr. King did much to assist escaping slaves to reach a point of safety here. This was the beginning of the "Underground Railway," which ran from the Southern States through Ohio and across Lake Erie into Canada. The colored people were supplied with land, and those who were thrifty in time acquired their holdings by purchase. Several hundred colored people came to the Buxton settlement, and descendants of them are still here, with an occasional ex-slave still surviving who delights in telling of the goodness of the Rev. William King. With funds received from Great Britain he built the Presbyterian church at Buxton, and being a man of ideas and possessed of surprising energy he inaugurated many movements for the betterment of the community. So well and favorably was he known among those active in the anti-slavery movement that he often had visitors of note. Harriet Beecher Stowe once visited his home at Buxton, and the character Clayton, in her novel "Dred," is on good authority said to be in part a portrait of his early life. He was a man of great influence, not only among the colored people, but among all who knew him, and with his death passed a noble character whose name will long be cherished by all who had the good fortune to claim him as an acquaintance.

EBERTS. Among the early settlers and early merchants and vessel owners of the County of Kent, the members of the Eberts family are conspicuous, and to-day one of the most popular hotel proprietors in Ontario is a descendant from this family of pioneers. They are of Austrian extraction, and the genealogy is as follows:

"Sixth in descent from Caspar Ebertz, knighted by the Emperor Charles V. *circa* 1535 for valour against the Turks, was Jacob-Fried-

rich Ebertz, to whom a patent of nobility, 'to himself and his heirs lawfully begotten, male and female, forever,' was granted at Vienna by the Emperor Leopold, 27 Novr. 1658, with the coat of arms of his ancestor 'confirmed and augmented,' and the right to use the prefix 'von'; and from whom was descended

"HERMANN MELCHIOR VON EBERTZ, born in Augsburg, then an Austrian city, in 1753, and after taking his degree of M. D. accepted a commission at Worms, as surgeon in that section of the Hessian contingent destined for service in America, known as the Hanau regiment, in April, 1776. The regiment was quartered between Sorel and Three Rivers, Lower Canada, in cantonment until the spring of 1777, when it was ordered to join the main British army then maneuvering in eastern York State. A close inspection of the trouble revealed the true state of affairs, and the liberal young aristocrat resigned his commission in July, 1777, at Casselton, and received testimonials and safe conduct from Colonel von Gall, Commandant of the regiment. The Doctor returned to Lower Canada and shortly afterward married Marie Francoise Huc, a French lady connected with the leading families at Sorel and Longueuil. After a sojourn at the former place of seven years, he moved to Boucherville, where his son Joseph, his eldest surviving son, was born in 1785. Later on he came to Montreal, where he settled in the practice of his profession, remaining until 1791, when, owing to some trouble with the seminaries, arising out of polemical discussions, he started for the West. At Niagara he met the family of Capt. William Baker, who two years previous had left New York under an engagement with the agents of the British government, and was now in charge of the Builder's Department in the navy yard at Detroit. The journey up Lake Erie was made by the combined families in a pirogue and lasted two weeks. The intimacy then formed was subsequently strengthened by the marriage of Joseph Eberts to Ann Baker, the younger of two daughters of Capt. Baker.

"Dr. Eberts—he had dropped the prefix and changed the terminal 'z' to the more anglicized 's'—soon took a leading place in the western post. He was appointed to the magistracy, became sheriff of Wayne county, which practically meant chief executive of the whole territory of Michigan, and though distrusted by the American element, he had won his way by his talents and skill, and more especially by his ministrations freely given to the poor. He was a member of old Zion Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., in the old records of which Lodge his name is to be found. Owing to his British antecedents he incurred the enmity of the friends of the new order after 1796, and though he resided in Detroit for several years, in fact until 1804, he does not appear again as a public man. He crossed the river to Sandwich, became, subsequently, Surgeon Major of General Brock's brigade and with three sons, Joseph, Henry and Richard, all officers and attached to the staff, participated in the capture of Detroit. He died at Sandwich in 1819. Dr. Eberts was a man of great attainments and had he been able to unbend his old world conceits and prejudices sufficiently to seek popular favor, he could have won any place he chose in the new West. He left some property in Detroit, some of which passed out of the family through neglect, while a portion remained to the family of his youngest son, Robert, father of Eberts Bros., of this city. His contributions are scattered here and there in various ways. He wrote sermons to assist the Moravian missionaries, and doubtless some of these are to be found at the mission at Moravian town in Kent county, Ontario; essays on Masonry, some of which were handed to members of the order a number of years ago; papers embodying the results of botanical researches and experiments in febrile diseases, together with many other manuscripts, were unfortunately lost by fire. Only a few relics survived; the old family silver-seal, a diploma of nobility, a few books in one of which was subsequently found his testimonial and safe conduct from von Gall, copy of his last will, etc.

"The facts herein gathered are chiefly from the recollections of his youngest daughter, Phyllis, who, after his death, resided with her brothers, Richard and Robert, and afterward with her nephews, and died in Chatham, unmarried, leaving a valuable property in this city to her brothers' heirs.

"Inquiries lately made through official channels elicit the information that the augmented diploma of nobility granted November 27, 1658, to Jacob Friedrich von Ebertz for his

own and the meritorious services of his ancestor Caspar to the Emperor Charles V., has never become estreated, and all descendants of the male line, both male and female, are entitled to the degree."

Besides three sons and a daughter who died in infancy, Dr. Eberts was the father of the following: (1) Ignace, born 1781, died 1821, served in Lower Canada in 1812 as a sergeant in the 104th Regt., was married and had an only daughter, Elizabeth, married to Dr. John Baptiste Allard, of Beloeil, Quebec. (2) Joseph, born 15 March, 1785, at Boucherville, of whom below. (3) William Henry, born 1797, served in the war of 1812 as lieutenant of artillery, and was killed, after showing conspicuous bravery, at Lundy's Lane, 1814. (4) Richard, born 1799, served in the war of 1812, and owing to his fleetness and discretion, and knowledge of French and Indian languages, although only fourteen years of age, became the General's private courier; married Ann Lenover and left issue one son, Charles (who was the first white child born at Goderich), who married Mary Clegg, of Goderich, and had issue, Richard J., Alexander L., Claude K. and Carl M., all of Chatham (Ont.), William C., of Detroit, Benjamin F., of New York, Isabella F., of Chatham, and Josephine, Mrs. John R. Walker, of Chatham. (5) Robert Melchoir, born 1804, married Matilda, daughter of George Meldrum, and had issue, of whom three sons, living in Detroit, now survive, namely: Hermann Frederick, married and has issue, Frederick, Anna; William Harrison, unmarried; John Meldrum, unmarried; and Marie Louise, died 1899, unmarried. (6) Marie Theresa, born 1782, married to Jean Biron; their descendants have died childless, except a daughter Matilda, married to Roberts, residing on the St. Clair river, near Port Huron, Michigan. (7) Phyllis, who died unmarried.

Joseph Eberts, above named, born 15 March, 1785, at Boucherville, Lower Canada, served for some years as an officer of the Northwest Fur Company, under the late Alexander McIntosh of Moy (now in Windsor, Ont.), and subsequently became a trader and manufacturer at Windsor; served throughout the war of 1812 as a captain in the Essex Regiment of Militia, and participated in all the chief events of that war on the western frontier; on one occasion, during his absence on service, his house was destroyed by the Americans, his wife and two children being turned out into the road; he married Anne, daughter of Capt. William Baker, U. E. L. (Capt. Baker was of the Brooklyn Navy Yard in British Service, afterward was Master Builder in charge of the Navy Yard at Detroit, 1789 to 1796, when the British withdrew from Michigan, and subsequently commanded the sloop of war "Charlotte"; acting under orders from Lieut.-Gov. Simcoe, he founded the city of Chatham, Ontario, 9 Octr, 1794), and had issue, viz.: (1) William Duncan, of whom below. (2) Walter, born 1813, married Mary Van Every, of Detroit, and had issue, Joseph Melchoir, born 21 Augt. 1840, to H. M. Customs in Chatham (now superannuated on account of poor health). (3) Henry Evert married Mary Ann Aldis, and has issue, Newton, of Chatham, married Mary, daughter of John Degge; and Frank, of Chatham, married Flora, daughter of Thomas Bennett. (4) Euphemia, married to Alexander Rocke Robertson, M. D., Edinburgh, a burgher of Peebles, Scotland. (5) Catharine, married to Ingram Taylor. (6) Nancy, married to John Waddell, Sheriff of the Western District. (7) Frances, married to Capt. William Henry Smith.

William Duncan Eberts, above named, born at Moy, near Windsor, 17 July, 1811, died April, 1892, shipping merchant in Chatham, married 14 June, 1840, Mary Bell, born 10 August, 1819, died October, 1899, daughter of David McEwen (originally of Ochtertyre, County of Perth, Scotland, afterward for twenty-six years of Dinglass, Haddington, came to Canada in 1833 and settled in the County of Kent) and his wife Helen Bruce, of Edinburgh, and had issue, viz.: (1) Hermann Joseph, born 3 July, 1842, of whom below. (2) Melchoir, born 26 July, 1845, C. E., accidentally killed 16 Jan., 1881, by falling over a precipice on the Fraser river, B. C.; married Anna, daughter of Edmund Burritt, of Easton's Corners, and Hannah Read, his wife, and had issue, William Burritt, of the Molsons Bank in London, Ontario. (3) David McEwen, born 22 April, 1850, Barrister-at-Law, Q. C., Attorney General for Britsh Columbia, married Mabel Hope, daughter of William Charles, Chief Factor Hudson Bay Co., at Victoria, and has issue, Harold, Phyllis, Lorna and Katie. (4) Duncan William, born 25 December, 1856, died June, 1898,

M. D., married Maud Wyman (a niece of Bret Harte, the well known author), of Oakland, California, and had issue two daughters, Carol and Margaret. (5) Harry Francis Hume, born 29 April, 1861, C. E., of Little Rock, Arkansas, married Lizzie Waddell, and has issue, Melchoir, born 1889. (6) Margaret Bruce, married to Alexander Rocke Robertson, son of Dr. Alexander Rocke Robertson, above named, late Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. (7) Anne, married to Robert Mercer, of Chatham. (8) Jessie, unmarried.

Hermann Joseph Eberts, above named, Barrister-at-Law in N. W. T., now of Winnipeg, married first, Sarah Mary Gilbert, died 16 June, 1897, daughter of Edward Urquhart, Dep. Q. M. General at Kingston, of the family of Urquhart of Castle Urquhart, Scotland, and second 25 April, 1899, Isabel Richmond, daughter of William Henry Hooper and his wife Henrietta Roblin, and has issue of the first marriage now surviving (three sons, William Edmond, Hermann Bruce and Francis Grant McEwen, having died in infancy), viz.: (1) Edmond Melchoir Urquhart, born 27 May, 1873, of the McGill Medical College, also of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and L. R. C. P. of London; Medical Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital; unmarried. (2) Margaret Elizabeth Mary, born 27 August, 1868, married to Frederick Carlyle Jamieson, of Montreal, and has issue, Margaret Carlyle. (3) Frances Adelaide, unmarried. And issue of the second marriage, Mabel Isabel Mary.

Richard Eberts, born in 1799, mentioned above as son of Dr. Eberts and Marie Francoise Huc, was a general merchant in Goderich from 1829 to 1832, and then came to Chatham, where, with Joseph Eberts, he kept a general store on what is the old Eberts estate near the waterworks. Later Richard and Robert, with their sister Phyllis, settled in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where the brothers engaged in general merchandising and fur trading. Richard subsequently returned to Chatham, where, with W. and W. Eberts, he conducted a general store, in which he continued until failing health required him to retire from active life. He died in Chatham in 1863. The other members of the firm, W. and W. Eberts, were among the most prominent men of Chatham. They owned the first steamer plying between Chatham and Detroit (1843-44). They also built the "Royal Exchange Hotel," which stood where the Victoria block now stands, in which Richard was also interested. Later they owned the sailing-vessel "Brigg Eberts," running between Chatham and Montreal. Richard Eberts had one son, the first white child born in Goderich. On July 7, 1855, Charles Eberts was united in marriage with Mary Clegg, daughter of James Clegg, and his wife Rebecca Everitt. [See history of Everitt family elsewhere.] For a time after his marriage he was in the drug business, and later was engaged on the lakes, but for several years prior to his death, April 7, 1888, he was an invalid. To Charles Eberts and wife were born: (1) Richard J., a traveling salesman; (2) Alexander Leopold, mentioned below; (3) William Clegg, of Detroit, who married Gertrude Garrett, by whom he had one daughter, Evelyn, who died Feb. 2, 1904; (4) Carl M., of Chatham; (5) Benjamin Franklin, with Colgate, of New York City; (6) Claude Kasper, with Barnhart & Spindle, of Washington, D. C.; (7) Isabella Frances and (8) Josephine, Mrs. John R. Walker, both of Chatham.

Alexander Leopold Eberts, the second son of Charles and Mary Eberts, and the popular proprietor of the "Hotel Garner," of Chatham, was born in that city Dec. 11, 1859. His literary training was acquired in the public and high schools of Chatham and Cincinnati, Ohio. Returning to his native city, Mr. Eberts was engaged for three years as steward and purser on the steamer "City of Montreal," owned by the Merchants Bank. Being of a business turn of mind, Mr. Eberts abandoned the lakes and established himself in the grocery business in Chatham, which he successfully prosecuted for four years. In 1889, with A. C. Pace as a partner, he rented the "Hotel Garner," and for five years conducted that hostelry in company. In 1894 Mr. Eberts purchased his partner's interest and for the past ten years has been the sole proprietor of the "Garner," which under his able management is one of the most popular hotels in Ontario. Since assuming the entire management of the hotel Mr. Eberts has made a signal financial success of his business. He is a stockholder in the steamer "City of Chatham," plying between Chatham and Detroit, and is also a stockholder in the Merchants Bank, the Imperial Bank and the Dominion Bank, of

Toronto and Montreal. He is a thorough business man and a most genial gentleman, and is bound to win in whatever he undertakes.

On Feb. 21, 1903, Mr. Eberts was united in marriage with Miss Edith M. Douglas, of Toronto, daughter of the late C. H. Douglas, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and granddaughter of Gen. Moffatt, of Edinburgh.

REV. CHENEY BURDETT, for many years one of the highly esteemed residents of Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., was born at Naseby, Northamptonshire, England, May 1, 1826, and passed away at his home in Ridgetown May 5, 1904.

Having lost his parents when still a child, Mr. Burdett was thrown upon his own resources not only to obtain a living, but also to secure the education his active mind craved. Notwithstanding all the drawbacks he labored against, he gradually overcame every obstacle, and achieved remarkable success, gaining an intimate knowledge of the various branches of science, theology and ecclesiastical history, and becoming an eloquent and useful clergyman, as well as a well-educated man. During the thirty-three years of his ministry he was stationed on eighteen different circuits, and, being a very forcible and convincing speaker, he was invaluable at revivals and camp meetings during the early days in the history of western Canada.

Cheney Burdett came to Canada when a young man, and found employment in Sombra township, County of Lambton. While there he was converted and soon began preaching. He is first recorded as preaching in 1852, when twenty-six years old, and in that and the following year he promoted and held two camp meetings. In 1854 he was appointed to his first circuit, the Maitland circuit, near Goderich, and his next charge was the Southwold circuit, thirty miles in extent and consisting of nine appointments. Following this, from 1858 to 1860, he was on the Dover circuit, adjacent to Wallaceburg, and he was then successively on the Enniskillen, London, Newbury and Leamington circuits. From 1867 to 1869 he was on the Yarmouth circuit, and from 1869 to 1871 he traveled the Walsingham circuit; from 1871 to 1873 was in Hartford; 1873 to 1880, Harwich; 1880 to 1882, Essex Centre; 1882 to 1883, Highgate; 1883 to 1885, Wallaceburg; 1885 to 1887, Oil Springs. From this circuit he was superannuated, taking up his residence in Ridgetown, where he lived in the enjoyment of his books and the companionship of a devoted wife, as well as the friendship of all who knew him. Thereafter he readily gave himself to church work whenever it was possible, assisting neighboring ministers, etc., thus passing many useful years before his death. During the active period of his ministry, to quote from his own writing, he had the following record: "Total number of camp meetings held, fifty; field meetings, four; four days meetings, six; number of persons received into the church as the result of my humble ministry, five hundred."

Politically Mr. Burdett was always identified with the Conservative party. His fraternal relations were with the Masonic order, he being a member of Glencoe Lodge, No. 292, and at his funeral were present, besides the members of the Howard Lodge, delegations from Blenheim and Highgate. Several pastors took part in the services, and many beautiful tributes of reverence and respect were paid to the life and character of Mr. Burdett, and his long and effective services in the church.

On May 2, 1852, Mr. Burdett married Miss Nancy Rouse, who was born in December, 1832, in the County of Lambton, and was reared there. She was a good Christian woman, and shared faithfully the toils and privations of the earlier years of the itinerary, passing away at their home in the town of Essex in 1881, leaving four children: Adaline, wife of Dr. James Brien, of the town of Essex, was born in 1856, in Ontario; Reuben, born in March, 1858, now a farmer of Manitoba, married Miss Louise Brown, of Manitoba, and they have five children, Louise, Annie, Olive, Albert and Dorithy; Rev. James Burdett, born in 1861, a minister of the Free Methodist Church in Michigan, married Miss Emma Vancuren, of Michigan, and has a daughter, Ethel; Frederick, born in the County of Essex in 1866 resides in the State of Washington; he married Miss Cora Johnston, and has one son, Harland. In November, 1882, Mr. Burdett married Mrs. Emily McTavish, the estimable daughter of Joseph and Bethany Cornwall, both natives of Canada. Mrs. McTavish was born at Clearville, County of Kent, in 1851, and in 1869 married Daniel McTavish, who was born Nov. 15, 1841, at Duart, Ont., of Scotch parentage. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter

and pursued it successfully during his active life. In 1869 he located near Hamilton, Missouri, where he carried on an extensive building and contracting business. While residing near that town he died, Oct. 30, 1873, leaving a wife and two children. The daughter, Rosa, received an excellent high school education in the County of Kent, Ont., and was given a first-class certificate from the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute; for six years she was a teacher in Alma Ladies College of St. Thomas, for two years taught in the Ridgetown public school, and was subsequently a teacher in the school at Indian Head, in the N. W. T., being an accomplished young lady; on April 12, 1904, at Indian Head, she became the wife of Alexander Ross, barrister, of Regina, N. W. T. The son, Malcolm J., received his early education in the schools of the County of Kent, and graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine April 30, 1903.

Mrs. Burdett is a leading temperance worker in Ridgetown, and is now president of the W. C. T. U. of that town, in which capacity she accomplishes a wonderful amount of good. Like her husband, she is kind-hearted and charitable, and their Christian influence for good in the community can scarcely be overestimated.

ROBERT SMITH, whose fine farm and handsome brick residence testify to the ample means and good taste of the owner, is one of the most prominent and substantial citizens of Dover township. He is also one of the most extensive farmers of this part of County Kent, operating an estate of 265 acres, most advantageously located on the river road within one mile of Chatham.

Mr. Smith was born Feb. 25, 1842, in Harwich township, son of Robert and Anna (Graham) Smith, the former of whom was born at Dumfries, and the latter on the Isle of Mull, Scotland, but were married in Tilbury township, Ont. [More extended mention of the Smith family may be found elsewhere.] Robert Smith was a large and successful farmer in Harwich township, where he owned 300 acres of arable land, and also possessed farms in other localities. He was a man of intelligence, integrity and good judgment, and many public offices were urged upon him, but he would accept nothing but a position as school trustee. For many years he was an active member of the Agricultural Society of Canada, and was noted for his progressive ideas and for his public-spirited enterprises. He took the first contract to furnish wood to the Great Western Railroad, and supplied 3,000 cords annually for about fifteen years. Few movements looking to the improvement or development of this section were carried out without his taking part, and although he lived to be sixty-two years of age, his death was a distinct loss to this locality. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and it was through his efforts that the fine structure of that denomination raises its beautiful spire in Chatham. A memorial window was most appropriately placed in this church by his son, our subject, and it not only testifies to filial affection, but recalls to old friends and the later generation one who gave so liberally in the cause of religion when upon earth. In politics he was a Reformer. Robert Smith died in June, 1873, living retired in Harwich township. His widow survived him ten years. Both were buried in the beautiful Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. The children born to Robert Smith and wife were: Robert, who was accidentally poisoned at the age of three years; Jenneth, widow of Rev. William Walker, Presbyterian minister at Chatham, in whose memory our subject placed a memorial window in the church where he officiated for a third of a century, now living in Toledo, Ohio; Marion and Jane, twins, the former married John McGarvin, and died aged forty-five years; the latter, widow of Alexander Young, resides at San Francisco, Cal.; Robert, of this sketch; Isabella, the wife of George Middleditch, machinist and foundryman at Ridgetown; Edward, of Chatham; John, in a cattle business in Chatham township; Mary A., wife of John Campbell, of St. Thomas, proprietor of the Erie Mills which manufacture 800 barrels per day; and Elizabeth, wife of Dr. John C. Bell, of Merlin, Ontario.

Mr. Smith came to his present farm in 1871 when but fifty acres had been cleared. Now all of the property is under the highest state of cultivation, and is justly considered not only one of the most attractive, but one of the most valuable farms in this part of County Kent. Mr. Smith has given it intelligent attention, and he has been handsomely rewarded. For the last thirty years he has been a valued member of the Agricultural society, and he is a pro-

gressive farmer using modern methods, means and machinery. For twenty years Mr. Smith has served as school trustee. Although not a member of the Presbyterian Church, he is a very liberal contributor to its needs and a regular attendant.

In June, 1872, in Harwich township, Mr. Smith married Catherine McGarvin, and one son, Robert Graham, was born to this union. Mrs. Smith was born in Harwich township, daughter of Michael and Olive (Wood) McGarvin, of County Kent, the former of whom died in 1897, aged ninety-two years, on his fine old homestead of 200 acres. Mr. McGarvin was one of the most esteemed residents of the township, and was honored and respected by all. His wife died in 1895 at the age of eighty-six years, and they were buried in Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham.

Mr. Smith is a Reformer in political belief. He is one of the representative men of this section, and he enjoys the esteem of all who know him. The family has long been prominent here.

JAMES R. IRVING, ex-reeve of the township of Raleigh, is one of the energetic young men of the County of Kent, taking an active interest in local political affairs.

George C. Irving, grandfather of James R., came from England. Among his children was a son, George Cape Irving, father of James R., who was born in Cumberland, England, in 1829, and when a young man came to Ontario, settling in Bosanquet, County of Lambton, where he purchased land and followed farming. Later he removed to Chatham township, County of Kent, and purchased land in the 9th Concession, 200 acres in all, where he engaged in a very successful farming and lumbering business, furnishing lumber under contract. As he advanced in life he sold his farm and moved to the city of Chatham, where he continued as a speculator and contractor until his death, in November, 1877, when he was forty-eight years of age. He married Mary Robinson, a native of Yorkshire, England, and two sons and five daughters were born to this union: (1) James Richard is mentioned below. (2) Thomas D., now located in Harwich township, at Erieau, Ont., married Elizabeth Wallace. (3) Verina married Thomas Wallace, a farmer of Raleigh township, and they have a family of five children, Sarah, Anna B., Nettie, Ephraim and John. (4) Miriam J. married George B. Laird, a farmer of South Dakota, and they have four children, Mariam, James, Thomas and Bessie. (5) Sarah C. married John Clunis, a farmer of Harwich township, and has two daughters, Evelyn and Grace E. (6) Mary Ann married William D. Tuck, a farmer of Sunnyside, Washington, and has one son, Clarence. (7) Miss Martha L. teaches in the McKeough school in Chatham.

James Richard Irving was born in Lambton, and was eleven years old when the family located in Chatham township. He graduated from the Chatham Business College, after which he began farming. In 1893 and 1894 he served as purser on the steamer "City of Chatham," plying between Chatham and Detroit. Prior to this he had sold the property in Concession 9, Raleigh township, to John Holland, and after leaving the steamer service he came, in September, 1894, to his present farm, where he has since remained, his location being on the south half of Lot 10, Concession 10, Raleigh township. Here he has carried on farming very successfully, and since locating permanently in the township has become very active in local affairs. In 1897 he was elected assessor, and served two years; in 1899, 1900 and 1901 he served as a member of the council, and in 1902 he was elected reeve, resigning from that office early in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Irving are both members of the Methodist Church, in which he is class-leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. lodge of Chatham, and of the Foresters lodge at Buxton. Mr. Irving is a man of intelligence and upright character, and has been deservedly successful, both financially and in his political aspirations, and as a public official has given the most complete satisfaction to all. He is a man who makes friends wherever he goes, and the future spreads out very promisingly before him. He has an attractive home, well cared for, and is one of the substantial citizens of his locality.

On Sept. 5, 1894, Mr. Irving was married to Mrs. Anzonetta (Connor) Ward, widow of Andrew T. Ward, by whom she had two children, Florence Henrietta (who married Nelson Clark Ward, a farmer of Raleigh township) and Andrew Thomas. To Mr. and Mrs. Irving four children have been born: George C.,





Mrs. J. R. Irving

James R. Irving.

who died when five months and three days old; Mary Irene, born Aug. 6, 1897; James Garfield, born Feb. 19, 1899; and Stanley Oakley, born Dec. 15, 1901.

Mrs. Anzonetta Irving was born in Ontario County, Ont., Feb. 19, 1862, daughter of Isaac and Irene (Keyster) Connor, of Ontario County, who came to the County of Kent in 1879 and located in Raleigh township, where they purchased 135 acres and made a permanent home. The father is now (1904) aged sixty-nine years, the mother sixty-six. They are members of the Methodist Church. They have had nine children: Albert, who died in infancy; Anzonetta, Mrs. Irving; John, now of Blenheim, Ont.; Mary E., who married James R. Johnston, a farmer of the County of Lambton; Chester, who died when two years old; Ransom, who is with his parents; Frances M., married to Harvey Scott, a farmer of Tilbury township; Herman, a farmer of Raleigh township; and Florence M., at home.

JOHN WADDELL, a leading business citizen of Chatham, County of Kent, descends from one of the oldest families of that city, on the maternal side, and from distinguished ancestry on the paternal.

Mr. Waddell was born in Chatham, May 2, 1854, in the old stone residence on Water street which is now owned by C. J. Moore. His very liberal education was acquired in the schools of Chatham and in the Upper Canada College, from which institution he graduated in 1871. After this he spent some time steamboating on the Upper Lakes, and in 1873 embarked in the grocery business in Chatham, continuing until 1888, when he became a member of the firm of J. B. Stringer & Co., which was established in 1865. This firm deals in all kinds of grain and wool, and is regarded as one of the leading business firms of the city.

In 1881 Mr. Waddell was married to Miss Julia Wilson, daughter of N. Wilson, a merchant at Bowmanville, and to this union have been born four children, Howard, Jerrold, Tracy and Marjorie, all of whom are being educated in the Chatham schools. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell are members of Christ Church. In politics he is a supporter of the Liberal party.

On Dec. 31, 1900, occurred the death of the mother of Mr. Waddell, and of this occurrence the Chatham *Banner and News* had this to say:

"A sudden death occurred in this city, when Mrs. Nancy Waddell, widow of the late John Waddell, and mother of John Waddell, of J. B. Stringer & Co., passed away, in her eighty-first year. Deceased was apparently quite well on Thursday and yesterday was about the house, though not well. The cause of her death was stomach trouble and old age. Mrs. Waddell is the last of the old Eberts family, of which the late William Duncan, Henry, Walter, Mrs. Ingram Taylor, Mrs. William Smith (Owen Sound) and Mrs. Dr. Robertson (Owen Sound) were members. Deceased lived here all her life, having been born at the homestead near the site of the water-works. The surviving sons and daughters are: John, of this city; Henry, of Port Lambton; Hamilton, of Dresden; Mrs. A. E. Mallory, of Colborne; Mrs. R. Z. Rogers, of Grafton; and Mrs. W. C. West, of Chatham."

A comprehensive sketch of this prominent woman appeared in the Chatham *Planet* of Jan. 11, 1901, which we give herewith:

Died at Chatham, on the 31st of Dec., 1900, Nancy Almira Eberts, widow of the late John Waddell, Esq., aged eighty years and two months. The deceased was the last surviving member of one of the most enterprising and well known families of the pioneers who did so much to establish and develop the important resources of this western peninsula, and is, we think, justly entitled to more than a passing notice. Her father was Joseph, the eldest son of Dr. Hermann Melchoir Eberts, who had removed with his family of four sons and two daughters from Montreal and settled at Detroit in 1791. His son Joseph in 1810 married Ann, the daughter of Capt. William Baker, who had removed from New York City with his wife, Euphemia Bush, and had for some time been employed by the British government as chief marine constructor on the lakes above Niagara, residing chiefly at Detroit. On one of his explorations up the river Thames, probably for suitable timber for ship building, he was so impressed with the favorable position and surroundings of the point known as Tecumseh Park, where he camped for a night, that he decided to recommend it as a government reserve. That may be fairly considered to be the founding of what is now the city of Chatham. Through his advice, his son-in-law, Joseph Eberts, in 1818 moved from Windsor up the

river and secured a tract of land on the north bank of the Thames, a little above the proposed town site, established his homestead at what has since been familiarly known as "Orchard Place." There he carried on an extensive business as pioneer farmer, fur trader and general store-keeper. His was not only a favorable rallying point for the successful Indian trapper and hunter, but was anxiously looked forward to by many a weary traveler through the dense and intricate trails of primeval forest, as one of the few bright resting places where they were sure to be received with hearty and genuine hospitality. For many years Mrs. Baker resided near her daughter in a house of her own adjacent to "Orchard Place," and survived both Mr. and Mrs. Eberts, and finally reached the age of ninety-three, at the time of her death, Jan. 2, 1858.

Capt. William Baker spent the latter years of his life with his second daughter, Catherine, who married a retired British officer by the name of Knight and lived on a fine property still further up the river near Louisville. From the inadvertent burning of a quantity of his family papers after his death, his heirs have been debarred from proving their claim to a very valuable property on Cherry street, in New York, and elsewhere, which was formerly owned by his parents.

The family of Joseph Eberts comprised three sons, William D., Walter and Henry, and four daughters. The Eberts brothers were so thoroughly well known as extensive, energetic and honorable business men, ship-builders and vessel owners that any extended reference to them would be unnecessary at this time. Of the daughters, Effie married Dr. A. R. Robertson, a leading physician of this district. They left three sons—the elder of which subsequently became Chief Justice of B. C.—and three daughters. Catherine married Ingram Taylor, whose residence adjoined the town on the river bank and on which is now the city waterworks. Their family comprised four sons and four daughters. Frances became the wife of W. H. Smith, who established himself at Owen Sound and successfully engaged in the shipping and forwarding business between that port and the adjacent and upper lakes. Three sons and two daughters now represent and carry on the good work in that rising and prosperous town.

The subject of this obituary notice was born in October, 1820, and in 1843 was married to John, the eldest son of Capt. William Waddell, of the Royal Dragoons, who, on account of wounds received at the Battle of Waterloo, retired from the army, and later on came to Canada with his wife, Isabella Bell, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and their two sons and two daughters, about the year 1832. John Waddell, as a young man, engaged in mercantile business in Montreal and other places in the Provinces, and afterward came to the west and became a member of the firm of Eberts Bros. at Chatham. After five years of very successful business he retired from that firm to take the position of sheriff of the united Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton; he also formed a co-partnership with the late Col. Arthur Rankin, of Sandwich, and engaged very extensively in building and navigating some of the finest vessels and steamers on the upper lakes. On the division of the counties he resigned the shrievalty in favor of his deputy, the late John Mercer. Among other business changes which followed, he purchased the extensive lumber mills on Collin's Inlet, on the north shore of Georgian Bay, from William Keating. These he continued in co-operation with his fleet of vessels until the year 1857, when a combination of accidents, shipwrecks and the great financial panic of that year proved disastrous to him as to so many other business enterprises of this country. For the next half dozen years he led a comparatively quiet life at the family residence, which, it might be stated, is the only stone house in the county and was built of material carried from Kingston as ballast in the returning vessels. In 1863 the wonderful tales of gold and prosperity in British Columbia tempted his active and vigorous disposition and he decided to move there with his wife and seven children. The voyage in those days had to be made by steamship from New York to the Isthmus of Panama, which was crossed by railroad, and then another ocean voyage of four thousand miles to Victoria, Vancouver Island, where the family took up their residence while they remained on the Pacific coast, which in compliance with their wishes was not necessarily of long duration. Mrs. Waddell after a year or two had the satisfaction of retracing that formidable voyage and again taking up her residence at the home in Chatham. Her husband returned also a year later.

In 1867 their elder daughter, Isabell, was married to R. Z. Rogers, of Grafton, Ont., and in 1870 Mr. Waddell was accidentally drowned by the upsetting of a pleasure boat near Goderich. Since that time Mrs. Waddell has continued as one of our most worthy citizens, to devote the remaining years of her life to the material comfort and benefit of her children and the friends and contemporaries of her younger days, who, in the natural order of things, have become gradually fewer in number until at length she was left the last of her family. She had the satisfaction of living to see all of her children comfortably settled in life. The eldest son, John, is looked upon as one of our most successful grain and produce dealers. Henry is a merchant at Port Lambton, and Hamilton is well established in business at Dresden, while her two younger daughters, Annie and Fannie, became the wives of W. C. West of this city, and Dr. A. E. Mallory of Colborne.

There is something almost pathetic in the thought that after such a long, varied and eventful life, terminated by only a very brief illness, her end came peacefully and quietly on the last afternoon of the closing century.

JOHN WILLS HAMBLY is a general farmer and a fruit grower of Cedar Springs, Harwich township, County of Kent, where he has resided on his present farm since 1868. His great specialty is fruit raising, specimens of his growing having taken many medals and prizes at international expositions. The sons of Mr. Hambly are associated with him in his successful business, the firm name being J. W. Hambly & Sons.

Mr. Hambly was born Oct. 19, 1830, in Cornwall, England, son of Edmund and Mary (Wills) Hambly, also natives of Cornwall. In 1832 the family came to Canada, and settled at Cavin, Ont., near Rice Lake. Later they moved to Bowmanville, Ont., where the mother died at the age of eighty-six, on April 29, 1883. The father died in 1840, at the early age of forty-five, while prospecting for copper in Illinois. The children of this union were as follows: Peter and William, deceased; Mary, deceased, former wife of Samuel Woods; Edward and Henry, deceased; John Wills, mentioned below; Charles, deceased; Susan, deceased, former wife of Thomas Wilson; and George, deceased. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Hambly was Edmund Hambly, and his maternal grandfather was Hezekiah Wills; both were natives of England, where they passed their lives.

John Wills Hambly was but two years of age when he came with his parents to Canada, and his father died when he was a lad of ten. He at once began earning money, working on neighboring farms until he became eighteen years of age. He then returned to the home farm where he remained six years with his mother, and when he was twenty-four years of age he purchased a farm and took his mother there to live, remaining there until he purchased his present farm in 1868. He has made a great success of his farming operations, especially in the line of fruit raising. Thirty of the sixty-six acres of his farm at Cedar Springs are in fruit, including 1,000 apple trees, 3,000 peach trees, 250 pear trees, 200 plum trees and fifty cherry trees. He is also the owner of a farm of fifty-eight acres in Raleigh township. Mr. Hambly's fruit has taken prizes at many fairs, and he received gold medals at the Paris and Glasgow expositions in 1900. From the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo he received two bronze medals, a gold medal from the fair in County Cork, Ireland, and a gold medal from Northampton, England, in 1902. In 1903 he was awarded a gold medal from Osaka, Japan, and a silver medal from the Bank of Commerce at Blenheim, Ont. He not only excels in the quality of his fruit but in the many choice varieties which he raises, having about seventy varieties of pear and peach trees, fifty varieties of plums, fifty of apples, twelve of grapes and two of quinces. Such is the fame of this fruit that in the autumn of 1902 the Dominion government ordered 100 cases from Mr. Hambly for shipment to Japan, Ireland and England, to be used in various exhibits representing the Dominion. A similar order for 1903 was received too late to be filled.

In December, 1860, in Bowmanville, Mr. Hambly married Caroline Pengelly, who was born in St. Tossel, Cornwall, Feb. 24, 1838, daughter of William and Grace (Wilmette) Pengelly. This family came to Canada in 1843, and settled first at Darlington, Ont., moving from there to Cartwright, in the same Province, where Mr. Pengelly settled down to farming. He died Oct. 29, 1888, at the age of

eighty, and his wife died March 26, 1889, aged seventy-nine. They were members of the Church of England. Their children were as follows: Mary A., wife of Thomas Simmons, of Shelburne, Ont.; Caroline, wife of John Wills Hambly; Richard, Susannah, William and George, deceased; John, unmarried and living in Harwich township; Sarah, wife of Thomas Barclay, of Kent Bridge; Adeline, unmarried, and living in Toronto; and Anna, wife of Alford Claws, of Harwich township. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hambly were natives of England, and there passed their lives, the former being Richard and Caroline Pengelly, the latter William and Catherine Wilmette.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hambly were: Richard G., J. Edmund, Grace and Emma, all living at home, the sons being engaged in business with their father. The family is prosperous and happy, well known and highly esteemed in the community. Mr. Hambly has served as road master, and was school trustee for three years. In politics he belongs to the Reform party. The family attend the Baptist Church.

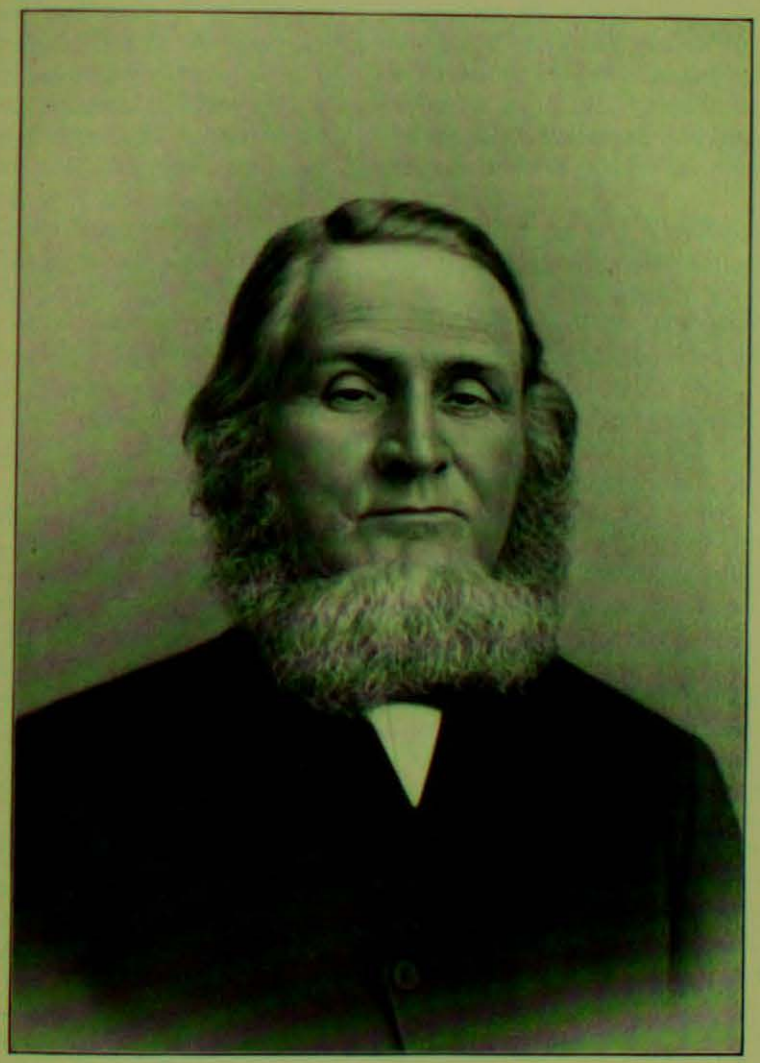
SOLOMON BURK is one of the wealthy retired farmers of Harwich township, County of Kent, where he was among the earliest pioneers and settlers. When he located on his present farm, over forty years ago, the country was nothing but a wilderness, and his first home on the farm consisted of a rude log shelter, erected by his own hands. His present comfortable home and well appointed farm speak for his thrift, energy and perseverance, in the struggle of civilization with the wilderness.

The paternal grandparents of Solomon Burk, James and Jane (Hartford) Burk, were natives of Pennsylvania, and were among the early settlers in Darlington township, County of Durham, Ont., where James Burk was given a grant of 1,000 acres of land. His maternal grandparents were John and Sophiar (Davis) Hartford, natives of Vermont, and also early settlers in the County of Durham. In the Revolutionary troubles John Hartford retained his allegiance to the British Crown, siding with the Loyalists.

The parents of Solomon Burk were James and Dorothy (Hartford) Burk, natives, respectively, of Darlington, County of Durham, and Vermont. James Burk was born June 17, 1806. He came to Harwich township in the spring of 1860, and located a farm described as Lot No. 4, Concession 4, taking up 300 acres of wild land, which he divided among his sons. He spent the remainder of his life in Harwich, dying Dec. 15, 1892, at the age of eighty-six. His wife, who was born Dec. 25, 1811, died in August, 1883. Both were members of the Universalist Church, and both are buried in the family burying-ground on the old homestead. Their children were as follows: Solomon, who is mentioned below; Silas, who lives on the farm adjoining his brother's; Benoni, deceased; Dorothy, who is the widow of Samuel Hartford, of Harwich; James, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Elijah, who is a farmer in Harwich; Jane, deceased, who married Hiram Huff; Marianna, deceased, who married William Faulkner; Delight, deceased, who married Henry Bracket; Naomi, deceased, who was the second wife of Henry Bracket; John, who is a farmer in Harwich; and Zebina, who is also a farmer in Harwich.

Solomon Burk was born in Darlington, County of Durham, July 3, 1828. He remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Darlington on which he lived for five years. He then bought a small farm in the same neighborhood, and after a few years on that came, in February, 1860, to his present location. He owns 100 acres, Lots 4 and 5, in the 3d Concession, which he has reclaimed from the virgin forest. To make his first shelter here he rolled some logs to the clearing, and roughly covered the rude structure with boards, making this serve until a better house could be erected. When felling the first trees he often found it necessary to call all the family to stand near the foot of the tree for fear it might fall on and crush some one.

Mr. Burk married (first) in Darlington, Sept. 22, 1852, Mary Patterson, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Patterson. The Pattersons were natives of Scotland, and were among the early settlers in the County of Durham, where Mr. Patterson was a farmer. Mrs. Mary (Patterson) Burk was born in Clark township, County of Durham, and died in 1872, at the age of thirty-seven. She is buried in the Burk family burying-ground in Harwich. She



Solomon Burk Sr

was the mother of the following children: (1) Elizabeth is deceased. (2) Silas, a carpenter at South Lorain, Ohio, married Jessie Bailey, and their children are Elsie, Myrtle, Hattie, Ray, Della and Selena. (3) Solomon, a farmer in Orford township, married Harriet Dennis, and has had twelve children, Carrie, William (deceased), Christian, Sherman, Roy, Merton, Euyene, Bernice, Phyllis, Evelyn, Stephen and Martha. (4) Euphemia married Neil Rose, of Howard township, and has ten children—Mary, who married William Sheller, and has two sons, Neil and George; Florence; Maggie, who married Frank Gailbraith, and has a son, Gordon; Frank; Alvin; Clifford; Jennie; Nina; Claud; and James. (5) William, a farmer in Midland county, Michigan, married (first) Millie Sullivan, who bore him two children, Nellie and Hazel; he married (second) May Worts. (6) Mary married Robert Misner, a farmer of Harwich township, and their children were Maud, Courtland and Whitney, of whom the two last named are deceased. (7) Alda J. is the wife of George Wellington McKee, a tobacconist of Windsor, Ont. (8) Permillia is deceased.

In 1874 Mr. Burk married (second), in Blenheim, Mrs. Sarah J. (Dennis) Pardo, a native of New York State, daughter of Stephen and Harriet (Palmer) Dennis, and widow of Abner Pardo, of Raleigh township. Mr. Pardo died in 1870, at the age of thirty-two, and is buried in Raleigh. Stephen Dennis was born in England, and his wife was a native of New York State. They came to Canada in 1853, locating at first in Chatham township, but after fifteen years there they came to Harwich, where they passed the remainder of their lives, Mr. Dennis being engaged in farming. He died in 1868, at the age of forty-two, and his wife died in 1884, at the age of fifty-seven. They were members of the Baptist Church, and both were buried in Blenheim cemetery. They had the following children: Thomas, a farmer of Isabella, Michigan; Sarah J., wife of Solomon Burk, of this sketch; Cynthia, numarried, living in Tara, Ont.; Harriet, wife of Solomon Burk, Jr., a farmer of Highgate, Ont.; and Lucy, wife of Robert Nichol, who carries on a sawmill in Tara. Mrs. Sarah J. (Dennis) Burk had one son by her first marriage, William Pardo, who conducts a barber shop in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Mr. Burk's children by his second marriage are: Sarah, who lives in Cleveland, Ohio, married Edward B. Coolidge; Montville, who lives at home, is unmarried; Lydia is the wife of Warren McNutt, a machinist of Blenheim, Ont., and has one child, Alda Grace; Miss Grace, Archie and Teresa are at home. The family are members of the Universalist Church. In politics Mr. Burk is a Reformer, and he was for three years one of the school trustees of his town. He is a genial old gentleman, enjoying in comfort his well earned retirement after a life of unusual activity, and the esteem of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

DANIEL ROSS VAN ALLEN, deceased. The Van Allen family has been identified with Ontario for over a century, and with the County of Kent since 1833, representatives not only of its commercial but also of its social and political life.

Henry Van Allen, evidently of Holland ancestry, was born in Long Island, and was there married to Winnifred Rapelgie, on Dec. 25, 1795, by Rev. Dr. Beardsley, of St. John, N. B. They located at Long Point some time between 1795 and 1800, and their eight children were born there.

William Van Allen, the fifth child of Henry, and the father of Daniel Ross Van Allen, late of Chatham, was born Aug. 2, 1798, at Long Point, and there passed his youth and gained his education. When about twenty years of age he settled in Burford, where he engaged in milling and a mercantile business, continuing the same until about 1825, when he retired to Port Dover, and engaged in farming until 1835, moving then to Chatham, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death. On Aug. 20, 1820, William Van Allen married Rebecca Sophia Bowen, a native of New Brunswick, and a daughter of Col. Bowen.

Daniel Ross Van Allen, for many years a prominent and esteemed citizen of Chatham, was born Dec. 27, 1823, in Burford. In 1833, at the age of ten years, he came with his uncle, Col. Henry Van Allen, to Chatham, and with the exception of about four years that city was his home until his death, Jan. 16, 1902, making him one of the oldest settlers of Chatham as well as one of the most prominent. Mr. Van Allen obtained his education in Chatham and began business life

in the capacity of a clerk, filling the duties of the position with a carefulness and industry which met with the approbation of his employers. About 1842 he embarked in a general mercantile business in which he continued until 1858, when he engaged in a sawmill business in which he remained interested until 1897. In 1882 he founded the Chatham Manufacturing Co., and for a period was its president and manager, and although these duties were of late delegated to others, he still owned a large part of the stock in the enterprise.

Mr. Van Allen was very conspicuous in municipal affairs, serving on the school board, in the council, and one term as mayor, and it was during the administration of the latter office that he was called upon to receive Lord Dufferin during his tour in 1878. The dignity and efficiency with which he performed the honors of that occasion were most satisfactory to the citizens of Chatham. It was Mr. Van Allen's good fortune to attend the reception given with great honors, in 1860, at Hamilton, to His Majesty King Edward, then the Prince of Wales, during his tour through Canada.

On Aug. 5, 1846, Mr. Van Allen was united in marriage with Miss Susanna Williams, daughter of John Williams, of Howard, County of Kent, and she passed away Oct. 5, 1865. A family of seven children was born to this union, namely: Mildred, born Oct. 6, 1847, married William Ball in September, 1866, and died Nov. 15, 1874. John Ross, born July 6, 1849, died about three years ago; he was a resident of Denver, Colorado. William Henry, born March 1, 1852, died Aug. 3, 1852. Charles, born Sept. 9, 1853, died April 16, 1859. James, born May 17, 1855, died Aug. 22, 1855. Harriett Sophia, born Aug. 12, 1856, now living in Winnipeg, Man., is the wife of Robert H. Agur, of the Massy Harris Co., and has four boys. Edmund Walker Head, born May 31, 1859, died in March, 1895. The second marriage of Mr. Van Allen was to Mary Ann Waller, a resident of New York City, who still survives. No children were born to the second union.

WILLIAM E. GARDINER, one of the prominent and successful men of Chatham, County Kent, a son of James Gardiner, who figured very conspicuously in the history of the city, and whose life is extensively treated of elsewhere, was born in Mosa township, County of Middlesex, in 1837. Here he grew to manhood, assisting his father in the work upon the farm and in his mills. He embarked in his first business venture, in partnership with his brother Samuel, and they, for two years, conducted a private bank, with great success, but at the expiration of that period, the firm dissolved, and William E. Gardiner continued alone for five years. He then retired from active life, and since then has looked after his property, and loaned money upon real estate security.

During a long and eminently honorable life, Mr. Gardiner has devoted himself and his talents toward the perfection of home ties, never taking any interest in political affairs. So little interest has he evinced for the disturbing elements of public life, that he has never even taken advantage of his privilege of voting. In 1873 Mr. Gardiner was converted to Christianity, and while not a member of any special denomination, his life is ordered by the noble principles of the Master, and he faithfully endeavors to follow the Golden Rule.

Mr. Gardiner was united in marriage with Miss Agnes McGreger Barr, since deceased, daughter of Dr. Robert Barr, one of the early settlers of Chatham. Two children came to bless this union, one of whom died in infancy. The other, ROBERT JAMES MCGREGOR GARDINER, is now in charge of his father's business. He was born in 1870, and in 1895 married Georgiana Moore, daughter of C. J. Moore, of Chatham. To this union one daughter has been born, Gladys G., born in 1897. Politically Robert Gardiner is a member of the Reform party. Like his father, the young man is not connected with any religious denomination, but he is regarded as one of the leading and representative business men of Chatham.

DANIEL JAMES VAN VELSOR, M. D., for many years an eminent medical practitioner of County Kent, descended from German ancestors. His grandparents were James and Rosella (Hamilton) Van Velsor, the latter of whom was born in Digby, Nova Scotia. They were early settlers in County Elgin, and, as he was a U. E. Loyalist, he received 200 acres of land. On this estate both he and his wife died, leaving children as fol-

lows: William, father of our subject; Jerusha, wife of Rev. McDermid; Jane, wife of Harry Silcox; and Betsey, Mrs. Stinhoff, of London township.

William Van Velsor married Eliza Bright, and to this union were born these children: Calvin; Jerusha, Mrs. Alexander Guernsey; Daniel James; John Ralph; J. B.; W. McD.; E. P.; Rachel; Rosanna; Ruth, and Henry Verrel.

Dr. Daniel James Van Velsor was born May 1, 1835, on a farm in the township of Southwold, County Elgin, about twelve miles from St. Thomas. His education was pursued in the several schools of his native township, and before he reached his sixteenth year, he had won a second grade certificate for teaching, which vocation he followed until 1859, when he began the study of medicine. During 1859, 1860 and 1861, he attended the University of Michigan, and in 1862 he received his medical diploma from Toronto University. He at once settled at Blenheim, and for nearly three decades he answered calls all over the county, becoming widely known, highly esteemed and much beloved by his many grateful patients. In 1868 the Doctor was selected by a number of his friends to fill the position of deputy reeve for Harwich, an office he capably filled until 1871, when he was elected reeve, holding the office through 1872-73-74. He was warden in 1873, and in 1874, when Blenheim was incorporated, he was elected reeve of that town.

In political views Dr. Van Velsor was an ardent Liberal and an active worker for his party. He was a man of genial presence and entertained most hospitably, enjoying the companionship of friends. He was devoted to his profession and willingly assisted young men in their preparation to enter it, the following successful practitioners having been tutored by him: Drs. Moore, McCormick, McKenzie, E. P. and H. V. Van Velsor, J. P. Joseph, D. J. and Joseph Wallace, and others known to this locality. He was an ideal instructor and those who passed from his teachings were very thoroughly prepared for college.

On Dec. 31, 1857, Dr. VanVelsor married Miss Mary Ellen Wallace, of Louisville, and to this happy marriage were born three sons and one daughter, namely: Mrs. M. M. Wilson, Dr. W. W. (deceased), of Detroit, and Drs. Edward and James. It was the pleasant habit of our late subject to attribute much of his success in life to the inspiration given him by his most estimable wife, who still resides in the pleasant old home at Blenheim. She was born in 1837, in County Kent, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Reardon) Wallace, who settled in County Kent, in Chatham township, in 1837, where Mr. Wallace died April 5, 1886, aged ninety-five years. His children were: Mrs. Van Velsor, born in 1837; Sarah Ann, deceased, born in 1839; Robert William, born in 1841; Dr. Joseph, of Michigan, born in 1843; Catherine Eliza, Mrs. R. C. Struthers, of London, Ont.; Maurice, of Washington; and Dr. D. J., of Sparta.

The death of Dr. Daniel James Van Velsor took place at the hour of eleven, on Saturday morning, April 13, 1889, and in his death the sick and suffering lost a skillful and faithful attendant, the medical profession one of its most eminent physicians, Blenheim a loyal, public spirited citizen, and the family a devoted husband and father.

FRANK H. LAIRD, who has resided in Dresden since 1883, is a successful lumber dealer and proprietor of one of the largest planing mills in that locality. Since 1901 he has also been interested in a cement property, it being located in King township, County of York, Ont. Mr. Laird is a director of the company, and a member of the executive board. He and his brother, Thomas E., purchased their lumber plant from John French, and they now employ fifteen men in that business, which is proving quite profitable. They also own a vessel that carries their lumber from Georgian Bay points.

Until he was seventeen Mr. Laird lived upon a farm, and he then entered upon an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and from that naturally drifted into the lumber and planing-mill business, in which he is setting the pace for the other dealers in that line. He has taken an active part in the public life of Dresden, has served a year as a member of the council, and has been a member of the school board since 1901, doing good work in both capacities. Mr. Laird is past master of Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, A. F. & A. M., of Dresden, and a member of the order of Foresters, in which he has passed all the chairs. Although not a mem-

ber, he attends the Methodist Church, to which he liberally contributes. The beautiful brick dwelling he and his family occupy, built in 1901, is one of the handsomest homes in Dresden, and there the friends of the family are always made welcome.

In March, 1880, Mr. Laird was married, in the County of York, Ontario, to Charlotte J. Steeper, and two children have been born to them, Calvin T., now engaged in the mercantile business at Spruce Grove, Alberta, N. W. T.; and Eva G. Mrs. Laird was born in Markham township, County of York, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Parish) Steeper, of Lincolnshire, England, both of whom came to Canada at an early day and settled in the County of York, where the former farmed until his death, which occurred in 1895, when he was seventy-six. His widow, who was born in 1822, survives, residing in Markham township.

Frank H. Laird was born near Florence, County of Lambton, July 17, 1856, son of John and Sarah (Ward) Laird, of the County of Lambton, Ontario, and Yorkshire, England, respectively. The father died in Florence, Ontario, in 1869, aged forty-five years, and the mother now resides in Chatham, Ontario; she was born in 1827. They were farming people. Mrs. Laird is a member of the Methodist Church, as was her husband. The children born to this union were as follows: Jane, who married Otis Stewart; Alice, who married Thomas Sweet; Agnes, who married Parish Steeper; Thomas; Frank H.; Thomas E., partner of our subject; Wentworth, who died at the age of thirty-six; and Milton, William and Lorenda, who all died young. Frank H. and Thomas E. are the only survivors of this large family.

ROBERT MERCER, who for thirty-two years has been the governor of the jail of Kent County, and one of the County's most experienced officials, is a descendant of one of the early families of that locality, a son of John and Bethia Sarah (Morrison) Mercer.

In 1833 the grandparents of Robert Mercer decided to leave their English home and found a new one in what was then the wilds of Canada. The long journey was finally accomplished, requiring thirteen weeks on the Atlantic, two days on the Hudson river, and six days on Lake Erie. They settled on a farm in Amherstburg. In 1860 the mother of our subject returned to England to make a visit, and accomplished the trip in as many days as it required weeks in 1833. In 1835 Robert Mercer and his family, twelve in all, went to Windsor, his son John going to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained for two years, then rejoining the family at Windsor. In 1840 he was made postmaster, being the first incumbent of that office, and at the same time was made deputy collector of customs, and also deputy sheriff of the Western District, which included the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton, a position he filled from 1840 to 1851. On the division of the counties he came to Chatham, and in 1855 was appointed the sheriff of the County of Kent, an office which he ably filled for more than forty years. John Mercer was one of ten children born to his parents, the others being: Robert; Samuel; Joseph; James, an ex-member of the Michigan Legislature, living at Ontonagon, Michigan, and the only son of the family surviving; Eliza; Rebecca; Sarah; Mary; and Ann, who now resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota, being the only surviving daughter.

In 1839 John Mercer returned to England, and on June 15, of that year, was united in marriage with Bathia Sarah Morrison, a lady whom he had known for many years. Four children were born to this union: Bathia S., the wife of Rev. F. G. Elliott, of Sandwich; Ellen Morrison, the wife of A. G. McWhinney, of the Dominion post office department; Robert; and Harry. Mrs. Mercer died March 17, 1879, and Mr. Mercer passed away in 1897. He was born May 16, 1816, in London, where his father was born Aug. 29, 1787. The latter died June 29, 1849, his wife surviving until Sept. 3, 1867.

Robert Mercer was born Nov. 29, 1843, in Windsor, County of Essex. When he was seven years of age the family settled in Chatham, and there he grew to manhood, obtaining his primary education in the old Barracks, in Tecumseh Park, under the instruction of a Mr. Jameson. This was supplemented by instruction at the grammar school at Chatham, and later attendance at college in Upper Canada. To complete and round out his education Mr. Mercer then took a special course in business with Bryant & Stratton, at Detroit, Michigan. At this time his father was sheriff, and Robert

was made first a bailiff, and later deputy sheriff under his father, holding the office until 1872, and resigning in order to accept his present responsible position. With its many duties and grave responsibilities Mr. Mercer has efficiently contended for almost thirty years, his administration being perfectly satisfactory to the residents of the county. A thorough disciplinarian, at the same time he is open to those kindlier feelings which make of him the excellent and reliable officer he has always been.

In June, 1870, Robert Mercer was married to Miss Annie Eberts, daughter of the late William D. Eberts, one of the pioneers of Chatham.

HENRY N. BECHARD, of Dover township, County of Kent, comes of an old Canadian family. His grandfather, Bazile Bechard, was of St. Jacques, Quebec, and was one of the early settlers of Dover township. His father, Calixte Bechard, was a typical pioneer, and, moreover, was a man of unusual ability and force of character, who had as much to do with the development of the resources of this section, and with the promotion of local industries as any other one man. Physically and intellectually strong, he was enabled to manage successfully many enterprises at the same time, but he confined his activities mainly to business, though he was always deeply interested and highly influential in local affairs.

After reaching manhood Bazile Bechard chose farming for his occupation, and followed that calling for the most part during his active career. In 1834, with his wife and ten children, he came to Detroit, and, as there were no facilities for travel at that time, the journey was made part way by carts and part by water. In 1838 Mr. Bechard and his family settled in Dover township, County of Kent, upon a 200-acre tract of wild land in Pain Court, which was then a howling wilderness, not a tree having been cut upon the place. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits for the rest of his life. Upon his death his land was divided among his four sons. During his young manhood he married Josephine Giroux, of St. Jacques, Quebec, and to this union were born four sons and six daughters, his son, Calixte, being the father of Henry N. Bechard, whose name introduces this sketch.

Bazile Bechard was a brother of Theodore Bechard, one of the leaders of the Rebellion of 1837, who was captured, imprisoned and afterward exiled to Australia. Another brother, Francois Bechard, became the father of Francois Bechard, who represented the County of Iberville for many years in the House of Commons at Ottawa, and was made senator in 1896.

Calixte Bechard, father of Henry N., was a prominent pioneer farmer of this section. Born about 1820, he passed his earlier life at St. Jacques, Quebec, and in 1834 came with his parents and the rest of the family to Detroit, where he took a position as laborer on a government boat stationed there to prevent the Yankees from crossing the river. In 1838 he settled with the family in Dover township, and while assisting in clearing and cultivating the land, and ridding the country of wolves and other wild beasts, he acquired much of the training for his life work. Starting for himself, he naturally engaged in agriculture, and first followed this pursuit on the home place, later upon his portion of land received from his father. A man of energy, always ready to seize a chance for advancement, he made a thorough success of his place, and added to its area until it eventually embraced 300 acres. When he first settled upon the place the two products upon which he relied most for an income were maple sugar and black salt potash, which he carried to market with a yoke upon his back, in exchange receiving provisions which he carried back in the same way. At that time there was no road to Chatham (then a small village), so he and others felled trees until they had a foot track about three miles long marked out. Water laid in this track the greater part of the year. In addition to farming after some years Mr. Bechard went into partnership with his son, Joseph, in the operation of a gristmill at Pain Court, which, supplying a growing need of the locality, paid exceptionally well from the start. Encouraged by the success of this enterprise, they later started a sawmill in the same place, and finally a stave factory. For several years they conducted these industries, enlarging them from time to time, and doing a highly flourishing and profitable business. Mr. Bechard was exceedingly fortunate in all his ventures in life, and, being a wise financial manager, amassed considerable property. He finally divided his 300 acres of land among three of his sons,

Theodore, Jacob and Henry N. Joseph and Calixte were given the mills, and the other children received their share of the property in money. Calixte Bechard lived to the age of seventy-seven years and eight months, dying May 27, 1897. His remains are interred in Pain Court Church cemetery. Domestic in taste he always studied to make the most of his home and family, and was in every respect a model husband and father. He was a sincere Christian, and he and his family belonged to St. Peter's Church for many years, and later to the Pain Court Church. Though not educated himself, Mr. Bechard took a great interest in education, and through his efforts in 1873, a new section—No. 13—was formed and a school house built; he served as trustee of that section, and also as councilor for the township of Dover.

In St. Peter's Church, Raleigh township, Calixte Bechard married Marie Houle, of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, daughter of Pierre Houle and Charlotte Salvat Laviolette, who moved from that place to Detroit in 1834, and, renting a government house, resided there for two years. Later, in 1836, they moved to Dover township. Mrs. Bechard was at that time about twelve years old. She died Aug. 11, 1898, at the age of seventy-five years, and is buried in Pain Court cemetery. By this union there were twelve children, eight sons and four daughters: Joseph died in infancy. Joseph M., who for some time conducted a general store at Pain Court, and also acted as treasurer and postmaster of that place, was foreman in a factory in southern Vermont, but is now living retired, having a competence. Marie married John Laplante, a prominent contractor and builder of Dover township. John B. succeeded his brother Joseph as foreman in the factory, and now resides in Cohoes, N. Y. Jullienne married Thomas LeRoy, engineer and foreman of the Fire Department at Detroit, Michigan. Sophie died in infancy. Theodore is carrying on the old homestead. Calixte, Jr., is in the hotel business at Chatham, Ont. David, who served as clerk of the Federal House at Ottawa for ten years, is now a practicing physician, at Chatham, Ont. Jacob, a traveling salesman, was killed at the age of twenty-nine, his buggy being struck by a train when he was out driving. Henry N. is mentioned below. Emilie married Napoleon Caron, a farmer of Dover township.

Henry N. Bechard, for nine years sessional clerk of the Federal House at Ottawa, now tax collector at Pain Court, is a man of rare tact and ability. Mr. Bechard started life under the favor of fortune, having a good road to success opened up to him by his father's unrelenting energy and determination. Born on Lot 18, Concession 3, in Pain Court, Dec. 4, 1863, he there grew to manhood under the influences of the best institutions of the locality. In the public schools of his section he acquired a good education, developing habits of order, attention and a taste for mathematics, which have characterized him through life. He also early received practical training in business and agriculture, and when a young man engaged in the last named occupation for some years, assisting first in the management of the home place. Industry and the careful execution of wisely laid plans brought in good money returns, and marked him as a young man of exceptional ability. He succeeded his brother John as postmaster at Dover South postoffice, and filled that incumbency for nine years. In 1887, through the influence of his brother, David, he secured the position as sessional clerk of the Federal House at Ottawa. His alert, well trained intellect enabled him readily to master the details of the work, and, giving eminent satisfaction, he filled the position for nine years. At the expiration of this period, in 1896, he returned to Pain Court, where he has since resided, on Lot 18, Concession 4, having one of the best improved farms in the township. He has for some years been engaged in farming, but now devotes most of his time to public affairs, for which he is eminently qualified. He has always commanded a good salary, and, being prudent and wise in his financial management, has been very prosperous.

Mr. Bechard is one of the most popular men in Pain Court. After his return to the locality, in 1896, he was immediately made assessor, and at the end of that year was elected tax collector, a position which he has since filled with marked ability, for seven years. During four years of this time he has collected every dollar without having once resorted to the law, something which has never before been done in Dover township. Mr. Bechard takes great

interest in education and school matters generally, and has held the position of school auditor for many years. In 1899 he was elected a member of the building committee to erect a new school in Section No. 13, and was appointed to oversee the building of same. Through his influence a debating club was formed in that section which has now been flourishing for four years. Mr. Bechard has taken an active part in many debates.

Though he has attended strictly to business and discharged all his duties with fidelity, whether of a public or private nature, he has not failed to make financial sacrifices to gain knowledge or experience, especially through the great educating medium of travel. The story of his experiences is an interesting one. During 1893 he made a visit to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and the same year took a trip through the western and southern States, journeying as far south as Galveston, Texas. He stopped at all the principal cities and investigated the culture of cotton and other industries of the South, visited ranches and watched the cowboys branding cattle, besides witnessing many other interesting sights, some of them peculiar to the regions he was traversing. Mr. Bechard really went south with the intention of investing in fruit growing land, but finding the climate did not agree with his health he returned to his native land fully convinced of Canada's merits. He has traveled all over the Dominion, in 1894 making an extensive trip along the St. Lawrence and enjoying the beautiful scenery along that great river, spending some time among the Thousand Islands, and going over the Rapids. In 1896 he had a delightful trip through the New England States, taking in the sights in the principal cities, the beautiful scenery along the Hudson river from Albany to New York, and thence going by sea to Providence, R. I., and to Boston, Mass. Returning he came by way of the Erie canal up to the point where it crosses the Mohawk river, went through the famous Hoosac tunnel, and on to Buffalo to view the falls at Niagara. After these profitable trips Mr. Bechard returned to his work refreshed and invigorated, and with many pleasant memories stored in his mind.

In Berkeley, R. I., Sept. 14, 1896, Mr. Bechard married Therese (Daniel) Bechard, widow of Jacob Bechard, brother of Henry N. They have one child, Marie Antoinette Victoria, born July 8, 1901.

JOSEPH DANIEL, grandfather of Mrs. Bechard, a prominent pioneer settler of the County of Kent, passed his early life in St. Hyacinthe, Que. For an occupation he chose farming, which he continued for the most part throughout his active career. About 1832 he located in Windsor, Ont., making the journey from St. Hyacinthe by cart, and there he remained about ten years. Then in 1842 he came to the County of Kent, where for a few years he worked as a day laborer. By this time deciding to engage in business for himself, he purchased a 100-acre tract of wild land along the river Thames where he settled, and in time made a splendid home for himself and family. During his young manhood he married, in Lower Canada, Therese Landry, of that vicinity, and by this union there were nine children: Marie married Gilbert Hebert, of Tecumseh, Ont., who is now deceased; Esther married Pierre Tremblay, of Tilbury township, who is now deceased; Margerite married John B. Tremblay, and they reside in Detroit; Emilie, of Saginaw, Michigan, married Louis Tourangeau, who is now deceased; Pierre is a farmer in Dover township; Gilbert resides in Ashton, Rhode Island; David resides in Bay City, Michigan; Anthony is mentioned below; Henrietta married John B. Pisane and is now deceased.

Joseph Daniel lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying in 1862, and his wife passed away in 1874, in her eighty-first year. Both are buried in the Pain Court Church cemetery. They were strong, thrifty and prosperous pioneers, and prominent in this section, where they had many warm friends. Both were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Anthony Daniel, father of Mrs. Bechard, inherited his father's taste and ability for rural pursuits. Born in Windsor, Canada, April 16, 1837, he was about seven years old when his father removed to Dover township, and here he received the ordinary rearing of farmers' boys of his locality. Thorough knowledge of agriculture decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in this occupation, and for several years he followed that pursuit upon the family homestead. In Chatham, Ont., in October, 1861, Mr. Daniel married Catherine St. Jacques, who was born in that place May 5,

1846, daughter of Michel St. Jacques, of Lower Canada, who married in St. Thomas Rosalie Lepron, and afterward came to Chatham, when but a few small houses marked the site of the present city. Here he remained working as a teamster for some years. He passed his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Daniel. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel were born fourteen children: Archange married John Sephore Houle, and resides in Wallaceburg, Ont.; Therese is mentioned above; Frances resides in Chatham, Ont.; Joseph is a farmer of Dover township; Rosonna married Joseph Marchand, and resides in Berkeley, Rhode Island; Peter and John died young; Anriette is also deceased; David and Edgar are farmers of Dover township; Orise, Alfred, Antoinette and Eugene are living at home.

After his marriage Anthony Daniel settled upon a fifty-acre tract of land, which he carried on for six years, and by 1872 he possessed 450 acres of land. He purchased an 88-acre farm on the Creek Road in Pain Court Block, on Lots 5 and 6, where he has since resided. This place he has largely improved, and put under cultivation, and made into one of the most attractive farms in the locality. He has done well, and now owns another well improved seventy-acre farm in the township, besides other valuable property. In 1891 he erected a splendid brick house upon the home farm, where he now resides.

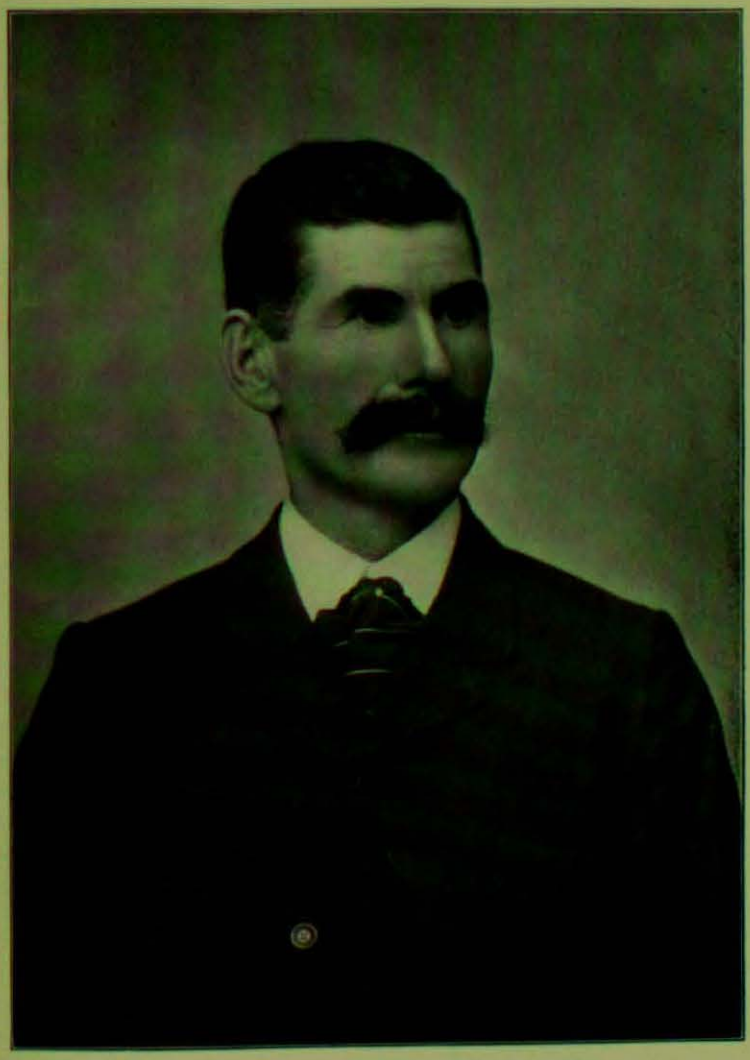
Mr. Daniel is one of the prominent men of the township, and has served as school trustee for several years. He is upright in business, possesses a high sense of honor, and is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church. Politically he affiliates with the Reformers.

DAVID FLETCHER, ex-reeve of Tilbury township, East, is one of the extensive stock farmers of the township, and the son of an early and representative settler.

James Fletcher, his grandfather, was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where several generations of the name had lived before him. One of the oldest stones in the graveyard near his place of residence was that of his grandfather. James Fletcher married Helen Gray and both died in Scotland, the parents of the following named children: Helen married William Gordon and died in Scotland in 1900, aged ninety-four years. Annie is deceased; she married Alexander McLeod and lived in Scotland. John was the father of David Fletcher. David married in Scotland Miss Rebeca McCombie, and in 1865, they came with their family to Tilbury township, East, where both died. Their daughter is the wife of George Holmes, of Tilbury township, East. James died in Scotland, after marrying Mary Jessiman, and their son John is one of the prosperous farmers of Tilbury township, East. Margaret married Charles Farquharson and died in that township. Jane died in Scotland, unmarried. William came to Canada and became a Presbyterian minister, his first charge being at Carlisle, Ontario, but later he went to the Northwest Territory; he subsequently engaged in farming in Nebraska, where he died. Elizabeth died when young.

John Fletcher, the father of David, was born in Scotland in 1809 and there grew to manhood, marrying Margaret Smith, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland. As John Fletcher was lame, he did not feel able to engage in any hard manual labor, and so qualified himself for the vocation of a teacher, and for some time taught in his native land. Directly after his marriage, in 1836, he emigrated to Canada, taking a lake boat to Port Stanley, at which place the young couple remained a year. While living there the husband taught school, and to pay for his services was given a yoke of unbroken steers and a horse. With the horse in front of the steers, and all of their effects piled on a cart, these brave young people made their way slowly into the County of Kent, and established their first residence on the northern part of the river Thames, several miles west of Chatham. There the father taught school, and during 1838 he conducted a grocery in Chatham, still continuing his teaching. He returned to the river and resumed his school there. A list of his pupils made in November, 1839, shows that in his school were many who afterward became famous, and that the largest number of any one name were those bearing that of Crow.

On July 7, 1840, Mr. Fletcher purchased of Robert Smith, the father of Robert Smith, of Chatham, Lot 2, Concession 8, of Tilbury township, East, where his son David now makes his home. In payment he agreed to give $50 in cash, eight steers three years old, to be delivered in 1841, and likewise one heifer. Rob-



David Fletcher

ert Smith gave a bond to guarantee his part of the bargain, and this highly interesting document is now in the possession of David Fletcher. This property of 100 acres had about ten acres cleared, and in this clearing were a log house and barn. Here was the family home until 1842, when they removed to Romney, where the father remained two years, engaged in teaching; he then returned to his farm and spent the remainder of his life there. He devoted the greater portion of his time to teaching, hiring the clearing on his land done. While not a strong man physically, he was very active and energetic, and accomplished much, considering the state of his health. Much credit is also due to his faithful, loving wife, who labored early and late to assist her husband, and who never thought of herself when she could help others. As his means permitted, Mr. Fletcher added to his land, and at the time of his death he owned 400 acres in one block, in the 8th Concession, and 150 acres in the 9th Concession, 130 in the 11th Concession and Lot 16 M. R. S. In 1857 he erected a frame house to replace the primitive log one. He last taught in the Couts school on the Middle road, making his trips on horseback. He taught long enough to be placed on the superannuated list. During his lifetime much of his property was cleared, and in addition to farming he engaged extensively in the raising of horses, cattle and hogs, at which he was very successful, as he was in all his ventures. He passed away March 26, 1873, when sixty-three years of age. His excellent wife died March 25, 1899, aged eighty-five years, and three months. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church at Valetta, in which the father served for many years as elder.

The village of Fletcher, named after John Fletcher, was given its name at the time the Michigan Central railroad was built, and he gave seventeen acres of land to secure the location of a station there. As a result directly and indirectly of his personal influence, no less than ten families before and since his death, have emigrated to Canada. In politics he was a Reformer and took an active part in local affairs, serving on the township council for two years and for seventeen years prior to his death he was clerk of the township, holding that office when he passed away.

The following children were born to John Fletcher and his wife: (1) Charlotte (deceased) married David Fraser and moved to Nebraska. (2) James went west in 1860 and is now a ranchman at High Valley, Idaho. (3) John who died at the age of thirty-three years, occupied a portion of the 400 acre farm; he married Hannah Forbes, and had two children, Ida May, who now lives at Honolulu; and George W., M. D., now a prominent physician in the Hamilton Hospital. (4) William C. died when forty-five years of age; he lived on the north half of the 400 acre farm, married Elizabeth Fletcher, and had five sons and one daughter, four of whom are now residents of Nebraska. He had a brilliant municipal career, having served in the township council, as deputy reeve and reeve, and took a prominent part in the Forbes Drainage Scheme. (5) Helen married George Adams, a farmer of Lot 4, Concession 6, Tilbury township, East. (6) David is the subject proper of this biography.

David Fletcher, the youngest of the family, was born on the old homestead Oct. 2, 1855. His opportunities for securing an education were but limited, but by close observation and actual experience he acquired much practical knowledge which he has found very useful in his journey through life. When only eighteen years old he had the misfortune to lose his good father, and he then began to work for himself. In 1886 Mr. Fletcher was married to Catherine Logie, who died in March, 1895, the mother of four sons: John Logie, now at Chatham high school; James Allan, also at Chatham high school; Charles George and David Murray. In June, 1902, Mr. Fletcher was united in marriage with Janet Holmes, a native of the township of Edwardsburg, County of Grenville, Ont., a most charming and highly educated lady, who presides over his home with tact and grace. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher dispense a most generous hospitality to all who enter their gates.

Mr. Fletcher inherited 150 acres of the home place and added to it from time to time until he now owns 350 acres. He has devoted himself to farming, engaging largely in raising and selling cattle, horses and hogs. In politics he is a Reformer and has strong ideas, and takes an active part in local matters. For three years he served on the township council, and in 1901 and 1902 was reeve of the township. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic

lodge of Tilbury township, East. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and both enjoy in highest degree the confidence of the entire neighborhood.

WILLIAM TAPE (deceased). The Tape family of Howard township, County of Kent, is one of the pioneer and prominent ones that has become well known, its members being men and women of sterling worth, mental equipment and business enterprise.

The late William Tape, who was a most worthy member of this family, was born on Sherkin Island, in Ireland, March 12, 1830, a son of Thomas and Frances (Gosnell) Tape, who came from Ireland to Ontario in 1836, settling at Highgate, in Orford township, County of Kent. Thomas Tape settled in this locality a pioneer, built a log house and there installed his family, and commenced to hew out for himself a home from the heavily timbered land, a work to which he was entirely unaccustomed in the land of his nativity. In Ireland he owned a sailing-vessel and engaged in the coasting trade. He was a son of William Tape, of Ireland, and after coming to Canada he was followed by his younger brother John, who was a man of education and for years a popular teacher in the County of Kent, where he married and at death left three daughters who have also passed out of life. After locating in Canada Thomas Tape turned his attention exclusively to farming. His years were extended to ninety-one, and he died on his farm Dec. 3, 1892, his wife preceding him in February, 1884. In religious belief both he and his wife were Methodists. His political convictions made him an ardent Reformer. Seven sons and four daughters were born to Thomas Tape and his wife, namely: William, Joseph, Elizabeth, James, Susan, John, Lawrence, George and Thomas Henry; two girls died in infancy.

(1) William Tape, the eldest member of his father's family, and the subject of this sketch, obtained his education in the schools of Orford township. Like the other youths of his locality, he worked on the farm during the summer seasons, and attended the winter sessions of the school. In September, 1850, he married Catherine Lee, the eldest daughter of John and Sarah (Shehan) Lee, of an old pioneer family of Orford township. Mrs. Tape was born in County Cork, Ireland, where she received a liberal education, and was a woman of more than usual intelligence, a great reader and a good conversationalist. She came with her parents to Canada in 1841. They settled in Orford township on the home now owned by their son, John Lee, M. P. P. for East Kent, Ontario.

After marriage the late William Tape and wife located on Lot 15, Concession 11, Howard township, and began domestic life in a little log cabin in the great woods, working and saving until their land became cleared and cultivated, and they were able to replace their humble cabin with a neat and commodious frame house, where Mr. Tape died June 9, 1884. His industry and prudent management secured to his family a well stocked and equipped estate of 200 acres, the same—with subsequent additions—the property of his sons, his widow dying Dec. 24, 1899. Their children were: (1) Fanny died aged four years. (2) Mary died aged five years. (3) Sarah, born Aug. 16, 1855, was reared in Howard township. She married Edward Donoho, of Ridgetown, formerly a farmer of Howard, and has one daughter, Winnie. (4) Rosa is unmarried. (5) John, who married Jane Lee, of Howard, resides on his farm on Lot 16, Concession 12, Howard. They have two children, Irene Lillian and Harry. (6) Lillie married R. L. Gosnell, a lawyer of Blenheim. (7) Robert, unmarried, resides with his sisters Rosa and Kitty on Lot 14, Concession 11, of Howard township. (8) Kitty, unmarried, was for several years a public school teacher. (9) Thomas F. Tape married Anna Campbell, of Howard, and resides on the old William Tape homestead, Lot 15, Concession 11, Howard, and has one son, William. (10) William N. married Lydia Donoho, resides in Dresden and conducts a livery. He was formerly a farmer of Dawn township, County of Lambton. (11) Lawrence B. Tape, born Sept. 1, 1872, married Edyth McDonald, of Harwich, and resided on part of Lot 13, Concession 11, Howard, but recently moved into Ridgetown and is engaged with the Deering Machinery Company. They have one daughter, Carlyn. (The "Tape Brothers" when associated together were well known as breeders of thoroughbred stock, and were very successful exhibitors at the leading exhibitions of the Province.)

(II) Joseph Tape died in youth.

(III) Elizabeth Tape married John Baldwin, and at her death left four daughters: (1) Alice married William Keown, of Essex. (2) Frances married G. W. Gosnell, of Highgate. (3) Charlotte married L. M. Gosnell, of Essex. (4) Elizabeth married George Huffman, of Harwich township.

(IV) James Tape, a retired farmer living in Highgate, married Eliza Watts, of Howard township, and had one daughter and one son: (1) Mrs. Farry Risk, wife of William Risk, of Detroit, deceased; (2) George Tape, medical doctor of Hot Lake Sanitarium of Hot Lake, Oregon.

(V) Susan Tape married Samuel Attridge, of Orford township, and their children are: (1) Elizabeth is the wife of Arthur Ross, of Michigan. (2) Thomas H. is a veterinary surgeon of Harbor Beach, Michigan. (3) Letetia is at home with her parents. (4) James is a doctor of medicine at Detroit, Michigan. (5) William died in young manhood. (6) Herbert is a telegraph operator at Highgate. (7) Andrew is a barber in Highgate. (8) John is at home with his parents. (9) Fannie is at home.

(VI) John Tape died in young manhood.

(VII) Lawrence Tape married Ann Lee, of Orford, and resided on a farm north of the village of Highgate. Mrs. Tape is now deceased. Their children are: (1) Addie is the wife of Edward Wood, a railroad man of St. Thomas, Ont. (2) William is a farmer of Orford township. (3) Jane is the wife of John Wade, a farmer of Orford. (4) Victoria is the wife of John Simpson, a farmer of Howard township. (5) John is a farmer on the home farm. (6) Thomas died in young manhood. (7) George is a farmer with John. Lawrence Tape married (second) Emma Fancher, of Euphemia township, and resides in Highgate, and is engaged in the live stock business.

(VIII) George Tape died in youth.

(IX) Thomas H. Tape, born Sept. 14, 1845, married Sarah Mickle, of Highgate, and resides on the old Thomas Tape homestead with subsequent additions. He has two children: (1) Frank is at home with his father. (2) Mary was formerly a school teacher for three years in the public schools, but is now in attendance at the Normal College, Hamilton, Ontario.

In religion the late William Tape was a member of the Methodist denomination and was a devout Christian. In politics he was a stanch Reformer. His Christian example is still recalled by his old associates, while his kind neighborliness and many estimable private characteristics will ever be remembered.

SHAW. The Shaw Family is one of the old and prominent ones of the County of Kent, and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. It is represented by many of the leading citizens of Chatham township, who directly trace their ancestry to James and Jane (Shaw) Shaw, natives of County Sligo, Ireland, both of whom came to Canada prior to 1837, and were married in Toronto in that year. Mr. Shaw had come to the County of Kent in 1833, taking up a farm of 100 acres, all wild land, cleared a portion, erected a log cabin, and made a comfortable home in Chatham township for his family. At various times he increased his possessions and had the satisfaction of leaving a farm of fifty acres to each of his six sons, the youngest one, Robert A., now owning and operating the original tract.

Mr. Shaw died in 1884, aged seventy-six years, and his wife in 1897, aged seventy-four years. They were buried in Dresden cemetery, and are still remembered as most worthy people, kind neighbors, and consistent members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Shaw held a number of the local offices, being school trustee for many years and township collector for several terms. The children born to James and Jane Shaw were as follows: Eliza married Theophilus McKerrall, a general farmer and substantial citizen of Chatham township; Mary J. married John Clyde, also a farmer of Chatham township; Samuel is a leading farmer of Chatham township; Catherine died young; Margaret married William Logan, a successful farmer of the same township; Arthur also farms in Chatham township; James died young; John and Albert are farmers in Dawn township; Sarah A. married James Anderson, of Hamilton, North Dakota; Ellen married William Creavan, of the Sault, Michigan; Miss Martha resides with her sister, Mrs. Anderson; William is a farmer of Chatham township;

Marjorie married Thomas Wright, station agent and photographer at Manvel, North Dakota; and Robert, as noted, remains on the homestead.

This family is prominent throughout Chatham township. All are substantial citizens, and are ranked as leading and representative men.

JOHN HITCH, brick and tile manufacturer, and one of the leading factors in the commercial life of Ridgetown, County of Kent, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, Oct. 11, 1841, a son of William and Elizabeth (Frosel) Hitch, both natives of England.

William Hitch was the son of Edwin Hitch, a most worthy man, also a native of England, where he lived and died. William Hitch died in England when his son John was eight years of age, but the mother kept the family together until the children had grown to maturity. She was a most remarkable woman, crossing the ocean to visit her son John, and after two years returned, in 1891, being then seventy-two years of age.

John Hitch commenced working in a brickyard when eleven years old, and remained at that business until his marriage. After that event he went into the beer business, buying a beer house at Gillingham, called the "Brickmaker's Arms." He there worked up a good trade, but after eighteen months he sold out and purchased the "Tudor Arms Public House," in London, England, but only stayed there three months, when he bought the "Yorkshire Grey," on Barkan Road, London East. After twelve months there he again went out of business. Neither he nor his wife liked the hotel business, and they determined to enter some other line. Mr. Hitch next purchased a grocery in Shoebrenest, where he carried on an extensive trade for about three years, when he again sold out, and returned to old London, and there resumed brickmaking.

In 1871, with his brother James, John Hitch emigrated to the Dominion and settled at Toronto, and there they engaged in the manufacture of brick for a short time, later locating at Strathburn, Ont., where they erected a brickmaking plant, which they operated some years. The next change our subject made was to Eckfrid, County of Middlesex, where he remained four years. He then returned to Strathburn, where he remained for seven years, engaged in the manufacture of brick, but a favorable opening occurring at Ridgetown, he, in 1887, rented a yard in Ridgetown, which he operated for seven years. In 1895 he purchased land on Erie street, between the Michigan Central and Lake Erie railroad tracks, and there he has erected and operates a large brick and tile manufacturing plant. Owing to the superior character of his product, Mr. Hitch has built up a large trade, his output being from 400,000 to 500,000 brick and from 100,000 to 150,000 tiles, and his success is but the logical result of good business methods and thorough knowledge practically applied. The brother James, with whom Mr. Hitch made the journey to Ontario, died at Essex Center, Canada, in 1882, leaving a wife and three children: Sarah, James (deceased) and Edith, of the Dominion.

In 1863 Mr. Hitch was united in marriage with Miss Susannah E. Last, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Last, old and wealthy people of the County of Kent, England. Mrs. Hitch was born in the County of Kent, England, Feb. 10, 1846, and grew to young womanhood there. She is the only one of her family to come to Canada. The others were: James and George Last, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Thomas, Edward and Sarah (Mrs. James Hubbard), still in England. Eleven children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Hitch: Sarah, born in England, in 1864, is the wife of John Crook, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and has two sons, Harold and Basil. John W., born in England, in 1866, is unmarried, and a resident of Ridgetown. Henry, born in England, married Miss Lizzie Passmore, of Ridgetown, where he resides, and has five children, Lela, Francis, Clifford, Norman and Robert. Thomas, born in England in 1870, was reared in the Dominion, and married Miss Emma Smith, a lady of Ridgetown, where they reside; they have three children, Queenie, Douglas and Lloyd. Rachel N., born in Strathburn in 1872, is the wife of John C. McKeller, and they reside at Windsor; they have one son, John Verne. Abram, born in the County of Middlesex in 1875, is now a resident of Pinole, California, and is unmarried. Joseph and Daniel, twins, born in 1879, were educated in the high schools; Daniel married Miss Bertha George, of Ridgetown, and has one child, Edith; Joseph is unmar-

ried, residing at home. Albert J. was born in 1881. Alice A., born in 1883, in Glencoe, Mosa township, is at home. Charlie, born in Glencoe in 1885, is also at home.

The political views of Mr. Hitch make him a stanch supporter of the principles of the Liberal party. Both he and his good wife are members of the Baptist Church, where they have worshipped for many years. Mr. Hitch is an excellent example of what can be attained by hard work, patient endeavor and progressive business methods, in fact he may be classed as a self-made man. Commencing his work in early life as a laborer, he has steadily risen until he is now one of the largest brick and tile manufacturers in County Kent. His original small capital has been increased, and he has taken honorable advantage of opportunities presented for enlarging his field of operation, until his market is a large one, and the fame of his product widespread. In manner he is quiet and unassuming; in disposition thrifty and strictly honorable, and is held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen, who regard him as a representative citizen of the county. He and his family are popular in their church and social relations, and are people of whom any community might well be proud.

W. HENRY CLEMENTS, a successful general farmer residing on the River road, Lot 13, Concession 1, was born in Pain Court, Dover township, Feb. 5, 1857, a son of William and Alice (Bolten) Clements.

On April 26, 1882, in Dover township, Mr. Clements married Hannah Ward, and their children were: T. W. Norman; Henry W.; Westley P. and Ivie G. Mrs. Clements was born at Dawn, County Kent, a daughter of Thomas Ward, deceased, born in Yorkshire, England, April 25, 1832, and died April 13, 1894, aged sixty-two years and eight months, on his farm in Dover township now owned by his son John W. His remains were interred in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. He was a son of Thomas and Jane Ward, of England, where they lived, and Thomas, the elder, died at sea, being a sailor by calling. Thomas Ward, the younger, married in 1860, in Dawn, Jane Ball, and their children were: Elizabeth M., of Bloomfield, married Luther Brown; Wilbert J. is deceased; Hannah C.; Eliza J. married George Brown, a farmer, of Raleigh township; Agnes A. married J. B. Smith, a farmer of Raleigh; Selina H. married Berley Swift; Proctor T. is a farmer of Manitoba; Milton F. is a farmer of Manitoba; John W. is a farmer on the old homestead in Dover township; Loren A. W. is on the old homestead. The paternal great-grandparents were Thomas and Jane Ward, of England, where they remained.

Mr. Clements remained with his parents until his marriage, when he farmed for some time in Chatham township for himself, and in December, 1890, located on his present farm, which comprises seventy-five acres of very fertile land, all of which is in a good state of cultivation. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. of F. In religious faith he and his wife are members of the Church of England. In politics he is a Conservative, but he has never aspired to office. Enterprising, successful, thrifty, he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, and is a man whose word has weight among his neighbors and friends. He comes of a good old family, as does his wife, and they are among the leading representatives of the farming interests of County Kent.

SQUIRE ARCHIBALD HUNTER, a magistrate and retired farmer of Harwich township, has resided on his present farm since 1852. The substantial brick house which is the family home was built in 1883, and the Squire is enjoying in old age the fruits of his younger days of activity.

The Hunter family is of Scottish extraction, its representatives for many generations having been aristocratic land holders in Scotland. Grandfather James Hunter was a prominent land owner and farmer in Stirlingshire, Scotland, and was the eldest son of William and Mary (Graham) Hunter. William Hunter was also a prominent man and large land holder and his wife was the daughter of Bailey Graham, a wealthy Scotch merchant. The parents of Squire Hunter were John and Jean (Ewing) Hunter, the latter a native of Campsie, Stirlingshire. John Hunter was born on the ancestral farm in Stirlingshire, and was also the owner of other lands. He and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian Church. He died in September, 1849, at the age of fifty-six, and his wife died in 1831, at

the early age of twenty-nine. Both breathed their last on the old farm where they had lived. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, who died young; James (deceased), who was a prominent farmer in Odaga, New Zealand; Margaret, who died here, unmarried, and is buried in Blenheim Evergreen cemetery; Janet, who married John Russell, of Kiskintilloch; Archibald, who is mentioned below; John, who died young; and Jane, who was twice married, her second husband being James McGrouther, and who died in Glasgow, Scotland.

Archibald Hunter was born, like his father before him, in Campsie parish, Stirlingshire, Scotland, his birthday being April 28, 1827. He remained at home until he was twelve years of age, when he went to Glasgow, and for two years was employed in a bakery and confectionery establishment. The business not being to his taste he returned to the farm, where he remained until he was twenty years old. He then went to work on a large farm, where after a year he was made foreman, having entire charge of the work of the place, including the teaming done by forty-five horses. In 1851 he left Scotland and came to Canada, purchasing 100 acres of pine lands in County Norfolk, Ont. After a year he traded this land for his present farm, which he did not see until after he became its owner. His holding contains 159 acres, being Lots C and D of the 3d Concession, in Harwich township. Like all his family Squire Hunter has prospered as a farmer and land owner, and has established himself as a man of property and influence in the country of his adoption.

In November, 1860, Squire Hunter married, in Harwich, Christina McBrayne, a native of that place, daughter of John and Mary (Campbell) McBrayne, of Argyllshire, Scotland, the latter descended from John Campbell, first cousin of Lord Lorne, Governor-General of Canada, son of the Duke of Argyle. Mrs. Hunter died Jan. 10, 1901, at the age of sixty-eight, and is buried in Blenheim cemetery. The children born to this union were: (1) Margaret Jean married W. T. Mead, a thresher, farmer and breeder of draught horses by occupation. Mrs. Mead lives at home in order to give her father every care and comfort. She is an accomplished artist, and many of her paintings adorn the walls of her home. The St. Thomas Journal has the following to say of the fine exhibits of works of art that have been exhibited by Mrs. W. T. Mead at many of the fairs this year and won a large number of prizes—"The works of art shown by Mrs. W. T. Mead, of Blenheim, was one of the rarest collections of subjects that has been seen for some time, and this lady is acquiring a reputation as an artist that will in a short time compel older professionals to look well to their laurels." (2) John E. died at the age of ten. (3) James H., who is a farmer in Harwich, married Nettie Burke, and they have three daughters, Vera, Pearl and Winnie. (4) Isabella died when young. (5) Roland also died young. (6) Edward Carlyle is assisting on the home farm. (7) William O. lives at home and also assists in carrying on the farm. William O. Hunter holds a primary, a junior leaving and a senior leaving certificate which he received from the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute in 1894, 1895 and 1896, respectively, but expects to stay on the farm for some time at least. Squire Hunter is a Reformer in politics, and in religious faith a Presbyterian. He has taken part in town affairs, serving several terms as one of the school trustees. Since 1881 he has been justice of the peace, but makes no charges for his services. He takes a keen interest in the history of the settlement and development of his part of the country, and for some time has been collecting material for a history of the pioneer families of Harwich township. His own family on his father's side was for generations one of the wealthy land holding class in Scotland, and his mother was descended from King Ewing of Scotland. Squire Hunter has lived up to the family standard in this new country, and in spite of his years is yet alert and active. Both he and his children are well known and prosperous members of the community. The present Hunter family are somewhat musical, having a small orchestra of their own. W. T. Mead plays on the violin, piano and guitar; Mrs. Mead plays on the piano; Edward Carlyle plays the guitar and piano and William O. plays the violin and guitar, as well as accompaniments on the piano.

BEN HANDLEY TAYLOR, an extensive and successful farmer and stock raiser of Dover township, residing on Lot 2, Concession 4, was born near the City of York, Eng-

land, Feb. 14, 1862, a son of Thomas and Mary (Powell) Taylor.

Thomas Taylor was a prominent cattle and wool buyer and horse dealer, and he died in his native land, June 28, 1873, aged forty years, while his wife passed away July 15, 1867, aged thirty-one years. Both were members of the Church of England. The children born to this couple were: Ruth P., who married Thomas H. Heron, Easingwold, England; John P., a surveyor at Detroit, Michigan; and Ben Handley.

On June 13, 1883, Mr. Ben Handley Taylor was united in marriage with Mary L. Carr, at Oakville, Ont., and their children are: Lillian M. C.; Oswald H.; Ben A.; Fred A.; Clayton H.; Herbert C.; Thomas W.; Charles S., who died Dec. 19, 1902; Ruby L.; Gordon E. and Irene. Mrs. Taylor was born at Aaron, County Clare, Ireland, a daughter of Henry and Rose A. L. (Quinn) Carr, of Ireland, where they lived and died. Mr. Carr was an officer in the Royal navy, which service he entered at the age of fifteen years, becoming chief officer, and retaining that rank during the last fifteen years of his service. He retired in 1884, on a pension, and resided in Dublin, Ireland, until his death, which occurred Jan. 25, 1903. He was a member of the Church of England, as is his wife, and they were prominent in their native land. Their children were: Mrs. Taylor; John H., an engineer at St. Louis, Missouri; Alexander and Charles H., engineers of Worcester, Massachusetts; William F., a traveling salesman in Ireland; Margaret J., who married John H. Perrin, of Dublin, Ireland; and Samuel A., deceased.

Mr. Taylor remained at home until he attained to the age of sixteen years, when he emigrated to Canada, settling in County Halton, working for five years upon a farm, the first year on a salary, and the remaining four as a renter. After his five years of farm life, he engaged in butchering for eighteen months in Acton, Ont., when he operated a hotel at Hillsburg for fourteen months. About this time the famous Scott Act was passed, which nearly ruined Mr. Taylor, but he manfully struggled on, and worked in Toronto in a slaughter house for three months, when he entered a cutting house for three months more. His next move was to locate in Raleigh township, County Kent, for two years as a farmer, and in 1900 he purchased his present fine farm of 400 acres in Tilbury township, County Kent, from S. T. Martin. Mr. Taylor is one of the largest stock raisers in the township, and markets his cattle to the various large cities, receiving big prices for them on account of their superior quality. In all of his transactions he displays a keen insight into the details of his business, and is remarkably successful in all he undertakes. He is a member of the I. O. F., in which order he is deservedly popular. He and his wife are consistent members of the Church of England, and are bringing up their children in the same faith.

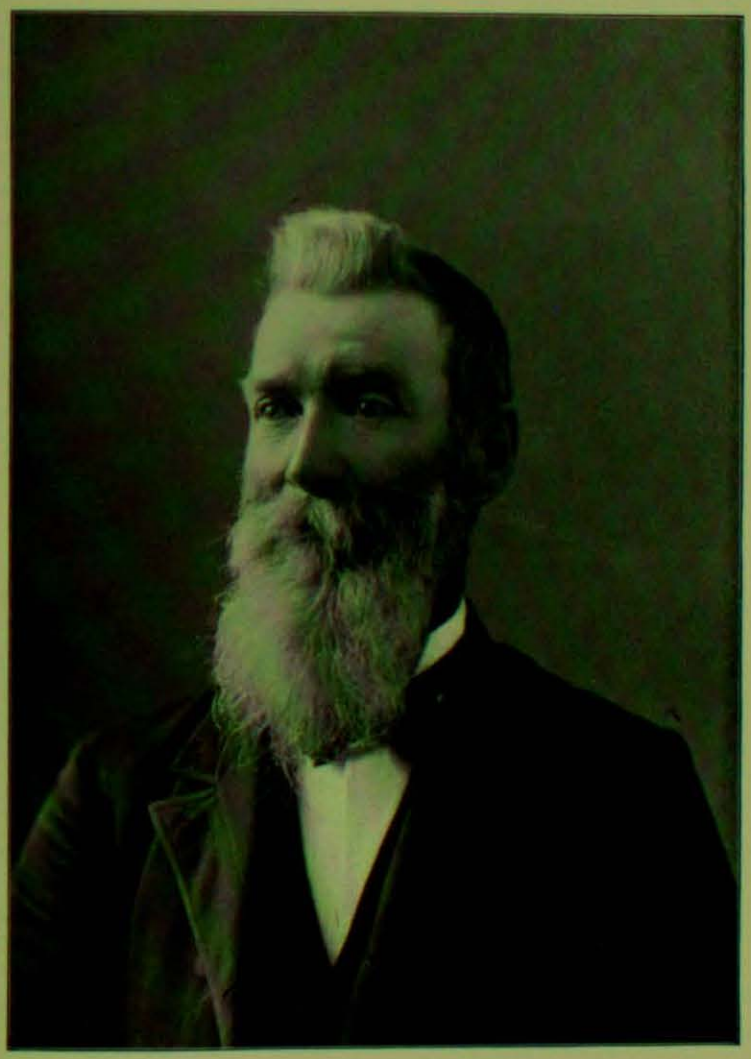
WILLIAM HENDERSON, prosperous farmer and blacksmith of Howard township, residing on Concession 1, Range 2, was born in Blanshard township, County Perth, July 30, 1846, a son of Robert and Ann (Donald) Henderson, both born in County Down, Ireland, where they grew to maturity and were married.

In 1837 these parents emigrated to Canada, with one child, a daughter, making the trip in a sailing vessel, via Quebec, the voyage occupying seven weeks and three days. Robert Henderson was a lock and gun smith by trade, as well as a skilled mechanic, and worked for some time in Quebec, and later in Oxford, but still later he took up 100 acres from the Canada Company, in County Perth, where he made his first permanent home in Canada. This land was wild, and he worked hard to clear it of the timber and brush, building a small log cabin in which he lived for some years, afterward replacing it with a substantial frame dwelling, which was his home until he died in 1874, dying firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a consistent member. In politics he was a stanch member of the Conservative party. His wife still survives, living at the homestead. They had a family as follows: Elizabeth, born in Ireland, in 1835, married Thomas Conley, of Ireland, resides in St. Mary's, County Perth, where he is a blacksmith, and they have a large family; John, born in County Oxford, in 1838, was reared in County Perth, where he married Miss Mary Gallaher, of Ireland, and he died at St. Mary's in 1901, leaving his wife with three daughters, Annie (now Mrs. William Gould, of Pontiac, Michigan), Mary (now

Mrs. George Westwood of Toronto), and Miss Ellen (residing at home); James, born on the old farm in County Perth, in 1844, married Miss Lena ——— of England, resides in Manitoba, where his wife died, leaving three children, Maud, Rosie and James; William; Thomas, born in 1848, is unmarried and engaged in farming in Manitoba, where he has taken an active part in the Indian Reservation work for the government, but is now living retired; Mary A., born in 1850, married J. B. Watson, a business man and lecturer of Cleveland, Ohio, now engaged in colonizing Cuba, where he spent some time, and they had two sons, Waldo (who was killed in a railroad accident at Cleveland), and Oswald (unmarried and residing at home); Sarah J., born in 1853, married Martin V. Morrell, of County Perth, now a merchant of Florence, and they have two children, Maud (wife of Dr. Spencer, of Harwich), and Harry (unmarried and a resident of Chicago); Robert, born on the homestead, in 1856, married Miss Maggie MacIntosh, of County Perth, resides on the old home farm, and has one son, Arthur (a school teacher of London); Samuel, born in 1858, is unmarried and resides in South Dakota, where he is engaged as a machinist.

William Henderson grew to manhood at the old home farm, where he received a fair education. When a young man he learned the trades of plumber and blacksmith, and being a natural mechanic worked upon machinery of all kinds, making a success of whatever he attempted. For one year he was employed in the Department of Public Works of the city of New York. In April, 1868, he married Miss Lizzie Galaher, born in Ireland, in 1846, a daughter of Michael and Jane (Maxwell) Galaher, both born and died in Ireland. Mrs. Henderson was educated in Ireland, coming with friends to Canada in 1858. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Henderson settled in Blanshard for a time, then removed to Ingersoll, where he worked seven years for one of the manufacturing companies. He was also appointed chief of police of that place, serving in the office five years. During the exposition at Philadelphia, in 1876, he acted as a member of the police force. In 1878 he purchased 100 acres of the Harris lands in Howard township and cleared off his present farm. At the same time, he became agent for the Harris lands, which position he held until the block of lands was sold, he now owning 150 acres, 100 of which he has cleared, and upon which he erected excellent buildings. His farm is in a good state of cultivation, and is one of the best in County Kent. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson: Robert born in March, 1867, was reared at the present home, married Miss Mary McCahren, of Harwich, resides on his farm in Howard, and has four children, William, Harry, Hazel and ——; William, born in 1870, died at the age of two years; Jane, born in Ingersoll, in 1872, married Thomas Godd, of Howard, a farmer and has no family; Mary Ellen, born in 1874, married Samuel McCachren, a resident of the 10th Concession, in Harwich township, and has one son, Thomas J.; Justin P., born in 1876, is unmarried and manager of the home farm, a young man of high principles, and more than ordinary ability, who was well educated in the home schools; Annie E., born in 1879, educated in the home schools, is unmarried, residing at home, a young lady of culture and a most charming addition to the social life of Howard township; Thomas, born in 1882, resides in Chicago, where he is a collector. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Henderson is one of the independent voters, although formerly a Conservative, and he has never aspired to office. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, No. 37, of Ingersoll, and also of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Henderson is one of the self-made men of County Kent, a natural mechanic and possessed of considerable genius in this direction. By his industry, steady devotion to his work, he has been enabled to forge to the front, and richly deserves the confidence and respect he now enjoys.

ELDER GEORGE GREEN, a general farmer on Lot 18, Concession 5, in Chatham township, and formerly engaged as a contractor and builder, was born Jan. 1, 1831, in the County of Norfolk, Ont., a son of John and Mary (Beals) Green. The parents were natives of the County of Norfolk, England, where the mother died in 1847, aged forty-five years. Mr. Green then came to Canada, with two children, William and Mary, in 1858 locating in Chatham, Ont., where he followed the car-



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penter's trade and engaged in building and contracting. He then purchased a farm of seventy-five acres in 1870, on Concession 5, Lot 13, where he died in October, 1873, aged sixty-four years. The Thurstons and Lanes were the Episcopal Church. They had born to them the following children: Elizabeth is the widow of Benjamin Elvin, of Attleborough, England; George is the subject of this sketch; Maria died young; William died in Chatham; John died in England; Mary Ann married Frank W. Claxton, of Detroit, Michigan. The paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Lovett) Green, both of England.

On Aug. 15, 1853, George Green married, in London, England, Kezia Lane Thurston, who was born April 15, 1833, at Hingham, England, a daughter of William and Amy (Brown) Lane Thurston, farming people, the former of whom died in 1885, aged seventy-four years; the latter died in 1863, aged fifty-four years. The Thurstons and Lanes were connected in England, and Mrs. Kezia Lane (Thurston) Green belongs to the Lane family who for 350 years have been proprietors of the celebrated Norfolk Mills.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Green: George W. and Maud M., both died in infancy; Eleanor K. married Jesse F. Crosby, of North Dakota; Emma J. married Daniel C. Bohn, of Lamoni, Iowa; Elizabeth M. married Archibald Brown, of Oregon; Geo. F. married (first) Nellie Brown and (second) Esther A. McFadden, and died in 1901 in Chatham township; Miss Mary is at home; William J. A. died in 1876; Minnie married David Kyle, of Chatham township; Frank A., a farmer in Chatham township, married Annie A. Hasson.

On Aug. 15, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Green celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, on which occasion many of their old friends were present, and wished their host and hostess many returns of their wedding anniversary.

Until he was fourteen years of age George Green grew up in his pleasant English home, and then went to reside with his uncle, John Lake, with whom he remained apprenticed to the carpenter's trade for three years. During this period his mother died, an event which broke up the family home, and he then went to his father in London, remaining there from 1850 until he came to Canada, in January, 1857. While in London he followed his trade and belonged for four years to the Metropolitan police force, probably the best trained body of men in civil life in the world. Mr. Green also acted as time keeper for his father, who was sub-contractor under C. and F. Sewell of Paddington, builders and contractors, and built sixty-nine of the exposition houses at Sydenham, and also assisted in the building of the great Crystal Palace. The Rusian panic about this time made times hard and turned Mr. Green's attention to Canada. He sailed in the ship "Fidelia," under Capt. McGill, and was safely landed in New York City; the ship sank shortly afterward. Mr. Green remained in New but a short time, and then came to Canada. He bought and sold a number of properties, and, being a good man of business, prospered. When he came to his present home known as "Walnut Farm," March 20, 1872, but a small clearing had been made, but Mr. Green with his usual energy soon had it prepared and under cultivation. It now ranks with the best farms in the township.

Mr. Green being a man of affairs, intelligence and progressive spirit, has been called upon to serve in office almost ever since he first located in the community. He has been township collector, and township school trustee, secretary and treasurer for many years. For one year he ran the stage line between Dresden and Chatham, and he is well and widely known through the whole section. In political sentiment he is a Liberal. For many years Mr. Green has ben a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and he was instrumental and assisted in the founding of a church of that faith in his section, the first Saints' Church ever built in Canada, of which he is one of the elders. Mr. Green is a man of liberal impulses, and is always ready to assist in movements to advance the interests of the country.

THOMAS READ, a retired farmer of Concession 2, Lot 23, Harwich township, was one of the pioneers of this part of County Kent and one who had been identified with its growth and development. He was born May 10, 1828, at Iona, Canada, son of Robert C. and Mary (Nelson) Read, pioneers in Canada, and he died Feb. 27, 1903.

Robert C. Read was born in 1796, in England, and Mary Nelson was born in 1798, in

Nova Scotia, where they were married in 1821. In 1824, they came to Iona and in 1831 moved to Zone, County Kent, where at that time but two or three families had yet settled. In 1846 Mr. Read bought 200 acres of wild land in Harwich, and he and his wife lived thereon the remainder of their lives, and died, he on May 12, 1867, and she in 1885. They were devout Baptists, and founders of that religious body in this neighborhood. Three of their ten children are still surviving: William, born in 1821, in Nova Scotia, married and settled on the River Road in Harwich, where he died in December, 1883; Mary, born in November, 1822, in Nova Scotia, married the late Henry Maume, formerly of Florence, and died July 1, 1904, her two sons also being deceased; Steven, born in 1824, died on a part of the old homestead on Christmas Day, 1901, leaving two daughters, Bertha and Mary J.; Frances, born in 1826, in Iona, married (first) George Graves, who died leaving one daughter, and she wedded (second) Joseph Blackburn, of Louisville, County Kent; Thomas; Jane, born in February, 1830, married George Steer, of Wallaceburg, and they have children, John, William, Robert, George, Mary, Alice and Lydia; Miss Eleanor, born in May, 1832, died at the old homestead; Elizabeth, born May 20, 1836, married Stephen Julian, of Leamington, Canada, and they have children, William, Herman, Simon and Malinda; John, born in July 1843, in Harwich, and residing on the old homestead, married Mary A. Goodall, of Harwich, and they have children, Jessie, Charlotte, Hattie, Bruce, John and Stephen; Dolly A., born in June, 1846, died in April, 1857.

Thomas Read grew up at the old homestead and secured but a very limited education. In 1870, he married Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of James and Mary Campbell, an old pioneer family of Howard, who came from Scotland. Mrs. Read was born in January, 1844, in Howard, where she received a fair education. At the time that Mr. and Mrs. Read settled on the present farm, it was all wild land, and it required years of industry to convert it into its present high state of cultivation. On April 18, 1897, Mrs. Read died at the home residence at Northwood, leaving a host of friends by whom she was held in high esteem. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Read were: Robert C., born in December, 1870, married Lucy Smith, of Harwich, and they now reside in Hamilton, where he is engaged in the implement business; they have one daughter Grace. Lillias, born in June, 1872, married Melvin Arnold, of Chatham township, and they have two children, Lloyd and Elizabeth. James A., born in October, 1874, in November, 1900, married Miss Kate J. Hubbell, of Thamesville, born June 1, 1875, daughter of Sullivan and Emeline Hubbell, an old County Kent family, and they now reside on the present homestead; in 1897 he purchased and has successfully managed it ever since, besides being largely engaged in grain buying and shipping. He is one of the trustees and a leading member of the Disciples' Church in County Kent. He also belongs to the Canadian Home Circle Lodge, No. 286, of Northwood. He and his wife have one son, James C., born Nov. 8, 1901; and one daughter, Ada M., born Dec. 17, 1903. Eleanor, born in June, 1876; Mary, born in November, 1877, and Grace, born in March, 1879, all reside at the homestead. Religiously this family are members of the Disciples' Church, but Mr. Read himself subscribed to the Baptist faith, in which he was reared. Politically he was never an aspirant for office, and was always more or less identified with the Reform party. Mr. Thomas Read was one of the successful emigrants to California in 1858. He made the trip by the way of New York and the Isthmus, and after five years, returned with ample means. He was a man of unusual intelligence and his reminiscences of the early days in Harwich township, when the few families were surrounded by Indians and wild animals, and were obliged to struggle for the means of subsistence, were most interesting and compelled the admiration of those who listened to them, for the wonderful courage and hardihood of those who paved the way in this wild land for the comfortable living of to-day. Mr. Read was a man of sterling character, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He represented not only one of the oldest families of this section, but also a family which has always been one of the most useful and prominent ones in Harwich township. His death was a distinct loss to the community.

ARTHUR D. WEMP, a successful young farmer of Dover township, County Kent, residing on Lot 31, 13th Concession, was born

March 16, 1863, a son of John George and Mary (Scott) Wemp, of Amherst Island.

John George Wemp, the father, a retired farmer of Chatham, Ont., was born in Amherst Island, Sept. 26, 1828, a son of Michael and Eleanor (George) Wemp. The parents were of Dutch and English extraction, and born in New York state and Canada, respectively. Michael Wemp was brought by his parents to Canada at a very early day, and became a farmer on Amherst Island, where he died in 1872, aged sixty-four years. His wife died in 1847, aged forty-two years, and they are buried in Bath, Ont., where they were living at the time of their death. Both were members of the English Church. The children born to Michael Wemp and wife were: James J., deceased; Barnibas; John George; Andrew V., a retired farmer of Chatham; and Catherine (twin to Andrew V.), widow of Duncan Wemp, who resides at Bath, Ont.; Mariah, deceased, who married Benjamin Wemp; Amanda, who married Patrick Granger, of Iowa; Nelson, residing at Chatham; and William, who was killed on a railroad. The parents of Michael, Barnibas and Mary Wemp, natives of Pennsylvania, of Dutch extraction, came to Canada and were farmers. The father was on the trail with Indians to protect Kingston, Ont., during the Revolutionary war. They camped in log barracks for a night, and while there, the mother gave birth to a child, the first of white blood born in Kingston. The maternal grandfather of John George, and great-grandfather of our subject, Thomas George, was of English extraction.

On March 21, 1854, John George married Mary Scott, and the children born to this union were: Henry George, who died when seventeen; Eleanor, who married William Gamble, street commissioner of Chatham, Ont.; Mary, who married William Irving; William, of Wheatley, Ont.; Arthur D.; Maggie, who married Thomas Stokes, of Dover township; Allen, who died at the age of twenty-six; Edward C., of Dover township. Mary (Scott) Wemp was born in Glenburnie, Ont., Oct. 21, 1835, a daughter of William and Janet (Vair) Scott, of Glasgow, Scotland, where they were married and where they remained until 1812, when they emigrated to Canada, and eventually became members of the Presbyterian Church. The father died in 1847, and the mother resided with her daughter, Mrs. John George Wemp, until 1880, when she died at the age of eighty-three. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott were: George, deceased; Elizabeth, of Napanee, Ont.; James, deceased; Margaret, Exeter, Ont., widow of James McIntosh; William, who has not been heard from for some years; Thomas, deceased; Mary.

John George Wemp remained with his parents until his marriage, when he farmed the old homestead at Amherst Island on his own account, continuing for seven years. In 1860, he located in County Kent, and in Dover township took up 100 acres of land, on which stood an old log cabin in the midst of a small clearing. Later on he purchased fifty acres, and again seventy-five more. In 1896 he retired from active life, removing to Chatham. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a stanch Conservative, but cares nothing for office holding.

Arthur D. Wemp, the subject of this sketch, remained on the old homestead purchased by his father in 1860, on which he erected a fine brick residence in 1890. Mr. Wemp is a practical farmer, thoroughly understanding every detail of the business, and his success is the result of earnest effort intelligently directed along proper channels.

On Jan. 13, 1897, Mr. Wemp married Catherine M. Peterkin, and these children have been born to them: Ila M.; and Mary, who died in infancy. Mrs. Wemp was born in Dover township on the old homestead of her parents, Alexander and Catherine (Crawford) Peterkin. Mr. Wemp is a member of the I. O. Foresters, and in politics, he is a Conservative. In his religious views he is a Methodist, while Mrs. Wemp is a Presbyterian, and they are active in the work of both denominations. They occupy a position of prominence in the community, in which they have lived so many years, and are justly regarded as representatives of the best agricultural interests of County Kent.

THOMAS H. CRAGG. The Cragg family is a prominent one in Camden Gore, where Edward A. Cragg settled in 1869, fourteen years after leaving England, and where no less than seven of his immediate family are now residing. Edward Atkinson Cragg, and his wife

Mary E. Gibson, came from Westmoreland, England, to Canada, in 1855, and located in County Elgin, whence they removed first to County Lambton, and then to County Kent, where they made their permanent home. The mother died there in March, 1901, aged sixty-five years, and is buried in Florence cemetery, but her husband, now well over seventy, still survives, and is living retired from any active pursuits. Eight children were born to Edward and Mary Cragg, of whom all are living save one: William G., a resident of Dresden, Ont.; Robert J., deceased; Thomas H., our subject; Edward A., Jr., a farmer in Camden Gore; John A., with his father; Mary M., married to C. W. Snarey, a farmer of Camden Gore; Eleanor A., wife of Walter Snarey, also a farmer in that locality; Isabella, married to William H. Thompson, of Florence, Ont., a tailor at Chatham. The paternal grandparents of Thomas H. Cragg were William and Eleanor Cragg, of Westmoreland. Endland.

Thomas H. Cragg, the third son in the family, was born Aug 29, 1860, in Euphemia township, during the sojourn of the family in County Lambton. He remained with his parents until they came to the present homestead, when he began farming for himself. Early in the eighties Mr. Cragg spent some time in the Michigan timber woods, and in river driving. In 1884 he spent a summer on the north shore of Lake Superior, in the building of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and in 1885 he formed a partnership with Zaccheus Paul, building a sawmill, which they ran for three years. Mr. Cragg then purchased the latter's interest in the mill, and continued running it through the winter season, following sailing for three summer seasons. Later he built a chopping mill, and in 1895 he purchased thirty acres of land which he continues to manage in connection with his milling business.

Mr. Cragg's church connections are with the Methodist Church, as is the case with the other members of the family. Politically he is a Conservative, but has too little time to spare from his business to take any active part in politics. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the Chosen Friends, and is an ardent supporter of such organizations.

In December, 1889, Mr. Cragg was married to Miss Bertha Young, a native of Camden Gore, and the daughter of Thomas Young. To this union have been born two children: Myrtle E., who died at the age of six years; and Mary V.

YOUNG. Thomas Young, father of Mrs. Cragg, was born near St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 22, 1836, the son of John and Elizabeth (Johnson) Young, natives of New Jersey. Their marriage, however, took place near St. Thomas from which place they moved to the farm in Camden Gore, where Thomas Young is now living, when the latter was only a year old. He was one of a family of eleven children, namely: Nelson, deceased, of Camden Gore; John, formerly postmaster of Florence, Ont.; Nancy, deceased wife of John Butler; Eliza, deceased wife of Bilten Snarey; Mariah, late wife of William Tiffin; Thomas; Hiram, a farmer of Huron county, Michigan; James, also a farmer in that locality; Marion, deceased wife of Jacob Ellis; Sarah, the widow of James Ward, of Detroit, Michigan; Edwin, who enlisted in the United States Rebellion, and was never heard from after his discharge. The father of these children died in 1873, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife in 1854, at the age of forty years.

Thomas Young remained with his parents until the first twenty years of his life were passed, and then worked out among different farmers until 1876, when he returned to the homestead and has since made it his permanent residence. The place consists of thirty acres in Concession 12, Lot 8. Although nearly seventy years old Mr. Young is still active and able to take a prominent place in the community. He is a Conservative in politics.

In Zone township, in 1863, Miss Mary A. Miller became the wife of Thomas Young. She was born below Kingston, Ont., in 1848, the daughter of James and Louisa (Gilbert) Miller, the former a miller by occupation. Mrs. Young died in 1888, the mother of five children. Of these, Caroline, of Camden Gore, is the widow of James Cragg; Bertha is Mrs. Thomas Cragg; Melvin and Elizabeth died young; and Beatrice married George Houston, a farmer of Camden Gore.

JAMES J. HOUSTON, a prosperous general farmer and carpenter of Chatham township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 20, 6th Concession, owns and cultivates a fine farm of 100 acres, to which he came in 1845. He was



James J. Houston

born in Nelson township, County of Halton, Ont., Feb. 13, 1841, a son of William and Mary Ann (Carson) Houston, of Kirkeel, County Down, Ireland.

William Houston came to Canada in 1835 and served during the Rebellion of 1837, and was at Chippawa when the bridge over the Niagara river was burned. Later he returned to Ireland, married, and came back to Canada, settling in the County of Halton, Ont., where he engaged in farming and carpentering for five years, after which he again made a change, locating in 1845 on what is now the homestead of his son James J. He purchased 100 acres from John A. Crane, all wild land, upon which he settled Nov. 25, and built a little home in the woods, making the clearing for the log cabin. He continued to reside upon this farm until his death, Sept. 21, 1877, when he was sixty-four years and eight months old. His wife died Nov. 5, 1901, aged eighty-three years. They are buried on a portion of the homestead, in a private burying-ground. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The father was a carpenter, following his trade while his children worked upon the farm, and in this way he prospered. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Houston: James J.; Richard, who died at the age of eighteen months; William, a school teacher, who died in Muskegon, Michigan; Jane, widow of Adam Turner, living at Chatham; Thomas and Nancy, who died in 1855; Richard, a railroad engineer of Walkerville, Ont.; and Horatio Nelson, who died on the farm in 1893 (he married Florence Shaw).

On May 17, 1864, Mr. Houston married, in Chatham, Ont., Mary Ann Houchan, and children as follows were born to this union: Margaret J., married William H. Everett, a butcher; George W., of Halton, Ont., married a lady named Simpson, and later Mariah De Forrest; Mary E. married Henry Pratt, a farmer of Chatham township; Abraham R., a farmer of Chatham township, married Mary J. Dunlop; Edward R. is a resident of Toronto; Neva married Richard Jenkins, a farmer of Wallaceburg, Ont.; James F. is a farmer of Tilbury township; Frederick, a carpenter and house mover, is engaged with his father; Minnie married Gus Griffith, of Wallaceburg, Ont., a glass blower; Nancy married William Mills, of the County of Halton, Ont. Mrs. Houston, who was born in Chatham township in June, 1843, passed away April 12, 1882; she is interred in the French cemetery, Chatham township. Mrs. Houston was the daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Green) Houchan, of the County of Norfolk, England, who came to the County of Kent at an early day, and Mr. Houchan engaged in farming for a number of years. He died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Houston.

James J. Houston learned his trade of carpenter with his father and at the age of twenty-four years he embarked in business as a contractor and builder, in which line he has since continued. While he now devotes a portion of his time to his farm, earlier in life he worked at his trade in various parts of Canada, and has built many houses and barns, besides raising a number of structures.

Mr. Houston believes in the church and its work, attends divine service, and gives liberally of his means toward the furtherance of good works connected with religious bodies. In politics he is a Conservative, but not an office seeker. Being the eldest of his father's family, he had no opportunity during his hard-working youth to obtain an education, but remedied this in part later in life, and now is one of the best read men in the County of Kent outside of the professional element. His tastes lead him to devote a large portion of his leisure moments to reading, and he subscribes for more magazines and newspapers than any other man in the township. While taking a deep interest in current events and educational matters, Mr. Houston does not allow these affairs to absorb his attention, but is a thorough farmer as well as carpenter, and whatever he undertakes he does well. Few men have a higher standing in the community than he, while none are more popular, and his success has been brought about by his own unaided efforts.

JAMES MARCUS, who for many years was one of the well-known and most highly esteemed residents of the County of Kent, was born March 31, 1834, in County Antrim, Ireland, and died on his farm on the 8th Concession, River Range, Oct. 8, 1902, aged sixty-eight years. His remains were interred in the Bothwell cemetery.

The parents of the late James Marcus were James and Mary (Walker) (Scott) Marcus, both of whom were natives also of County

Antrim, Ireland. They came to County Kent in 1842, and located in Zone township, where Mr. Marcus took up land amounting to 200 acres, and there he died in 1867, aged sixty years. His widow survived until 1882, dying aged eighty-seven. In religious faith they were Presbyterians. Mr. Marcus was a weaver by trade in his native land but in Zone township he operated a hotel for a time on Longwood road, and later engaged in farming. The children born to James and Mary Marcus were: Andrew, who died in Zone township, in January, 1897; James, of this sketch; John, of Newbury, Ont.; Robert, who died in 1893, in Ridgetown, Ont.; Ann, who married Henry Clingersmith, and died in 1902, at Bothwell, Ont.; Margaret, who married David Sussex, and died at Bothwell; and Sarah, who married Robert Depew, and resides at Detroit, Michigan.

On May 15, 1856, in Chatham, Ont., the late James Marcus married Miss Ellen Chapman, born July 26, 1838, at Merrickville, Lower Canada, a daughter of John and Jane (Johnston) Chapman, the former a native of Northumberland, England, and the latter of County Cavan, Ireland, who were married in Lower Canada. They came to County Kent in 1855, and located at Bothwell, Ont., where Mr. Chapman secured work among the farmers. He lived to be one hundred years of age, dying in December, 1896, the death of his wife occurring in 1882, at the age of sixty-two years. Both were buried in the Bothwell cemetery. They were members of the Church of England. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were as follows: Anna C., who married (first) William Charleton, and (second) John Sanders, and is now a widow residing with Mrs. Marcus; John, a farmer in Zone township; Ellen, mentioned formerly; William, a farmer in Zone township; Elizabeth wife of John Tuite, a farmer in Zone township; Jane, Maria and Robert, who died in infancy; and Mary, wife of David McClunn, a farmer of Orford township. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ellen (Chapman) Marcus were Richard and Ellen (Swinburn) Chapman, natives of Northumberland, who came to Canada at an early day.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus consisted of but one son, John, who was born in Zone township, on the farm across the road, July 6, 1858. He died June 10, 1897, and was buried in Bothwell cemetery. James Marcus came to his late farm in 1858. He owned seventy acres on the 8th Concession, River Range, where he built a fine brick house in 1889, and seventy acres on the opposite side of Longwood road; on this place are a number of oil wells. For many years he was one of the township councillors. In politics he was a Conservative, while fraternally he belonged to Orange Lodge. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. James Marcus built a large frame hotel and conducted it during the oil excitement up to within a few years of the building of the present fine brick home. The first home was a log cabin which was replaced by the hotel and later by the present commodious residence.

On Nov. 19, 1884, the late John Marcus was united in marriage with Grace A. Moore, and four children were born to this union: James F., Margaret M., Ellen V. and John George, all residing with their mother in Zone township.

Mrs. Grace A. (Moore) Marcus was born at Euphemia, Ont., a daughter of George R. and Margaret (Gibson) Moore, both of whom were born in Canada, the father on Aug. 24, 1833. His parents, James Moore and wife, came to Canada from New York state, at an early day, and settled in the County of Lambton, where Mr. Moore took up 150 acres of land. George R. Moore still resides among his children, somewhat advanced in years. Mrs. Margaret (Gibson) Moore died in 1865, aged twenty-five years, the mother of three daughters, namely: Grace A., widow of John Marcus; Lovina, wife of Charles Lendon, a merchant at Leamington; and Blanche, wife of James Elliott, a farmer at Shetland, Ont. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Marcus were James and Sarah (Wells) Moore, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of the United States, the first of the Wells family having come to America on the "Mayflower." Mr. Moore was a farmer.

His wife and two of his daughters were school teachers, the family being a very intellectual one. Mrs. Marcus also showed intellectual ability in girlhood, and was only sixteen years of age when she began to teach, and continued for the succeeding five years, or until her marriage. She is regarded in her lo-

cality as one of the most competent and capable agriculturists of the county, and every part of her farm of 125 acres shows that it is cultivated and improved in a sensible and practical manner.

Mr. Marcus remained with his parents until his marriage, and then located on the farm in Lot 8, River Range, the present home of his family. He was one of the leading citizens of the county, served six years as township councillor, was one of the school trustees, and in fact, was a prominent, reliable and substantial representative of the very best element of Zone township. In politics he was a Conservative. Fraternally he belonged to both the minor and the Encampment branches of the I. O. O. F. His death was much lamented, and he will long be recalled as a man of integrity and sterling worth.

ROBERT McNAUGHTON resides on Lot 11, Concession 3, Harwich township, County of Kent, in which his grandparents settled many years ago, and is a worthy representative of a family whose members have always been among the most respected citizens of the township. He and his brother Duncan are the only surviving sons of their parents.

John and Margaret McNaughton, the grandparents, came from Scotland and settled in the County of Kent, Ont., in Concession 3, Harwich township, as early as 1828. They had a family of eight children, all of whom are now deceased.

Dougal McNaughton, father of Robert, was born in September, 1820, in Argyllshire, Scotland, and was the youngest of his parents' family. He received his education in his native land, and was about sixteen when he came to Canada with his parents. In 1852 he married Jane Reid, who was born in Canada in 1830, daughter of Robert and Jane Reid, who came hither from Scotland and settled on the River road in Harwich township, among the first settlers of the County of Kent. Dougal and Jane (Reid) McNaughton settled on a tract in Lot 11, Concession 3, where they passed the remainder of their days, Mr. McNaughton clearing this place from the bush and engaging in farming thereon throughout his active years. He became one of the substantial citizens of the region, and was a man held in the highest esteem wherever he was known, for his many sterling qualities of head and heart. By industry and intelligent application to his affairs he succeeded in making a good living for himself and his large family, and made many improvements on the farm which was his home for so many years. He erected two houses on that place. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, he and his parents being among the founders of the church of that denomination in Harwich, and was always interested in church enterprises and all movements for the general good. In politics he was a stanch supporter of the Conservative party. Mr. McNaughton died at the homestead in April, 1900, and his widow, who still survives, now resides at Chatham. They were the parents of six children, four of whom are living: (1) Robert is the eldest of the family. (2) Hector, born in 1858, grew up on the home place, and there married Miss Mary Maw, of Howard. They settled on a part of his father's homestead, where he died in October, 1889, leaving a wife and four children, Lottie, Dougal, Minnie and Lee. (3) James died when twelve years old. (4) Margaret, born in 1861, is the wife of Gordon Lowes, who resides in Harwich, and has a family of seven children, Henry, William, Ethel, Langford, Jennie, Maggie and Hector. (5) Jennie, born in 1863, is the widow of William Ferguson, who lived on a place adjoining the McNaughton homestead. She is the mother of eleven children, Jennie, William, Dougal, Margaret, Archie, Edith, Jessie, Robert, John, Duncan and Alexander. (6) Duncan J., born in 1872, married Naomi Stephens, of Howard, and they reside in Chatham. They have no family.

Robert McNaughton was born Oct. 5, 1856, on the old homestead opposite where he now resides, and he has been engaged as a general farmer on that place ever since he commenced work. After his marriage he purchased 132 acres in Lot 10, Concession 3, which he has ever since cultivated, and on which he has put numerous improvements. In 1898 he erected his present residence, a fine brick house, finished in hardwood and equipped with every modern convenience. He has also put up substantial barns and other outbuildings having one of the best improved places in the county in every respect. His land is intelligently looked after, and everything about the

home is indicative of the care bestowed upon it by the owner, who takes pride in having his farm up to the mark all the time. He has been successful in farming, making a good living and accumulating a good competence, and if it has cost years of hard work he has nevertheless been well rewarded. He is ranked among the best citizens of Harwich, where he is widely known, and is considered one of the leading agriculturists of the county. Like his father before him, he enjoys the highest esteem in the community where he has always had his home, and where he is regarded as a man of high character and sterling worth. Like all the McNaughtons, he is a stanch supporter of the Presbyterian Church. He is a man of charitable nature, assisting in all projects of a religious or benevolent nature. In politics he is a Conservative.

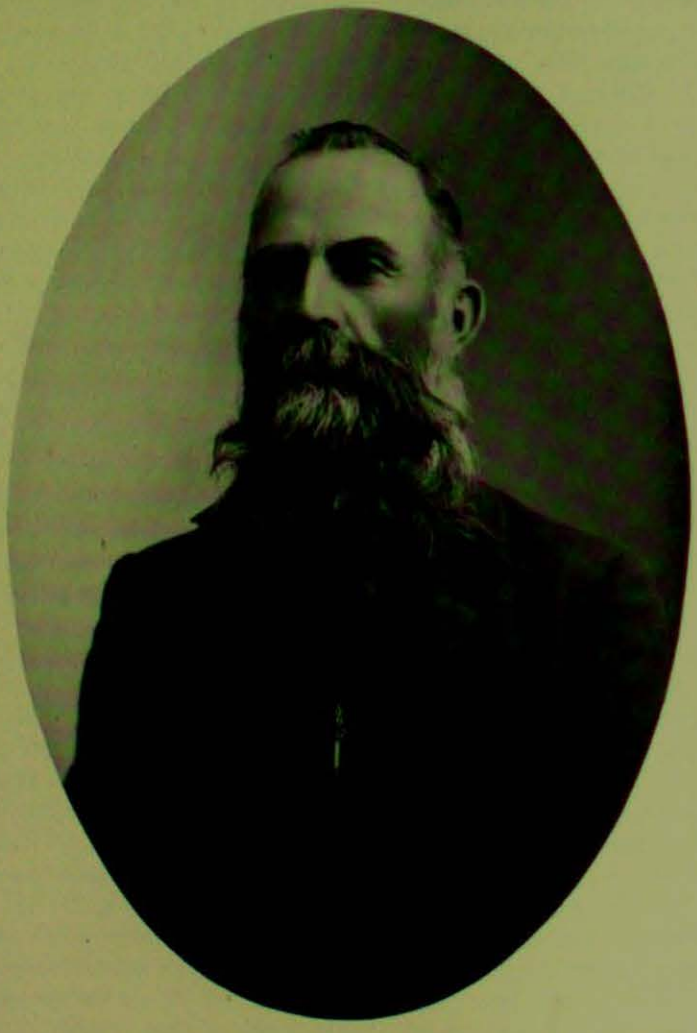
On Dec. 15, 1881, Mr. McNaughton was married to Miss Catherine Campbell, who was born in 1861 in the County of Elgin, Ont., where she grew to womanhood, receiving a fine education. She is one of the family of seven children born to Peter and Catherine (McLean) Campbell, natives of Scotland who settled in Southwold, County of Elgin, as early as 1835. Mr. Campbell engaged in farming there, until his death, in 1869, and his widow still resides on the old home in that county. We have the following record of their family: (1) Archie is engaged in business in St. Thomas. He has no family. (2) Malcolm, born in the County of Elgin, is also a resident of St. Thomas. He is married but has no family. (3) Catherine is the wife of Robert McNaughton. (4) Isabella, born in the County of Elgin, is the wife of James McMullen, who resides in the Northwest Territory, and they have a family of five children, Peter, Margaret C., Wilbur, Gertrude and Archibald. (5) Peter, born in the County of Elgin, is unmarried and resides on the old homestead. (6) John A., and (7) Margaret both born in that county, are also unmarried and live on the old homestead.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNaughton have come seven children, viz.: Mathew, born in 1882, is still at home. Jennie, born in May, 1884, has received her education in the home schools. Ada, born in 1886, is a student in the Collegiate Institute at Chatham. Mabel, born in February, 1888, is a student in the Chatham high school. Flora, born in 1890, is also attending the Chatham high school. Evelyn, born in April, 1895, and Robert R., born in April 1897, are attending the home school.

JESSE MILLNS, one of the highly esteemed retired farmers of Raleigh township, now living retired with his daughter at Shetland, County of Lambton, Ont., was for many years an extensive agriculturist of the County of Kent. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, July 4, 1828, a son of John and Ann (Bennis) Millns.

When he was only fourteen years of age, Jesse Millns began to support himself, working among the farmers of his native locality. In 1848, with his brother John, he emigrated to Ontario, locating in Raleigh township, County Kent, where he purchased 100 acres in Lot 22, 12th Concession, to which he later added fifty acres. Much of this property was unimproved and he soon became familiar with the hardships incident to pioneer life. After a residence of nineteen years upon his original farm, he sold it, and bought his brother's farm of 200 acres in Lot 136, on the Talbot road in Raleigh township. This lot was taken up from the government by a Mr. William Harffy, an Englishman, who in his old age disposed of it to John Millns, and he in turn sold it to Jesse Millns. This property was at one time occupied by an odd neighborhood character known as "Angelic." As soon as Mr. Jesse Millns took possession of the property he began improving it, erected substantial buildings upon the land, and operated the farm in a manner that yielded him good profit upon his investment. While doing general farming, Mr. Millns made a specialty of raising horses and cattle, and was extremely successful in all his ventures. After eight years' residence upon this fine property, he retired, and he is now spending his declining years in comfort and plenty. Purchasing a house in Blenheim, he resided there for fourteen years, but was finally induced to live with his married daughter in County Lambton, so that he could be surrounded with her love and devotion.

Mr. Millns was twice married. In 1854 he wedded Hester White, a native of Raleigh township, and a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of the Middle Road, the record of whose family is given elsewhere. She died



W. H. Brodbank

Nov. 15, 1881, leaving the following children: Julia and Mary, both since deceased; Frances, wife of Walter Cato, a resident of Guilds, County of Kent; Ella, wife of Milton Moorhouse, a resident of Shetland, County Lambton, with whom Mr. Millns makes his home; and John V., who is mentioned elsewhere. The second wife of Mr. Millns was Ellen Manning, who died Jan. 8, 1899. Politically he is a Reformer, but has never desired office. Mr. Millns takes a just pride in his success as a farmer, and relates many entertaining incidents of his life as a pioneer of County Kent, and describes the wonderful development of this portion of the Dominion from a wilderness to its present prosperous condition, in a manner which impresses the facts upon the minds of his listeners.

JOHNSON. This family is of American extraction, the first of its representatives of whom there is any definite data being Timothy Johnson, a native of Vermont, born in 1751. He served in the Revolutionary war, and after it was over located in Port Hope, Ont., where he died suddenly about 1840; he went out for a walk after tea, and was later found dead. To himself and wife, Electa Johnson, were born the following children: Justin, father of Calvin Johnson; Cyrus; Bina; Newcamp, and Electa, who lived to be one hundred and seven years old, and at the age of one hundred and four years took part at a knitting contest in Toronto.

Justin Johnson was born in 1777, and when he was about twenty-seven years of age the family settled at Port Hope, Ont. Justin drove his first team out of Port Hope, on what is known at the present day as the Old York road, and it consisted of two yoke of oxen, hitched to a cart. He followed farming all his life, and died in 1869 honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife Lucy Haskill, daughter of Dinsmore Haskill, one of the early settlers of Port Hope, was born in 1790, and she died in 1865. They had the following children: Lucinda married John Agar, and they located in County Kent where both died, he in Chatham, leaving three children, John, Harriet and Sidney; Cyrus married Mary Ann Culver, and they settled in Michigan, where both died, leaving two children, Caroline and Wilbur; Eliza married John Brand and they reside at Port Hope; Alden married Mary Ann Lee and their children are, Addie, Calvin, Lucy and Willis; Harriet married Joseph Cunningham and she died leaving a daughter, Harriet, now deceased; and Calvin.

CALVIN JOHNSON was born at Port Hope, June 24, 1834, and about 1871 he came to County Kent, locating in Raleigh township, near Charing Cross, where he engaged in farming. Later he settled in Harwich township, and farmed until about 1900, when he disposed of his property. In 1892 he settled in Blenheim, and began dealing in agricultural implements, finding himself quite as successful in that line as in farming.

In 1856 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Nancy Hatch, who was born in Port Hope, July 24, 1834, a daughter of William and Louise (Haskill) Hatch. Mrs. Johnson died in 1891, the mother of the following children: Lucinda married Edward Hagerman, of Blenheim and has children, Gertrude, Albert and Edna; William, of Tilbury township, married Jennie Wells and they have one daughter, Fennel; Freeman, who lives in Madison, married Maggie Hastings and has children, Morley and Bertha; Lafantine married Effie Fletcher, and has a son, Clarence; Hubert H., of Detroit, is preparing for a course in medicine; Ethel Gertrude is at home. Politically Mr. Johnson is a Reformer, and fraternally is a member of the I. O. F. He is well and favorably known in the community, and has a wide circle of warm, personal friends.

WILLIAM HENRY BROOKSBANK, general farmer and successful business man of Chatham township, residing on Lot 11, 8th Concession, where he has been located since February, 1883, was born in the County of Waterloo, Ont., Sept. 12, 1843, son of William and Emily (Pedder) Brooksbank, of England. These parents were married in the County of Waterloo, where the father farmed, and in 1852 came to the County of Kent, locating in Harwich township, near Cedar Springs, upon a wild farm of seventy-eight acres which he purchased. There they remained, Mr. Brooksbank dying in 1856, aged fifty-six years, while the mother died in 1845, aged forty years. Both were members of the Baptist Church, and very worthy people. Their children were: Mary J., who died in Harwich township in 1883, was

married to Andrew Allison; Elizabeth E., wife of Thomas McCormick, died at Chatham, Ont., in 1891; William Henry is the subject proper of these lines.

In July, 1882, in Chatham township, William H. Brooksbank married Emily J. Trufant, and they had five children, Henry W., Emma J., Wellington G., Mabel E. and Frederick A., all at home. Mrs. Brooksbank was born at Woodstock, Ont., and died Jan. 2, 1903, aged forty-eight years, ten months and two days; she is buried in McVickers cemetery, Chatham township. She was a daughter of Waldo and Ellen Trufant, of New York State and Canada, respectively. Mr. Trufant came to Canada at an early day and remained until his retirement, and he now makes his home in Zion City, Illinois, aged seventy-five years; his wife passed away in Mooretown, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Trufant had two children, Wellington (deceased) and Mrs. Brooksbank.

William Henry Brooksbank was only twelve years of age when he began working for farmers at $5 per month, and he continued to thus labor for five years, when he removed to Bay City, Michigan. There he was employed in a sawmill until he was twenty-one years old. When he had attained his majority he returned to the County of Kent, and, purchasing a team hauled wood, worked land on shares and finally rented a farm on the 4th Concession, in Chatham township, which he worked for four years. During all these years he saved his money and finally was able to buy fifty acres of land in Chatham township, on the 7th Concession. After four years he sold it and purchased 150 acres of his present farm, then in a partially wild condition, and this he improved, from time to time adding to it until it now is one of the largest in the township, comprising 350 acres. Mr. Brooksbank has been singularly unfortunate in one respect; upon two occasions he has suffered from fire, the total amount over his insurance being $3,000. Starting out a poor child, by his own labors Mr. Brooksbank has steadily risen to his present influential position and is regarded as one of the representative men of the county. While not a member of any religious denomination he attends the Methodist Church and is one of its most liberal contributors. His pleasant and commodious brick residence, erected in 1893, is the gathering place for the many friends of himself and family, as they are all noted for their hospitality, and they occupy a very important position in the social life of the community.

PETER COLE, one of the leading carpenters of Ridgetown, was born in Ottawa, Canada, in April, 1842, a son of Joseph and Ellen (Shade) Cole, old pioneers of the Dominion.

Joseph Cole was born near Ottawa and his wife was a native of Ireland. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cole settled for a time in Ottawa, where he worked at his trade of carpenter. Mrs. Cole died when Peter was a small boy, and the father removed to Pembroke, where he passed away, some years ago. He and his wife were the parents of five sons: Charles, John, Joseph, Richard and Peter, all of whom are scattered, and living in various parts of the world.

Peter Cole grew to manhood in his native town in the home of his grandfather, John Shade, where he received an excellent education, and learned the trade of carpenter—a calling he has carried on with much success. In 1890 Mr. Cole purchased the J. B. Miller wind mill pump factory, Ridgetown, and since then has carried on this business with marked prosperity, in addition to following his trade. Being a careful business man, he has built up a steady and healthy business, and he is numbered among County Kent's prosperous men.

In 1874 Mr. Cole and Miss Caroline Gray were united in marriage, Mrs. Cole being a daughter of Neil and Caroline (McCarty) Gray, who were born in the Dominion, of Scotch parentage. Mrs. Cole was born in 1858, in County Kent, where she grew to womanhood. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cole: Ella M., born in Ridgetown, in 1875, married A. A. Lusty, a telegraph operator of Detroit, and has two children, Gladys and Lillian; Margaret, born in 1877, is living at home; Herbert, born in 1880, is an operator of the Marquette Railroad in Michigan; Howard, born in 1882, is an operator for the Wabash Railroad at Hudson, Ind.; Ernest was born in 1884; Cassy was born in 1887; Lela was born in 1889; Neil Gray was born in 1892; and Dell was born in 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which they take an active part. Politically, Mr. Cole has been

identified with the Conservative party, but has never accepted nor desired office. Starting out in life a poor boy, through his own unaided efforts he has become one of the leading men of Ridgetown. Aside from his business standing, he is highly esteemed for his many excellent traits of character which mark him for the Christian gentleman he is, and both he and his wife have many friends among the people of Ridgetown, where they have resided for so many years.

JOHN NOLTIE, a successful retired farmer and leading resident of Chatham township, lived on his fine farm of 100 acres in Lot 19, 5th Concession, from 1860 until quite recently, when he left Appledore. He owns another farm of 100 acres in the same township.

Mr. Noltie was born in the parish of Alford, on the farm of East Gallowhill, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Jan. 23, 1830, son of Henry and Janet (Smith) Noltie, of Scotland. The father was born on the sea on the way from India, and died in Scotland in 1851, aged eighty years; and the mother died in 1877, aged eighty years. They were consistent members of the English and Presbyterian Churches, respectively. The children born to their union were as follows: Henry died in Scotland; Isabella, of Scotland, married Robert Reed; William (deceased) was a farmer of Scotland; John is mentioned below; Archibald is a farmer in Scotland; Jessie died at the age of fourteen years; Mary died in Scotland; Edward (deceased) was a wholesale merchant in Scotland, and a very prominent man of his community; James is a wealthy retired merchant of Scotland.

On April 14, 1858, in Delaware, County of Elgin, Ont., John Noltie married Martha Harris, and the following named children have been born to this union: Henry died in 1898, unmarried; Jessie married Thomas Manning, a farmer, and has had four children, Joseph Harris, John Thomas (deceased), Martha Ann (wife of Vivian Weaver), and William; John is a resident of Milton, North Dakota, is married and has three children, Henry, Charles and Eunice; James died Dec. 25, 1885; William, a farmer of Chatham township, married Violet Early, and has four daughters, Olive, Mary Martha, Jessie and Annie. Mrs. Noltie was born in Wiltshire, England, March 3, 1839, a daughter of Joseph and Ann (West) Harris, of Wiltshire, the former of whom, a farme , died in 1850, while the latter died in 1841; both were members of the Church of England. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris: James, a farmer of Woodstock, Ont.; Martha, Mrs. Noltie; and Mary Jane, who died in England.

Mr. Noltie remained with his parents until 1853, when he was engaged as steward on the Isle of Man to manage 1,000 acres. Six months later he emigrated to New York, landing there July 25, 1853. He remained in that city only a short time, going on to Buffalo, New York, and for a few months worked upon a farm. Tiring of this he went to Canada, locating in Fort Erie, Ont., and remained on a farm for one year as manager. His next location was at Caledonia, Ont., where he remained for two years as manager of a farm of 1,000 acres, and from that locality he went to London, remained on a farm for a few months more, and then settled in Delaware, Ont., married and purchased 100 acres of Indian land. After spending two years on that place, in 1860 he bought his present farm, where he has since made his home. For many years he operated both farms himself, but lately he has rented them, and lives retired from active duties, enjoying the fruits of his labors. In politics he is a Reformer, and has served as school trustee six years, and held other offices within the gift of the people. Mr. and Mrs. Noltie are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Although Mr. Noltie is no longer a young man, his temperate, industrious life has kept his body active and his mind unclouded, so that he is a pleasant companion and good conversationalist, and one who can not make too welcome the guest within his gates.

WILLIAM BODKIN (deceased) was in his day one of the successful, representative farmers of Zone township, where he had resided for over thirty years prior to his decease. He was a thrifty, hard-working man, interested in the progress of his community as well as in his own advancement, and left a name respected by all who had known him.

Mr. Bodkin was a native of Ireland, born in County Tyrone, and there grew to manhood and was married. After that event he came to Canada, locating in London for a few years,

and in 1857 coming to the County of Kent, where he settled on the farm which has since been the home of the family—a tract in Lot 11, Concession 4. He made a clearing for the log cabin which was the first dwelling-house, and commenced the improvement of the land, continuing in that work during the remainder of his life, and making a success of it. The first house was burned to the ground in 1864; the present comfortable home was erected in 1898. Mr. Bodkin took an active part in township affairs, serving many years as a member of the township council, and always used his influence for the best measures, gaining the respect of his associates in every relation of life. He was a Conservative in political sentiment, and in religion, like his widow, was a member of the Established Church of England. His death occurred on the farm in February, 1888, when he was aged sixty years, and he is buried in Bothwell cemetery.

In May, 1854, Mr. Bodkin was married, in his native country, to Eliza Black, the ceremony being performed in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Black is also a native of County Tyrone, born Feb. 23, 1834, daughter of Andrew and Eliza (Vent) Black, farming people of Ireland, where they remained. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bodkin, viz.: Eliza J., who is now deceased, was the wife of Samuel Patrick; George W. is deceased; Mary (deceased) was the wife of Thomas Elliott; Margaret A. married David McFarland, of Florence, Ont.; Thomas, a resident of Camden township, County of Kent, married Mary McBride, of Bothwell; Matilda is the wife of Alexander McGaffey, a farmer of Zone township; William A., born on the home farm July 2, 1873, is still living there with his mother, and is engaged in its cultivation (he married Edith Patterson).

WILLIAM GARDINER, proprietor of the Blenheim Brick and Tile Works, located in Harwich township, County of Kent, comes of a family which has given many substantial citizens to that county, and is a worthy representatives of a respected name.

Mr. Gardiner's grandfather, William Gardiner, the first of his ancestors to settle in Canada, was born in 1806 in Scotland, and there married, in 1828, Jane Lee, who was born in that country in 1808, daughter of Daniel Lee. William Gardiner received a good education and while in Scotland was engaged as a bookkeeper, and after coming to Canada he taught school in the winter time, during the summer carrying on the farm work. He first located in the County of Durham, in time removing to Kent, in 1855 settling in Tilbury township, that county. There Mrs. Gardiner died in 1873, and he subsequently made his home in the County of Essex, dying in Mersea township, that county, in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner were the parents of ten children, viz.: John, of Tilbury township; David, of Harwich township; Margaret, wife of James Glanders, of the County of Essex; William, a retired farmer; Nancy, wife of Thomas Irvin, of the County of Essex; James M., father of William; Murray F., Tilbury township, County of Kent; and three who died young. The father of this family was a Presbyterian in religious faith; in politics he was a Reformer.

James M. Gardiner was born Aug. 20, 1844, in Bowmanville, County of Durham, Ont. and was ten years old when he removed with his parents to Tilbury township, County of Kent, where he assisted his father until he commenced farming on his own account. From that time—1865—until 1895, he lived on the place in Harwich township (Lot 12, West C. R.) of which his son William now owns and occupies a part, and engaged successfully in general farming. In 1896 he removed to Chatham, where he has since carried on a profitable livery business, enjoying an extensive patronage because of the excellent service he gives to the public.

In 1866 Mr. Gardiner married Agnes Ferguson, who was born in 1844 in Scotland, a daughter of David and Ann (Murray) Ferguson, and a large family of children has blessed this union, as follows: David Lee, who lives in Detroit, Michigan, married Nellie Patterson, and they have one son, Burton; Anna Belle is the wife of Fred Brunditt, a farmer of Harwich township, and has three children, Stanley, William and Albert; William is mentioned below; James Malcolm, a resident of Romney township, married Alfy Bass, and has one son, Earl; John Murray, also a resident of Romney township, married Nellie Tompkins, and they have one child, Harold; Daniel, who lives in Howard township, married Aggie Horeston, and has one

son, Robert; Miss Agnes lives at the home of her brother William; Murray is deceased; Arthur Malcolm is in Harwich township with his brother William; Jennie married Charles Bedford, of Chatham; Henry Burgess and Charles Lawrence are both at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner are valued members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he is an active Reformer. He is a useful citizen, and commands the highest respect in his community.

William Gardiner, son of James M., was born Feb. 4, 1869, on the place where he still resides. Like all his brothers and sisters, he was given good advantages for education, and he commenced his present business under the direction of his father, under whom he served two years. He and his brother James then purchased the plant, and our subject in turn purchased his brother James' share from him, two years later, in 1894, since when he has operated it on his own account. Both tile and brick are manufactured, but the former is the principal product, and tile in sizes of from three to ten inches is turned out. The plant now covers three acres and employment is given to eight men. Mr. Gardiner has shown himself, during his proprietorship of this thriving business, a progressive and thrifty man, and he has built up an excellent trade, and won for himself the respect of his associates, whether in business or private life. He is well known throughout the locality of his residence.

Socially Mr. Gardiner affiliates with the K. O. T. M. In politics and religion he follows in the footsteps of his forefathers, being a Reformer and a Presbyterian.

JOHN GILLIES, late a retired farmer of Orford township, on a well-improved farm of eighty-nine acres, located on Concession 4, Lot 5, passed away March 19, 1904, tenderly cared for during his declining years by his son Archibald J. The farm formerly contained 100 acres, but eleven acres were bought by the Lake Erie & Michigan Central Railroad, which runs right through the farm. Mr. Gillies came to this property in 1838, from County Kent. At the time of settlement this was all a vast wilderness, but his industry soon made a clearing, on which was erected a log cabin.

John Gillies was born Feb. 1, 1812, a son of John and Mary (McIntire) Gillies, both of Argyllshire, Scotland. They came to Canada in 1830, and settled in County Elgin, where they remained, but their son came on to County Kent and became one of the early pioneers of Orford township. His father remained on his 100 acres in County Elgin, and there he died in 1864, aged eighty-three years; his widow died in 1872, aged seventy-eight years, and they were buried in the New Glasgow cemetery, in County Elgin. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. John was the oldest of their children, the others being: Nancy, who died the wife of John Sinclair; Neil, who left home in 1843, and disappeared; Duncan, who died in Orford township in 1897; Dugall, who died in Orford township in 1887; Archibald, who died in Orford township in 1894; Angus, now living retired in County Elgin; Jane, who died young; and Donald, who died in County Elgin in 1899.

On Jan. 2, 1853, John Gillies was married in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, to Elizabeth McKay, and their son Archibald J. is now the farmer on the old homestead. On June 2, 1880, he married Bella Edwards, of Orford, and they have three children, Alma, Edna and John William.

The wife of John Gillies, Elizabeth (McKay) Gillies, was born June 23, 1828, at Edinburgh, Scotland, and died July 12, 1889. She was interred in the Duart cemetery. Her parents were residents of Edinburgh, and natives of Scotland, where they passed their lives. They had children as follows: John, living retired in Scotland; William died in Scotland; Jessie died in Scotland; Margaret married James McKinzie, and died at Detroit, Michigan; Elizabeth became the wife of John Gillies; George died in Wales; and William died in Scotland. Mr. Gillies reached advanced age, and had so lived that he commanded the respect of the entire community. As one of the oldest pioneers in the county, he viewed some wonderful changes. Considering his weight of years, he was remarkably active in body and his memory showed an unclouded mind to the last. His death was greatly deplored by his kindred, who held for him the warmest affection.

ARCHIBALD J. GILLIES was born on the homestead farm, Sept. 2, 1853, and he has devoted the most of his life to its cultivation and

improvement. In politics he is a Reformer. Fraternally he is connected with the Order of Foresters, and that of the Maccabees, taking a lively interest in both organizations. Both he and wife are valued members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Archibald J. Gillies was born April 11, 1861, in Howard township, a daughter of William and Mary (Sheriss) Edwards, of Aberdeen, Scotland. They came to Canada, and settled at Coburn, Ont., where Mr. Edwards farmed for four years, but in 1858, removed to County Kent, and rented land in Howard township. Later he purchased a farm in Orford township, where he lived until 1893, when he retired and removed to the village of Duart, where he died Oct. 10, 1897, aged seventy-four years, and was buried in the Duart cemetery. The mother of Mrs. Gillies was born in June, 1828, and still resides at Duart. They were farmers of large means and of most estimable character, and were long members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were: Isabel, who died young; Agnes, wife of George Bond, a farmer of Orford township; Mary, wife of John Campbell of Howard township; Anna, wife of George Lawrence, editor of a newspaper at Detroit, Michigan; Bella, who married Archibald J. Gillies; Robert, a farmer on the homestead in Orford township; William, a conductor on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, at Winnipeg; Miss Helen, of Detroit; Louisa, wife of George Cloakey, who is engaged in the real estate business in Alberta. The grandparents were William and Anna Edwards, and William and Christina (Patterson) Sheriss, all of Aberdeen, Scotland.

JOSEPH CADOTTE, for nearly forty years a foremost agriculturist of Dover township, has long been a leader in public affairs as well, filling at different times various local offices. He has shaped his own career, having since the age of fourteen relied solely upon his own exertions for his maintenance. As a result he has developed a vigor and strength of manhood, which would give him prominence in almost any walk of life. In the discharge of his duties he has ever evinced marked fidelity and efficiency, and though now past seventy, is still shouldering life's heavy responsibilities.

Mr. Cadotte comes of an enterprising and efficient family. His father, Peter Cadotte, was for years a highly competent and successful ship carpenter. He long made his residence in St. Johns, Quebec. During his early life, evincing a decided taste for mechanical work, he learned the carpenter's trade, and upon starting out for himself engaged in this line. He soon secured a position on board a ship, and as a skilled workman, carefully attending to his duties, he remained there some time. Better openings came to him eventually, and he continued as a ship carpenter for the most part throughout his active life. After some years he settled in Kingston, and there he passed his last days. He died on Wolfe Island in 1852, at the age of seventy-five years, and is buried there. During his young manhood he married Hester Pippen, of Montreal. Surviving her husband, she passed her last days with her son, Joseph Cadotte. She died in 1884, at the age of eighty-four years, and is buried in Pain Court, Ont. Of this union there were five children: Julia, who married Herbert Devillery, and after his death, Joseph Turcotte (she is now deceased); Joseph, who is mentioned below; Jane, who married Peter Turcotte, and resides in Bay City, Michigan (he is now deceased); Henry, a railroad foreman in a machine shop, now residing in Australia; and James, who died young. Mr. Cadotte was a man of ability and marked perseverance. So keen was his sense of order and exactness that he could never brook an imperfect piece of workmanship, but would labor untiringly until he had thoroughly perfected each task. He was a man of wide experience and possessed a large fund of general knowledge.

Joseph Cadotte inherited his father's capacity for hard work, and also much shrewd business ability. Born in Kingston, Ont., Oct. 8, 1832, under the influence of a well ordered home and some of the best institutions he received good rearing. So ambitious was he that at the age of fourteen he secured a position as teamster, on the Erie Canal, and for four years accompanied the tow boats between Buffalo and Albany. Then, taking a place on a sailing vessel, he engaged in a freight carrying trade on the lakes. The business proved very profitable and for seven years he continued it.

During this period, in 1855, on Wolfe Island, Mr. Cadotte married Julia Turcotte, of that place, daughter of John and Angelic (Tur-

cotte) Turcotte. Mrs. Cadotte died in 1858 at the age of twenty-six years, and Nov. 1, 1863, in Cape Vincent, New York, he married Mary Ann Gravel, who was born in Keeseville, New York, June 20, 1844. By the first marriage there were three children: Josephine, who married Malcolm Crow, and resides at Chatham; Peter, a butcher in Dover township; and Louisa, who married Daniel Laflance, of Chatham (she is now deceased). By the second marriage there were eight children, all of whom are now farmers of Dover township; Augustus A., Edward, Joseph A., Henry, Francis (at home), Louis, John and Alfred.

About two years after his first marriage Mr. Cadotte gave up sailing and took a position as calker and carpenter in the ship yards of Garden Island, where, giving excellent satisfaction and commanding good wages, he remained for three years. Preferring, however, to work for himself, about 1860 he settled upon a farm, on Wolfe Island, and there carried on agriculture for five years. Encouraged by his success he then moved to another farm in Pain Court, Dover township, where he followed the same pursuit for seven years. By this time he felt competent to make a thorough success of farming under almost any condition, and in 1873, he purchased one hundred acres of wild land on Lot 13, Concession 6, in Dover township, where he settled and began developing its resources. With energy and determination he felled and grubbed large forest tracts, transforming them in time into well furrowed grain fields and productive gardens. Other improvements followed and he now has as attractive a farm as any in his section. For fully thirty years he has operated this place, and he is still overseeing a flourishing industry here. Having kept steadily upon the rising plane of life, he is now one of the solid farmers of Dover township.

Mr. Cadotte's force of character, breadth of intellect, and large fund of general information have commended him to the confidence of his fellow citizens, and for four years he has served as township councillor, applying his wise business judgment to the affairs of the township, much to the benefit of the general public. Deeply interested in the advancement of education, he has acted upon the school board for the last twelve years, and for the last four years has served as secretary. Politically he affiliates with the Conservatives. He is a man of high moral principles, and both he and his wife have long been esteemed members of the Roman Catholic Church.

John Gravel, father of Mrs. Cadotte, lived chiefly in Canada through life. He embarked upon life as a blacksmith, and he afterward followed this trade as his main business. During his young manhood he married Mary Cameron, and they had ten children: Mary A., mentioned above; Laura, deceased; Mary Jane, who married John Clark (she is now deceased); John, who resides in Asbury Park, New York; Clemency, who married Arthur Keeffe (she is now deceased); Joseph, who resides in Cape Vincent, New York; Meda, who married John Garvey, and resides in Syracuse, New York; Annette, deceased; and Emma and Emily, (twins), the former being the wife of Thomas Gibson, of Cape Vincent, and the latter unmarried and residing in Syracuse, New York. The father of these died in Cape Vincent, New York, in February, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife in the same place, Oct. 9, 1902, at the age of seventy-seven years. Both were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

JAMES W. SIMPSON, a prosperous farmer on the Talbot road, Raleigh township, County Kent, is a grandson of the pioneer settler of the county, Peter Simpson, who came to Tilbury East township, from Yorkshire, England, and took up 200 acres on the Talbot road, receiving his grant from the government through Col. Talbot. He was married in the township to Miss Willan, and together they experienced the usual privations incident to pioneer life, but cleared up a fine farm, and on it both died. Of the family born to Peter Simpson and wife the following children are still living: David, a farmer located near the place of his birth; William, a resident of Romney township, near the county line, a large farmer; Mrs. Elizabeth Hodgin, of Leamington, Ont.; Mrs. Margaret Howe and Mrs. Maria Ellison, of Vancouver City, British Columbia. Those deceased are: John, Thomas, Peter, George, Mrs. Esther Russell and Mary.

Of these latter, Thomas Simpson, born Dec. 23, 1825, was married early in life to Frances Russell, who died leaving a son, Isaac, now the owner and operator of a grist-mill at Merlin.

Thomas married (second) Hannah Pardo (whose family history appears elsewhere), and by her he had these children: James William; Thomas Milton, born Dec. 8, 1859, married Ann Elliott, and is a farmer on Lot 163, Talbot road; Hannah Frances, born Sept. 13, 1861, married Wesley Elliott, of Raleigh township; Anna Belle, born Jan. 17, 1864, married Robert Mason, of Merlin and died Sept. 12, 1895, aged thirty-one years, leaving three children, Rena, James and Milton; Rachel Theressa, born Oct. 22, 1865, died in infancy; Sarah Lucinda, born Jan. 11, 1868, married William Barr, of Tilbury East township, and died Jan. 4, 1891, aged twenty-two years. Thomas Simpson, the father, died Feb. 6, 1898, aged seventy-two years.

James W. Simpson was born on Lot 163, Talbot road, May 31, 1858, and was about twelve years of age when the family moved to Lot 161, where he has since made his home. He enjoyed the advantages of the home schools, and as a young man assisted in carrying on the homestead farm. At present Mr. Simpson owns 150 acres on Lot 161, and here engages in general farming.

On Jan. 4, 1899, Mr. Simpson was married to Louisa Hughson, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hinds) Hughson and a granddaughter of John Hughson, who in turn was a son of George Hughson, of whom there is a more complete notice elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are consistent members of the Methodist Church. Like his father Mr. Simpson is a Reformer, and a very prominent citizen of County Kent. Energetic, enterprising, embued with a full appreciation of the importance of good farming, he has succeeded beyond his fondest expectations, and his prosperity is well merited.

DAVID CAUGHELL, one of the successful agriculturists of Harwich, County of Kent, located on Lot 22, Concession 3, Talbot Road, is one of the highly intelligent and much esteemed citizens of that locality. Mr. Caughill was born Feb. 18, 1833, in the County of Elgin, Canada, a son of Peter and Mary (Culver) Caughell.

Peter Caughelll was born in 1802, near Niagara, a son of John and Elizabeth Caughell, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in the State of New York. They settled at Niagara, where they reared a large family. After his marriage Peter Caughell settled seven miles east of St. Thomas, at Johnstown, township of Yarmouth, and was one of the pioneers of that locality. There he engaged in farming throughout life, his death occurring in 1876. His wife was born at Simcoe, and died in 1854 at Houghton, to which place they had moved some time before. They were the parents of the following children besides David: Dr. Darius, born on the homestead near St. Thomas, engaged in medical practice in the State of Missouri, where he died, leaving three children, Frank, Lois and Peter, all residents of the States; Miriam (deceased) married William Rodgers, who moved to Wisconsin, where she died leaving sons—David, of Kansas City, and Darius, deceased; Margaret, born at St. Thomas, married John Buckner, of Peoria, Illinois, and they have daughters—Stata and Maud; Clarinna married William Coulson, a retired business man of Peoria, Illinois; Alma died in young womanhood; Victoria and Elizabeth died in childhood.

David Caughell grew to manhood on the old home near St. Thomas, and received a fair education in the local schools. When nineteen years of age he made a trip to England, and thence to Australia, remaining three years in the latter country. The trip in 1852 was considered a rapid one, although he was obliged to go by boat to Buffalo, thence to New York City, and after four weeks on the Atlantic reached Liverpool. In his trip to Australia Mr. Caughell went around the world. He went by way of New York and Liverpool, and then around the Cape of Good Hope easterly from Liverpool. In the Bay of Biscay they were laid up for two days on account of high seas and severe storm. The trip was made by sailing-vessel, and it was one hundred days from Liverpool to Melbourne, Australia. Fifteen emigrant ships came into Melbourne that same day. This was the most exciting time Mr. Caughell ever experienced, due to a collision between the "Minnesota," the vessel he was on, and another one coming into the harbor. In Australia Mr. Caughell was first engaged in mining. He then went to driving stage, for which he received £6 sterling a week and commissions. He then engaged again in mining, which he followed until he started to return home, and was quite prosperous. The life was full of adventure, and Mr.



David Campbell

Caughell felt well repaid financially. He came back easterly from Melbourne, sailing in south latitude 70 degrees, around Cape Horn, and was eighty days on the return trip, landing at Liverpool. He had for a traveling companion William Rodgers, a brother-in-law. This experience was an unusual one for a young man not yet twenty-two years of age.

The fall of 1855 saw Mr. Caughell again a resident of Canada, and his marriage took place soon after, at Mapleton, near his old home. He then spent one year at Yarmouth, on the homestead, and in 1856 came to Harwich, County of Kent, and purchased 100 acres from Stillwell Wilson, on which he built a small frame house; this the family occupied until the erection of the handsome brick residence in 1882-84. He cleared up his land, and now owns one of the finest farms of the section, comprising 100 acres.

In 1855 Mr. Caughell was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hill, born at Beverly, Canada, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Burdick) Hill, the former of whom was born in 1794, in Rhode Island, and died in 1878; the latter, born in 1800, died in 1872. They settled in the eastern part of the State of New York and moved to Canada in 1837, settling at Houghton, on Lake Erie. There they lived some eight years, and then removed to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where the remainder of their lives was spent. Their children were: Rushman; Zebediah; Benage; Rosanna, the wife of William Platt, of Michigan; Laura, wife of Benjamin Randall, of Michigan; Harriet J., wife of George Avril, of Michigan; Celicia, born at White Hall, New York, in 1828, now the widow of James Warwick, residing near St. Thomas; and Mary, wife of Mr. Caughell. Children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Caughell as follows: Darius, Roscoe, James W. and Arella M., all died young; Peter, born in 1861, married Lizzie Haggart, of Harwich, and they reside on the old Haggart homestead, and have two children, Mary and David Alexander; Stata, born in 1871, is the wife of Douglas Campbell, of Harwich.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Caughell are members of the Disciples Church. In politics he has always been identified with the Reform party, and has been a member of the township council of Harwich for twenty years, being first elected in 1862. He was elected reeve in 1880, and re-elected to that office annually for five consecutive years, and was again chosen in 1894, holding the office of reeve for three years. He was elected to the county council in 1899 for two years. He was a member of that body in all ten years. In 1884, he was elected warden of the county, which office he held for one year. He has also been receiver and warden, and for the past nine years he has officiated in the position of justice of the peace.

Mr. Caughell is one of the self-made men of the County of Kent, and for many years has taken his position among the prominent and reliable citizens of his locality. His travel and experience, combined with an intelligent and liberal spirit, have made him a very useful member of society. He is well posted on all subjects, and has made the agricultural possibilities of his section a special study.

EDMOND MORRISON, a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, County Kent, N. T. R., Talbot street, Lot 61, owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres, to which he came in 1898, from another farm in this same township. Only one fence was on his present farm when he located upon it, but he has now fenced the entire property, erected new buildings and made many other needful improvements. He was born in Markham village, County York, July 18, 1839, a son of William and Eliza A. (Collins) Morrison, of Quebec and New York, respectively. The father was a millwright by trade as well as a machinist, and died at Aylmer, County Elgin, Ont., in 1887, aged seventy-six years. He operated a flour and saw mill many years in Buttonville, Ont., but the last five years of his life, he was an invalid, being afflicted with rheumatism. The mother died in County York with her daughter Electa Feaver, in 1890 aged eighty-four years. Both were members of the Methodist Church. While residing in Buttonville, he was postmaster from 1852 to 1864, and was instrumental in having the office established at that point, as well as the mail route between Thornhill and Markham village. In order to have the matter satisfactorily arranged, he made several trips to Quebec, and exerted all his influence, with success. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison were: Charles is deceased; Phœbe A. married Isaiah Wilmont, and is now deceased;

George is deceased; Lewis is a traveling salesman of Toronto; Edmond; Christopher is deceased; Electa, of County York, Ont., married James Feaver; William is an engineer at Indianapolis, Indiana; Mary is deceased. The paternal grandparents were William H. and Ellen Morrison of Quebec, where Mr. Morrison was a millwright and bridge builder and contractor. The maternal grandparents were Christopher and Eliza A. (Johnson) Collins, of New York, who came to Canada in 1812, locating at Bath, Ontario.

On Sept. 19, 1862, in Pickering township, County Ontario, Mr. Morrison married Mary Ann Wilson, and the children born to them were as follows: George, of Detroit, Michigan, assistant manager and bookkeeper in the shipping department of Parke, Davis & Co.; Herbert, at home; Christopher, deceased; Ernest, a farmer of Orford township; Eva A., wife of James White, of Orford township; Ivin, a carpenter living at home. Mrs. Morrison was born at Whitby South, Ont., May 26, 1843, a daughter of William and Anna (Cornell) Wilson, of Yorkshire and Devonshire, England, respectively. They were married in Canada, both having come to the Dominion with a colony under Col. Timcombe, to establish the town of Whitby. Mr. Wilson was a farmer, and spent the remainder of his days on his farm, where he settled in 1830, at a time when all was a wilderness. His death occurred in 1851 when he was forty years of age, while his wife died in 1888, aged sixty-three years. Both were members of the English Church. The children born to them were: Thomas, a harness manufacturer at Brooklyn, Ont.; Sarah, of Nottawasaga, Ont., who married William Wetherell; Mary; Frances, deceased, who married Thomas Holmes; Margaret, deceased, who married Thomas Laiblaw; John, who lives at Whitby, Ont. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Morrison were William and Hannah Wilson, of Yorkshire, England, who there died. The maternal grandparents were George and Anna Cornell, of Devonshire, England, where they passed their lives.

Until his marriage Mr. Morrison remained at home, but when that event occurred he commenced farming for himself, renting a farm in County Ontario, Ont., but after four years he moved to County Elgin, where for five years more he rented land. In 1870 he located in Orford township, County Kent, where he purchased a farm, and has been a resident of the township ever since. Politically he is a Reformer and has served his party very ably as assessor and for nine years as school trustee; he has always been active in public affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W., in which organization he is deservedly popular. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church, to whose support his contributions are exceedingly liberal. Although he and his most estimable wife are advanced in years, they are very active, possessed of all their faculties, and capable of enjoying the fruits of their early hard labor. They have brought up a large family to be a credit to them, and are greatly beloved by their children and grandchildren.

Many changes have been effected since Mr. and Mrs. Morrison came to make their home in Orford township. The bush lands have made way for fertile fields; the lonely stretches are filled with busy life, and the pioneers of that time are nearly all passed away and their sons are prosperous farmers and business men. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are highly esteemed by all who know them, as industrious, useful citizens, kindly neighbors and loyal friends.

ROBERT O'HARA. The death of Robert O'Hara, which occurred in September, 1900, removed from the city of Chatham not only one of her most genial citizens, but also one of her most learned men and a leading representative of the Bar of the County of Kent. Mr. O'Hara was a man of many gifts, and was equally at home on the judicial bench, at the head of a school of languages, or as a skillful florist and successful sportsman and taxidermist.

Mr. O'Hara, though an Englishman by birth, was of an old Irish family, a son of Col. Walter O'Hara of the British army, grandson of James O'Hara, and a great-grandson of James O'Hara, men who made the name notable in other days. Col. Walter O'Hara was the only member of the earlier generations of the O'Hara family to come to Canada. He was born in Ireland about 1812, but was of Spanish descent, being of the family of Don Hara, a refugee from Spain in the days of the Inquisition. The O'Hara genealogy can be traced directly back for more than 200 years.

The male line was descendent from the family of Lord Tyrawley and Kilmaine, which title is now in abeyance. After coming to Ontario, Col. O'Hara purchased a large tract of land, then known as West Lodge, in the vicinity of Toronto, the same being now known as Park Dale, and there and in Toronto, he spent the remainder of his life, dying about 1882.

Col. O'Hara married Marian Murray, an English lady, and to this union was born a family of thirteen children, namely: Elizabeth, Robert, Walter, Annie, Charles, Constance, Gertrude, James, Mary, Florinda, Geoffrey and two who died in infancy.

Robert O'Hara, the first son and second child of the family, was born in Hampshire, England, was brought up in Ireland, and came with his parents to Toronto. In Upper Canada College, Toronto, he obtained both his classical and legal education. His early mental development was remarkable, and his acquisition of languages placed him not only at the head of his department in the University, but was to him through life a source of the keenest enjoyment, enabling him to absorb, in the original, the works written by the immortals in the Greek, Latin, French, German and Italian tongues. His home on Victoria avenue, Llydican, was the scene of his successful experiments in floriculture, which were so important that he had become an authority on roses, and a valued contributor to floral magazines. Perhaps one of the greatest pleasures of Mr. O'Hara's life was his success as a sportsman. He was what is known as a "crack shot," and his home was decorated with many trophies of his skill. His expertness in taxidermy enabled him to preserve his treasures for himself and many of these are beautiful as well as valuable. It was to an outing expedition undertaken by Mr. O'Hara in the sixties that the city of Chatham owed his settling within its bounds. A classic prose pamphlet, entitled "A Month in the Marsh," by Saw-wa-goosh, as the Indians loved to call him, appeared shortly after, as a souvenir of the camp. The country presented a pleasing appearance to the brilliant young lawyer, and he decided to make it his future home. Soon afterward the legal firm of Douglas & O'Hara was formed, a partnership which lasted a number of years, and after it was dissolved Mr. O'Hara still continued in practice. For an extended period he was Master in Chancery, and when that office was abolished, he became Master in the Supreme Court, holding this honorable position at the time of his death.

In 1868 Mr. O'Hara was united in marriage with Miss Maria S. Dobbs, of Portsmouth, near Kingston, Ont., a daughter of the late Rev. Francis William and Maria (Graham) Dobbs, the former of whom was born in Ireland in 1815, and died in 1901. Eight children were born to Rev. Mr. Dobbs and his wife: Helen, Conway, Maria S., Frances, Harriet, Ogilvie, John and Margaret. Mrs. Dobbs passed away about 1880.

The children born to the late Robert O'Hara and wife were: Walter, born in 1869, was educated in Chatham, and is now Ontario Land Surveyor and Dominion Land Surveyor, with headquarters at Ottawa; Francis Charles Trench, born in 1870, was educated in Chatham, and is now Superintendent of Commercial Agencies and Chief Clerk of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa; Robert Murray, born in 1876, is now in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and stationed (1904) in New York; Helen Olivia Kathleen, born in 1879, is unmarried; Geoffrey DeVere was born in 1882; two children died in infancy.

The death of Robert O'Hara was deeply deplored in Chatham, where his learning and legal ability were appreciated, while the lighter side of his life also attracted many warm personal friends to him.

ERNEST A. EDWARDS, one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Raleigh township, belongs to a family of early settlers here.

John Edwards, his father, was born Oct. 24, 1808, in Montgomeryshire, Wales, a son of Richard Edwards. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated to America and for a short time lived in Tarrytown, New York, and then came to County Victoria, Ont., where he followed farming for some twelve years. In 1837 he came to County Kent and bought the farm on which his son Ernest now lives. He was the third settler on the road, Brundage and Jordan being before him. His purchase was fifty acres here and fifty acres in Concession 9, and he traded the latter for fifty acres adjoining his first purchase. Of course at that time the land was all unimproved, but with energy

and perseverance he went to work, cleared it up, and, in 1870, built the house in which our subject lives. Mr. Edwards was not only a successful farmer, but a public-spirited man, and he gave his assistance in cutting out the timber on the township line. He cut timber on the present location of King street, Chatham. In politics he was a Conservative, and being a great reader, he kept thoroughly posted on current events. He also took a lively interest in local politics, and served for years as a municipal officer. During the fifties he was reeve, and he also served as county representative for many years, and as a magistrate. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and was a faithful observer of the Sabbath, and for a long period, a Sunday-school teacher. His death took place Feb. 7, 1887.

Mr. Edwards married Margery Masterson, a native of County Sligo, Ireland, who died in 1871, their children being: John, who became a soldier in the Civil war in the States and died of fever in 1864; Edward, deceased; Richard; George, a farmer in Minnesota; Thomas, of the States; Abraham, a bookkeeper in Colorado; Adelaide, wife of George Toll, on Concession 9, Raleigh township; Ruth wife of William Moody, of Raleigh township; Mary, wife of John Cameron, of Raleigh; William, conductor on a railroad at Wabash, Indiana; Clarence, of Roseland; Ernest A.; and Lily, wife of Frank Suitor of Harwich township.

Ernest Albert Edwards was born April 4, 1861, on the old homestead and he was educated in the schools of section No. 5. In time he came into possession of the old place to which he has added twenty-five acres. He is extensively engaged in general farming and has every reason to feel pleased with his success. In politics he is a Conservative. All the members of his family have supported the Methodist Church.

On Dec. 27, 1893, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Alice Mary Kelly, who was born in Chatham and is a daughter of George Kelly, an old time resident of County Kent. The children born to this union are: George Foster, born Sept. 27, 1894; Keith Reynell, born Aug. 25, 1896; Doris Leon, born July 29, 1898; and Jean Carson, born March 10, 1901.

SEBASTIAN GILLIER, a prominent farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 17, Concession 4, was born in the County of Niagara, near Welland, Jan. 4, 1855, a son of Sebastian and Margaret (Hall) Gillier.

Sebastian Gillier, Sr., was born in Germany Feb. 9, 1827, son of Joseph and Mary Gillier, of Alsace, Germany; where the former was engaged as a cabinetmaker. In his native land Sebastian Gillier, Sr., married Margaret Hall, who was also born in Alsace Feb. 9, 1827, daughter of John and Barbara (Haus) Hall. John Hall was a mechanic, and came to America, passing his last days in the State of Pennsylvania, but his wife died in the Fatherland. In 1853 Sebastian Gillier and his young wife came to Amercia in the same vessel, but they were not married till some time after their arrival in Buffalo, whither they had come via New York. In Buffalo they lived one year, and then moved to the County of Niagara, Canada, where they spent some years. After a year in Green Bay they came to the County of Kent, purchasing some wild land in Concession 2, Harwich township, and started to clear a farm, enduring all the hardships of pioneer life. By trade Mr. Gillier was a mason, having learned his calling in his native land, and he found plenty of opportunity to follow it in connection with farming. His death occurred in Harwich township, near the home of our subject, May 22, 1900, but his wife still survives, and is a potent factor in the family life, being very bright and active for her advanced age. Four children were born to this couple: Sebastian; Barbara, born in Canada, who died when a little girl; Joseph, born in 1859, who married Miss Mary Kaufman, of Niagara, who bore him one son, Walter (they reside at the old homestead); and Mary, born in 1861, who married John Zimmer, a farmer of Harwich, and has had children—Albert, Sebastian, Louise, Frank, Ambrose, Joseph, Bertha, Agnes, Clare, Bernard and Marie. Mr. Gillier, Mr. Zink and Valentine Zimmer were the first settlers of the large German clan which made the section what it is to-day.

Sebastian Gillier, Jr., received his education in Canada, although it was a somewhat limited one. After his marriage he settled in the present home, where there was a small farmhouse





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which served as a home until 1902, when Mr. Gillier erected his present fine brick house, one of the best in the county. He has been one of the prosperous farmers of the section for some years, and owns, besides the homestead farm, one of fifty acres in Harwich township, on which he has made general improvements, greatly increasing its value.

In November, 1881, Mr. Gillier married Mary A. Zimmer, who was born in the County of Niagara in 1860, daughter of Valentine and Mary A. (Blank) Zimmer, worthy pioneers of the county, who took a prominent part in its development; she was well educated in the schools of the County of Kent. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gillier is as follows: John J., born in May, 1883; William, July, 1884; Angela, December, 1886; Leo S., August, 1893; and Francis, October, 1898. These children all reside at home, and are not only a credit to their parents but also to the country. Politically Mr. Gillier has long been identified with the Reform party, and he has been school trustee of Harwich township for three years. The entire family are members of the Catholic Church of Chatham, and take an active part in its good work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gillier are very highly respected in the township, and the success which has attended their efforts is considered but the just reward of intelligence, uprightness of living and ability to make their work count.

JOHN RICHARDSON, a retired merchant and farmer, is a highly esteemed resident of Tilbury East township, County of Kent, whose history is closely linked with that of the development of this section. His father, also John Richardson, was a native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, where he was reared and where he learned the tailoring trade. In his native land he married Isabelle Anderson, and in 1832, with his wife and four children, he set sail for Canada, landing in the New World after a voyage lasting seven weeks and three days. For two years he resided in Montreal, and then moved to the 4th Concession of North Georgetown township, County of Beauharnois, Quebec, on a brush farm, where the family remained until 1853, when they followed our subject to Tilbury East township, County of Kent. The children born to John and Isabelle Richardson were: James died in County Essex, Ont.; John; Betsey, deceased, married John Struthers, and their last years were spent in the Village of Tilbury; William lived for a time in Tilbury East, was later in business in Detroit, and is now deceased; Henry is a real estate dealer in Detroit; George died in this township; and Thomas died in Lower Canada. John Richardson was a resident of Tilbury East until his death at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife died at the same age.

John Richardson, the subject of this review, was born in Earlston, Roxburghshire, Scotland, April 9, 1826, and thus was six years old when his parents brought him to Canada. He well remembers the stormy voyage they experienced on the great Atlantic. As schools were few in the pioneer regions, his educational opportunities were limited. He remained with his parents until maturity, and did his part in the clearing of the farm, then taking up for himself a sixty-acre farm in a new part of the county, in the vicinity of St. Louis de Gozac. There he resided until the age of twenty-six, in 1852, when he sold and came to the County of Kent. Here he bought the south one-half of Lot 15, M. R. N., of John and Daniel Kerr. This lot was originally taken up by John B. Williams, and at the time Mr. Richardson located on the farm, about ten acres had been cleared, and a log house stood on the place which served as a family home. After the failure of a wheat crop, our subject went into the manufacture of potash, and discovered that in its manufacture he could clear his land of its timber and sell enough potash to provide for his family. He added an adjoining 100 acres to his holding, and when this was nearly cleared he discontinued the making of potash, and engaged in the more lucrative business of manufacturing pearlash, to which industry many of these early settlers owed their livelihod. They were given an opportunity to make black salts from the timber on their lands, and thus secure the necessities of life before their acres could be cultivated. Mr. Richardson planned to only go into the business in a small way to meet the emergency, but such large quantities of the salts were brought him that it soon became an extensive business, and in time he developed into one of the largest manufacturers of pearlash in the country, shipping to Montreal from 500 to 700 barrels a year. He entered into the business

with but little knowledge of it, and the close of the first year found him with considerable loss, but this he remedied by keeping the fires going night and day, and by turning out a uniform quality. In time the Richardson brand of pearlash became generally known for its unvarying qualities, and was permitted to go through the inspection office at Montreal, when sent to Europe, without examination. Much care was necessary in its preparation to insure and maintain this quality, and for its excellence credit is due the patient experiments of Mr. Richardson. For some years the work was such that only the hardiest constitution could stand it. The custom was to have the man attend to the work during the daytime, and on leaving he would fill the kilns for night burning, and Mr. Richardson would attend to the fires through the nights, and in the morning, with several barrels of the manufactured product, would drive to Chatham and deliver the pearlash at the station, bringing back pork, flour, etc. For six months at a time, the fires were not allowed to go out, and at such times Mr. Richardson obtained little sleep other than the naps he could snatch while on the road between his home and Chatham. Such strenuous effort deserved the success attained. From this Mr. Richardson drifted into keeping a general store in order to supply the wants of his employes, and later he built the store building on the southeast corner of his property. In 1868 he discontinued the pearlash business, and by that time the land in the vicinity was pretty generally cleared, but he continued merchandising until 1884. It was through his efforts that the Valetta postoffice was established, and he served thirty years as postmaster. When the Southern Railway was built through Tilbury village, he established a general store there, under the firm name of John Richardson & Son, the latter still continuing the business.

In farming and milling enterprises, Mr. Richardson has been equally active and successful. In past years he owned large tracts of land, but now has but the 200 acres where he resides, and where, since 1892, he has lived retired. In about 1862 he erected his large brick house, which was for many years a landmark for all the country around, and is even now frequently called "the brick," as it was known in the days when there were no other brick residences in the neighborhood. In political matters Mr. Richardson has always taken a deep interest and as a member of the Reform party, has accepted many of the township offices. He was the first reeve to be elected by the public, and he served for three years. Both he and wife belong to the Presbyterian Church at Valetta.

In 1846 Mr. Richardson was married to Margaret Stewart, born in Monborlie, Scotland, and to this union have been born these children: John, Jr., a dairyman of Tilbury village; Elizabeth, wife of Duncan McAllister, postmaster and farmer at Comber, County of Essex; Isabelle, widow of James Stacey, of Essex Centre; James S., general merchant at Tilbury village; William, who died aged six years; Margaret, deceased, who married William Mann, of Comber, and left two sons; Mary, widow of Rev. Thomas Logie, residing at Boulder, Colorado; George, in business in Tilbury village; Herny, in the employ of his brother, James S.; and Benjamin, an engineer residing near Superior, Wisconsin, who married Jane Logie, present superintendent of schools for Bayfield county, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM W. MERRITT, a prosperous general farmer of Chatham township, residing on Lot 18, owns a fine farm of seventy-five acres, and also one of twenty-five acres on Lot 21. He located at his present home in 1872, five years later erecting his handsome brick house. Mr. Merritt was born in this same township on Lot 12, Aug. 20, 1848, son of James and Rebecca Merritt.

On Feb. 12, 1879, in Chatham township, Mr. Merritt married Ellen J. Crow, and the following children, all now at home, were born to this union: Alexander W., Maggie V., Arthur LeRoy, Nellie B. and Rebecca J. Mrs. Merritt was born in Chatham township in 1855, daughter of Alexander Crow, whose sketch occurs elsewhere.

Until he attained his majority, Mr. Merritt remained with his parents and he then entered into partnership with his brothers Leonard H. and Joseph, with whom he remained for ten years, at the end of that time purchasing his present farm, which he has since been engaged in developing. In politics he is a Conservative and acted as school trustee for six years, but then resigned. He has also held other town-

ship offices, and always takes a deep interest in local affairs. Both he and his wife are very prominent in the Baptist Church, in which he was choir leader for thirty years. Enterprising, thrifty and a good manager, he has amassed considerable property, and is justly considered one of the representative farmers of Chatham township, where he has spent his entire life.

JAMES LESLIE, a resident of Lot 22, 7th Concession, Harwich township, County of Kent, and one of the leading farmers of his locality, was born at his present home May 24, 1835, being the first white child born in the section known as "back ridge." His parents, Andrew and Mary J. (English) Leslie, were old pioneers of this county.

Andrew Leslie was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, Sept. 7, 1807, and was the son of James and Catherine (Young) Leslie, the latter of whom died in Scotland, while James Leslie emigrated in 1849 to Canada, where he died, in Howard township, County of Kent. Of his family of children, Andrew Leslie was the only son to settle in Canada, having come in 1834. John and James Leslie remained at home, dying in Scotland, as did Margaret and Catherine. Ann also made the journey to Canada, and there married James Muckle, who settled and died in Harwich, near Rondeau, where he owned a farm.

Andrew Leslie, father of James Leslie, of Harwich, was married in Ireland, to Mary J. English, who was born in Ireland, in 1814, and they emigrated to Canada at an early day, purchasing the home farm, which was then wild land, from the Canadian Land Company. There they settled, in a little log cabin in the woods. Prior to commencing his life as a pioneer Mr. Leslie worked at his trade of stone cutter and mason at Buffalo, and later on in life found his knowledge of this branch of industrial activity very convenient. At one time he acted as foreman on the mason work of the Chatham court house, but the greater part of his life was spent on the farm, where he spent his declining years, dying there in 1860, his wife surviving him until 1893. Both were consistent members of the First Presbyterian Church of Chatham, of which Mr. Leslie was one of the founders, and an elder for many years. Politically he was a stanch Reformer, and took an active part in local affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie left a family of two sons and one daughter, of whom James was the eldest; Margaret, next in order of birth, and the only daughter, was born in 1842, and, growing up at home, received a good district school education; she is unmarried, living at the homestead; Andrew, born in 1851, is unmarried and resides on a portion of the old home.

James Leslie attended the home schools in his boyhood, and later had the privilege of attending the Collegiate Institute of Chatham, after which he taught for one winter in the Howard schools and another in a private school, the Troy, from 1856 to 1857. In 1860, after the death of his father, he became manager of the home farm, and there remained until his marriage, in 1872, to Miss Margaret Cochrane, of Ridgetown, daughter of Capt. John Cochrane, of Ridgetown. After marriage the young couple settled on the old homestead, which is their present home, and the house was built in 1872. The barns were destroyed by fire in 1891, when Mr. Leslie replaced them with modern and very comfortable structures. He has added fifty acres to his share of the property, having a farm of 120 acres. Two children have come to himself and wife: Anna, born in 1876, was educated in the Ridgetown high schools and at the Blenheim business college, and is now bookkeeper for Mr. McMasters, of Ridgetown; Roland, born in 1878, was well educated in the Ridgetown high schools, is unmarried, and at present at home with his father.

Politically Mr. Leslie has always been identified with the old Reform party, and held the office of councilman for seven years between 1885 and 1895. He was also reeve for Harwich township for two years, and is now treasurer of the township, having held that office continuously since 1895. His popularity and ability have placed him in the first rank as an efficient and faithful public official. Mr. Leslie is a man of highest integrity and uprightness of purpose, and stands very high in the estimation of his fellow townsmen. His religious connections are with the Presbyterian Church, and he and his family are important factors in the social life of the community in which they make their home.

E. BLAKE MILLS, one of the enterprising and prosperous general farmers of Orford township, County Kent, resides upon his fine farm of 125 acres on the Talbot road, N. T. R., Lot 70, and is one of the representatives of the young agriculturists of the county. His birth occurred upon his present farm, July 8, 1872, and he is a son of the Hon. David Mills, nephew of Daniel Mills, of this township and grandson of the pioneer Nathaniel Mills. The last named came to County Kent in 1817, taking up property which he afterward divided between his two sons, Hon. David and Daniel. The portion given to Hon. David is now owned by our subject, who has taken pleasure in developing and improving it since it came into his possession.

On March 17, 1897, in Ridgetown, Ont., Mr. Mills married Miss Mary Armstrong, who was born in Howard township, June 6, 1874, a daughter of William and Mary (Henderson) Armstrong, of Ireland and Scotland, respectively. They were married in County Kent and are now prosperous farmers of Howard township, owning 190 acres. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were: Margaret, who married A. J. Smith, of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. Mills. Nn children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Mills.

Until he was thirteen years of age, Mr. Mills remained upon his present farm, and then went to London, Ont., where he spent eleven years. He next spent two years in Windsor, after which he returned to the home farm. While in London, he attended the Collegiate Institute, of that city. In politics he is a Reformer, and for the past two years has held the office of school trustee. In his religious belief he is a Baptist, and in the church of that denomination is an active worker. Mr. Mills thoroughly understands farming and has made a success of his work, having one of the best farms in the township, well supplied with excellent buildings. He and his wife are very popular among their neighbors.

THOMAS COKE RENWICK, a prosperous farmer and a member of one of the first families to settle in Romney township, County of Kent, is one of the most representative citizens and progressive agriculturists of that section. The family is an old and honorable one in England.

Mr. Renwick's grandparents, John Renwick and Mary (Hetherington) Renwick, were lifetime residents of Northumberlandshire, England. His father, Thomas Renwick, was born Nov. 9, 1792, at Allendale, Northumberlandshire, where he grew to manhood and married Ann Robinson, a native of the adjoining County of Durham. In 1818 Thomas Renwick, with his wife and one child, set sail in a brig for Quebec, reaching there after a voyage of eight weeks. They went thence by boat up the St. Lawrence river to Lake Ontario and landed in the State of New York, where the father secured employment on the Erie canal. Here he remained two years, but through the dishonesty of his employers he lost a large portion of his wages and in 1820 he decided to change his location. In company with Joseph Heatherington, he took his family and crossed Lake Erie in a small schooner for Amherstburg, where they landed, coming by way of the military track to Romney township, County of Kent, where fellow countrymen had settled some two years previously. Mr. Renwick found upon his arrival that the lot reserved for him was in the township of Mersea, but he effected an exchange and secured Lot 204, Talbot Road, and much of this property was cleared during his lifetime. The Crown deed, which was not issued for some years (the settlement duties complied with, and a fee of $40 paid), is now possessed by our subject, and bears date of March 13, 1834. In young manhood the father taught school in England, and in later years, when rheumatism made it impossible for him to engage longer in heavy farming, he resumed his educational duties, for some fifteen years conducting a very excellent school in a log building located on Lot 200. He took much interest in matters pertaining to education and for a time most capably filled the position of superintendent of the township schools. He was a zealous Methodist in religious belief, and was one of four men who were largely instrumental in the founding of the first church in this locality, in which he was a class-leader and member of the official body. His political sympathies were with the Government party. He died after a long and useful life of seventy-eight years, in August, 1870. He had long been bereft of his wife, she having died in 1829, aged thirty-seven



Thomas Coke Penwick

years. Their children were: John (deceased) married Sarah Martin, and they had two sons; Mary is the wife of John Smith, of Chatham; Thomas C. is mentioned below; Hannah is the widow of John Ferris of Colchester, County of Essex.

Thomas C. Renwick was born Jan. 18, 1825, on the place where he now resides, and was assisted in the securing of a good education by the care and attention of his father. Being the youngest son he remained at home, and for years prior to the father's death had the entire charge of the place, finally coming into its possession. He has bought and sold considerable land in the township, and together with his sons, who own 124 acres in Lot 205, adjoining, is probably Romney's most extensive farmer. Besides his farming interests he has for many years past been active along other lines. For many years he was the local agent for Hon. William Collis Meredith, a non-resident landowner, who in 1825 purchased 1,600 acres in the township. Mr. Renwick assisted in the organization of the Kent and Essex Farmers Insurance Company, in 1888, served as one of the first directors, and since its start has been the secretary. He and Thomas Wright conceived the idea of the Kent and Essex Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and were the ones to put it into execution. The company has grown from a small beginning until it has now about 620 policyholders in its books.

As a member of the Methodist Church Mr. Renwick has been very active, for fifty years was a class-leader, and has also served as a local preacher. Politically he affiliates with the Government party, and in 1867 became clerk and treasurer, holding both offices eleven years and continuing as treasurer until 1883, when he resigned. In the latter year he was made reeve.

In 1846 Mr. Renwick married Mary, eldest daughter of John Robinson, and to them were born the following named children: Jonathan G., who located on Lot 205, married Jane Malott, and they have eight children. Joseph, also located on Lot 205, married Celena Fox. Ann is the wife of Peter Heatherington, of Kingsville. Catherine (deceased) married Salem West, of Raleigh township. Thomas, of Tennessee, married Amelia Orton, and has one daughter. John, who resides with his father and assists in carrying on the homestead, married Elizabeth Chester, and they have children —John F., Dora Alice and George Benson. Hannah is the wife of Enoch Learn, of Oregon. Mr. Renwick has the happiness of gathering about him a goodly number of descendants, some fourteen living grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is the center of their tender regard, and he also enjoys the highest esteem and respect in his community.

ALEXANDER MARSH, a prominent agriculturist of Howard township, owns one of the most extensive farms in that vicinity, whose well-cultivated fields, handsome buildings, and magnificent brick residence impress even casual observers with profound respect for his thrift and efficient management. Mr. Marsh comes of one of the earliest families of this section, one which played a prominent part in the opening of the township to settlers, and establishing beneficent institutions, but he is now the only one in the region bearing the name of Marsh. Mrs. Statira Dodge, of Hamilton, and her daughters, Mrs. Duncan McKinley and Mrs. Lake, wife of Dr. Lake, of Ridgetown, are descendants of the early Marshes, the grandmother of the two daughters having been widely known among the pioneer families.

William Marsh, grandfather of Alexander, possessed to a remarkable degree those dominant traits of character which eminently fitted him for the vicissitudes of life in a new country. He was born in England, and there, under the influences of a good home, grew to manhood. Soon after attaining to years of maturity, ambitious to better his condition in life, he came to America, locating for a short time in Nova Scotia. With faith in the growing resources of the wild districts of Ontario, he soon afterward set out for that section, where, after some prospecting, he purchased of the English government agent two hundred acres on what is now the south side of Ridgetown. Here, where the Porter block now stands, he erected a log house, and began clearing a farm for himself. That he had faith in himself and in the prospects of the new country is shown by the fact that he was the very first man to settle on the Ridge. Not content with a small beginning he cleared up a large tract for himself, which he transformed into a well cultivated and highly improved farm.

He expended the main strength of his manhood in developing the resources of this section, and lived to see great changes for the better. He died, however, before the place even became a small village, his death occurring on the farm which he had hewn out of the wilderness. Before coming to this country he married Sarah Montgomery, who was born in Scotland, and who proved a great help to him in all his undertakings in life. She died at the pioneer home in Ridgetown. Eleven children came to this union: Alexander is mentioned below. Julia (deceased) married a Mr. Gordon. David is deceased. Fannie (deceased) also married a Mr. Gordon. Charlotte married Christopher Wilson and both are deceased. Rebecca married John Boyers, and both are deceased. Statira, now a resident of Ridgetown, is the widow of Henry Dodge. William settled in Michigan, where he died. Richard, born in Ridgetown, married Margaret Moody, of that place, and later moved to the State of Louisiana, where they now reside. Henry married and settled in Omaha, Nebraska, where he died. John, born in Ridgetown, married and settled at Toronto, where he died.

Alexander Marsh, father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, proved himself in every respect a worthy successor of his pioneer father. Born at the family residence on Young street, Toronto, in 1810, he was still a small boy when his parents moved to the Ridgetown farm. There he grew to manhood, acquiring snatches of an education by a few months' attendance each year at the district schools of the locality. The rest of the time he gave to the regular and conscientious performance of his farm duties, acquiring habits of industry and self-reliance of great value to him in later years. In 1832 he married Sarah E. Newcomb, who was born near Clearville, County of Kent, daughter of Eliakim Newcomb, who in early days came to this county from Nova Scotia. She died about 1854, and Mr. Marsh afterward married a Mrs. Rushton, mother of James Rushton, of Ridgetown. By the first marriage there were six children: (1) William E., born in Howard in 1833, went to Missouri in his young manhood, and there enlisted for service in the Civil war. Later he went to Nebraska, and purchased land on the Platte river, where he is now a prominent farmer and stock raiser. He is married and has three children, Fred A., Maud and Frank. (2) Charlotte, born in 1835, now a resident of Arizona, married John Mackafee, of Illinois, where they resided for some time, and where he died. (3) Mary J., born in 1838, now a resident of Ridgetown, married Joseph Moody, of that place, who is now deceased. They had six children, Anna, Abner, William, George, Lizzie and Eva. (4) Hannah, born in 1840, married John Boulter, a printer in the Omaha *Bee* office, in Omaha, Nebraska. They have three children, Margaret, Elizabeth and Georgie. (5) Alexander is mentioned below. (6) Sarah, the youngest, born at the present home in 1848, married William Hackett, and they now reside in Flint, Michigan.

Both environment and inclination led Mr. Marsh to make agriculture the business of his life, and soon after his marriage he settled upon a hundred-acre tract, now included in the borough of Ridgetown. Here he erected a comfortable log house and barn, cleared large tracts of the land, and made other improvements. This property in 1844 he exchanged for land on the 12th Concession, in the township of Howard, where his son Alexander now resides. Here, as on his first place, he erected a log house in which he resided for some time. Possessed of great capacity for work, he cleared over one hundred and fifty acres, much of which he broke and put under cultivation. From time to time he also enlarged his place by additional land purchases, until his holdings finally embraced 270 acres—its present measurement. In 1878 he erected a large and substantial brick house, which is still to be seen on the place. In this house he spent his last days, dying there in 1887. The work accomplished by Mr. Marsh in his lifetime speaks for itself of his energy and excellent farm management. His high sense of honor and square dealings with his fellow men won him the respect of the community in which he lived. A forceful man, well informed upon all questions of public interest, his word carried weight in local affairs. In politics he always affiliated with the Reform party. Both he and his wife were consistent Christians, and leading members of the Methodist Church.

Alexander Marsh, son of Alexander and Sarah E. (Newcomb) Marsh, was born on the farm where he now resides, Nov. 20, 1844, and there grew to manhood. In the district schools

of his neighborhood he received the ordinary education of a farmer's boy of his day. Naturally industrious and capable, from a child he shouldered many a home responsibility, assisting not only in the ordinary farm duties, but also in clearing and breaking the land and in the erection of new buildings. Upon reaching manhood, determining to follow agriculture as a regular occupation, he assumed the entire management of the home place, which he continued throughout the rest of his parents' lifetime. After the death of his father he purchased his brother William's share of the place and has since been its sole owner. He conducts his farming operations on a large scale, adopting both progressive and practical methods, and meets at all times with excellent results.

In 1901 Mr. Marsh married Mrs. Mary Tabor, who was born near Ridgetown, in Howard township, in February, 1865, daughter of Anthony and Mariah Scafe, pioneers of the County of Kent. In 1887 she married Joseph Tabor, of Ridgetown, and by this union had three children: Anna May died when a young woman, in May, 1901. Herbert, born in 1888, is attending the Chatham schools. Ethel, born in 1891, is attending the public schools of Ridgetown. By her marriage to Mr. Marsh there has been one son, Wilfred, born in 1901.

Mr. Marsh, like his ancestors, is a strong man physically, intellectually and morally. He has achieved success mainly by confining his efforts to one principal line of business. He always keeps himself well-posted upon questions of public interest, and in politics affiliates with the Reform party. The highest integrity marks all his dealings with his fellow men, and he wins many friends in every relation in life.

JOHN BISHOP, the owner of a fine 150-acre farm, on Lot 67, N. T. R., Orford township, County of Kent, upon which he resided from 1842 to 1852, moving thence to Zone, where he lived until 1875, when he sold out and purchased the farm on which he now resides, is one of the general farmers of that township, upon whom prosperity has smiled. He was born in Mosa township, County of Middlesex, Ont., Nov. 28, 1832, son of Stephen and Eleanor (Maine) Bishop, of Massachusetts and Ontario, respectively.

Stephen Bishop came to Canada in 1828, and located in County of Middlesex, where he engaged chiefly in farming, although for a time he also drove a stage. In 1842 he located in Orford township, upon the farm which is now the property of our subject, which he rented. His death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Congo, in Orford township, in 1878, when he was aged sixty-six years. His wife, Eleanor (Maine), who was born in 1811, had preceded him, dying in 1874, aged sixty-three years. They lie buried in Palmyra cemetery. Both were consistent members of the Baptist Church. The children born to Stephen and Eleanor (Maine) Bishop, were: John; Samuel, a carpenter of Wilkesport, Ont.; Daniel, of Galesburg, Michigan; Hannah, of Battle Creek, Michigan, widow of Davidson Chichester; Cynthia, deceased wife of George Eastlake; Sarah, who married Joseph Lee, a farmer of Augusta, Michigan; Maggie, who married James Congo, of Orford township, now living on a fifty-acre farm at Palmyra, which he works; Mary, of Galesburg, Michigan, who married first Rev. Isaac Abbot, and second Rev. Joshua White, both of whom were Methodist ministers; Stephen, an extensive farmer, owning 1800 acres, at Carievale, Assa. East, N. W. T.; George, of Oxbow, Northwest Territory, retired; and Ora, an auditor, at Sarnia, Ontario.

On May 3, 1860, in Orford township, John Bishop married Sarah McTavish, who was born on the McTavish homestead in Orford township, July 18, 1840, a daughter of John and Flora (Stewart) McTavish, of Scotland and Orford township, respectively. The two children born of this marriage are: Laura J. married Dave Loughweed of Detroit, Michigan, and they have two children, Ada and George; John A. is unmarried, and is in partnership with his father.

Until he was twenty-two years of age John Bishop remained with his parents, after which he worked for farmers until he had earned sufficient money to purchase a 100-acre farm in Zone township, upon which he made many improvements, including excellent buildings, etc., and he helped to cut a road four miles long through the woods to reach his farm. While living in Zone township he served as tax collector one year; treasurer seven years, and was township clerk until he resigned that office, when he sold out and left the township. He always represented the Conservative party. In

religious matters, he and his family affiliate with the Baptist Church, in which they are very prominent. Mr. Bishop is one of the solid, representative men of his community; a man who stands for progress and can be counted upon to give his hearty support to any measure he believes is for the best interests of the township.

JOHN MCTAVISH, deceased, father of Mrs. Bishop, was born at Naptil, Kintyre, Scotland, and died in May, 1853, aged forty-five years, at his home, Lot 64, N. T. R. He was a son of Daniel and Kate (Gillies) McTavish, of Scotland, where they lived and died. Their other children were: Alexander, of Orford township; Malcolm, of Orford township; Mary, of Orford township, who married John Blue; Margaret, who married Peter McKinley, all of whom are now deceased.

John McTavish came to Orford township in 1819, and in 1827 he took up a farm of 200 acres, where he spent the remainder of his life. On Feb. 18, 1834, in Orford township, he married Flora Stewart, and their children were: Elizabeth, who married Aaron Dancey, of Zone township; William D., living on the old homestead; Sarah, who became Mrs. John Bishop, and is mentioned above; Laura J., who married Charles L. Adam, a farmer of Zone township; John J., residing on a portion of the homestead, in Orford township; and David, also residing on a portion of the old homestead.

Mrs. Flora (Stewart) McTavish was born near Campbelltown, Scotland, May 10, 1815, and still resides on the homestead, being very active for a lady of her advanced years. She is a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Crawford) Stewart, of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1819, and took up 200 acres in Orford township, where they remained. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were: Flora; Alexander, deceased; May, widow of D. McTaggart, of Orford township; Misses Elizabeth and Sarah, of Orford township; John J., deceased; and Margaret, of Ridgetown, Ont., who married Alonzo Eastlick. Mr. McTavish was a farmer all his life, and died very well-to-do, although yet, comparatively speaking, a young man. Both he and his most excellent wife early connected themselves with the Baptist Church, to which faith the aged widow still adheres. In politics Mr. McTavish was a Reformer, but he did not seek public office. A hardworking man, industrious, thrifty and progressive, he left behind him a name untarnished, and a family each member of which has been a credit to the home teaching.

WALTER THOMPSON, a general farmer of Camden Gore, is of Irish parentage, and was born in County Donegal, Ireland, Aug. 12, 1845. He has been a resident of the County of Kent since 1874, when he removed thither from the County of Addington.

John Thompson, father of Walter, came from Ireland in the brig "Ann", in 1847, and was nine weeks and three days in making the tedious voyage. He settled first in County Prince Edward, in Ontario, and worked there as a farmer. Later his wife and children joined him, and after a few years the family moved to Bloomfield, and then to the County of Addington, where Mr. Thompson purchased a farm. It was wild land at the time, but he soon cleared it and developed it into a good piece of farming property. In 1874 he sold it and went to the County of Kent, where he purchased the first seventy acres of the farm now owned by his son Walter. This became his permanent home, and he added subsequently to his acreage, until he possessed the 155 acres which his son now owns. He lived to be seventy-eight years old, dying in 1882; his wife, Isabella (Carscadden), survived him until 1891, when she died aged ninety-two, and was buried beside her husband in the cemetery at Dresden. They were members of the Church of England. The children of John and Isabella Thompson were: Martha, deceased wife of Josiah H. Scouten; Jane, deceased wife of William H. Clapp; Walter; James, who died in County Prince Edward; and Sarah A., wife of Samuel Shaw, of Chatham.

Walter Thompson came with his parents when they removed to County Kent, and remained at home assisting his father in the management of the farm, until the latter's death, when the homestead descended to him. This has continued to be his residence. In addition to looking after his own affairs carefully, Mr. Thompson has found time to undertake some public duties; an adherent of the Conservative party, he was elected treasurer of County Addington one year; in Camden he was made assessor of the township, but after serving a year he resigned. He has always manifested a specially strong interest in educational matters, and

was school trustee for a period of nine years; during the past five years he has been secretary and treasurer of the school board, and through all his service his time and ability have ever been fully devoted to forwarding the work of the schools.

Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Margaret Clark, in Tweed, County Hastings, Ont., in April, 1871. She was born in County Hastings in 1849, and was the daughter of George and Margaret (Kincaid) Clark, the former a stone mason and farmer, who emigrated from County Donegal, Ireland, to Ontario. Mrs. Margaret Thompson died June 9, 1885; she left four children: John E., a farmer of Chatham township, who married Mary Farnsworth, and has two daughters, Margaret Irene and Mabel Elena. George H., Effie A. and Walter C. are at home. Maggie Bell, the youngest, died in infancy.

BENJAMIN JAMES, who has for a quarter of a century been engaged in general farming and stock raising in Zone township, in the County of Kent, was born May 4, 1833, in Cornwall, England.

John and Jane (Sutherage) James, his parents, also of Cornwall, crossed the Atlantic in 1847, and first located in the State of Pennsylvania, where they remained some eighteen months. Thence coming to Canada, they made their home in the County of Middlesex for one year, and then moved to Lake Huron, in the County of Lambton, where the father purchased 300 acres, on which they resided a few years. He then took up another tract of 200 acres, on which they remained twelve years, at the end of that period moving to Sarnia, Ontario, where Mr. James passed the rest of his days in retirement. He died in 1878, at the age of eighty-eight years; the mother, who was born in 1782, had preceded him to the grave in 1863. They were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Their family consisted of the following named children: Jane (who married), John, Henry, Richard and William, all now deceased; Mary A., now a resident of Sarnia, who first married William Fryers, and afterward became the wife of Berand Shephard; Thomas, of the County of Lambton; and Benjamin.

Benjamin James remained with his parents until his marriage, in boyhood receiving such educational advantages as the schools of the neighborhood of his home afforded. He commenced work at an early age, and has had an industrious career. Until 1875 he continued to reside in the County of Lambton, thence removing to his present location in Zone township, County of Kent, where he farms fifty acres, and rents another tract of the same size, all lying in Lot 14, 3d Concession. In spite of his life of toil, Mr. James is well preserved and active. He enjoys the unfeigned respect of his neighbors and friends, and is well and favorably known in the community where he has so long resided.

Mr. James was married in Plympton, Ontario, in March, 1864, to Emma E. Barker, who was born in December, 1843, in Norfolk, England, daughter of Mathew and Mary (Southway) Barker, who came from that country to Canada in 1846 and located in Hamilton, Ont. After a three years' residence there they moved to the County of Lambton, the section in which they settled being so completely a wilderness that they were obliged to live in their wagon for six weeks, until their cabin could be completed. They made a permanent home in that spot, the father dying there in August, 1871, at the age of seventy-one, the mother in November, 1890, at the age of seventy-six. She remarried after Mr. Barker's death, her second husband being Daniel Carter. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barker: Ann (deceased), who married William Bridges; Susan, Mrs. George May, of Muskoka; Samuel, of Harrisville, Michigan; Sarah (deceased), who first married Robert Bridges, later John Halpee; William, deceased; Emma E., Mrs. James; Harriet, who married Absalom Wheeler, of Moore, Ontario; Mahala, wife of John Serymegor, of North Branch, Michigan; Joshua, of Sarnia, Ontario; Albert, a farmer of Horsens Island; George, a resident of Michigan; and Washington, of Sarnia, Ontario.

To Mr. and Mrs. James have come the following children: Charles M., a carpenter, who resides in Flint, Michigan; Mary A. M. (deceased), who was the wife of William Elsie; Rebecca, who is the wife of Walter Miller, of Ridgetown, Ont.; Albert, who lives at home; Jennie (deceased), who married Lester McMullin; and George S. and Hiram F., both at home. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. James are members of the Methodist Church. He is a Reformer in political sentiment.

LAWRENCE TAPE, one of the prominent citizens of Highgate, Orford township, County of Kent, engaged extensively in stock dealing, was born July 17, 1841, in Orford township.

Mr. Tape's parents, Thomas and Frances (Gosnell) Tape, were born in County Cork, Ireland, where they were married. In 1836 with three children, they came to Canada, and for three seasons the father was a sailor. He then secured a farm of 135 acres of land in Orford township, County of Kent, where he passed the remainder of his long and active life, dying in 1892, at the age of ninety-three years. His wife died in 1884, aged seventy-seven years, and both were buried in the Gosnell cemetery in Orford township. They were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were as follows: William, Mary and Joseph, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Baldwin; James, a retired farmer of Highgate; John, deceased; Lawrence; Thomas H., a farmer of Orford township; Susan, who married Samuel Attridge, of Highgate; and George, deceased.

In July, 1862, Lawrence Tape was married in Ridgetown, to Ann Lee, and they have had the following named children: Ada married Edward M. Wood, of St. Thomas, Ont., and they have had two children, Lawrence and Grace; William, a farmer of Orford township, married Frances McLaren, and has one child, Esther E.; Jane, wife of John Wade, of Orford township, has two children, Crossley and Anna; Victoria is the wife of John Simpson, of Howard township, and has one child, Frederick; John, who is on the old homestead, married Rachel Gosnell, and has one child, Mary; Thomas is deceased; George, unmarried, is on the old homestead. Mrs. Ann (Lee) Tape was born in Orford township, where she died in 1896, aged fifty-eight years, and was buried in the Gosnell cemetery; she was a daughter of John and Sarah Lee, natives of Ireland.

On May 28, 1902, Mr. Tape married (second) Miss Emily Fansher, born in the County of Lambton, daughter of John and Lovinia (Walker) Fansher, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. They were married in the County of Lambton, Ont., where Mr. Fansher engaged in farming until his death, in 1898, at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife died in 1885, aged sixty-nine years, and they were buried in the Fansher cemetery in Lambton. For many years he was reeve of his township, a most worthy and substantial citizen. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: William, deceased; Philip, of Los Angeles, California; John, deceased; Rev. Walter, of Aylmer, Ont.; Sarah, deceased; Lucretia, wife of W. T. Smith, of Sarnia; Louisa, wife of Thomas Trotter, of Zone township; Lovinia, wife of William Ralston, of Midland, Michigan; Franklin, on the old homestead in the County of Lambton; Emily, who became Mrs. Tape; Elsa, wife of Thomas Morehouse, of the Northwest Territory; Eliza, wife of E. L. Squire, of Bay City, Michigan; and Evalina, wife of Dougal McClelland.

Until his marriage, Mr. Tape remained at home, attending school and looking after agricultural work for his father. He later secured a farm of 111 acres in Orford township which he cleared and operated until 1902, when he retired from farming and removed to Highgate. Mr. Tape has been extensively engaged in hog and cattle buying since 1900, and gives his whole attention to it since leaving the farm. In politics Mr. Tape is a Reformer. Both he and wife belong to the Methodist Church. He is one of the substantial and highly respected men of this locality, a man of honor and integrity.

JAMES McMULLIN, one of the leading farmers of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 9, Concession 2, was born on his present homestead Dec. 14, 1831, in a little log house erected by his father, he being a son of James and Magdalen (Traxler) McMullin.

James McMullin, Sr., was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1800, a son of William and Catherine McMullin, who as far as can be ascertained were natives of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in which city William lived and died, when James was a boy of four years, after which his mother, with him and her other child, Catherine, emigrated to Canada, and there died shortly after her arrival. Catherine McMullin married John Arnold, a blacksmith of Chatham, where they lived and died, leaving one daughter, Anna, now the wife of Angus Peck, of Chatham.

James McMullin grew up in the home of Squire McRea, who took him after the death of

his mother and gave him the advantages of a public school training during the winter months, while his services were required on the farm in the summer. His education was continued until he was enabled to become a teacher and he pursued that calling for several years in the public schools, then accepting a position as bookkeeper and salesman in the Everett general store. In 1827 he was elected assessor and collector for Harwich township, which trusts he retained until 1849—a period of twenty-two years.

In 1825 James McMullin married Magdalen Traxler, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Fields) Traxler, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and, being a United Empire Loyalist, emigrated to Canada, and took up land on Lot 10, Concession 2, on the river Thames, as early as 1796, possibly earlier. His wife was born near Niagara, Canada, and after their marriage, they settled in Harwich township. He owned 1400 acres of land in this section, being one of the largest land owners of the county. Here he made his permanent home. Both he and his wife died and were buried in Harwich township. Children as follows were born to Peter Traxler and his wife: Michael; Mrs. McMullin and Peter, twins; John; Barbara, who married Hiram Myers; Susan, who married Thomas McIntyre; Daniel; Margaret, who married J. McDougal; James; and Hannah, who married George McKinzie. All are now deceased.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James McMullin settled on Lot 9, Harwich township, in the pioneer log cabin, and began the work of clearing up his land, about 100 acres. In addition to his farming interests and the duties of his public position Mr. McMullin was also employed as clerk and general business man for different concerns in Chatham, and became well known as a conservative and responsible man, in whom the most implicit trust could be placed. His death occurred in 1858, when he was in the prime of life, and was lamented by the whole community. His religious connection was with the Church of England, while his wife was reared in the Baptist Church and always adhered to that faith, dying in the same in 1868. Politically, Mr. McMullin was a Conservative and always took a prominent part in local affairs. The family born to himself and wife was as follows: Catherine, born in March, 1827, married E. S. Williams, who lives in Howard township, on the River Thames; Peter, born in 1828, married Euphemia Reed, of Harwich township, and settled on Lot 9, in that township, where his death occurred, his wife surviving (they had the following children,—James, Robert, Anna, Ross, Magdalen and Arthur, living, and Magdalen, Euphemia, Mary and Peter, deceased); Susan, born in March, 1829, married Amos Pickard, now deceased, of Camden, and she resides in Thamesville (she has had the following family, —Alphonse, deceased, Lorenzo, William, Sarah, James, Elijah A., Mary, Lettie, Peter, Maud and George); James was born in 1831; Rebecca, born in 1833, first married Charles Curtis and after his death was united to Andrew Derck, and is now deceased (she was the mother of the following children—Charles Curtis, Samuel, Mary, Nellie—by the first marriage, and Peter, Elizabeth and Jennie,—by the second); Barbara, born in 1835, first married Michael Leonard, by whom she had two children, Seymore and Nellie, both deceased, and she later married John Greenwood, who resides in Harwich township (they had no children); Daniel, born in 1840, has followed the calling of a teacher from the age of sixteen to the present time, except for six months when he lived retired on his farm in Chatham township (he married Jane Fields, daughter of the late William Fields, of Harwich township, and by her has had five children,—Claude, a carpenter of Sarnia; Mabel, wife of Samuel Orr, of Raleigh township; Bertha, of Harwich township, who is married; Herbert; and Reginald); Ellen, born in 1844, married David Nielson, who was a railroad engineer on the Grand Trunk railroad for many years, and is now living at Fruithurst, Ala., where he is a real-estate dealer and mayor of the city (they have children—Magdalen, Lizzie, Emma and Ellen, of Chicago, and Anna, of St. Thomas); Michael; and William.

James McMullin, Jr., is the fourth in order of birth in this old pioneer family, and he received his early education in a little log school house which originally served as a blacksmith shop. Later he walked three miles to Chatham to attend the high school of that city, and still later was given the advantage of a classical course at the select school kept by a Mr. Wilmont in the old barracks in Chatham, in about

1846. After finishing his education Mr. McMullin clerked for about two years in Chatham and Morpeth, and then he returned to his father's farm, where he remained as manager and also engaged in other branches of business.

On July 28, 1858, Mr. McMullin married Miss Almira Williams, daughter of Elijah and Anna S. (Debtlor) Williams, who came to Canada from Pennsylvania and settled at Bath, where Mrs. McMullin was born in June, 1840. Elijah Williams died at Bath, and his widow later married Isaac Madden, and removed to Ridgetown, where she died in 1880, having borne to her last husband three children, two of whom live in Detroit. Her children by her first husband were as follows: Elizabeth (deceased) married William Vosburg, of Illinois; David is a contractor and builder of Walkerville; Emily (deceased) married Royalton Porter, who resided in Thamesville; Almira is Mrs. McMullin. For two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McMullin lived on the old homestead, and he then purchased eighty acres of the west side of the old homestead, erecting upon it new buildings and making some very desirable improvements, and here he and his wife have made their home ever since. His father gave him fifty acres of land, but the rest of his property has been accumulated through his own energy and foresight, and he is now justly regarded as one of the leading farmers of his township.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McMullin: James and Ellen died in childhood. Magdalen, born in 1861, at the present home, married Arthur Merritt, of Chatham, and has three children, Edith, Gladys, and Alice. James Alexander, born July 12, 1864, is now a grocer of Chatham; he married Mary McGregor, of Harwich, and has four children, Verna, Edgar, Mildred and Alma. Byard D., born in June, 1866, was educated in the business college of Chatham, and is manager of the home farm; he is unmarried. Joseph C., born in 1868, is now an implement dealer of Chatham; he married Lily Van Horn, of Harwich township and has two children, Jessie and Clayton. John A., born in February, 1870, married Laura Grice, of Raleigh township, and resides on his farm in Harwich; they have no children.

Politically, Mr. McMullin has always been identified with the Conservative party, and in 1862 was appointed by the council of Harwich as assessor for the township, serving in that position for ten successive years. From 1874 until 1889 he was a member of the Harwich council, and for twenty-five years occupied municipal offices, cheerfully giving his time and attention to the service of the government. He has been for ten years one of the selecters of juries of the county. Mrs. McMullin is a member of the Methodist Church, and has been for a number of years, and Mr. McMullin is one of its most liberal supporters and contributed generously toward the new church building. For many years Mr. McMullin was a member of the Order of Orangemen, while that organization was in force in Lewisville. He is one of the influential men of his locality, and his public life has brought him in close touch with the best elements of the community, while his record is one of which he may well be proud, for he has been noted for his strict adherence to duty and his upright and conscientious life. Mrs. McMullin is well fitted to be the wife of so prominent a man, and both she and her husband have many friends, not only in their township, but throughout the County of Kent.

THEOPHILUS McKERRALL, a general farmer of Chatham township, located on Lot 19, Concession 6, where he owns a farm of 100 acres, is one of the prominent citizens of that locality. He came to his present farm in 1857, purchasing it from Edward De Verna, at which time but twelve acres of it were cleared. On it were located at that time a log house and a log stable, and probably the best orchard in the neighborhood.

Mr. McKerrall was born May 19, 1834, two miles from the village of Chippawa, near Niagara Falls, son of Hugh and Amelia Jemia (Dawson) McKerrall, the former of whom was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, and the latter in Fermanagh, Ireland. They were married in 1829, at Niagara Falls. By trade the father was a shoemaker, and he and his brother purchased a farm at Chippawa with the agreement that one was to work the land and the other to follow his trade. This arrangement was not altogether satisfactory, and they sold the farm. Hugh McKerrall and his wife then decided to remove to the County of Kent, and they made the trip by team. The two children, Theophilus and his sister, took



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the whooping cough while on the way to Chatham, and on this account they stopped in Oxford County. Mr. McKerrall rented a farm for three years, later, through rent and purchase, remaining in the locality until 1854, when he removed to Chatham. After his wife's death he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Margaret McNaughton, in Harwich township, County of Kent, where he died Feb. 9, 1875, aged seventy-five years and seven months. His wife died Aug. 10, 1874, aged seventy-three years. They were buried in Dawn Mills cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches respectively. Two children were born to them, Theophilus and Margaret, the latter the widow of William McNaughton, of Chatham.

Theophilus McKerrall remained with his parents the greater part of the time until his marriage. While quite a young man he commenced to teach school and continued in the profession for twenty-five consecutive years, resigning then on account of ill health. Many of the prominent citizens of the locality have been under his instruction. In 1880 he was first appointed postmaster at Appledore, and continued intermittently in the position until 1899, when he resigned, having made another purchase of land, and finding no time for office. He has been called upon to serve in many official positions for which he has been eminently fitted. In 1879-80-81 he was township assessor; in 1871-81-91 he was census enumerator; and in 1886 he was appointed tax collector, from which office, after serving ten years, he resigned. He has also been township auditor and deputy returning officer, and has declined to be councilor. He has legal knowledge also and frequently draws up wills and other documents. Mr. McKerrall is a member of the Presbyterian Church, but with his wife attends and supports the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Conservative.

On Dec. 28, 1865, Mr. McKerrall was married, in Chatham, by Rev. Dr. McCall, to Eliza Young, who was born in Scotland, and died April 2, 1868, aged thirty-three years. She was a daughter of George Young, a justice of the peace in Harwich township, who held office nearly all his days, was one of the first councilors of the County of Kent, and a very prominent man. Two sons were born to this union, viz.: George R., born Dec. 2, 1866, married Lizzie Callahan, of Boston, Massachusetts; Theophilus, born March 29, 1868, is a machinist in Little Rock, Arkansas. On Jan. 3, 1877, Mr. McKerrall was married (second) to Eliza Shaw, who was born Feb. 4, 1838, in Chatham township, daughter of James and Jane (Shaw) Shaw, of County Sligo, Ireland. In 1837 they married in Toronto, and they then came to the County of Kent, where Mr. Shaw had located in 1833. They settled on a farm of 100 acres of wild land, which he cultivated and increased until he was able to give each of his six sons a farm of fifty acres. All are doing well, and his youngest son, Robert A., owns and operates the original 100-acre farm. Mr. Shaw was township collector and school trustee many years. He died in 1884, aged seventy-six years, and his widow in 1897, aged seventy-four years. They were buried in Dresden cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church and very highly esteemed. Their children were: Eliza, Mrs. McKerrall; Mary J., Mrs. John Clyde, of Chatham township; Samuel, a farmer of Chatham township; Catherine, who died young; Margaret, Mrs. William Logan, of Chatham township; Arthur, of Chatham township; James, deceased; John and Albert, farmers of Dawn township; Sarah A., Mrs. James Anderson, of Hamilton, North Dakota; Ellen, Mrs. William Creaven, of the "Soo," Michigan; Miss Martha; William, a farmer of Chatham township; Margerie, wife of Thomas Wright, station agent and telegrapher at Manvel, North Dakota; and Robert, a farmer on the old homestead in Chatham township.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. McKerrall are: Dora, who has been a very successful teacher for the past six years; James H., who is assisting his father at home; and Jennie A., who is also a teacher, living at home. The family is held in the highest esteem, and is very prominent in educational and social circles.

ABRAHAM HUFF, who is a prominent and wealthy farmer, fruit grower and dairyman of Raleigh township, is a descendant of U. E. Loyalists.

The first of the family to locate in the Province of Ontario was a stanch Methodist, and upon land he owned and donated for the pur-

pose, was built the first Methodist Church of that vicinity. Since that time the family has been identified with that religious faith. Originally they were all Tories in politics.

The great-grandfather of Abraham Huff was a resident of the State of New York at the outbreak of the American Revolution, and he came to Canada and located in the County of Prince Edward, while his son, Solomon Huff, grandfather of our subject, was a farmer and lumberman, and located on an island in the Bay of Quinte, afterward called Huff's Island. His land aggregated 1,100 acres. Ten children were born to him and his wife. He was drowned in the bay.

Paul Huff, son of Solomon, was born in 1797, in Huff's Island, and grew to maturity in the County of Prince Edward. He married Jane Wright, born in 1800, in Forth Town. The father followed farming on the main land, across from the island, but in 1845 he disposed of his property and moved to Dawn township, County of Lambton, where he purchased a farm of 200 acres. Some fifteen years prior to his death he gave up active farming operations, dying at the age of eighty-three years; his wife passed away at the age of sixty-six years. Their children were: Solomon lives on the County Lambton homestead; Sarah Ann died at the age of twenty-two years; Daniel W. died aged sixty-two years, at his home in Dresden; Eleanor Maheliah married John Simington, and died in 1900, aged seventy years; Abraham; Margaret J. is the wife of I. Terrell, of Michigan; Dennis Lucius lives in Michigan; Paul W. lives in Wallaceburg; and two sons died in infancy.

Abraham Huff was born May 10, 1830, near Belleville, in the township of Thorlow. When in his sixteenth year, the family moved to Dawn township. His educational opportunities were limited on account of early ill health, and at the age of twenty-two years he left the parental roof, and secured employment at the Dawn Mills. Two years later he began farming on shares, and for several years occupied the Bushy farm in Dover township, for four years the Dolsen place, and for sixteen years the McGregor farm. In 1879 he located on the place where he has since made his home, consisting of 175 acres which he purchased in 1877, joining Chatham corporation, in Raleigh township. In the past twenty-three years Mr. Huff has labored here early and late, striving by honest methods and constant care and economy to surround himself and family with the comforts of life, and he has been able to add also many of the luxuries. All of the commodious buildings have been erected by him, and he set out all of the productive orchards of twenty-four acres. He has also been interested in land, and has done much business with stock, in many ways being one of the leading agriculturists of the locality. In the winter of 1864 he began selling milk in Chatham, and since then has carried on a milk route, never having missed a day since, and what is gratifying, is that he has some customers who have continued with him all these years. A son has recently taken charge of the dairy business of some forty cows. After all these years of honest endeavor Mr. Huff has earned the reward of peace, comfort and ample resources. He has but lately purchased the beautiful Collis home in Chatham, and will soon remove to that city.

On Nov. 19, 1853, Mr. Huff was married to Jane Dalgarno, who came to County Kent at the age of ten years, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and these children have been born to them: Hepsibah Adelaide, wife of James Brown; Agnes Elizabeth, wife of George Wemp, of Dover township; Mercy Narcissa, wife of Duncan McGeachy; James Wright, a farmer and teamster, who married Jessie Forbes, in Edmondton; Abram Sylvester, who married Belle Robertson in Harwich township; Paul Dalgarno, a Methodist minister located at Le Roy, Michigan, who married a Miss Van Horn; Solomon Douglass, in this vicinity, who married a Miss Manley, and has four children; Wesley Plested, who died in 1891, aged twenty-six years; Warren Petrey, a farmer of Raleigh township, who married Matilda Crackle; Tecumpseh Kingsley Systemus, at home; Jennie, who died in infancy; Lillie Ann, at home; and Violet May, married to James Stinson, of Ridley. The family is all connected with the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. Huff supports the Government, and fraternally he belongs to the order of United Workmen.

GEORGE L. SCOTT (deceased), for many years one of the representative men of Orford township, County of Kent, was born in England, Aug. 12, 1823. He died in Orford town-

ship, Nov. 19, 1897, and was buried in Gosnell cemetery. His fine farm conveniently located on Lot 5, 2d Concession, consisted of seventy-one acres, to which he came in 1843. When Mr. Scott settled upon his farm, he was obliged to make a clearing for the log cabin, which was his home for a number of years, and the handsome brick residence upon the property was erected the year of his death.

Mr. Scott was a son of John L. and Jane (Law) Scott, of England, who were married in 1810, and came to County Kent, locating in Orford township, taking up 143 acres. Half of the original farm was lost through some quibble of law. With the exception that during the war of 1812 the father was a teamster, he devoted himself exclusively to farming. He was born in 1792, and his death occurred Aug. 11, 1864. His estimable wife, born in 1798, died Jan. 20, 1884, aged eighty-six years, and their remains lie in Palmyra cemetery. Both were members of the Church of England. The children born to this union were: James was a cooper and sailor, but is now deceased; Betsy, deceased, married William Hall; George L.; Robert is a retired gentleman of Hamilton, Ont.; Thomas is deceased; Lucy, deceased, married Christ Smith, of Orford township; Jane and John died young.

In 1854 at Flamborough East, Ont., George L. Scott married Margaret A. McGee, and their children were: Eliza of Michigan, married Peter Chapman; John died in infancy; Jane died young; Henry is a farmer and thresher of Palmyra, Ont.; Adelaide was drowned in a well at the age of four years; John lives in Raleigh township, Ont.; James is a hotel man of Highgate, Ont.; George F.; Wallace married, April 13, 1904, Bessie Walters, of Howard, and resides in Highgate; Gilbert lives with his two brothers on the old homestead; Mary, of Orford township, married William Jones, a farmer; Margaret, of Augusta, Michigan, married Francis Kilgore, a telegraph operator. Mrs. Scott was born in Flamborough East township, in Ontario, Feb. 20, 1824, and died Nov. 19, 1895, and was buried in Gosnell cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Mary (McDonald) McGee of Ireland, who were early settlers of Ontario. By occupation the father was a shoemaker and tanner. The children born of this union were: Margaret; Henry, deceased; James; Moreland, who, after having served all through the Civil war in the States, was murdered in Massachusetts, and when his body was discovered there was $3,000 in his belt; John, deceased; Mariah, who married John H. Eberley, a farmer of Palmyra, Orford township, and died June 5, 1904.

The late Mr. Scott was a cooper by trade, and conducted a cooper shop on his farm for many years, in connection with his farming operations. During those early days the pioneers of County Kent had many thrilling adventures, in addition to being forced to endure all the hardships contingent upon such a life. Many times did Mr. Scott have to flee for his life, with wolves at his heels, and after he reached the little log cabin and shut the rude door in their snarling faces, he and his wife could hear them howling about the house almost until morning. They were miles from any mill, while Detroit, seventy miles away, was the nearest centre of distribution. An account of the hardships of those days would read like some impossible romance, and yet these men and women came out from the furnace strong and vigorous, and gave to the world offspring which have made this country what it is today. The influence of those early pioneers still remains. All their efforts were not directed toward felling the mighty forests, conquering the wilderness and building cities in its midst. They also labored to live upright, honest lives. They reared their children according to Bible precepts, and inculcated a clear realization of right and wrong. Never sparing themselves, they exacted hard work from their children, but it was of a kind which strengthened and invigorated. No praise can be too sincere, no appreciation too deep, for those who blazed a path for civilization through the mighty forests of Ontario.

For many years Mr. Scott was an Orangeman, and took a deep interest in the work of that organization. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Scott was a Conservative, and he held many of the township offices, and could have had more, had not his business cares necessitated his attention.

The brothers, George and Gilbert, reside upon the home farm, and a niece keeps house

for them. They are enterprising young men of Orford township, and highly esteemed on account of their father, as well as on account of their own pleasing personalities.

JOHN A. McKINLAY, who now owns a neat little fifty-acre tract on the River road in Dover township, has, by his well-directed industry there, thoroughly demonstrated that paying farms are not measured by acres alone. By a careful study of soil and other physical conditions, and putting each to the use for which nature evidently designed it, he is making the place far more productive than many a farm of twice its area. Mr. McKinlay's frugality is, undoubtedly, an inherited gift, transmitted to him through a long line of good Scotch ancestors.

John McKinlay, grandfather of John A., was of the same Scotch stock, from which was descended William McKinley, the late President of the United States. John McKinlay passed his early life in Scotland, where, in a well ordered home, and under advanced institutions, he received careful rearing. Upon reaching manhood he chose farming for his occupation, and for the most part pursued that industry through life. Late in his career he came to Canada, and in 1838 settled upon a farm in Chatham township, where he passed the rest of his life. While in Scotland he married a Miss Fisher, of that country, and among their children was a son, Andrew.

Andrew McKinlay, father of John A., a pioneer settler of Chatham township, is now one of the retired, well-to-do agriculturists of that section. Born in Scotland in 1816, he there received careful training for the duties of life. In 1838, when about twenty-two years old, he came with his parents to Canada, and procured a hundred acres of wild rough land in Chatham township, County Kent, where he settled and began making improvements. With great energy he cleared the place, erected there substantial buildings, which he has remodeled from time to time, and eventually had one of the valuable farms of his locality. As fast as he has made money he has invested in other farms, and now he owns several from which he derives a large income. He still, however, resides upon the first homestead, which he cleared up from the wilderness.

During his young manhood Mr. McKinlay married Margaret Wilson. She died in 1872 at the age of forty-two, and is buried on a private lot on the family homestead. By this union there were nine children: John A., who is mentioned below; George F., a farmer of Chatham township; Bruce, who assists his father in the management of the homestead; William, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Cecil, and Maggie, who have never married and are now living at home; Jessie, who died young; Peter, who also died young; and Mary, who married Christopher Jones, a ranchman, and resides in Laramie, Wyoming. Mr. McKinlay has combined a keen, vigorous, well-balanced mind with a strong healthy physique. He has always overcome obstacles with ease and dexterity, and in each rough, pioneering experience, has always come out victor. He has shouldered life's full responsibilities, public as well as private, and, as a Reformer, he has been influential in local politics. Honesty, integrity and firmness are among his dominant traits. He is a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged.

John A. McKinlay is the product of hardy pioneer life, and strict, well-directed home training. Born in Chatham township, he there on his father's new farm grew to manhood. He early took a hand in the work of the homestead, and evinced from the start both a taste for agriculture, and much inherent ability in that line. Naturally, upon reaching manhood, he chose farming for his life work, and for many years he continued it upon his father's homestead.

In Chatham, Jan. 1, 1889, Mr. McKinlay married Emma Bullis, who was born on Wolfe Island, Ont., in 1863, daughter of Joseph and Emaline Bullis, farming people, originally of England. By this union there has been one child, John Roy.

After marriage Mr. McKinlay settled upon the fifty-acre farm on the River road in Dover township, where he has since resided. His previous experience in agriculture enabled him to take up his work to advantage, and he soon put his place under thorough cultivation, and there engaged in all branches of general farming adapted to the locality. It has paid him remarkably well, and he has been enabled to add improvements from time to time, materially increasing its value. Mr. McKinlay is a born farmer, but also possesses many strong business

qualifications, which would insure him success in other walks in life. Determination, perseverance, foresight, good judgment, and a large capacity for work are among his dominant traits. He is also progressive, keeps well-informed upon all questions, and is one whose word carries weight in the community. As a Reformer he is influential in local politics. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, and both he and his wife now belong to that Church.

GEORGE FISHER McKINLAY, one of the successful general farmers of Chatham township, County Kent, who resides upon his fine farm of 100 acres on the River road, Lot 10, has made this his home since 1877. He was born April 5, 1855, son of Andrew and Margaret (Wilson) McKinlay. Andrew McKinlay still resides on the old homestead, where he has lived since 1840. He is one of the prominent men of Chatham township, and has served as a justice of the piece since 1862.

Mr. George F. McKinlay remained with his parents until 1877, when he purchased his present fine farm of 100 acres all of which he now has in a good state of cultivation and moved upon it. His entire property demonstrates that he is a man of ability, energy and thrift, and that his success has been attained through his efforts intelligently directed.

In March, 1878, Mr. McKinlay was married to Eliza Barbara Chisholm, born at Oakville, Ont., and died in June, 1899, aged forty-four years. She is interred in the beautiful Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. Mrs. McKinlay was a daughter of Capt. Duncan and Hannah (Miller) Chisholm, now deceased, who resided near Toronto, Capt. Chisholm being captain of a lake craft. Mr. and Mrs. McKinlay had one child, George C., born Oct. 22, 1888. Mr. McKinlay attends the Presbyterian Church, which he has always liberally supported. In politics he is a stanch Reformer, and while his duties occupy the greater portion of his time and attention, he always supports the candidates of his party.

JAMES MURRAY, veterinary surgeon and farmer of Howard township, and one of the enterprising and progressive residents of that locality, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, Aug. 28, 1825, a son of James and Elizabeth Murray, natives of Scotland, where they married and located. James Murray, the father, died in Scotland, when the younger James was only five years of age. His marriage had occurred in 1822, and he left three children: Alexina, Isabella and James.

In 1834, the widow, with her three children, emigrated to Canada, settling on the 12th Concession. After coming to Canada she married Robert Grant, and located on the town line of Orford, where she died in 1850. No children were born of her second marriage. Of her children to her first marriage, the eldest, Alexina, was born in Scotland, in 1822, married William McKariker, now deceased, settled in Orford, where she died, leaving a family; Isabella, born in Scotland in 1824, married Alfred Scarlett, of Howard township, where she died, leaving a family.

James Murray, the youngest in the family, attended the primary schools in his native land, but upon coming to Canada, he was forced to work early and late to assist his mother. In 1844 he purchased a tract of wild land, upon which he settled with his wife, and they commenced their new life in a log cabin, erected on the site of their present home. There they lived happily for some years, busy in clearing their property and bringing it into a high state of cultivation. In 1868 he erected his present fine home, equipped with all modern improvements, where he still resides. When a young man, Mr. Murray learned the veterinary business, and has pursued that profession in conjunction with his farming interests, and has been very successful in both lines. For forty years he has lived in Howard township, during which time he has turned his large tract of wild land into a well developed and profitable farm, reared a family of children to useful manhood and womanhood, and firmly established himself in the confidence of the community.

On March 18, 1846, Mr. Murray married Miss Jane Parker, daughter of John and Mary Parker, who came from Ireland, and settled near Morpeth, in County Kent, and there died. Mrs. Murray was born in 1824, in Howard township, where she grew to young womanhood and married. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Murray: (1) Robert, born Dec. 16, 1846, is engaged in farming in Humboldt County, California; he married Miss Lois Hubble, of Howard, and has two children, George and Myrtle. (2) James, born in How-

ard, in April, 1848, resides on the 12th Concession; he married Lavina Grobber, of Howard, but has no family. (3) George, born in July, 1850, resides in Winnipeg, where he is a successful veterinary surgeon; he married Josephine Wattson, of Highgate, and has two daughters, Rosie and Maud, the former being the wife of a Mr. Ward, of Winnipeg, and the latter being the wife of Fred Scott, of Winnipeg. (4) John, born Aug. 16, 1852, resides on his farm in Howard; he married Miss Ada Dismond, of Howard, and has two sons, William and Parker. (5) William, twin to John, died in young manhood. (6) Margaret, born in January, 1856, married Theodore Watson, and settled at Manitoba, where she died leaving one son, Alvin. (7) Charles, born Oct. 9, 1861, is now a resident of Humboldt County, California; he is unmarried. (8) Harriet J., born June 24, 1864, married Westley Irvin, a farmer of Orford, and has had five children, Earl, Arlow, Maud, Rosie A. and James. (9) Alvin, born June 6, 1866, married Miss Annie Lampton, of Orford, and resides with his parents at the homestead.

Politically Mr. Murray and all his sons are stanch members of the Conservative party. Mrs. Murray is a member of the Methodist Church, while Mr. Murray is a Presbyterian. During the many years he has been a resident of County Kent, he has taken a deep interest in its development, and he enjoys in highest degree the confidence of a wide circle of friends, who know and appreciate his many excellent traits of character and his kindly, charitable disposition.

DANIEL FERGUSON, member of the township council of Orford township, County of Kent, resides upon a most excellent farm of 100 acres, in the north half of Lot 3, North Middle road, to which he removed in the spring of 1901, from the old Ferguson homestead, which he also owns. He was born in the township of Lobo, County of Middlesex, Ont., June 1,1860, a son of John and Margaret (Henderson) Ferguson, of Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, respectively. The parents came to Canada in 1855, and located in the County of Middlesex, where they rented for five years, and in 1864, went to Orford, County of Kent, taking up 200 acres of wild land, known as the old Ferguson homestead. The father resided there until his death, when about eighty-nine years of age. The mother died Aug. 9, 1896, aged seventy-nine years, and is buried in the Gosnell cemetery. The following children were born of this union: Neil is deceased; Christina married C. W. Gosnell, of Orford; Mary married James Thatcher, a marble dealer of Ridgetown; Agnes, twin sister of Mary, died in infancy; John is deceased; Ann married Samuel Coll, and after his death married Fred Ludlow, and they reside in Detroit, Michigan; Marian is the wife of E. C. Handy, a farmer of Howard township; Margaret married Adam Harkness, of Tilbury township; Archie is a resident of Detroit, Michigan; Daniel is mentioned below; Cecilia married Alexander McLaughlin, a farmer of Tilbury township.

In January, 1882, Daniel Ferguson married, in Highgate, Harriet Holt, and they have had six children, namely: Neil E., Frank E., John, Charles R., Daniel W., and Hattie M. Mrs. Ferguson was born in Nova Scotia Oct. 12, 1857, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Boss) Holt, of Nova Scotia, who came to the County of Elgin in 1863, and there made their home engaged in farming.

Daniel Ferguson remained with his parents until his marriage, when he farmed for himself in Orford township for three years, and then returned to the old homestead. For the past two years he has been a member of the Orford council, as a member of the Reform party, and has given excellent service in that body. He attends the Baptist Church, and is ever found ready to assist in its good work. During the season of 1903 Mr. Ferguson rented his farm, feeling that he deserved a little leisure in a life time of hard work, and has had more time to devote to his public duties. He is one of the representative and substantial of Orford's successful farmers, and has attained his present position through industry, thrift and good management.

WILLIAM H. NEVILLS, one of the leading blacksmiths of Harwich township, County of Kent, Canada, was born at Flamborough, Canada, in February, 1849, a son of Jonathan and Sophia (Roberts) Nevills, the former of whom was born near Niagara in 1814, while the latter was born in England in 1823, a daughter of Thomas Roberts, a native of England, who settled in Niagara County.

Jonathan Nevills was a son of Capt. William H. Nevills, who emigrated from Ireland to Canada, settling at Flamborough, where his life was spent as a farmer. A family of four sons and one daughter was born to him: James, Abram, Titus and Jonathan grew to maturity, but are now deceased, while the daughter died when young. The four sons all settled in Canada, and became well-known and honored as upright and successful business men and farmers. Jonathan settled in Bothwell, Canada, where he worked at his trade of blacksmith, and engaged in farming. Later, he removed to Howard township, where he farmed until the death of his wife, in 1877, when he returned to Bothwell, County of Kent, and there died in 1879. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children: Sarah, born at Bothwell, now deceased, married John Story, who settled in County Kent; Mary is the wife of Jacob Bitner, who resides in County Waterloo; Sophia is the wife of William Baker, of Ridgetown; Margaret, wife of Tunis Wagner, resides in Blenheim; Jane, born in Canada, is the wife of Edward Flemington, a blacksmith in the Windsor car shops; James, born in Canada, is a resident of California; Nelson, born in Canada, died there at the age of twenty-four years; Arthur, born in Canada, is now a resident of Seattle, Washington, and has a wife and family; George, born in Bothwell, County of Kent, settled at Waynesville, Illinois, where he died from the effects of a kick from a horse, leaving a wife and children; John, born in 1864, married, but has no children, and lives in Petrolia; and William H. The remaining children died in infancy.

William H. Nevills, the eldest of the family, was reared upon his father's farm, receiving a good public school education, and when sixteen years of age he commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith, as an apprentice, in County Waterloo, remaining with the same party for seven years. In 1872 he removed to Harwich township, County Kent, and started in the blacksmith business at Guilds, and has since remained, meeting with marked success. Later he purchased real estate, erecting a comfortable and pleasant house and commodious barn. In addition he owns a good farm on the 4th Concession, in Harwich township, which is kept in an excellent state of cultivation.

In 1873, Mr. Nevills married Miss Ellen McKay, daughter of James McKay, born July 4, 1854, of Scotch parentage. Mrs. Nevills died at her home in April, 1879, leaving a son and daughter: James, born in 1876, is a blacksmith, at Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is unmarried; Nellie, born in 1874, is unmarried, at home, and is a most charming and accomplished young lady, a great social favorite. In 1881, Mr. Nevills married Miss Alice Smith, daughter of David and Elizabeth Smith, of Harwich, prominent English residents of Harwich. Mrs. Nevills was born at Morpeth in 1860. Three children were born of this marriage: John, born in 1883, at home managing the farm; William R., born in 1891, and Gertrude, born in 1892.

Politically, Mr. Nevills has always been identified with the old Reform party, and has been honored with the office of trustee of the Harwich schools. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Nevills are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which they are active workers. During a life of hard labor, Mr. Nevills has upheld a high standard of morality, and has reared his children in the fear of God and righteousness of living, and is honored by his neighbors and a large circle of friends.

JOHN FERGUSON, late a retired farmer and much respected resident of Orford township, living on Lot 8, Concession 7, was born on the Island of Bute, Scotland, May 20, 1815. His parents were Archibald and Nancy (McLaughlin) Ferguson, of Scotland, where the father was a carpenter, and he died in 1850, aged seventy-three years, while the mother died in 1857, aged seventy-three years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to this union were: Neil, who is deceased; Catherine, deceased, who married Thomas Miller; Daniel, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Robert Smart; John; Laughlin, deceased; Margaret, who died young; and Nancy, who died young.

On Aug. 9, 1840, in Glasgow, Scotland, John Ferguson married Margaret Henderson, and their children were: Neil died unmarried at the age of forty years; Christina married Christopher W. Gosnell, a farmer of Orford township; Mary married James Thatcher, of Ridgetown, Ont.; Agnes, twin sister of Mary, died in infancy; John died unmarried, aged thirty years; Ann is the wife of Fred Ludlow,

of Detroit, Michigan; Marian married Ebenezer C. Handy, a fisherman and farmer; Maggie married Adam Harkness, of Tilbury, County of Essex; Daniel is mentioned elsewhere; Archie is a resident of Detroit, Michigan; Cecilia married Alexander McLaughlin, of Comber, Ontario.

Mrs. Ferguson was born at Denoon, Scotland, near Glasgow, and died Aug. 9, 1896, aged seventy-nine years; she is buried in the Gosnell cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Margaret (Black) Henderson, of Scotland, where they lived and died, the father being an internal revenue officer.

John Ferguson remained with his parents until he was fifteen, and then engaged in various vocations, being farmer, fisherman and sailor. When he was seventeen years old he began to work at the carpenter trade, at which he served for five years, and he followed that calling until 1870, when he retired. In 1855 he emigrated to Canada, locating at Lobo, Ont., and in 1864 he settled in Orford township, and took up 230 acres of wild land. From that time until 1893, Mr. Ferguson farmed with marked success. After 1883 he spent his time visiting his children. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, although in Scotland he was a Presbyterian. In politics he was a Reformer. This most excellent old gentleman, who stood very high in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, was appreciated by them for the work he did for the township. He reared a good family of children, and provided for them, and his well spent life was filled with deeds of Christian charity and brotherly love. He died Feb. 5, 1904, and was buried in the Gosnell cemetery, at the side of his faithful helpmate.

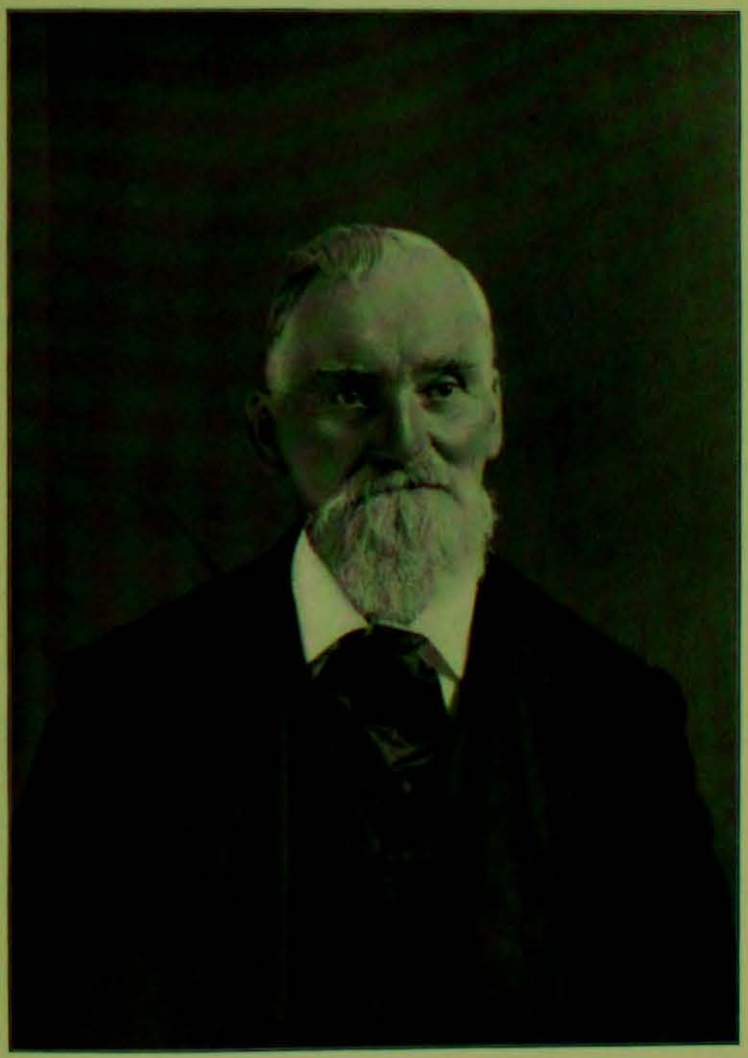
ADOLPHUS ARNOLD, a retired farmer and prosperous resident of Louisville, Chatham township, was born near there, July 12, 1840, a son of John and Elizabeth (Harris) Arnold, of Chatham township and Nova Scotia, respectively.

John Arnold died in Algonac, Michigan, in 1852, aged fifty-six years. He was working in the woods at the time, although retaining his residence in Chatham township. His wife died in Chatham township, in 1884, aged sixty years, and is buried in the Arnold cemetery. The children born to them were: Adolphus; Stephen married Harriet Johnson, and died in this township in 1900; Ruth, of Detroit, Michigan, married Henry Nagle; Orlando, of Dresden, Ont., married Druzalla Blackburn; Permelia, of Kansas, married a Mr. Setyer; Almira, of Chatham, married William McFall; William, of Chatham township, married Eliza Jane Bolton.

On Nov. 13, 1861, in Chatham, Ont., Mr. Arnold married Margaret Blackburn, and their children are: Marcella, of Chatham township, married William Austin; Perry married Emily Hazlett; Lemuel, a farmer of Chatham township, married Marion Arnold; Melvin, a farmer of Chatham township, married Lillie Read; and Myrtle, of Chatham township, married Peter McKarrell. Mrs. Arnold was born in Chatham township, June 10, 1844, a daughter of Anthony and Sarah (Day) Blackburn, of Chatham township, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, respectively, but both died in Chatham township, where they were farmers, the father passing away in 1863, aged fifty-six years, while the mother died in 1868, aged fifty-four years, and they are both buried in the Arnold cemetery. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church. The children born to this union were: Matilda, of Flint, Michigan, is the widow of John McCreary; Joseph, a farmer of this township, married Lucinda Williston; Nelson is deceased; James, of Dover township, married Ruth Robear; Margaret; Anthony is deceased; Betsy, deceased married Ross Willison; Lucy, of Wallaceburg, married Arthur McCleary; John is deceased; Edmond, of Michigan, married Jane Alell.

Adolphus Arnold remained with his parents until his marriage, after which he farmed for himself in Chatham township until 1899, when he retired from active life, and settled at Louisville, where he is enjoying his declining years, surrounded by comforts, procured by ample means his years of toil accumulated. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist Church, and he gives liberally of his time and means towards its support. In politics he is a Conservative, but has never aspired to office. Few men stand higher in public estimation than he and his most estimable wife, and they have many friends throughout County Kent.

WILLIAM HARMON BROWN, a retired farmer and prosperous resident of the Gore of Chatham, County of Kent, resides on Lots A and L, 3d Concession, where he owns a



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fine farm of seventy acres. He was born Aug. 10, 1832, on an adjoining farm, lying along the Suy Carte river, and is a son of Hector and Isabella (Stewart) Brown, natives of Scotland and the County of Kent, respectively, the former of whom came to this county with his parents as members of Lord Selkirk's colony, in 1804. The grandfather took up land on Bear creek, known as the Baldoon, his holdings consisting of 190 acres.

Hector Brown took up the farm his son William H. now owns. He became a prominent man, and was in the township council four years, during the early days of the county's history, when the Gore of Chatham was known as Sombra township, County of Lambton. His calling was that of a local preacher, and he was a very eloquent man. He died Sept. 26, 1850, when fifty-six years of age, and was buried on an adjoining farm; the mother died April 4, 1901, aged ninety-five years, and was buried in St. Clair, Michigan. They were devout members of the Methodist Church, and in politics the father was a Reformer. The following children were born to their union: Sarah (deceased) married John Price; Daniel died on the homestead farm; Neil died at Chicago; William H. is mentioned below; Alexander is a carpenter and builder residing at St. Clair, Michigan; Margaret, widow of W. B. Morse, and Ann, widow of Capt. Eugene Hill, also live in St. Clair, Michigan. Mr. Brown's maternal grandparents, James and Margaret (Johnson) Stewart, were natives of Scotland, and came to Canada with Lord Selkirk's expedition in 1804.

William H. Brown has been twice married. His first union, in 1850, in Algonac, Michigan, was to Nancy McDonald, who was born on Walpole Island, County of Kent, Ont., a daughter of Archie McDonald, of Scotland, and died March 11, 1854, aged twenty years. There were no children by this union. On Dec. 27, 1857, Mr. Brown married, in Algonac, Michigan, Ursula B. Irons, and the following named children were born to them: William Washington was drowned when young; John W. is a sailor, being mate of the "Canisteo;" Eddie is in the lumber business in Buffalo, New York; Capt. Nelson is in command of the steamer "Colonial"; Frank, first mate of a vessel, is a resident of Buffalo, New York; Hector, a sailor, lives in Marine City, Michigan; Samuel, a sailor, has his home in Cleveland, Ohio; Setina married H. P. Busha, of Lorain, Ohio; Nellie (deceased) married W. M. Murphy; Florence is a trained nurse of Buffalo, New York; Nancy married Bruce Price, of Wyandotte, Michigan; Lovenia lives in Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Brown was born in New York, died Sept. 26, 1900, aged sixty years, and is buried in the cemetery at Wallaceburg. She was a daughter of Samuel and Setina (Dana) Irons, of New York State, who died in Algonac, Michigan; the father was captain of a vessel.

Until he was sixty years of age William H. Brown remained at his old home. Commencing his career as a sailor, he followed that calling seven years, being mate of a tug-boat and also of a sailing-vessel. He then retired to his farm, where for many years he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He and his excellent wife early connected themselves with the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but never took an active part in local affairs. Although much of the management of the farm now rests upon the shoulders of his sons, Mr. Brown is very energetic, and thinks nothing of felling trees which might well cause much younger men to hesitate before commencing the task. During a long and useful life he has always done what he firmly believed was his duty, and is most highly esteemed as an honest, straight-forward man, true to his friends and merciful to those acting differently from him.

HENRY ADDEMAN, a prominent farmer of the County of Kent, owning a fine property located on the 5th Concession, Lot 15, in Howard township, was born Feb. 26, 1853, at Duart, Orford township, County of Kent. His parents were Daniel and Betty (Buller) Addeman, the latter of whom was born in 1827, in England, a daughter of Henry and Jane Buller, who came to the Dominion at a very early day, settling in Howard township, where they became quite prominent.

Daniel Addeman was a son of Thomas and Maria Addeman, who were born in Yorkshire, England, Thomas being the only son of wealthy parents. In 1840, Thomas Addeman emigrated with his family to Canada, locating at Morpeth, where he engaged in butchering and farming,

dying at the age of eighty-six years. His wife died in 1868. Their children were: John, Charles, George and Daniel are all deceased; Maria married Henry Buller, of Morpeth, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, married Leonard Spencer and lived on the Talbot Road in Howard; Zilla, born in England, married John Scott, and she died in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where Mr. Scott still lives (they had four sons who reside in Benton Harbor, Michigan, and are railroad conductors); Eliza married Thomas Tear, who resided for many years in Morpeth, but is now a resident of Ridgetown, and has four children, Winnifred, Mildred, Lizzie and Thomas.

Daniel Addeman grew to manhood in England, where he was educated, and learned the trade of sawmilling, which he followed for many years after emigrating to Canada. Upon his arrival in the New World, he settled at Morpeth, County of Kent, later removing to Duart, and still later settled at Chatham, where he was made head sawyer in the Northwood Mills, during the time that the Great Western Railroad was built through this section. During this time he bought the farm now owned by Jonathan Buller, then wild land, cleared off this property and erected a good house, barn, and other buildings, making it a very desirable farm. Here he resided until the death of his wife, in 1890, when he left the farm, and has since been making his home with his children, now residing with John at Benton Harbor, Michigan. In religion he and his wife were members of the Church of England. They were the parents of three sons: Thomas, the eldest, born at Morpeth in 1850, married Miss Selina Haywood, of the County of Kent, and they are residents of Benton Harbor, Michigan, where he follows his occupation of engineer; he has one daughter, Nellie Pearl. John, born in 1856, married a Michigan lady, and he resides at Benton Harbor, Michigan; they have no family. Henry is mentioned below.

Henry Addeman was reared in the County of Kent, receiving a fair education in the common schools. Remaining home until he was thirty years of age, he married in February, 1883, Miss Sarah J., daughter of George and Mary Jane (Barnum) Higgs, prominent pioneers of this county, who were born in England. Mr. Higgs was a soldier of the Rebellion of 1836-37. He settled on the lake shore, where he still resides, his wife having passed away. They had a family of eight children, of whom Mrs. Addeman was born on the lake shore, in Howard township, in 1861. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Addeman settled on their present farm in Howard township, known as the Rev. Agree farm, then but little improved. Since entering into possession of this property Mr. Addeman has cleared off the timber and brush, erected new buildings and now has one of the finest farms in his section of the County of Kent. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Addeman: Mary E., born at the present home in Howard township, Aug. 30, 1884, is a dressmaker of Ridgetown; Olive M., born November 2, 1887, is also a dressmaker in Ridgetown; Leta J., born January 2, 1892, is a student of the Ridgetown schools; Myrtle I. was born July 19, 1898.

Politically, Mr. Addeman as well as his father and grandfather, has been identified with the old Conservative party; he has never aspired to office. The entire family are members of the Church of England. Energetic, progressive and public-spirited, Mr. Addeman has long been identified with the best interests of the county in the settlement and advancement of which his family has played so prominent a part. He and his estimable wife and children are important factors in the social life of the vicinity, and all are highly esteemed.

PETER FAUBERT, whose farm on Lot 17, Concession 4, comprises 150 acres of some of the most productive land in the township, has by sound financial management and untiring application to one main industry won for himself a solid and lasting prosperity. He was born in Montreal, Feb. 28, 1844, son of Peter, Sr., and Marie (Touchette) Faubert.

Peter Faubert, Sr., father of Peter, resided for some time in Montreal, and in a well regulated home received careful training for life's activities. During his young manhood he married in St. Martin, Marie Touchette, of that place, and they had eleven children: Anthony, who is now a farmer of Chatham township; Margaret, who married Alexis Roberts, and resides in Dover township; Mary, who married Joseph King (she is now deceased); Peter, who is mentioned below; Caroline, who married Levi Martin, of Dover township; Adeline, the wife of Alexis Bechard, a farmer of Dover

township; Julia, who married Henry Bechard and resides at North Pownal, Vermont; Theophile, a farmer of Dover township; Angela, who married Marcel Bechard, of Dover township; William, a farmer of the same locality; and Alexander, who married Julia Corneau, and lives in Chatham township. Mr. Faubert settled upon a 100-acre tract of wild land in Dover township about 1850, which he afterward cleared, improved and made into one of the finest farms in the vicinity. His large and excellent crops brought in good money returns for his labor, and in 1874 he was enabled to erect a handsome brick residence upon the farm, and here his son Theophile now resides. Having amassed considerable property, he had plenty for the hour of need, and much left to divide among his heirs. His 100-acre farm he gave to his two sons, Peter and Theophile, dividing it into sections of fifty acres each. He died in December, 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife passed away in 1874. Both are buried in Dover South, Ontario. Mr. Faubert long took a strong hand in the development of the agricultural resources of his section, and won a leading place among farmers. Public-spirited, he was also influential in local affairs. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Peter Faubert, Jr., our subject, was about six years old when his parents settled upon the farm in Dover township. Through assisting his father with the work of the place, he received for the most part his training for life. Keenly interested in agriculture, upon reaching manhood he continued it as a regular occupation. In Pain Court, Feb. 22, 1870, he married Sophia Sterling, who was born in Dover township, May 18, 1854, and of this union there have been seven children. (1) Bella, born in 1871, married, in 1891, Remy Emery, of Dover township. (2) Theophile, born in 1873, has never married and is living at home. (3) Vitaline, born in 1874, was married in 1892, to Joseph Daniel. They went to Providence, Rhode Island, on their wedding tour, and there for six months visited with Mr. Daniel's parents, returning then to Mr. Faubert's, where they remained two months, and they now live in Chatham. They were blessed with two children, both now grown. (4) Joseph, born in 1877, a farmer of Dover township, married, in 1899, Lucy Caron. (5) Rose, born in 1879, an accomplished woman, attended the Ursuline Academy for two years, taking not only the literary course, but also special work in music, and winning the esteem of all by her uniform good conduct, and her industry and marked ability. In 1897 she married Solomon Caron, and is now living in wealth and happiness. (6) Anna, born in 1884, attended Ursuline Academy six years, and in 1904 graduated in the Commercial Department work, and she has been successful in two different examinations in the pianoforte department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and she passed her examination in Harmony and Theory of Music with high credit. She has received a number of certificates from the Academy, and has won many friends among both teachers and pupils by her charming, helpful disposition. (7) Frank, born in 1891, died the same year.

After marriage Mr. Faubert settled upon his fifty-acre tract of the family homestead, and continued farming. Prospering in his work he was enabled in a short time to add to his landed property by additional purchases, and after some years he moved to a portion of the farm, where he now resides. Later he purchased another fifty-acre tract near the first, and here, Nov. 12, 1894, he took up his residence in a spacious and substantial brick house. By economy and wise management, he has been enabled to add to the personal effects of the place, and now has it equipped with all necessary implements for economizing labor. He is thoroughly progressive and up-to-date, and is carrying on a most highly thriving industry.

Mr. Faubert is a large hearted, generous farmer, with the interest of his home and family thoroughly at heart. He has spared himself neither pains nor money in the education of his children, giving them what he as a child was sadly deprived of. He has ever evinced the keenest interest in educational matters, and has served his township very efficiently as trustee for three years. He possesses a high sense of honor, is square in all his business dealings, and is in every respect a worthy member of the Roman Catholic Church, to which he has long belonged. Politically he espouses the cause of the Reformers.

William Sterling, father of Mrs. Faubert, married Rosalie Wood, and they resided in

Dover township, where he died in 1885, at the age of fifty-two years. He was buried in Pain Court. Mrs. Sterling, who is now about seventy years old, still resides in Dover township.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON, a prosperous general farmer of Dover township, living on the river front, Lot 15, was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 17, 1837, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Graham) Stephenson. The parents were from the same locality, and came to Chatham, Ont., in May, 1853. Here the father conducted a carriage and wagon factory until 1866, when he purchased a farm in Dover township. His death occurred in 1873, when he was seventy years of age, while his wife died in April, 1882, aged seventy years. They were consistent members of the Church of England, and are interred in the beautiful cemetery of Bay City, Michigan. Thomas Stephenson became a man of prominence and stood high in the respect of his fellow townsmen. The following named children were born to himself and wife: William, a farmer of Dover township; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Bagnell, of Dover township; Emma (deceased), who married Thomas Thane, and later Israel Prince; Harry, a lumberman of Richmond, Montana; and Sarah (deceased,) who married Charles Drago, of Bay City, Michigan. The paternal grandparents, Mathew and Elizabeth Stephenson, of Yorkshire, England, lived and died in their native land, where he was a gardener.

On Nov. 17, 1862, in Chatham, Mr. Stephenson married Emma Wilmore, and the following children were born to this union: Thomas, a mechanic of Chatham, married Maggie Davidson, of Wallaceburg, and they have had three children, Mildred, William and Eunice Gladys. Mary married Capt. William Allen, of Walkerville, Ont., and has two children, Pearle and Stanley. William, who is with his father, married Anna Russel, and they have one child, Maud. Jean L. married James W. Fleming, a farmer of Raleigh township, and has four children, Ray, George, Grace and Elda. Mrs. Stephenson, born in Lincolnshire, England, in October, 1838, died Nov. 23, 1892; she is buried in Chatham, Ont. She was a daughter of Robert and Mary (Lindley) Wilmore, of England, who came to Chatham in 1850, and carried on farming in that locality.

William Stephenson remained with his parents until 1859, when he married and went to Rockford, Illinois, and worked as a blacksmith for a few years. Then again the County of Kent claimed him, and he returned, purchasing his father's farm, on the river front. After a year, however, he sold it, as he found it located too far down, and in 1872 bought his present fine farm of fifty acres, where he has since made his home.

In politics Mr. Stephenson is a Conservative. He served as township auditor fifteen years, township treasurer four years, and township reeve one year, in all of these offices discharging his duties faithfully and honorably. He and his family are members of the Church of England, in which faith his wife died. He enjoys in the highest degree the respect and esteem of all who know him.

GEORGE W. COWAN, a worthy representative of the honorable family of Cowan, and a prosperous public-spirited merchant at Chatham, was born there in 1862.

The Cowan family is of Irish extraction, and has been identified with the counties of Essex and Kent since 1842. George Cowan was a native of Ireland, born in 1802, and died on his farm in Tilbury, County of Essex, in 1844, when only forty-two years of age. He had settled in Essex that same year and taken up a large tract in Tilbury township. He was the father of five children: David, Samuel, George, Charlotte and Jane, all of whom emigrated to Tilbury township, County of Essex, Ont., in 1844, taking up land on the present site of Comber, a thriving town. Of these, Samuel and Charlotte are the only survivors.

Samuel Cowan was born in 1831. In 1859 he married Miss Frances Wheatley, who was born in 1839, of English descent, and four children blessed this union: Ella, George W., Harry D. (city judge of Grand Rapids, Michigan) and Fred M. (of Chatham, Ont.). Since 1850 Samuel Cowan has been a successful harness merchant of Chatham, and has proved himself a most useful citizen, being ever found ready to lend his aid to any movement intended to advance the moral or natural welfare of the community.

George W. Cowan has passed his entire life in Chatham, and in the excellent schools of that thriving city received his education. He began business life as a shoe merchant in 1887, on King street, opposite to his present location, removing across the street in 1891. Mr. Cowan has built up a fine reputation for business sagacity and foresight, and is regarded as one of the solid, substantial men of the city.

In 1892 Mr. Cowan was united in marriage with Miss Clara Howell, a daughter of John C. Howell, of Picton, Ont., and granddaughter of John Howell, Sr., of Picton. Four children have been born to them: Majorie Howell, Robert Howell, Helen Howell and Harry Howell. Socially, Mr. Cowan is a member of the Masonic fraternity, I. O. O. F., C. O. F., I. O. F., and K. O. T. M., and politically he is a stanch member of the Reform party, and he takes an active part in local affairs. During the years of 1898, 1899, 1901 and 1902 he served most ably as a member of the City Council of Chatham, and, both as a public official and private citizen, he has proved himself an honorable, upright gentleman, and one worthy the highest respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen. He and his wife are both members of and earnest workers in the Park Street Methodist Church.

JOHN M. SHELDON. The Sheldon family, of which John M. Sheldon is an honored member, is of Scotch extraction, his great-great-grandfather, William Sheldon, having been a native of Scotland. His children were: Joseph, Darius, William and Daniel. Of this family Darius was the great-grandfather of John M., and he was born in New York State, and married Lydia Hatch. Both lived and died in that State. They had the following children: John Bishop, William, Charles P., Luther, Marian, Deborah and Mary Ann.

John Bishop Sheldon, grandfather of John M., was also born in New York State, in 1812, and there married Mary W. Hall, who was born in 1816. In 1846 they came to the County of Kent, locating at Morpeth, where they remained about five years, and then located in Blenheim, where Mr. Sheldon was engaged in milling, and also operated a hotel for many years, being succeeded, upon his retirement, by his son, Oscar B. His death occurred in 1887. His widow still survives, aged eighty-eight years. The children of John Bishop Sheldon and his wife were as follows: Charles S., born May 18, 1840, married Lois Handy, who died in 1874, leaving the following children—Arthur Hall, John M. and Charles S.; Charles Sheldon and his son Charles were in the livery business in Blenheim for a number of years. Oscar B. is deceased. Orlow is deceased. William is a resident of Chatham. John L. Lucena.

John M. Sheldon is a son of Charles S. and Lois (Handy) Sheldon, and was born March 28, 1867, in Harwich township. In 1894 he started in business for himself in Kingsville, operating the hotel "Exchange" for twenty-two months. He then went to Chatham, but only remained a short time, returning to Blenheim, and on Jan. 1, 1897, he entered the employ of O. B. Sheldon, in operating the "Sheldon House." On Dec. 12, 1899, upon the death of his uncle, O. B. Sheldon, Mr. Sheldon assumed full charge, and conducted the establishment for three years to the entire satisfaction of all parties, having one of the most popular hotels in the locality, largely patronized by the traveling public, as well as by guests from Blenheim and vicinity. Selling out to W. J. O'Brien at the expiration of his lease, he is now conducting the "Queen's Hotel," in Ridgetown, having bought the Queen's Hotel block in that place. He has remodeled and renovated this hotel until it is now one of the finest in western Ontario, and it is well patronized by the traveling public. In addition to his hotel interests Mr. Sheldon owns a fine farm in Harwich township, which he rents.

On May 22, 1890, Mr. Sheldon was married to Miss Charlotte Smith, a daughter of Frederick Smith, of Leamington, and they have two sons, John Bishop and Joseph Smith. Mr. Sheldon was one of the leading men of Blenheim and is taking his place among the best citizens of the community with which he is now identified. He is a man who makes and retains friends, of which he has a large number all over the country.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL. The traveler who now looks about him over the cultivated fields and flourishing orchards, which make Howard township a banner section of the County of Kent, and notes on every side the

valuable improvements in the way of spacious barns and handsome residences, can scarcely believe that those are still surviving who inaugurated and accomplished this great work of transforming the wilderness into what it now is. Among those who took a leading part in the early transformation of this part of the county, is the venerable Duncan Campbell, a retired farmer of the 6th Concession, Lot 6, in Howard township, and one of her most valued and esteemed citizens.

Duncan Campbell was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1819, a son of John and Catherine (Crawford) Campbell, long since passed away, both of whom were born in Scotland and emigrated with their children to Canada in 1845. They came by way of Quebec and Montreal, whence a boat took the pioneers to Port Stanley, and teams then conveyed them and the household belongings they had brought to Howard township. The party included two brothers of John Campbell, Archie and Dougal, the former settling on the 7th Concession, where he died, leaving no family, the latter making his home with his brother John through life. John Campbell purchased 350 acres of land in Concession 6, Lot 6, and with the other members of the family began a new life, their first home being a little log house in the woods. They were among the first pioneers of this section, and to them came all the necessary and inevitable privations of a pioneer life. Those were days which tried the heroism and faith of all, for the planting of homes and the redemption of wild lands with the steady perseverance needed to develop Nature's resources, seems to have required a type of men and women not to be found within the present generation.

John Campbell remained on the tract which he purchased when first locating here, and here his wife died in 1858, he surviving until 1875. Being thoroughly Scotch, they consistently adhered all their lives to the Presbyterian religion. In politics, Mr. Campbell was a Reformer. Of their nine children, Katie and Mary died in Scotland, in young womanhood. Donald, the eldest son, married in Scotland a Miss Wiskinson, and settled near his brother Duncan, on land purchased from the English government, and here both died, leaving three sons and two daughters, Neil, William, John, Mary and Lavina, all of Canada; William and Mary reside on the old homestead. Mary, born in Scotland, married William Green, who settled and died in Orford. Grace married Malcolm Smith, who settled on the Ridge in Howard, and both are deceased. Margaret, born in Scotland, now deceased, was the wife of Donald Campbell, of Howard. Ellen died at the old home, unmarried. Betsey, born in Scotland, married James Ellison, and they reside at Port Jervis, State of New York; their three children, John, Emily and Mary, are all married and settled in the same place.

Duncan Campbell is the only surviving son of this family. Prior to coming to Canada he enjoyed excellent educational advantages, which was most fortunate, for the time had not yet come when school privileges had reached the depths of Howard's forests. Among the early experiences of Mr. Campbell before communication was established between nearer towns, was the transporting of the necessary bag of corn to the mill at Morpeth and the trip home with the bag of meal over his back, his way lighted by a torch. The hard work of the farm no doubt hardened the young man's body and perhaps had much to do with the perpetuation of his years, with such remarkable retention of physical powers. As time went on Mr. Campbell accumulated land and prior to his marriage he was the possessor of 400 acres. In 1871 he married Julia Leach, daughter of John and Barbara (Smith) Leach, and a member of an old pioneer family of the County of Elgin. Mrs. Campbell was born in 1838 in the County of Elgin, where her parents died years ago. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Campbell settled in a log house on his present farm, where he soon after erected a frame residence and large bank barns. Prosperity continued to shine upon him as his industry and energy continued to court it and the time came when he was quoted as one of the most successful farmers in his neighborhood and the owner of some of the best improved and best cultivated land.

Four children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell: Barbara, born in 1872, is the wife of James Law, who owns a foundry in Dutton, Canada, and is a prosperous business man; they have two children, Orvil and Stanley. Dougal, born in 1873, married Allie Lewis, of Grimsby, Ont., and they reside on the homestead farm; they have one daughter, Muriel L. John, born in 1876, married Minnie Moore,

daughter of Richard Moore, of Howard, and he is an engraver, in Ridgetown, where they reside; they have one son, Wilfred John. Miss Mary, born in 1881, a well educated young lady, lives at home.

The religious connection of Duncan Campbell and his family is with the Baptist Church. Politically he has always been identified with the Reform party. For fourteen years he has been postmaster in Howard, and he has frequently been called upon to accept local offices of trust as member of the school board, etc. Mr. Campbell has lived an honorable, useful and upright life, and has gained and held the respect and esteem of all who know him. He most worthily represents that band of brave men who had so much to do with the establishing of the substantial benefits of civilization which Howard now enjoys.

CHARLES M. CURTIS, a prominent farmer residing on Lot 22, Concession 2, in Harwich township, was born in that township Aug. 3, 1860, a son of Charles and Rebecca (McMullen) Curtis, old pioneers of the County of Kent.

Charles Curtis, the father of Charles M., was born in Lower Canada in 1830, and his wife was born in Harwich township in 1833. Her father was the late James McMullen, of Harwich township, who came from Scotland to Canada in an early day. Charles Curtis settled on the home of his son Charles M. when it was wild land, and by energy and thrift converted it into a fine farm. Then he located on the River Road, where his death occurred Aug. 12, 1860, when his son Charles was but nine days old. His widow survived until May, 1902. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Curtis married Andrew Derck, of Chatham, and they lived in Chatham, where her death occurred. The children born of her marriage with Mr. Curtis were as follows: Mary married Joseph Parsons, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; Wesley, born in Harwich township in 1856, died when a young man, at Denver, Colorado; Nellie, born in 1858, married Robert L. Jarvis, who resides in Harwich township, near McKays Corners, and they have two children, Ada and Nina; Charles is mentioned below. By her second marriage Mrs. Curtis also had four children.

Charles M. Curtis was reared upon the homestead farm, receiving a district school education, and followed the occupation of farming. In 1883 he married Miss Sarah Smith, daughter of Thomas and Eliza Smith, prominent people of England, who came to Canada, settling first in Howard township, where they engaged in farming, but later moving to Harwich township, where they lived retired for some years. They again made a change, and now reside at Sarnia. Mrs. Curtis was born in Harwich township in 1863, and there received her education. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Curtis settled on the old homestead, where he has made extensive improvements, erecting new buildings, introducing improved machinery, etc. His farm is now considered one of the best cultivated and improved in this section of the country. Four children have been born to himself and wife: Ernest, born in 1885, is at home; Arvilla M., born in February, 1887, is a student in the home schools; Lilla A. was born Nov. 20, 1893; and Wilfred W. was born April 3, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, as well as their children, are consistent members of the Baptist Church, although the father of Mr. Curtis was a member of the Church of England. Politically Mr. Curtis is a stanch Reformer, and fraternally he is a member of the Order of United Workmen, Peninsula Lodge, No. 2, of Chatham.

Mr. Curtis belongs to one of the old pioneer families of the County of Kent, whose members endured the hardships common to the settling of a new country and like many others builded better than they knew, in that they laid the foundations of a great and prosperous community in which their children and those to come after them reaped untold benefits of years of toil and privation.

ANGUS THOMSON, who is successfully engaged in general farming in Orford township, on the North Middle road, Lot 3, where he owns and operates a farm of 150 acres, was born at Kintyre, Scotland, Oct. 31, 1862.

Stuart and Margaret M. (Quilkin) Thomson, his parents, were also natives of Scotland, where the father died in 1872, aged forty-two years. The mother with her eight children came to the County of Kent, Ont., in June, 1883, and the following winter rented a home in Howard township. The next spring she rented a farm on the 12th Concession, and so

continued until they moved to the present farm. She is tenderly cherished by her children. She was born in 1838, and since young girlhood has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which denomination her husband was also a faithful member. The following children came to Stuart and Margaret M. Thomson: John, who is a farmer of the County of Elgin; Angus; Mary, of Orford township, married to Archie McLaren, a farmer; Eliza, married to John Crawford, of Howard township; Stuart, a thresher, of Duart, Ont.; Donald, of Detroit, Michigan, county superintendent; James, a gold prospector of Cape Nome, Alaska; and Sarah, who married John McLaren, a farmer of Howard township.

In February, 1898, in Duart, Ont., Angus Thomson married Jessie Currier, and two children have been born to them, William D. and Jessie M. Mrs. Thomson was born March 5, 1862, a daughter of Rev. Archibald and Clementia Currier.

Mr. Thomson came to his present farm in 1887, with his mother, and has been all his life a good, faithful and affectionate son. He keeps his land in excellent condition, and makes his acres yield a good profit. In politics he is independent, preferring to vote for the man rather than the party in local events. He attends the Presbyterian Church and is one of its liberal supporters. Throughout the entire community Mr. Thomson is well liked, not only for personal traits, but because those who do business with him know that if he promises to do a thing it will be done, no matter what happens; because he is a man of high honor and sterling honesty.

VANCE A. STATIA, business manager of the *Leamington News*, and of the firm of Mackay & Statia, formerly editor and proprietor of the *Bothwell Times*, which paper he successfully conducted for nearly four years, has been engaged in that line all his life.

Mr. Statia was born in 1869, in Montreal, son of W. E. and Elizabeth Virginia Statia, the former of whom was a native of Champlain, New York, and is now a resident of Port Said, Egypt. The mother, who was raised in Virginia, died at Bothwell, Ont., in December, 1903. When four years old Vance A. Statia moved with his parents to Strathroy, County of Middlesex, and there received all his schooling. He was but eleven years old when he began his apprenticeship at the business which has proved to be his life work, in the *Strathroy Age* office at Strathroy, and after learning the trade he followed it for many years as a journeyman in various cities in the United States and Canada. Nine years ago he embarked in the newspaper business on his own account, buying the *Streetsville* (Peel County) *Review*, which he conducted for five years, also having a branch office at Port Credit, in the same county, from which was issued the *Port Credit Herald*. About five years ago he bought the *Highgate Monitor*, which he conducted for some four years, toward the latter half of that time purchasing the *Bothwell Times*, both of which he managed and edited. On March 15, 1904, he entered into partnership with Mr. E. Mackay, B. A., in the firm of Mackay & Statia, to publish the *Leamington News*, one of the leading journals of Essex county. Mr. Statia has shown ability and aptitude in his chosen line, and the industry which insures good results. His paper, wherever it has been his lot to carry on business, has had a high standing in the community.

On Feb. 6, 1892, in Milton, Ont., Mr. Statia married Miss Mary S. Church, of Streetsville, Ont., daughter of Edward and Annie Church, both of whom are deceased. They were natives of England. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Statia, viz.: Cecil, Bessie, Harold, Kenneth, Margery and Ernest. Mr. Statia is the only member of the original family resident in Canada.

GEORGE WATSON RUSSELL. This energetic young agriculturist, who now occupies the family homestead in Tilbury East township, has in the steady pursuit of his industry won for himself a leading place among the farmers of his locality. His large capacity for work, and his ability in directing affairs, which have redounded to his success, he has undoubtedly inherited from his good English ancestors.

Isaac Russell, his grandfather, a native of Northumberland, England, was a man of ability and marked force of character. Reared in the place of his birth, he there received practical training for life's activities. When a young man he secured a position in the lead mines of his vicinity, and for several years continued there, making a good start in life. During this period he married Elizabeth Watson. She died

on the family homestead on Lot 167, on the Talbot Road, in Canada. Of this union there were nine children: George, who died in Leamington, Ont.; William, who is mentioned below; Hugh, who now resides in Oxley, Colchester township, County of Essex; Joseph, who died in Leamington, Ont.; Fanny, now deceased, who married Thomas Simpson; Mary Ann, who married John Askew, proprietor of a grist-mill at Leamington, and is now deceased; Sarah, widow of Peter Simpson, who resides at Leamington; Elizabeth, who married John Thomas Linch, of Manitoba; and Margaret, who married Rev. LeRoy Hooker, a Presbyterian minister of Chicago, Illinois.

Some years after his marriage Isaac Russell, hoping to better his fortunes, came with his family to Canada, and settled in Mersea township, County of Essex, where he remained some time. Later, in March, 1843, he moved to a 200-acre tract, on Lot 167, on the Talbot Road, where, opening up and improving a good farm for himself, he passed the rest of his life. He died at the age of sixty-three years. Mr. Russell was practical and successful in his various undertakings. A man of marked integrity of character, he commanded the highest respect of all who knew him.

William Russell, father of George Watson Russell, was born in England April 13, 1829. When a youth he came with his parents to Canada, and, after settling in Tilbury East township began learning the trade of a carpenter. Becoming in time a thorough master of his craft, he found no difficulty in securing work, and for the greater part of his active life followed this business with marked success in his vicinity. To the erection of buildings, both public and private, he especially gave his attention, and many of the edifices now standing along the Talbot Road, between Cedar Springs and Wheatley, are evidences of his handiwork. In the course of time he came into possession of the west half of the home farm, where he afterward made his residence. In addition to attending to his trade he directed the affairs of his farm very successfully, and prospered in both ventures. He died Nov. 14, 1902.

Mr. Russell married March 14, 1853, Esther Simpson, whose family is mentioned elsewhere, and who was born April 18, 1831; she passed away March 15, 1904. By this union there were six children: Christopher, who is now deceased; John, who is now living on Lot 1, Concession 13, Raleigh township; Judson, who resided on the west half of Lot 165, and died there at the age of forty-two years; Edith, who married T. R. Smith, of Leamington, Ont.; George Watson, who is mentioned below; Maggie, who died young.

Mr. Russell was a man of culture, well read upon many subjects. In every movement for the improvement of his community he always evinced a keen interest, especially in religious and educational matters. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, acting at different times as steward, trustee and class-leader. As a Reformer he was influential in local politics.

George Watson Russell was reared to the healthful, practical work of farm labor. Born on the homestead where he now resides, Sept. 7, 1865, he there, under the careful oversight of wise parents, grew to manhood. As a boy, on account of poor public school facilities in his vicinity, he was sent to private schools, acquiring the greater part of his education in the excellent one conducted by Mrs. Lambert. His spare time he spent in attending to the duties of the home place, and after leaving school he gave his attention to this work mainly for several years, being assisted by his brother John. Eventually, however, he procured a fifty-acre timber tract on Lot 1, Concession 13, where he settled and began making improvements. Here he cleared the land and put it under excellent cultivation, raising marketable and seasonable crops. He made well out of his industry and was in time enabled to erect substantial and attractive buildings on the farm, making it one of the most valuable pieces of property for its size in his locality. Desirous of branching out more extensively in his industry, on Feb. 11, 1896, he exchanged this farm for the family homestead, then owned by his brother John, to which he moved, and where he has since made his abode, being engaged as before in agriculture. He has made a specialty of raising stock and hogs, and now has some of the finest breeds marketable in his locality. Both scientific and practical in his methods, he has won a leading place among agriculturists of his vicinity, and, being a wise financial manager, he has amassed considerable property.

Mr. Russell married, Dec. 24, 1889, Helena

Elizabeth Tompkins, daughter of James Tompkins, and to this union there have come two children: Gordon Maxwell, born May 17, 1899; and Mabel Victoria, born Jan. 22, 1901.

Mr. Russell possesses energy, sound judgment and perseverance. In the pursuit of any object he is untiring in his efforts, and he always crowns each undertaking with success. His achievements and his many sterling traits of character have won him the confidence of the community, and he is respected in all circles. He and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Church.

JOHN JAMES McTAVISH, a successful general farmer of Orford, residing on the 1st Concession, Lot 64, owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres, where he was born Dec. 3, 1850.

John and Flora (Stewart) McTavish, of Scotland, his parents, came to the County of Kent in 1817, locating on Talbot street, in Orford township. There they took up 200 acres and remained, the father dying in 1854, aged forty-seven years; he was buried in New Glasgow cemetery. The mother survives and lives on the old homestead. She was born in 1814. Both she and her husband early connected themselves with the Baptist Church. Their children were: Betsy, of Zone township, who married Aaron Dansey; William D., on the old homestead, unmarried; Sarah, of Orford township, who married John Bishop; Eliza J., of Zone township, wife of Charles Admond; John J.; and David, on the old homestead, who is unmarried.

On Sept. 19, 1876, in Chatham, Ont., John J. McTavish married Mary Allen, and they have had children as follows: Della is the wife of Alvin Goff, of Palmyra; Leila married Robert Goff, of Windsor, Ont., and has one son, Harold Clifford; Mamie, David, Sarah and Mildred are at home. Mrs. McTavish was born in 1857, within one mile of Port Stanley, Ont., a daughter of Henry and Sarah J. (Reynold) Allen, of Ipsworth, England, and Ireland, respectively. They emigrated to St. Thomas, Ont., and thence to Bothwell, Ont., coming to the County of Kent in 1864, and there remaining until 1882, when they settled in Michigan. There the father still lives, retired from active life. For many years he conducted an undertaking, furniture and cabinet making business. His birth occurred in 1830, so that he is now about seventy-four years of age. The mother died in Michigan March 28, 1901, aged sixty-five. Mr. Allen is a member of the Methodist Church, while she was a member of the Church of England. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, widow of Henry Tucker, of Ridgetown, Ont.; her twin sister, Mary; Charles, deceased; Harry, a conductor on the railroad at Detroit, Michigan; his twin sister Sarah, who married Mason Sturgess, of Muskegon, Michigan; Eleacha, of Queen City, Michigan, who married Charles Walker; Edgar, of Chicago, and his twin brother Edward, of Muskegon, Michigan.

John James McTavish remained upon his father's farm until 1876, when he went to Bothwell, Ont., and engaged in mercantile business for a year, when he located on his present property. Earlier in life, before going to Bothwell, he was for fifteen years a drover on his father's property, and was very successful. In politics he is a Conservative, and he subscribes to and attends all the churches, believing there is good to be found in them all. Enterprising, public-spirited, a kind neighbor and good friend, Mr. McTavish has made many friends and is numbered among the representative farmers of Orford township.

PETER McKENZIE. In the splendid farming district of Howard township, with its large, cultivated fields and handsome buildings, few are left of the capable, noble-minded English pioneers who laid the foundations of the present prosperity. Even many of the second generation—heirs to the fathers' estates, as well as to their brains and large capacity for work—have now passed away, and of these none have proved themselves more worthy of the trust delivered to them than Mr. Peter McKenzie, whose lamented death occurred in November, 1895. A man who always kept thoroughly abreast of the times on all matters, in his farming he adopted only the most progressive and practical methods. With the power of dealing with many problems at the same time, he also exercised a large influence upon the public affairs of his place. Of Scottish descent, he was the son of John and Ellen (Robinson) McKenzie, and was born on the present home in Howard township, Sept. 17, 1835.

John McKenzie, father of Peter, was a man

strong both physically and mentally, well suited in every respect for confronting the difficulties of life in a new country. He was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in 1803, one of several children, the others of whom, with the parents, all died in that country. Upon reaching manhood he married, in his native land, Ellen Robinson, who was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in 1808. Self-reliant and energetic, in the year 1833 he left both home and family, and with his wife sailed for America. Proceeding to the new Province of Ontario, he there, in Howard township, County Kent, purchased of Col. Talbot, in Concession 11, government land, the tract extending to what is now the township line. Here he at once put up a log house and barn, and with his wife started life in the wilderness. Possessed of both abundant energy and zeal he cleared a large tract, which he put thoroughly under cultivation. This he greatly improved from time to time, until he at length possessed as desirable a place as any in the township. Besides carrying on a large agricultural industry, he after a while erected a kiln, and engaged to some extent in brick burning. Of some of the brick thus produced, in 1842 he built the handsome residence still to be seen on the place. On this farm, where they had expended the main strength of their manhood and womanhood, he and his wife passed their last days. He died there in 1881, and she in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie were among the leaders in their township. Both were active and devout members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he officiated as elder for many years. As people of the highest integrity they always gave their hearty support to every movement for the upbuilding of the community. In politics he affiliated with the Reform party, and his word carried weight in local affairs. He was, however, wholly disinclined to office seeking.

Peter McKenzie, only son of John and Ellen McKenzie, passed his life for the most part on the home which he had cut out of the wilderness. In the district schools of his neighborhood he procured a practical education, which he later supplemented by extensive reading. Like the ordinary farm boy of his day he came in for his share of useful manual labor, which he performed with a zeal born of keen interest in his work. After leaving school he gave his entire attention to assisting his father in the management of the home place, coming in also for his share of the profits.

In 1862 Mr. McKenzie married Sarah Buchan, who was born Jan. 2, 1846, daughter of John and Anna (Gillis) Buchan. In the best schools of Canada she procured her education, developing a taste for good literature and high social attributes, which now characterize her to a marked degree. With her son she still resides on the family homestead. To Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie were born three children: (1) John W., who now carries on the family homestead, was born Feb. 16, 1869, and in the schools of Howard and at the Institute of Ridgetown, procured a thorough education. In February, 1895 he married Ida A. Morden, the accomplished daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Morden, both of English parentage and noble ancestry, who, after the American Revolution, settled in the Dominion of Canada. John W. and Ida McKenzie have one son, Arthur Morden, born in 1896. (2) Arthur F. born in 1872, died in his ninth year. (3) Mary E. died in 1881 in her third year.

After his marriage Mr. McKenzie settled upon the home farm and as his parents then desired to retire from active duties, he at once assumed the entire management of affairs. Carrying on the place along the lines established by his father he made a success of his work from the start. After the death of his parents he came into possession of the fine large farm, and here he continued to live and work until his death. He not only kept the place thoroughly intact, but also made improvements upon it. His wise management and conscientious devotion to his work, won for him an enviable reputation among agriculturists of his section.

Mr. McKenzie, though quiet and retiring in disposition, was one of the most influential men in his section. A student by nature, he kept himself well informed upon all questions of public interest, as well as matters pertaining to his special line of work. In politics he evinced a keen interest and affiliated with the Reform Party. He was, however, disinclined to office seeking, and restricted his activities in that line to the making of valuable suggestions. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church of Ridgetown, of which his wife and son John are still influential members, she having belonged for forty years. Mr. McKenzie was a man of the highest integrity, and everywhere won for

himself many warm friends. In his death the community lost a wise counselor, the church a faithful and substantial member, and his family a most considerate husband and parent.

JOHN BUCHAN, father of Mrs. McKenzie, a man of ability and marked integrity, was born in the highlands of Scotland, and at an early date came to America. During his young manhood he married Anna Gillis, who was born in Caledonia, New York. Shunning no hardships and confident of the resources of the Province of Ontario they came to the new region of Orford township, and securing a good tract of wild land started life for themselves. Later they moved to Aldborough township, where he continued to engage in agriculture. Here he made an excellent home for his wife and family, and passed many prosperous years of his life. He died there in 1861, survived by his widow and ten children. Mrs. Buchan lived on the homestead until her death Jan. 27, 1904.

ADOLPHUS BALL, a successful and representative farmer of the County of Kent, residing on Lot 21, Concession 4, in Harwich township, was born Aug. 26, 1851, in the County of Welland, and is the son of John and Hannah (Snell) Ball. The parents were natives of Devonshire, England, the father born Jan. 26, 1810, and the mother Dec. 23, 1813. They were educated and married in England.

John Ball was a son of John and Elizabeth (Rundell) Ball, old and prominent farming people of Devonshire, the former of whom died in 1837, the year the late Queen Victoria was crowned. Their family consisted of two sons and four daughters, of whom William, the eldest, died in England; Phyllis married John Redstone, and lives in England; Elizabeth married William Tennie, and moved to Canada, settling in Prince Edward Island; the other daughters died in England, and John, the father of Adolphus, remained in that country until the spring of 1848. Then, with his wife and family, he embarked for Canada, coming to Quebec, and after nine weeks on the ocean reached his destination. The family settled first in Hamilton and then moved to the County of Welland, and four years later to Dawn, near the County of Kent. In 1851 Mr. Ball here bought fifty acres of wild land on Concession 10, cleared up a farm from the bush, and resided at this place for some years. Upon selling the property he purchased an improved farm on the town line in Howard, where he lived and continued to make improvements until 1870, when he retired from activity. He now resides with his son Adolphus. He was bereaved of his most worthy wife on Jan. 13, 1877. With him she had endured all the hardships of pioneer life, was an estimable Christian woman, and for many years was a devoted member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Ball contracted a second marriage, with Mrs. Mary Aldersly, of Harwich, and still survives at the age of ninety-four years.

Adolphus Ball was one of ten children born to his parents, four of whom died in childhood, the others being: Richard, the eldest son, died at the age of eighteen years. Jane, born in 1837 in England, is the widow of Thomas Ward, who settled in Dawn township, where he died, and she now resides in Chatham; they had children—Elizabeth, Hannah, Eliza, Agnes, Salina, Proctor, Milton, John and Lorn, all surviving and well established in life. Eliza, born in 1840 in England, is the wife of Thomas Smith, who resides in Sarnia, as manager for the Massey, Harris Implement Co.; their only daughter, Lucy, is the wife of Robert Reed, of Sarnia. Elizabeth, born in England in 1842, married George Spence, of whom mention will be found elsewhere. Selina, born in Howard in 1862, married John McGregor, a farmer of the County of Essex, and they have four children, Hannah, Roy, Ethel and Loren Snell.

Adolphus Ball is the only surviving son of this once numerous family. He was reared on the old farm, and obtained his education in the district school. His early training had prepared him for successful agricultural work, and at the age of nineteen he started out in life as a farmer on his own account. In 1870 he purchased 117 acres of wild land, and during the three years which were required to make a clearing and begin remunerative cultivation he lived alone in a little log cabin. In March, 1876, he changed his estate, at this time marrying Martha Sloan, who was born in Harwich April 5, 1854, and is the worthy daughter of Samuel and Martha (Cowen) Sloan, both of whom were born in Ireland and were prominent old pioneer settlers of Harwich. Mrs. Ball had many advantages, and is now a well educated lady, of social culture and most amiable disposition. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ball settled in the home

which he had prepared, and during their long life together they have changed the wild bush land into one of the fine, well-cultivated farms of this section, and have a beautiful brick house which Mr. Ball later erected, finishing it in hardwood and introducing many modern conveniences. In 1888 he erected his commodious barns.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ball, namely: Letitia, born Feb. 16, 1877, married Alexander Dick, of Harwich, and they have one daughter, Alma. George, born July 22, 1880, married Miss Jenett McCorkell of Ottawa, and they have one daughter, Erma; they reside on a 100-acre farm adjoining his father's property. Leda, born Aug. 7, 1891, is still a student in the home schools. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ball continue in the faith of the Christian Church, in which they were reared. Mr. Ball, like his father, is identified with the Conservative party. He is a practical farmer, and not only keeps informed on the newest and best improvements, but puts them into practice. He started out in life with no means, and attributes much of his success to the judgment and intelligence of his most estimable wife. They both have many friends in their neighborhood.

JOHN JOHNSON, one of the progressive young farmers of Raleigh township, County of Kent, is a son of Capt. Thomas Johnson, who was born in Montrose, Scotland, in 1814, a son of John Johnson, also a native of Scotland.

Capt. Thomas Johnson grew to manhood in his native town and there learned the trade of ship carpenter. He then entered the merchant service as a ship's carpenter, and by degrees rose until he became part owner and master of a ship, which sailed principally between Liverpool and Quebec, in the freight and emigrant passenger traffic. On one passage the ship with 300 passengers on board ran into a large ice berg and received a hole in the bow, but Capt. Johnson succeeded in reaching port without loss of life, that experience, however, deciding him to abandon a sea-faring life. In 1855, after seventeen years as ship master, he sold his marine interests and located in Raleigh township, purchasing the Forsythe farm of 150 acres, situated on the river road. There he resided until 1884, engaged actively in farming, but that year he disposed of his farm to his sons and moved to Chatham, where his death occurred in August, 1892. In politics he was a stanch Conservative, and in religion he was a Presbyterian. Capt. Thomas married Robena (Young) who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1819, and she died in 1897. To this union came the following children: Isabella, a matron at the Public General Hospital at Chatham; Alexander, a farmer of Raleigh township; David L., of Detroit, Michigan; John; and Agnes J., wife of George Baxter.

John Johnson was born on the farm where he now resides, Feb. 22, 1861, and his advantages for acquiring an education were excellent, including attendance at the Agricultural college at Guelph, and also the business college at Chatham. When of age, Mr. Johnson received half of the old homestead, and later purchased the other portion, now being the possessor of 107 acres of rich farming land. In 1887 he set out a fine orchard, and for the past eight years it has been bearing, fruit trees maturing very rapidly in this favored locality. Horse raising has also been a special feature of Mr. Johnson's farming operations, and he has been as successful in that, as other lines. In politics he is a Conservative, and he takes a lively interest in public matters, and served one year as collector of the township. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Chatham, and is very popular in that body.

In 1886 Mr. Johnson was married to Annie McGarvin, a daughter of John McGarvin, of Harwich township, and to them were born: Robena, April 26, 1890; and Marion, Feb. 1, 1893.

JAMES N. WILLIAMS, late a prominent farmer of Howard, residing on the 10th Concession, Lot 6, County Kent, was born in Cornwall, England, Dec. 25, 1852, son of James and Ann Williams, who died in England in 1854 and 1886, respectively. He died December 6, 1903, sincerely mourned as a good, true citizen and faithful husband.

The death of his father occurred when James N. was a boy, but he was carefully reared by his mother and given an excellent education. He was the youngest of a family of eight children born to his parents, the others being: Thomas, who died in England; Mary, who is the wife of James McLoud, of England; Henry, who died in England; Jane, who is the

wife of George Doney, of England; John, who died in England; Ann, who is the wife of George Hoare, of England; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Thomas Cole, of England. James N. was the only member of his family who came to this country, and he made the voyage to Canada in 1874, landing at Quebec, from whence he made his way to Ridgetown in July of the same year. He began farming, continuing this occupation until his marriage, Jan. 12, 1882, to Miss Margaret McGregor, daughter of John G. and Mary McGregor, old and esteemed pioneers of Howard.

John McGregor was born in Scotland in 1817, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Robinson, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1809. John was the son of James McGregor, an old settler of Howard, upon whose homestead another son, Robert, now resides. James McGregor resided on this homestead until his death. By his first marriage, James McGregor had two children, John and James, the latter still living, and a very prominent man. Both marriages of James McGregor took place in Scotland. John McGregor, the father of Mrs. Williams, bought a farm, where he lived until a few years prior to his death, at which time he retired to Ridgetown, and lived in a comfortable home he owned there. He died Oct. 20, 1889, his wife surviving him until Dec. 6, 1899. Under his careful management, the McGregor homestead was greatly improved. John McGregor and wife were the parents of five children: William and Robert died in childhood; Janet, born in 1845, died unmarried at the old home; Ellen is the wife of Archie McKinlay; Margaret (Mrs. Williams) was born Sept. 19, 1849, was reared to womanhood at her present home and received a good education. The mother of Mrs. Williams, Mary Robinson, was married in Scotland to Hugh Ferguson, who died in County Kent, leaving three sons, Donald, John and James, all deceased, except John, who lives in Manitoba.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the young people lived in Ridgetown for one year, when they located on their present pleasant home, and for four years operated their valuable property. At the expiration of that time they moved to Manitoba, purchased a farm and lived for four years more. On this property, Mr. Williams made many improvements, erecting a log house and barns, and started to raise stock, but found that the climate was too severe for his to make a success of this line of business, and they then returned to their present home, where they have since resided, making many improvements, remodeling the buildings, draining the land, erecting new fences, and putting everything in excellent order. As a result of their efforts, they have been very successful, and justly so.

They became the parents of two children: John Henry and James Franklin, both born in Howard, and both died in childhood. They have an adopted daughter, Ethel Williams, born in 1887, who has been a member of their household since early childhood. In political matters, Mr. Williams is a member of the Independent party. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Presbyterian Church, where her parents, who were among the founders of this denomination here, worshipped for many years. Mr. Williams is one of the leading and progressive farmers of Howard township, having with energy and intelligence so managed his small means as to attain success beyond that which comes to the majority of farmers. His experience in the locality of Manitoba was not a successful one, although he learned many useful things during the four years he made that section his home. The winds blew his hay away, leaving his stock to perish from cold and starvation, while the cold was so terrible as to almost defy description. However, he gave the country a fair trial before he would confess himself beaten. During those years of hardships, his noble wife bore her part uncomplainingly, and his success is partly due to her bravery and hard work. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are among the well-to-do and highly respected citizens of the town, their friends are legion and their neighbors speak of them in terms of endearment, their general and kindly hospitality, their charity and benevolence having made their home a popular one in this community.

DENNIS DOWNIE, a prosperous young farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 19, Concession 13, was born in 1862 at his present home, a son of John and Mary Downie. The parents were both natives of County Cork, Ireland, where the father was born in 1810, and the mother in 1812.

John Downie came to Quebec with his fam-

ily, and his first occupation in Canada was employment on the Erie canal. Later he worked on the Chatham jail, earning sufficient money to bring his family to Harwich township, where in 1850 he was enabled to carry out a design he had long had in mind, of purchasing a homestead. Here he located on Concession 13, the land being wild, and the home a little log cabin the father erected himself. However, they were industrious, worked hard, and in time replaced the primitive dwelling with one larger, and in 1884 the present home was erected. There the father died March 18, 1895. Politically Mr. Downie was a stanch Reformer.

Dennis Downie attended the common schools, and was reared upon the homestead, where he has spent his life. For a number of years prior to his father's death he was manager of the property, and he understands his work thoroughly. His farm gives evidence of careful cultivation, and he has reason to be proud of the home which his father redeemed from the wilderness, and which he has assisted so materially in developing. Politically Mr. Downie has always been identified with the old Reform party, but has never aspired to office. He and his sister Annie comforted the declining years of their parents and now occupy the homestead, and they are deservedly respected in Harwich township. They have many friends among their neighbors, and enjoy life, surrounded by many comforts.

THOMAS A. ROI (sometimes called King), one of the successful farmers of Dover township, in the County of Kent, has passed his entire life in that township, and is accounted one of its most worthy citizens. He is a grandson of Andrew Roi, who was of French extraction, and who migrated from the Province of Quebec to the County of Kent, Ont., in 1836. He took up 250 acres of land in Dover township, 200 of which were Lot 114, Concession 3, the remaining fifty being part of Lot 19, Concession 3, Dover East, in what is known as Pain Court Block. He became a successful farmer and one of the prominent citizens of the day, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was a devout Roman Catholic in religious faith. Pain Court Block is a tract comprising several thousand acres in Dover township, and though the name—given it by a French priest as appropriate at the time—means "short of bread" it is one of the richest farming districts in the world at the present time. It is thickly settled by French families.

Andrew Roi, father of Thomas A., was born in the Province of Quebec, and came to the County of Kent with his parents in 1836, in childhood. They located on the south side of the river Thames, in Raleigh township, for a few months, thence removing to Dover township, where, as previously stated, the father took up land, first 200 acres, later another fifty. Like his father, Andrew Roi was a prosperous farmer. He was twice married. His first wife, Lucy Campbell, of Montreal, died May 4, 1853, aged twenty-three. To this union came two children: Alexander and William, the latter dying young. For his second wife Andrew Roi married Bridget Hickey, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, Nov. 15, 1836, daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Gleason) Hickey. Thomas Hickey was a farmer, and died in October, 1846, aged forty-one, while on the voyage to Canada with his family; he was buried at St. John, N. B. His wife died Dec. 26, 1865, at the home of one of her sons at Lake Superior, and was also buried at St. John. Both were communicants of the Catholic Church. Their children were: Bridget, Mrs. Roi; Mary, deceased wife of Ebert Goodreau; Catherine, who died young; and James P., who died in 1895, leaving a widow, Janie Larks, and six daughters. To Andrew and Bridget (Hickey) Roi were born the following children: Thomas A., who is mentioned farther on; Ellen, who married Cryson Bechard, of Chatham, Ont.; Mary, who died young; Joseph, a farmer of Dover township; James, a merchant in Chatham; and Annie, wife of Ambroisè Thibodeau, a farmer of Dover township. The father of this family passed away April 11, 1878, aged fifty years, and is buried in Pain Court cemetery. He was a member of that church, and his widow, now aged sixty-seven, is also a faithful Catholic. She still resides on the old homestead, which is on Lot No. 19, 3d Concession, and whither she removed in 1857.

Thomas A. Roi was born Jan. 1, 1856, in Dover township, received his education there, and remained with his parents until his marriage, after which he farmed on Lot No. 19, in Dover township, on his own account, until

1886. In that year he purchased 100 acres of his present place, and later traded his lot, No. 19, for the farm of fifty acres adjoining same, and across the road from his other purchase, these holdings now comprising 150 acres of excellent farming property. In 1903 he purchased the place known as the Foot farm, the west half of Lot 16, front Concession, on the river Thames. Mr. Roi has displayed unusual ability as a manager, and this quality, combined with industry and thrift, has won for him not only a place among the most prosperous farmers of his township, but has also caused him to be the choice of his fellow citizens for various positions of trust within their gift. He has taken a prominent part in the local civil administration, having served six years as deputy reeve of the township, one year as reeve, and for nearly twenty years as trustee, secretary and treasurer of the school board. In politics he supports the Conservative party.

In November, 1878, in Pain Court, Mr. Roi married Adelaide Daniel, and they had one child, Thomas J., who died young. Mr. Roi's second marriage, in November, 1882, was to Caroline Ouelette, who was born in October, 1857, in Tilbury township, this county, daughter of Francis X. and Julia (Primeau) Ouelette, who were born in Tilbury and Dover townships, respectively. Mr. Ouelette was a farmer during his active years, but is now living retired. Ten children have been born to Thomas A. and Caroline (Ouelette) Roi, namely: Rosie, Leo, Andrew, Bridget, Theodore, Jacob, Frank, Adolph, Napoleon and Agnes. The family are Roman Catholics in religious faith.

NELSON W. FERRIS, retired farmer and former brick manufacturer of Highgate, County of Kent, was born at Tecumseh, Michigan, April 28, 1840, a son of William and Anna (Havens) Ferris, natives of Whitehall, Vermont, and Beamsville, Ont., respectively, who were married in the latter place. When he was twenty-two years of age the father came to Canada, locating at Yarmouth, County of Elgin, and purchasing a rough farm of 230 acres, which he cleared, and on which he remained until the MacKenzie Rebellion. He then removed to Cambridge township, Lenawee county, Michigan, and bought 160 acres of land upon which he lived for seven years, when he went to the County of Lambton, Ont., and bought 200 acres. Upon this property his death occurred in 1855, when he was fifty-five years of age. His wife died in 1860, aged fifty-five years. They were both members of the Baptist Church, and are buried in Carry's burying-ground, in Euphemia township, County of Lambton. The children born to their union were as follows: Martha, who died at Highgate, married John Flint, of England; Elizabeth, deceased at Highgate, married Martin Bracket, of the County of Lambton; Lydia married Jonah Crouch, of the County of Lambton, and died in Howard township; Hannah married John Bullock, of Huron county, Michigan; William H. died in Iowa; Peter F. died in the County of Lambton; Jesse C. died in London, Ont.; Nelson W. is mentioned below.

On Dec. 25, 1860, in Morpeth, Ont., Nelson W. Ferris married Julia Ann Teetzel, and they became the parents of six children, namely: (1) Mary E. married Edward F. Eastlake, of Highgate, and they had three children: Dora P. married Burley Parr, and has three children, Elva M., Nelson W. and Irene P. (they reside at Edy's Mills, in the County of Lambton, and have a fifty-acre farm); Anna L. married Franklin King, of Highgate, and they have one son, Charles F.; James E. is a resident of Highgate. (2) Lotheria Jane married Reginald D. Teetzel, a farmer of Orford township, and they have four children, Evalyn, Clara, Clifford and Lotta. (3) Elizabeth A. died young. (4) Lallap B. died young. (5) Peter F. died at the age of twenty-two. (6) Bertram G. died young. Mrs. Ferris was born in Esquesing, County of Halton, Ont., and died April 30, 1903, aged sixty-nine years; she is buried in the Gosnell cemetery. She was a daughter of John S. and Hannah (Havens) Teetzel, of Beamsville, Canada, who came to the County of Kent in April, 1839, locating in Orford township, where they took up land, and upon which they spent the remainder of their days, farming and improving the property.

Until the death of his father Nelson W. Ferris worked with the latter, and then worked among the farmers in the neighborhood until he was eighteen, at which time he started out in life for himself. In 1880 he embarked in a





Julia Ann Ferris Nelson W. Ferris

brick and tile business in Orford township, one and one-half miles south of Highgate, and he continued successfully in that line until April, 1901, when he retired and sold his interests. At present he owns two farms, but does little active work upon them. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and he was formerly a member of the Select Knights, but resigned. He attends the Methodist Church and gives liberally toward its support. In politics he is a Reformer, but does not aspire for public office, although so popular is he that any gift within the hands of his fellow townsmen might be his if he wished.

Since coming to the County of Kent in 1859 Mr. Ferris has had its best interests at heart, and borne his part in its development. Although advanced in years, he is very active, and an excellent talker, his recollections of the days when the county was not much more than a vast tract of uncultivated land, with here and there a sparse settlement of a couple of cabins, being very entertaining. He is also well posted upon current affairs, and his advice is sought many times by those in authority. Needless to say that this pleasant, courteous, well informed gentleman has many friends throughout the county, or that he is justly called one of the representative pioneers of this section of western Ontario.

MRS. SARAH (McKINLAY) FERGUSON. Among the highly esteemed and prominent residents of Thamesville, County of Kent, none stand higher in the public estimation than does Mrs. Sarah (McKinlay) Ferguson, widow of John Ferguson, of Thamesville, and a member of the old pioneer McKinlay family.

John McKinlay, the grandfather of Mrs. Ferguson, was born in Scotland, where he died prior to 1816. His children were James, Duncan, Peter and Robert, all of whom came to Ontario from New York State, to which latter locality they had previously emigrated from Scotland. Of this family, Duncan McKinlay, the father of Mrs. Ferguson, was born in Scotland in September, 1791. Upon coming to Ontario he located in the County of Elgin, where he secured a large tract of land, but later disposed of it to his brother James, and took up his residence in Howard township, County of Kent, where he also located land in 1821. At this time the entire county was a wilderness, but Mr. McKinlay was not discouraged, and succeeded in clearing a fine farm in Howard township, which is still in the family. Mr. McKinlay participated in the Rebellion of 1837, and always proved himself a loyal subject and an honorable, upright man. It is to such as he that western Canada owes its present prosperity. Bravely bearing the hardships of a pioneer life, working hard from one year's end to the other, sowing that others might reap, the early settlers laid the foundation of a wonderfully productive country, and are deserving of unlimited praise. Mr. McKinlay married Miss Sarah McIntyre while residing in the County of Elgin. She was a daughter of Archibald and Isabella McIntyre, early settlers of the County of Elgin. The other children of the family of which Mrs. McKinlay was a member, were Angus, Nancy and Isabella. Mr. McIntyre died in the County of Elgin in 1820, aged fifty-four years. The following children were born to Duncan McKinlay and his wife: John, now deceased; Isabella; Archibald, of Howard township; Mary, of Wisconsin; Sarah, Mrs. Ferguson; Catherine, deceased; Annie, of Michigan; James, deceased; Duncan, deceased; and Margaret, unmarried, who resides at the old homestead in Howard township. Mr. McKinlay died in 1875, aged about eighty-four.

Mrs. Ferguson was born in Howard township, and there grew to young womanhood. In 1860 she was married to John Ferguson, and they subsequently resided in Howard township for a number of years, Mr. Ferguson being successfully engaged in a lumber business in that locality. In 1888 they built a most magnificent home at Thamesville, where Mrs. Ferguson and her two daughters now reside, surrounded by comforts and luxuries provided by the foresight and thrift of the father and husband. After locating in Thamesville Mr. Ferguson and his brother Robert founded a private bank, now conducted by Mrs. Ferguson. Owing to the sagacity and keen business insight of the partners, as well as strictly honorable and conservative business methods, this banking institution has had a very successful history, and stands high among the sound financial concerns of Thamesville. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson: James, (deceased), Duncan, Sarah and Margaret. Mr. Ferguson died in 1894, deeply mourned by all

who knew him. Politically he was a member of the Reform party, and upheld its principles upon all occasions. In religious matters he was a Presbyterian, and took an active part in the good works of that church. While a resident of Howard township he served most creditably as reeve of the township.

Mrs. Ferguson is a lady of culture and refinement, an excellent business woman, and one who understands fully how to manage affairs of great importance. She and her two daughters are prominent in the social life of Thamesville, where the entire family is highly respected.

SOLOMON MANNING, a general farmer and prominent resident of Zone township, resides upon Lot 1, Concession 5, where he owns a fine farm of 200 acres. He came to this locality in 1902, from Camden township.

Mr. Manning was born in Usborne township, County of Huron, Ont., June 22, 1856, and is a son of Samuel and Ann (Hooper) Manning, of England, who came to Canada when children. By occupation the father was a farmer, and he died in the County of Huron, Ont., in 1877, aged fifty-five years, while the mother died in the same year, aged fifty years; they were members of the Methodist Church. The children born of this union were: Dorothy, of Exeter, Ont., married Thomas Weary; Sophia (deceased) married John Beveridge; Mary J., unmarried; Solomon is mentioned below; Lucretia married William Ormiston, of the County of Durham, Ont.; William C. is a barber of Kansas; Samuel H. is a resident of Colorado; David is a farmer of British Columbia; Jonathan is a merchant; George W. is deceased; Eva is deceased.

Mr. Manning first married Elizabeth Ann Cornish, who came from England and lived in Usborne township, County of Huron. She died in 1888, and on May 12, 1891, Mr. Manning was married to Agnes Ormiston, in Darlington, County of Durham. The children born of this union are Lewis E., Gordon, Hazel Z., Leatha and Nellie.

Mr. Manning remained with his parents until they died, continuing on the home farm until 1886, when he sold the property and retired for five years. He then moved to Ridgetown and lived eighteen months, thence went to Morpeth, Howard township, and for two years was successfully engaged in a butcher business. His next home was at Thamesville, where he continued the butcher business four years, and he then embarked in a milk business which occupied his attention until he engaged in farming in Camden township. As before stated, in 1902, he located in Zone township, upon his present excellent farm. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. of Foresters and the I. O. O. F. His religious connections are with the Methodist Church. He is an Independent in politics, preferring to vote for a man rather than a party. Mr. Manning is a solid, energetic farmer and business man, whose word can be relied upon, and whose neighbors respect and honor him.

JOSEPH GEORGE THOMAS, proprietor of the ferry line between Dover East and Raleigh township, is a successful agriculturist as well, owning a well-improved 115-acre farm in Dover township. In the management of both enterprises he has evinced courage and other excellent business qualifications, and as he is now only thirty-six years old his future certainly looks promising.

Mr. Thomas is descended from sturdy English farming people. His great-grandfather, Joseph Thomas, made England his home for the greater part of his life. Upon reaching manhood he chose agriculture for his occupation, and, making a thorough success of his work, he continued it through his active career. The grandfather of Joseph George likewise passed his life in England. Reared among a rural people, he, too, naturally embarked upon life as a farmer. A wise manager, not afraid of work, he derived good money returns from his labors, and was always enabled to provide a comfortable home for his wife and family. By his marriage there was a son named Joseph, who became the father of Joseph George.

Joseph Thomas inherited the family taste for rural activities. Born in 1816, he passed many years of his life in Lancashire, England, and under the influences of a good home and advanced institutions received a careful rearing, and early acquired those habits of self-reliance and close application to business which have since characterized him to a marked degree. Reports of the excellent business openings for men of push and ability in America early kin-

dled in him a desire to try his luck in the new country, and, coming to Canada he eventually located in the County of Kent, Ont. Here, Sept. 26, 1854, he married Mary Ann Brown, of Lincolnshire, England, who was born in 1828, daughter of Thomas Brown, a farmer who resided in England, and there passed his last days. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born ten children: William, who now resides in Raleigh township, County of Kent, Ont.; Sarah A., who married Fred Leech, a farmer of Dover township; Edwin J., who died in 1878, from an accidental shot, which he himself fired; Elizabeth M., who married James Barr, and resides in Chicago, Illinois; Thomas W., who is now engaged in farming in Monroeville, Ohio; Annie M., who married Alexander Braybook, and after his death became the wife of Edward Morris, and who now resides in Blenheim, Ont.; Joseph George, who is mentioned below; Alice, who married Joseph Crow (she is now deceased); Mary H., who married Henry Boley; and Warren M., who is living at the family homestead with his parents.

After marriage Mr. Thomas followed farming, and, taking advantage of the splendid openings in that line in his vicinity, made well out of the industry. After a varied career at this pursuit he procured an excellent tract of land in Raleigh township, where he settled and continued farming. The place proved a most desirable one, and here he has engaged extensively in all branches of general agriculture. He has improved the property, and now has one of the most productive and attractive farms in the locality. Mr. Thomas is a man of courage and great energy, and has taken a leading hand in the development of local industries. He is keenly interested in all good works, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Joseph George Thomas was born on the 4th Concession, in the Pain Court settlement, Dover township, Oct. 29, 1867. He was reared in that section, and early acquired practical knowledge of both agriculture and business. The need of help upon his father's farm decided him when a young man to remain on the family homestead, and there he continued for several years, assisting in the management of affairs. In Raleigh township, Oct. 12, 1892, Mr. Thomas married Charlotte Boley, who was born in that township Feb. 1, 1873, and to this union have come four children, Joseph S., George E., Herbert C. and Esther Mildred.

After marriage Mr. Thomas settled upon a farm and continued agricultural pursuits for one year. Then securing a good position, he hired out as a day laborer, and as he earned fair wages, and gave excellent satisfaction, he continued as such for three years. Finally, however, he leased the farm in Dover township, where he now resides, and there resumed agriculture. Encouraged by his successes here, after five years he purchased the place on credit, for $6,500. Fortune has favored this venture, and he has already made a good payment, besides making improvements and keeping the place up well. Some years ago, in 1897, with wise business discernment, he started a ferry line on the river Thames, between Dover East and Raleigh township. Supplying a long-felt public need, the enterprise proved a profitable one from the start, and he has continued it steadily in addition to his farming, materially increasing his income.

Mr. Thomas is a man of ability, with faith in his own powers of achieving success. He has never been afraid of incurring indebtedness, always seeing in advance a sure way of meeting his obligations, as for instance, when, upon his marriage, he made his start in farming with a hundred dollar debt upon his shoulders. A progressive man, he keeps well informed upon the questions of the day, and as a Conservative is influential in local politics. He is well known in all circles, and fraternally affiliates with the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are highly esteemed members of the Methodist Church.

George W. Boley, father of Mrs. Thomas, a prominent agriculturist of Raleigh township, was born in 1843, and passed some years of his life in the State of Michigan. He married Catherine West, of Canada, who died Dec. 11, 1885, at the age of forty-four years, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, at Chatham. Mr. Boley afterward married Annie Pray. By the first union there were nine children: Mary; Peter, who moved to the State of Arkansas (he is now deceased); Henry, who married a sister of Joseph George Thomas, and resides in Raleigh township; Elsie S., who married Warren Crackle, and resides in Raleigh township; Charlotte, who married J. G. Thomas; Catherine and Anna B., who have never married, and reside in Detroit, Michigan; and William G.

and Amy E., who are living at home. By the second marriage there were seven children: John E., Gertrude V., Joseph, Richard, Russell, Viola (who is now deceased) and Blanche H. After marriage Mr. Boley settled upon a farm in Raleigh township, where he has since resided. He has made a thorough success of his work and is now one of the prominent agriculturists of the vicinity. He is a man of firm religious views, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, to which his wife also belongs.

The following memoir of Mrs. Mary West, mother of Catherine West, and grandmother of Mrs. Joseph G. Thomas, will be of interest:

"One by one they are gathering home, one by one the hardy Canadian pioneers are leaving the earthly homes which they had hewed out for themselves and families and emigrating to the skies. Soon our fathers and mothers will all be gone and none will be left to tell the tales and hardships of early Canadian life. These noble men and nobler women who have turned the wilderness into a garden, and reclaimed our plains and forests from the wild beasts and wilder hordes, are beginning to rest from their labors, and their works shall follow them. Many of these worn and weary sons and daughters of toil have scarcely realized that even in this conquest of nature's wilderness they were doing God's service and should have their reward. Not a few of this True Canadian Aristocracy have realized that there was a truer and richer reward than the mere subjugation of forests and conquest of acres, that there was a grander inheritance to leave to their children than the mere possession of lands and homes or money. They have 'looked off' from the toils and care and ambition of this life, to 'the recompense of the reward.' While subduing nature's night on their farms they have also sought to turn the dark night of sinful nature in their hearts to the meridian Splendor of Gospel noon. Thus many hearts which came to this land as dark, debased, benighted and wild as the forest in which they settled, have been lighted up by the light of Jesus and become a garden of the Lord, producing all the lovely fruits of righteousness and holiness. Such was the subject of this memoir. She was born in the County of Tipperary, Ireland, in 1806, and came to Canada in 1834. She first settled in Toronto, where she was united in marriage to her now bereaved husband in 1836. The following year they moved to Chatham, before such a town had scarcely a being. The day of their arrival in Chatham, Mrs. West cooked their dinner by a large stump in the middle of what is now King street. She with her husband engaged in the service of a farmer a few miles down the river, using their wages in the purchase of the farm to which they moved the following year, and where they spent the remainder of their days, amid some privations but much happiness. Mrs. West had been brought up a Roman Catholic, and was a very zealous member of that church until her conversion, in 1841. Hers was a genuine 'changed heart,' and took place in a prayer-meeting at Daniel Dolsen's, four miles below Chatham. In her new church home—the Wesleyan Methodist—she was as zealous as in the old faith. Her home was made the home of our itinerant pioneers, where such men as Flumerfelt, George Young, Sallas and S. Fear found a welcome. She always had a bright evidence of her acceptance with Christ, was very attentive to the duties of the church, going through all kinds of weather and roads when health would permit, and her liberality and benevolence, kindness and hospitality, was only bounded by the extent of her means. She had the great happiness of seeing all her family converted to God many years before she died; and a few days before her death they were all gathered at her bedside, where she was able to converse with them and give them a satisfactory testimony that she was happy in the Lord. Her death, which took place Nov. 16, 1878, was occasioned by a stroke of paralysis, under which she gradually sunk, waiting the final call for some months." The funeral followed her remains to the Maple Leaf cemetery, services being conducted in the Methodist Church, by Rev. A. M. Phillips, of South Chatham circuit. Mr. West followed her in November, 1891.

FREDERICK SAMUEL SCOTT, one of the prominent general farmers of the County of Kent, located on a fine farm on Lot 8, Concession 4, in Orford township, was born May 7, 1868, at his present home.

John and Eliza (Wride) Scott, his parents, were both natives of Yorkshire, England,

the father, who now lives in comfortable retirement in the village of Highgate, Ont., having been born July 11, 1827, at Bishopburton, Yorkshire. The grandparents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Hardy) Scott, the former of whom conducted a brewery and public house at Beverley, and also raised fine horses. He died there in 1887, aged ninety years, and his wife died in 1829, aged thirty-five years. They were members of the Church of England. They had a large family of children, namely: Frederick, who is now a retired farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, Ont.; Hannah, wife of James Byfield, of Orford township; John, the father of Frederick S. Scott, and one of the most highly respected residents of Highgate; and Ann, who died in 1899, at Hull, England, the wife of John Jurden.

In June, 1849, in Cottingham, England, John Scott married Eliza Wride, and the following children were born to this union: (1) Margaret Ann was married three times, first to James Friend, by whom she had two sons, William and George, both deceased; her second marriage was to William Holt, by whom she had two children, Grace and Anna, of whom Grace married James Lewis, and had one son, Willard; Anna became Mrs. Hasting. Mrs. Holt married (third) Hiram B. McGregor, a farmer of South Dakota. (2) Maria Jane married William Attridge, a farmer of Orford township, and they had seven children: Minnie, who married John McKinzie, and has one daughter, Ada; George; Eliza, who married William Crandall, and has one daughter, Mary; Anna; Ada, married to John Bowman; Arthur; and Rena. (3) Hannah Eliza married Alfred Thomas, a farmer of Gagetown, Michigan, and to them have been born three daughters, Mary (who married Myron Carr, and has one daughter), Alice and Anna. (4) Mary L., born July 2, 1860, deceased June 15, 1897, married Richard Woods, a farmer near Wallaceburg, where she died, and had four children, Ernest, Ada, Grace and Gertie. (5) William J. is deceased. (6) Frederick S. operates the homestead farm. (7) Betsey Ellen married Alexander S. Leitch, who manufactures hoops, baskets, etc., at Ridgetown, and is mentioned elsewhere.

The mother of this family was born at Cottingham, England, and died in Canada far from her old home May 30, 1896, at the age of seventy-three years; she was laid to rest in the Gosnell cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Margaret (Wittey) Wride, farming people of England, whose other children were: Ann, who married William Franklin, died in England; Betsey, married John Buzzle, of Cottingham; Margaret was also married at Cottingham; and William died in England.

On January 4, 1898, John Scott married (second) Margaret (Long) Freeman; by this union there have been no children. Mrs. Scott was the widow of William Freeman, of the County of Essex, England, who died in the County of Elgin, Ont., in 1878, aged sixty-five years. He was a successful farmer and a man of prominence, holding many township offices. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman had the following children born to them: George W., a farmer of Cass City, Michigan; William A., a farmer of Cass City; Anna M., who was the wife of John Colborne, and died in 1901; Mary A., married to Christopher Henderson, a farmer; John H., deceased; and Ada M., married to Edward Randall, a farmer.

John Scott remained with his parents until the age of thirteen years, and then began to look out for himself, working on the neighboring farms until he had accumulated enough to bring himself and wife to Canada. They reached the County of Kent in 1849, at which time Orford township, where he secured a farm of ninety acres, was a vast wilderness, a part of it under water. Although the prospect was discouraging, Mr. Scott was not the kind of man to be easily disheartened, and he set to work to drain and clear his land, the result now appearing in one of the finest farms in the locality, fertile and productive. Here he carried on general farming until he retired in 1892 and removed to the village of Highgate, leaving the operation of the farm to his son. For nine years Mr. Scott served as school trustee, and then resigned further responsibility. In politics he has long been identified with the Reform party. In religious views he is a Methodist. He is well known in Highgate, where he and his wife have a congenial circle of warm personal friends.

Frederick Samuel Scott resided in the old log house in which he was born until 1882, when he built a handsome brick residence, complete with modern comforts. In 1903 he moved and remodeled his barns, putting them on con-

crete walls. While he has been engaged in successful farming, he has made a specialty of sheep dealing since 1893, handling many hundreds annually and finding a ready market. He is one of the most extensive buyers of lambs in the county.

On Feb. 18, 1891, Mr. Scott married Catherine J. Cornell, who was born Feb. 28, 1871, at Dundas, Ont., a daughter of Nelson and Margaret (Bruce) Cornell, of England, who came to the County of Kent and settled in Orford township in 1877. The father died here in 1881, aged forty-five years, and Mrs. Cornell later married John Graham, and now resides at Taylor, Ont. The children of her first marriage were: James, a farmer of Orford township; Catherine J., wife of Mr. Scott; Thomas, a railroad engineer at Cleveland, Ohio; Ida, wife of J. H. Staley, station agent and operator at Niagara Falls, Ont.; and John, at Port Huron, Ont. One son, Robert, was born to her second marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have three children, viz.: Ida E., Rose Victoria and Margaret A. In religious belief Mr. Scott and his wife are Methodists. In politics he is a Conservative. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Chosen Friends. The family is prominent in Orford township.

JOHN VICTOR MILLNS, youngest child and only son of Jesse Millns, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere, was born on a farm near Charing Cross, County of Kent, July 11, 1864, and is now a prosperous resident of Cedar Springs, Raleigh township, in that county.

The educational advantages afforded Mr. Millns were those of the home schools and the Chatham high school, and after he had finished his studies he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for five years, a portion of that time in the County of Essex. In 1892, when his father abandoned active farm life, he took the property of 200 acres, and has since then been a practical and successful farmer. His farming operations are upon an extensive scale, as the following will show: During 1902 Mr. Millns raised 1,800 bushels of small grain; 2,000 bushels of corn on the ear; forty head of cattle, and double that number of hogs; and this report is a fair estimate of his annual receipts from his broad acres.

On April 13, 1887, Mr. Millns married Amelia Jane, eldest daughter of T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., present member of Parliament for the West Riding of the County of Kent. To this union have come children as follows: Ray Glenfern, born Aug. 11, 1888; John Vincent, July 12, 1890; Eva Bernice, July 3, 1892; Aletha Ardell, May 10, 1894 (died Dec. 11, 1895); Glen Pardo, Sept. 17, 1895; Gordon Keith, June 29, 1897; Donald Dudley, Nov. 11, 1898; Flora Helena, Jan. 14, 1901. Mr. Millns is one of the representative farmers of the County of Kent, and the success which has attended his career is but the just reward of honorable, intelligent effort along legitimate lines.

ALBERT E. ROWE, a prominent farmer on Lot 19, Concession 6, Harwich township, County of Kent, was born Oct. 8, 1860, on Lot 22, Concession 6, a son of Ira B. and Caroline M. McLaughlin (or Laflin) Rowe, honored pioneers of the county.

Ira B. Rowe was born in the Province of Quebec Sept. 16, 1828, son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Brewster) Rowe, while his wife was born in New York State Jan. 17, 1836. They were married Oct. 6, 1853. Conrad Rowe was born in Quebec, and his wife in Vermont. Ira B. Rowe settled on Lot 22, Concession 6, in Harwich, as early as 1854, purchasing his farm, which was then wild land, from the Canadian Company, and there the family began their pioneer life in a log cabin. As time went on he cleared off his land, placed it under cultivation, erected better buildings and made many improvements, residing on this place until 1881. He then bought the present homestead of his son Albert E., and there lived until 1893, when he located in Blenheim. There he died in August, 1900, and his wife died in November of the same year. Religiously they were both consistent members of the Church of England. In political matters he was a Conservative. They were the parents of three sons: (1) Albert E. (2) Conrad I., born Feb. 15, 1863, married in 1881 Miss Clements, of Blenheim, who died the same year, and he married Nov. 8, 1884, Miss Annie Fulerton, of Harwich; he settled in Blenheim, where he engaged in a merchandise business until his death, March 12, 1886. He left a wife and one daughter, Carrie, who lives in Chatham, Ont. (3) Amos E., born Oct. 20, 1865, died Dec. 6, 1872.

Albert E. Rowe was reared on the home

farm, where he received an excellent education. He chose farming for his life work, and in 1890 became manager of the homestead, which is now his property. On Sept. 28, 1887, he married Miss Christina Young, daughter of Leonard and Mary G. (Finlayson) Young, of Huntingdon, Franklin Center, Quebec. Mrs. Rowe was born in the County of Huntingdon, July 20, 1869, was educated in the schools of her native place, and is a lady of refinement and culture. Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Rowe: Clarence E., born April 6, 1889, and May E., born Jan. 3, 1892. Politically Mr. Rowe has always been identified with the Conservative party, and is a stanch supporter of its principles. The religious connections of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are with the Church of England.

The beautiful home where Mr. Rowe and his family reside is endeared by many memories, it being the old family homestead, which Mr. Rowe purchased, and upon which he has made many improvements. By industry, thrift and ability he has steadily advanced, and is now justly numbered among the leading men of his community. In his home as well as among his friends he is a genial, pleasant gentleman, and one highly esteemed by all who know him.

JAMES GORMELY, of the Gore of Chatham, is one of the successful and representative general farmers of the locality. His fine farm of seventy-seven acres is situated on Lot 15, Concession 2. Mr. Gormely was born on his present farm, Jan. 5, 1859, a son of James and Mary (Cody) Gormely, the former of whom was born in County Armagh, and the latter in County Limerick, Ireland, and they were married in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia.

In 1849 James Gormely and wife came to County Kent, and located on a tract of land in the Gore of Chatham, where they remained two years, and then came to the farm now occupied by our subject. James Gormely died in 1879, aged fifty-five years, and his wife in 1852, aged thirty years, and both were buried in the cemetery at Wallaceburg. They were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. To these worthy people were born these children: John, a stock farmer at Pike, Stone county, Minnesota; Robert, a farmer at Samba, Ont.; Christopher, a farmer at Pike, Minnesota; Patrick, in the hotel business at Newbury, Michigan; Mary, Mrs. Edward Vermillia, of Minnesota; Margaret, wife of Michael O'Morra, in the hotel business at Wallaceburg; Elizabeth, wife of John Barber, of Newbury, Michigan; Michael, a sailor at Portland, Oregon; and James.

James Gormely was reared in his native locality where he attended school. When he reached the age of twenty-one, he started out to see something of the world, and spent four years traveling on land and water. He then came to the Gore of Chatham, and remained engaged in farming for nine years, where he removed to Wallaceburg, and there passed five years engaged in an hotel business, at the end of that time, in 1900, returning to the farm, where he has been busily and successfully engaged ever since.

On Jan. 23, 1893, Mr. Gormely was united in marriage with Maggie O'Mara, who was born in Dover township, in November, 1871, daughter of James and Ellen (McManmon) O'Mara, of County Limerick and County Mayo, Ireland, respectively. They were married in Oakville, County Brant, Ont., where they lived until 1856, when they removed to Dover township, where Mr. O'Mara took up 100 acres of land, made a clearing for a log cabin, and later increased his possessions to 500 acres, all of this property being justly divided among his children, the youngest son, Thomas, still occupying the old homestead. Mr. O'Mara was a man of prominence, and for many years served as school trustee. He died Jan. 18, 1896, aged sixty-eight years, and was buried at Wallaceburg. His widow resides on the old homestead aged seventy-five years. Her father was Philip McManmon, and he spent his whole life in County Mayo, Ireland. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Mara were: William, in the hotel business at Chatham; Philip, a farmer of Dover township; John and Michael, both in a hotel business at Wallaceburg; Mary, who married Hugh Leahy, a farmer of Dover township; James, a farmer in Michigan; Catherine, who died in infancy; Thomas, who lives on the old homestead; and Margaret, wife of our subject. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gormely were William and Catherine (Kennagh) O'Mara, of County Limerick, who removed to Montreal. The former had been a farmer in Ireland, and intended to follow the same work in Canada, but he died in a hos-

pital soon after landing at Montreal. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gormely were: Margaret Ursula; Gerald J.; William S.; Ella and Marie, twins, who died in infancy; and Joseph, who died in infancy. Mr. Gormely is identified in politics with the Reform party. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Maccabees. Both he and wife belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

MRS. CYNTHIA C. (HOOPER) GOODYEAR. Among the oldest native citizens of Chatham still living within its borders is Mrs. Goodyear, who was born in that now flourishing city, March 9, 1829, a daughter of John and Jane (Roe) Hooper, and has lived there over three score years and ten.

John Hooper was born in England in 1794, and his wife was born in the United States in 1790. Six children were born to them: Sarah; Jane, deceased; Lavina, deceased; Susan, of Chatham; Cynthia C. (Mrs. Goodyear); and John, of British Columbia. By a former marriage, Mrs. Hooper had four children: Mary Ann Osterhout; William Osterhout; Charles Osterhout; and a child who died young. John Hooper was an early settler of Chatham, and by occupation was a ship builder. His death occurred in Chatham in 1844, and his wife died in 1871. In his political affiliations he was a Liberal; and in his religious faith a member of the Church of England. His wife belonged to the Methodist Church. Mr. Roe, Mrs. Goodyear's maternal grandfather, was also an early settler of Chatham, and many years ago lived on the lot now occupied by Dr. Holmes' residence.

In 1847 Cynthia C. Hooper was united in marriage with John Goodyear, who was born in England March 14, 1813. In 1844, he emigrated to Ontario, locating in Chatham, and engaged in shoemaking. After several years of this work, he became a broker and successfully carried on that business until his death in 1885. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Goodyear: Jane Ann, born in 1851, died young; Ella, born Dec. 3, 1853, became Mrs. Oswold, of Chatham, and died in 1875. Mrs. Goodyear is a member of the Methodist Church, as was also her husband. Politically Mr. Goodyear was a Liberal, and for several years served most creditably as constable of Chatham. Mrs. Goodyear has many entertaining recollections of the beginning of Chatham. She has seen the place grow from a few cabins in the wilderness to the prosperous city of 10,000 people it now is, and distinctly remembers when there was but one house on what is now King street. No resident of Chatham is held in higher respect than Mrs. Goodyear, and she is a lady of kindly disposition, genial manner and true Christian character, whose charities are many and good deeds without number. She can look back over a well spent life, and feel that she has not lived in vain.

ROBERT H. YULE, a retired missionary worker of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, and a man greatly beloved and highly esteemed by a numerous following, was born in Almonte, Ont., June 15, 1841, a son of Robert and Janet (McLaren) Yule, of Glasgow, Scotland. His grandfather, James Yule, of Scotland, was one of the chief mourners at Lord Nelson's funeral. His wife, in making a trip to France to visit her husband (who was a member of the Royal Army), was captured by the French, as were the other persons on board the boat. James Yule followed weaving and farming in civil life. He came to Canada in 1820, locating in the County of Lanark, where he remained.

Robert Yule was a tailor by occupation. He came to Canada in 1820, locating in the County of Lanark, with his parents, who made the trip with him, and until he was twenty-five years of age he farmed, and then engaged in tailoring. He also was caretaker for the Y. M. C. A. building in Brantford, during the last thirteen years of his life. He died in 1895, aged eighty-eight years, and the mother died in 1877, aged sixty-seven years. Both were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Children as follows were born to them: Jessie died at the age of three months; Barbara died at the age of five years; Prof. James C., deceased, married Pamelia S. Vining, lady principal of the Canadian Literary Institute, and he was professor in the Woodstock College, but he died at the early age of thirty-eight years, while his twin brother, Peter, died when two years and five months old; Robert H. is mentioned below; Miss Janet, a trained nurse, is in Toronto; Alexander died at the age of seven years and seven months; John is timekeeper for Shear & Company, Detroit,



R. H. Yule & Wife

Michigan; Barbara (2) married John Kemp, a farmer of Brantford; Peter (2) is a resident of Brantford; Isabella died young.

On March 12, 1870, Robert H. Yule was married to Catherine Campbell, and three children were born to them, all dying in infancy. Mrs. Yule was born in Chatham township, and died Nov. 10, 1902, aged seventy years, and her remains rest in the beautiful Wallaceburg cemetery. She was a daughter of Neil and Margaret (McDonald) Campbell, of Scotland, the latter a daughter of Angus McDonald, a native of Scotland who came to Canada at an early day, first locating in the County of Essex, later in Kent, where he died shortly afterward. Angus McDonald was the father of six children, all now deceased: Christie, Mrs. McPherson; Angus; Mary, Mrs. Sikes; Flora, Mrs. McDonald; Margaret, Mrs. Campbell; and Sarah, who never married. Neil Campbell was one of a family of five children, his brothers and sister being John, James, Archibald and Jane. Neil and Margaret (McDonald) Campbell came to the County of Kent in an early day, and shortly afterward took up several farms in Chatham township. Mr. Campbell died in Chatham Gore in 1837, and his widow died in 1894, aged ninety-four. He is buried in the private cemetery in Chatham Gore. Their children were: Alexander, deceased; Daniel, a retired farmer of Dresden; James, who died in California; Sarah Jane, who resides with her brother; Catherine; Maggie, who died unmarried in November, 1892; and Neil, who died in 1876.

When only sixteen years of age Mr. Yule began teaching school in Ramsay township, County of Lanark, but after seven years he attended college at Woodstock for fifteen months. From there he went to Mount Healy, where he taught school for a few months, and in 1866 he located in Wallaceburg, and for four and one-half years was one of the popular teachers of that locality. For the following three and one-half years he was a general agent for sewing machines, and then settled in Woodstock, where he remained eight years. There, owing to his having overexerted himself in his endeavors to advance he suffered from poor health, and he finally made a trip to Manitoba in 1882, visiting various parts of the Northwest, and at the same time effecting much good, as he went as a missionary worker. After sixteen years spent in this line of work he became the general agent of the Canadian Baptist paper, and thus continued for two years in Ontario and Quebec, after which he returned to Wallaceburg, where he has since remained. He has long been one of the most active members and workers of the Baptist Church, and is held in the greatest esteem by his fellow members. In politics he is a Reformer, but has never entered into public affairs. Throughout a very wide territory this most excellent man has wrought much good, and his name is held in loving reverence by hosts whom he has brought into the light, and helped along the journey of life toward the eternal goal.

JAMES T. SMITH, one of the progressive and substantial young farmers of County Kent, is a worthy representative of an old pioneer family. He was born at his present home on Lot 21, Concession 6, River Range, Harwich township, March 5, 1862, a son of James and Margaret (McKinley) Smith.

David Smith, the grandfather of James T., was killed by the kick of a horse, at his home in Lower Canada. His three sons, John, Charles and James, came to County Kent, when young men. The last named being a blacksmith, found plenty of employment in Ridgetown and adjacent towns. John was a carpenter, and he settled and died in Harwich, leaving four children, his two sons, John and Daniel, still living in Harwich. Charles, the other brother, married a Miss Alford, and moved to Algoma, where he has reared a family.

James Smith, son of David, was born in 1821, in Lower Canada, and his wife in 1830, in Ridgetown. She is a daughter of Peter McKinley, a pioneer settler of Ridgetown, who at the time of his location there, found but a few scattered families on the River Thames and through Howard township. John P. McKinley, M. P., for Ridgetown, is a half-brother of Mrs. Smith. James Smith worked at his trade until his marriage, in 1841, when he settled on the present homestead, at that time all wild land. He cleared up 200 acres, erected a handsome brick house and commodious barns, and made there one of the most desirable as well as valuable homes of the township. There his wife died in February, 1884, and there his own

death occurred in December, 1892. Both he and wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were among the early founders of the church of that denomination in this locality. Politically Mr. Smith favored the Reform party, but his aspirations were never in the direction of office. He lived a careful, upright, worthy life, was a good neighbor and a devoted husband and parent. Eleven children were born to James Smith and wife, all of whom still survive, with the exception of Mary, who died in young womanhood. Of the others: Peter, the eldest, was born in the present home, is unmarried, and is engaged in a real estate business in Winnipeg; Clara A. married Lawrence Bonner, of Winnipeg, Man., and they have four children, Catherine, James, Charles Mc. and Grace; Janet married Duncan Nielson, of Concession 11, Harwich, and has four children, William, Margaret, James and Clara; John W. is a ranchman at Assiniboia, N. W. T., and is unmarried; Catherine married Thomas Vanvliet, a prominent citizen and wholesale harness dealer at Winnipeg, and has three children, Bertram, Lyman and Dorthy; Isabel, born in 1867, married Daniel McMillan, of Blenheim, and they have four children, Rhea, Annie, Margaret and Ronald; Margaret married Nelson Reid, a farmer of near Moose Mountain in Assiniboia, and they have three children, Beulah, Jean and John; Abigail resides with her sister in Winnipeg; Nancy married Robert Smythe, of Moose Mountain, and has two children, Arthur and Mary; and James T. is the subject proper of this sketch.

James T. Smith grew up on the old homestead and received a district school education. He has remained on this farm, and has given his attention to it all his life. Its fine state of cultivation reflects credit upon his management. On Dec. 21, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Hamil, born April 24, 1868, daughter of David and Catherine (Conn) Hamil, an old and prominent pioneer family of Harwich. Mrs. Smith was well educated in the local schools and is regarded as a leader in church and social circles. Before her marriage she was organist of the Methodist Church near her home, of which both she and her husband are members. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children: James Lloyd, born in March, 1894; Florence, in 1895; Lorne Hamil, in 1897; and Harold Conn, in February, 1899.

After their marriage Mr. Smith and wife settled on the old homestead, the 300 acres being divided among the three sons. In 1902 he purchased his brother John's portion, and he now owns two fine farms, both containing brick residences and other excellent improvements. Mr. Smith is a man of business ability, and also of integrity of character. He is foremost in all educational and religious movements, and most worthily represents the honorable old family from which he sprung.

PAUL McINNES, a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres, on Lot 19, Concession 13, to which he came in 1882, when the land was entirely uncultivated. His birth occurred in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland, Dec. 28, 1835, and he is a son of Ronald and Margaret (Marshall) McInnes, of Scotland, where the mother died in 1883, aged seventy-three years. The father came to Canada a few years thereafter, and resided with his son John, in the County of Elgin, Ont., where he died in 1888, aged seventy-nine years. He and his estimable wife were both members of the Church of England. The children born to them were: Paul; Alexander who died in Scotland; Jesse, of Melbourne, Australia, who married a lady named Romcke; John, who died in the County of Elgin, Ont.; Katie, who married Donald Cameron, of Queensland, Australia; Ann who died in Scotland when young; and Ronald and Donald who also died in Scotland in childhood.

In March, 1887, in Orford township, Paul McInnes married Matilda A. Sheply, and to this union have been born no children. Mrs. McInnes was born at Cedar Springs, Raleigh township, County of Kent, in March, 1845, daughter of Michael and Jane (McNeal) Sheply, of the County of Kent and Prescott, Ont., respectively. Mr. Sheply was born in Raleigh township April 4, 1822, and died March 15, 1895, while the mother was born Jan. 20, 1820, and died Jan. 22, 1897. They were married Feb. 14, 1843. Their remains are interred in Gosnell cemetery. On March 15, 1882, they removed to Orford township, from Raleigh township. During their useful and upright lives they were members of the Methodist Church. Born to these good people were the following children: Solomon W. died

young; Matilda A. is the wife of Paul McInnes; Joseph J. is a resident of Glenwood, Ont.; Sarah J. resides with Mr. and Mrs. McInnes; James A. is a farmer of Romily, Ont.; Ezra is a farmer of Tilbury township; Elizabeth, of Tilbury township, married Irvin Snyder, a farmer; Reuben S. resides at the "Soo," Ont.; Isaac L. is a farmer of Tilbury township.

Until he was eighteen years of age Paul McInnes resided with his parents in Scotland, thence went to England on Aug. 2, 1854, and there remained until 1869. He then emigrated to Canada and settled in Orford township, County of Kent, residing with his brother John, and worked among the farmers until he had saved sufficient to purchase his present home, which he has developed until he has one of the best farms in the township. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, to which he has belonged for the past quarter of a century. Both he and his wife are Presbyterians. In politics he is an Independent. In spite of the fact that he and his wife endured many hardships they enjoyed their life, and tell many entertaining stories of the days which are now a part of history. The friendships formed in those early days were not forgotten, although new ones have been added, for they are among the best beloved people in the township of Orford.

JAMES W. GARDINER, one of the thrifty young farmers of the Middle road, Tilbury East township, is a son of John L., and grandson of William Gardiner, both early settlers of the township. His birth occurred on the home farm Dec. 19, 1861, and there he was reared to manhood's estate, becoming a practical farmer and learning to practice those qualities which have made him successful in life. When starting out to support himself, his father gave the young man the east 100 acres of Lot 4, M. R. S., which property is well supplied with buildings, and is kept in excellent condition by Mr. Gardiner, who appreciates the value of careful management. The land is devoted to general farming, and the returns are good, he making a specialty of beef and hogs. In politics he is a member of the Reform party, while his fraternal affiliations are with the order of Foresters. The entire family attend the Methodist Church, and take an active part in its good work.

On May 30, 1888, Mr. Gardiner was united in marriage with Jane Moorhouse, who was born in Euphemia township, County Lambton, Aug. 1, 1865, daughter of William and Maria (Waddell) Moorhouse; she was only five years of age when brought by her parents to Tilbury township, East, where she was reared and educated. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner have been born the following children: Leila Fern, born March 3, 1889; Ada Lillian, born Aug. 31, 1890; Eva Mary, born March 21, 1892; Harold Auston, born June 27, 1894; Edith Pearl, born April 16, 1896; Florence Effie, born April 5, 1898; and John Leslie, born June 15, 1900.

MRS. ROBERT HARRISON. Among the highly esteemed residents of Ridgetown, Howard township, County of Kent, none receive more honor and respect than does Mrs. Robert Harrison, the niece of one of the most prominent citizens of the county and the widow of another.

Mrs. Harrison was born in May, 1836, in the city of Paisley, Scotland, daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Campbell) McNichol, who were born in Glasgow, and died there when Mrs. Harrison was but five years of age. They left three children, who accompanied their uncle, Archie Campbell, to the Dominion. He settled on Concession 7, in Howard township, and there the three children grew up, Duncan becoming a member of the household of Dougald Campbell, and later marrying Margaret McTavish, of Orford. They lived for a while in Ridgetown, Highgate, and later settled in Chatham. He is survived by a widow and four children—Mary; Katie, the wife of Richard Teach, of Chatham; Duncan, a railroad man on the Pere Marquette road in Michigan; and Effie, the widow of William Hunter, a railroad man. Mary, the sister of Mrs. Harrison, was born in 1834, in Scotland, and died in young womanhood, at the home of Dougald Campbell. Nancy became Mrs. Harrison. She was carefully reared in the home of her uncle, Archie Campbell, and he and his wife reared her the same as their own child, as they had none born to them. Her educational opportunities were somewhat limited, but she learned under her good aunt all those housekeeping qualifications which enabled her to make her own family comfortable, and for a

number of years cared for those adopted parents and gave them a daughter's affection until they died, Mr. Campbell in 1870 and his wife in 1886. Mrs. Harrison was made the legatee of all their wealth.

In 1857 Nancy McNichol married Robert Harrison, who was born on the lake shore, in Howard township, in 1830, a son of Lovel and Margaret (Ruddle) Harrison, the latter of whom was born in Ireland. Lovel Harrison was born in Nova Scotia, and when he came to the County of Kent settled on Lake Erie, in Howard township, living there until his death, after which his widow lived with her son Robert. Their other children were: John J., deceased, formerly of Howard: Thomas R., of Morpeth; Charlotte, the wife of Edward Beaury, of Howard; William, a farmer in Michigan; Margaret, deceased wife of William Mooney, of Howard; and Wellwood, who died in childhood.

ROBERT HARRISON was reared on the old home in Howard township and when a boy of fifteen years began life as a sailor on boats engaged in freighting on the lakes, but after his marriage he settled on the Harrison farm near Lake Erie. Here during the summers he continued to follow his life on the water, and when navigation closed engaged through the winter months in threshing, buying for this purpose several horse-power threshers and later a steam thresher. He was at all times a man of energy and great business capacity. His death occurred in 1884, for four years prior to which time he had lived in retirement, on account of poor health. After the death of Mr. Harrison his widow removed to the Campbell farm and lived there until the house was destroyed by fire, in 1898, when she purchased a pleasant and comfortable home on Cunningham avenue, where she still resides. Her children are comfortably settled in life, although she has been bereaved of three, namely: Lovel, the eldest, who was born in Howard in 1858, was drowned on a boat of which he was the boatswain, in a terrific storm on Lake Michigan, near the harbor of Milwaukee, in 1895; William N., born in 1860, was injured in an accident in Chicago, Jan. 17, 1903, from the effects of which he shortly afterward died; Archibald, the third son, who was born in 1862 and became a young man of great promise, died in 1887. Maggie C., born in 1863, is the wife of Thomas Link, a business man of London, Canada, and their children are Ada, Harrison and Gertrude. Mary A., born at the old home in 1865, is the wife of Norman Stirling, and they live in the village of Thamesville, where Mr. Stirling runs a real estate office. They have two daughters, Grace and Olive. Lottie, born in 1871, is the wife of William Bess, a contractor and builder, and they reside in Thamesville. The youngest son, Duncan R., born in 1879, graduated in the class of 1896 from the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, and is an honor graduate of the Normal School, London; he holds a first-class certificate as a teacher in the County of Kent; is a young man of marked ability and scholarly attainments, and is not only a successful teacher but respected as an honorable young man. He is affiliated with the Order of Odd Fellows, and with his brothers follows his father's example in devotion to the Reform party. On Aug. 4, 1902, he married Lottie L. Mallory, only daughter of Hiram and Sarah (Guild) Mallory, of Guilds.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were members of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Harrison adhered to the faith of her family, and in 1870 united with the Methodist Church. She reared her children in the same religious belief. She is a lady of rare Christian character, and one whose kind and charitable disposition has endeared her to all with whom she has been connected through a long and useful life. She has lived to see her name honorably perpetuated and to know that her children are among the most highly respected residents of their various localities.

ADOLPHUS WEES, a prosperous general farmer of Camden Gore, 1st Concession, Lot 2, occupies a fine farm of thirty acres, and in addition usually rents and cultivates nearly 200 acres each year. He came to his present home in April, 1902, from Chatham Gore.

Mr. Wees was born in Chatham township, Jan. 16, 1843, son of William and Elizabeth (Trumpour) Wees, who came from the locality of Kingston, but were married in the County of Kent and were among the county's earliest settlers. The father died in Chatham township in November, 1854, aged fifty-four, while the mother died in November, 1895, aged eighty-one years, and they were buried in the Arnold cemetery; both were members of



Emma Rees

Adolphus Rees

the Methodist Church. Their children were: Adolphus, Trumpour, Elizabeth and Franklin (who died young).

On March 28, 1867, Adolphus Wees married Emma Meloche, and children as follows have been born of this union: William, a farmer of Camden Gore, married Effie Racher, and has four children, Walter, Franklin, Nellie and Alma. George, a farmer of the County of Lambton, married Edith Winters, and has four children, Guy, Sadie, Lisle and Wilma. James, of Thamesville, married Mary Seacord, and has three children, Eva, Cecil and Ethel May; he is a stock dealer. Walter and Alice died young. Elizabeth married James McAulay, and is with her father. John, a farmer of Camden Gore, married Maggie Cragg. Mrs. Wees was born in Montreal in June, 1847, a daughter of John and Mary A. (Slide) Meloche, of Montreal, who came to the County of Kent in 1855, locating in Thamesville, where he followed the trade of blacksmith; he died in June, 1895, aged seventy years, while on a visit to Montreal.

Adolphus Wees remained with his parents until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Chatham township. Afterward he ran a livery stable in Dresden for six years, at the expiration of that time locating in Camden township, where he farmed for eleven years. His next home was in Howard township, but later he returned to Chatham. After a few years he settled in Camden township, then went back to Chatham township, and is now residing in Camden township.

In politics Mr. Wees is independent. In religious faith he and his wife are Methodists, and always give very liberally toward the support of that church. Mr. Wees is a man of excellent standing in his community, being active, enterprising and an upright business man. In adversity his friends find him true and accommodating, while he never takes advantage of the misfortunes of others. Such a man must have a host of friends, and he welcomes many at his pleasant home.

JOHN McKARRACHER owns and successfully cultivates a fine 100-acre farm, in Orford township, located on Lot 14, Concession 4, north half, Middle Road. He was born there in May, 1854, a son of William and Alexina (Murray) McKarracher, of Scotland. They were married in 1840, in Orford township, he having come to the County of Kent, in 1832, with his parents, who located in that township. William McKarracher participated in the Rebellion as a volunteer. During his life he held several municipal offices, and was a worthy and good man. His death occurred Feb. 21, 1900, when he was eighty-one years of age. The mother died in 1876, aged fifty-four years, and they are buried in Duart cemetery. In religious faith they were both Presbyterians.

In December, 1884, in Howard township, John McKarracher married Anna C. Buchan, and one child, Ethel A., has been born to this union. Mrs. McKarracher was born in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, daughter of John and Anna C. Buchan.

John McKarracher remained with his parents, and after they died continued to operate the farm, which is now his own property. He has long been identified with the A. O. U. W., in which he is very popular. He and his most excellent wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Reformer, and has always taken a deep interest in local affairs, although he has not had time to look for office. He and his wife have many friends throughout the community, where they are so widely and favorably known.

JAMES ROBERTSON, one of the enterprising and prosperous younger farmers of the County of Kent, is located on Concession 3, in Howard township, where he was born April 25, 1860. His parents, James and Catherine (McMillan) Robertson, were both born in Scotland, the former in 1825 and the latter in 1819. They came to Canada in 1834, purchasing land in the woods, which they cleared, while they lived in a log cabin, with primitive surroundings, but blessed with health and content. Grandfather Robertson also came to this part of Canada, and settled on the town line, and there lived and died. Three sons were born to him in Scotland; John, who still lives in Howard; James, father of our subject; and Peter, who lives in Harwich.

James Robertson settled on the present home of his son James, and, as noted, cleared it from the bush. His wife belonged to a prominent family of Harwich township, having been a daughter of Duncan and Christie

McMillan, who came at a very early day to Canada from Argyllshire, Scotland. Here Mr. Robertson lived out his days, dying in 1890. With the assistance of his son James he erected a fine home in 1888, and two or three commodious barns, which were needed by that time to house their great farm yields, and together they worked to make this farm a garden spot in Howard, where once there was nothing but wilderness. It is not given to every one to see the happy results of their toil, but such was the case with James Robertson. His estimable wife met a sad end, her death being caused by a vicious ram, in 1901. Both parents were consistent and valued members of the Presbyterian Church, they being among the early supporters of that denomination in the neighborhood. In politics Mr. Robertson was a Reformer. They had a family of three children, James being the youngest and the only son. Mary, born at this home in 1850, was educated at the Howard schools, and is now the wife of Miles McDonald, who is a prosperous farmer near Morpeth; they have children—Katie, Arthur, John, Fred and Jennie. Jane, born in 1852, was educated in the Howard schools and the high school at Chatham, and for several years was a successful teacher. She is now the widow of David Park, who was a member of the firm of Park Bros., and whose death was caused by the explosion of a lamp, in 1891. He was survived by his widow and three children—Ethel (a teacher in the County of Kent), David G. and James, all residents of Chatham.

James Robertson was educated in the Howard schools, and, as his father's only son, remained with him, and for a long period prior to the father's death managed the farm. In September, 1885, he married Annie Thatcher, the estimable daughter of Stephen and Mary A. (Brown) Thatcher, a prominent pioneer family of the County of Kent. Mrs. Robertson was born Aug. 19, 1863, and was educated in the Morpeth schools. After their marriage the young couple settled at the Robertson homestead and with them resided the aged mother until her death. Mr. Robertson is one of the active and prosperous farmers of his locality, prominent not only in his vocation, but also in political life, as a strong supporter of the Reform party, taking a deep interest in public affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the Order of United Workmen. He and his admirable wife are consistent and active members of the Botany Methodist Church. They are the happy parents of four children, namely: Myrell, born in February, 1887; Grace Uldean, born in October, 1889; James Carlile, born in 1892; and Ross Thatcher, born Sept. 9, 1901. Mr. Robertson is a man of high principle, of exemplary character, and a fit representative of a very honorable family.

MRS. JANE (BOLTON) WILLIAMS, of Chatham, one of the most highly esteemed residents of County Kent, which has been her home for over sixty years, is a daughter of one of the early settlers of the county.

John Bolton, the father of Mrs. Williams, was born in Ireland, May 14, 1786, a son of Thomas Bolton, also a native of Ireland, where he was born about 1760. Besides John, his children were: Nancy, who married Duncan Campbell; and Mary, who married Duncan Croft. On Dec. 13, 1813, John Bolton married Catherine Campbell, who was born April 17, 1793, of Scotch parentage. In the early history of County Kent, as early as 1818, the young couple settled at Erieau, but soon after moved to Sydenham, where he carried on a blacksmith business, which he had learned in Ireland. In connection with his trade, he conducted a farm of 200 acres. Mr. Bolton was widely known, not only for his wealth and influence, but for his hospitality and neighborly kindness. The hand of friendship was extended to all who were worthy, and shelter was never denied either white man or Indian. There is no record that his kindness was ever abused. In these days of strain and stress, it is cheering to realize that such great-hearted men as John Bolton once lived. A family of twelve children surrounded the hearthstone of this hospitable home, but three died young: Catherine, born Nov. 12, 1814; John, born Jan. 23, 1816; William, born Aug. 15, 1820; Duncan, born Feb. 1, 1822; Mary Ann, born April 15, 1826; Henry, born Feb. 6, 1828; Richard, born March 27, 1830; Alice, born Jan. 25, 1834; and Jane, born Aug. 23, 1838. Of these nine who grew to maturity, only three survive: Richard, of Chatham; Mary Ann, Mrs. Tiffen; and Mrs. Williams.

Jane Bolton was born on the old homestead in County Kent. In 1856 she married Samuel Taylor, a son of William Taylor and his wife,

Sarah Chew. William Taylor was the first of the Taylor family to emigrate to Canada. He was born in England, April 11, 1794, and was married March 30, 1815, to Sarah Chew, who was born Aug. 13, 1797. William Taylor died May 19, 1846, and his widow on Feb. 26, 1856. William Taylor was a very successful business man, operated a saw and flouring-mill, and was largely engaged in ship building, and named one of his vessels the "Sarah Taylor" and another, "The Dawn." The children of William Taylor and wife were: Elizabeth, born March 11, 1816, married James Smith, of Dawn Mills, and died Jan. 27, 1895; Alice A., born Feb. 14, 1819, married Charles Prangley, of Dresden; Mary A., born Aug. 27, 1822, married Charles Baxter, and died June 25, 1900; William C., born Aug. 22, 1824, died June 18, 1894; Thomas Hume, born Sept. 10, 1826, married Maria L. Bogert; Sarah A., born March 14, 1830, married John T. Bogert, and died June 17, 1886; Jane, born May 16, 1832, married Thomas Griffiths, and died May 20, 1851; and Samuel, born Feb. 18, 1834, died Oct. 28, 1873.

The family born to Samuel Taylor and wife numbered seven children, the four who grew to maturity being: John, who married Emma Hurdman, and has one son, Roy; Miss Maggie, who resides with her mother in Chatham; Jennie, who married R. L. Arnold, and has three children, Alice, Myrtle and Lyle; and Walter, who married Jennie Hazlitt, and has two children, Lillie and Fred.

For some time after marriage Samuel Taylor engaged in business at Dawn Mills, but later settled on a farm in Chatham near the city. His death occurred as previously stated; he had been away from Chatham for a number of years before he died. In 1883 Mrs. Taylor was married to William Williams, who was born in England in 1832, and for a number of years prior to his death lived retired. Mrs. Williams owns one of the fine homes in Chatham, in which city she has a wide circle of friends.

ALEXANDER CRUICKSHANK, a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, residing upon his excellent farm of 122 acres, on Lot 19, 8th Concession, came to this property when he was only one year old. His birth took place in Caledonia, Ont., June 21, 1859, and he is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (McWilliams) Cruickshank, of Scotland, who came to the County of Kent in 1860, and took up the present farm. There they remained, Mr. Cruickshank dying in 1867, aged thirty-nine years. He is buried in the Percel cemetery in the County of Elgin. The mother who resides in Zone township, was born in 1843. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was Mr. Cruickshank. The following children were born to this couple: Alexander is mentioned below; Isabel married Wallace Goodyear, a farmer of Zone township; Elizabeth is deceased; Ann married Robert Roberts, of Zone township. The mother married for her second husband John Roberts, a farmer of Zone township, and they had a daughter, Mary, who married J. J. Shaw, of Chatham, Ontario.

On April 16, 1884, in Bothwell, Alexander Cruickshank marrried Sarah E. Murphy, and four children were born to them: Mary E., Robert, Maud and Emma A. Mrs. Cruickshank was born at Brampton, Ont., May 4, 1859, and died Jan. 9, 1901. Her remains were tenderly laid to rest in Duart cemetery. Mrs. Cruickshank was a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Burns) Murphy, of Londonderry, Ireland, who came to the County of Kent in 1860, and took up land to the extent of 100 acres. The father died on this property in 1901, aged seventy-nine. He belonged to the Orange Lodge, and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow, also a member of the Presbyterian Church, resides on the old farm of Orford township, aged seventy-six years. Their children were: Joseph, a farmer of Orford township; Matilda, of Orford township, who married Henry Miller; Mary A., of Bothwell, wife of F. H. McRitchie; Sarah E., Mrs. Cruickshank; James, a farmer of Orford township; William J., deceased; Robert, on the old homestead; Esther, on a farm in the County of Lambton, Ont., wife of George Young; Archibald, deceased; and Emma, wife of C. Austin, of Orford.

With the exception of some seven years—from the time he was eighteen until he was twenty-five—which were spent working for various farmers, Mr. Cruickshank has resided upon his present property, and has brought it into a very good state of cultivation, clearing the land himself. He was hampered in many ways, through sickness in his family, but nobly struggled on, and is now in very comfortable

circumstances. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W.; politically he is a Liberal, while in his church affiliations he is a Presbyterian. A good citizen, kind father, and excellent farmer, he deserves and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends throughout the County of Kent.

THOMAS N. WELLS, proprietor of the *Dresden Times*, of Dresden, Ont., and a very prominent man in the locality, was born in the township of Dawn in 1868, a son of Nicholas and Frances J. (Brewer) Wells. His marriage occurred in July, 1891, to Lizzie Botting, of Chatham township, and three children have been born to this union: Vera M., Lawrence G. and Dorothy B.

Mr. Wells started in business in Dresden in February, 1891, and learned the trade of printer in the office of the *Dresden Times*, which paper he now owns. For five years he worked in Toronto in a publishing house, and then purchased the interest of Joseph Gadd, since which time he has conducted the paper as a purely independent sheet. The *Times* was established in 1872 and is one of the popular papers in the county, it being the policy of the management to give its readers a clear, unbiased and concise account of the events of the day.

Fraternally Mr. Wells is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. and Lady Rebekahs, as well as the Maccabees. He has always been a faithful worker for any thing and every thing which tended toward the betterment of things in general, and the progress of this portion of the great Dominion. Energetic, public-spirited, a man of ideas and possessing the ability to execute them, Mr. Wells plays a very important part in the life of Dresden, and is looked up to and highly respected by all who know him.

AMASA GAGE, one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of Howard township, residing on Lot 4, 4th Concession, was born on the 5th Concession, in that township, in March, 1851, a son of Amasa and Laura (Bookins) Gage, who were born in New York State. The parents grew to maturity in their native State, coming thence after their marriage, and becoming pioneer settlers of Howard township, County of Kent, on the 5th Concession, where Amasa Gage erected a log cabin. Later he replaced the primitive home with the substantial frame house in which he lived until a few years prior to his death, when he made his home with his son, Amasa. Here he died when seventy-two years of age, his wife surviving until she was eighty-seven years old.

Amasa Gage was reared upon the home farm, receiving a fair education in the public schools of his neighborhood, and improving every opportunity to acquire additional knowledge. As soon as he had accumulated sufficient money he purchased the John Morrow farm, in Howard township, which he has placed under a fine state of cultivation, having made many improvements on this property, erecting barns and outbuildings, and in 1894 he built his present fine brick residence. When he purchased his farm but little of the land was cleared, and much hard work was necessary to bring it to the present condition, and make it one of the best farming properties in the County of Kent.

In 1877 Mr. Gage married Miss Mary A. Campbell, who was born in 1852, daughter of Edward and Anna Campbell, prominent pioneer people of the County of Kent. One daughter has come to this union, Annie Laura, born in 1882, who was educated in the home schools, and is now one of the charming young ladies of Howard, and a very important factor in the social life of the community. The religious connections of the family are with the Presbyterian Church, although they were reared in the Methodist faith. Mr. Gage is one of the elders of the Botany Church, and all the family take an active part in church work. While stanch to the principles of the old Reform party, Mr. Gage has never aspired to office. Having attained to his present position of prosperity through his own efforts, he feels justly proud of his success, especially as it has been gained by honorable methods, and although his life has been a very busy one he has always found time to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate, and demonstrate conclusively that the Sermon on the Mount can be carried into every-day life.

JOHN PINCH, one of the thrifty young farmers of Romney township, County of Kent, was born July 15, 1857, in Trafalgar township, County of Halton, Ont. His father, Christopher Pinch, was born May 2, 1829, in Yorkshire, England, where he married Eleanor Mid-



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dleton, of he County of Kent, England, born April 17, 1833. Fifty years ago the family left England, and coming to Canada settled in Trafalgar township, County of Halton, where they remained some six years. They then removed to the County of Kent, living in Romney township and Mersea township, County of Essex, near the line. In the latter township the father died April 29, 1867, aged thirty-eight years, eleven months, twenty-seven days. The mother survives, living on the home place. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Pinch was as follows: Catherine, born Aug. 28, 1853, married Robert Getty; Alice, born Oct. 27, 1854, married Henry Getty; Adam, born April 2, 1855, lives in Romney; John, born July 15, 1857, is mentioned below; Charles C., of Romney, was born April 12, 1859; Joseph, of Wheatley, was born Jan. 31, 1861; Walter, born Jan. 11, 1863, is a prominent physician of Gilbert, Wisconsin; Nelson, born May 18, 1864, died at the age of five years, eight months, in 1869; Henry is a resident of Tilbury township, west.

John Pinch was but a babe when the family removed to western Ontario, and he grew to manhood in the County of Kent, receiving but limited educational advantages. He can well remember the clearing away of the concession woods in his neighborhood. In 1882 he went west and visited Winnipeg and the Northwest Territory, and later went to the States, where he remained four years, engaged in lumbering and farming. In 1895 he returned to the County of Kent and settled on Lot 14, Concession 5, which property he had purchased before leaving the township, and which consisted of fifty acres, the greater portion wild land. He has cleared it all, and made many improvements, including a substantial house and barn. Since returning to the County of Kent Mr. Pinch has devoted all of his attention to farming, being a general farmer, and has been very successful.

Mr. Pinch married Nellie Lane, who was born in the County of Essex, and they have had children as follows: Stanley, Eleanor J., Christopher and Eva May, the latter born Nov. 17, 1903. In politics Mr. Pinch is a Conservative, and is now acting very efficiently as a trustee of schools. He and his family attend the Methodist Church, and are active in its good work. He is very highly esteemed in the neighborhood, where he is recognized as a good farmer, a thrifty business man, a kind neighbor and an excellent husband and father, and he has a large circle of warm friends.

WILSON PATTERSON, a prominent farmer residing on his pleasant farm, in the 4th Concession, Harwich township, County of Kent, was born at his present residence Feb. 26, 1851, a son of Lyman and Orilla (Carns) Patterson, both of whom were born in Lower Canada, in the County of Leeds.

Lyman Patterson came to the County of Kent at a very early date, purchasing a tract of wild land from the Canadian Company. Here he erected a log house in which he and his family lived for many years, until he built the commodious frame structure in which Wilson Patterson now makes his home. Through hard labor the father cleared the land and there resided until his retirement, in 1885, at which time he located in Blenheim, and remained in that city until his death, in 1895. His wife survives, at the age of seventy-seven years, making her home in Blenheim, and is a lady much beloved for her many Christian traits of character. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson: Mary J. died in childhood; Delbert, born on the present homestead in 1848, married a resident of the township, and they now reside at Chatham, where he is engaged in a merchandise business (he has no family); Sophronia, born in 1853, married Walter Stirling, a resident of Elk Rapids, Michigan, and they have one daughter, Elsie; Louisa, born in 1858, married J. K. Laird, who resides near Guilds, in Harwich, and they have two children, Wilfred and Ethel; Wilson is mentioned below.

Wilson Patterson grew to manhood on the homestead, receiving a good education, and while still a young man became manager of the home farm. In 1876 he married Miss Maggie Stephenson, of Harwich, daughter of Robert Stephenson, one of the pioneers of the locality, and after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Patterson settled on the homestead. There Mrs. Patterson died, leaving two daughters: Elizabeth, born in 1877, who married Fred Alexander, a resident of Rushtons Corners, Harwich township (they have no family); and Lillie, born in 1879, who is unmarried, and residing at home, a most charming young lady. In 1886 Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Bell Steel, of Har-

wich, daughter of Burns Steel, one of the pioneer farmers. Mrs. Patterson was born in Harwich in 1861, and is a most accomplished and cultivated lady, a favorite with all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance. Two children have been born of this union, Arlow, born in April, 1890, and Erma, born in 1896. Politically Mr. Patterson has always been identified with the old Liberal party, and has held the office of school trustee of Harwich township. Religiously he and his parents were reared in the Methodist faith, but Mrs. Patterson and the daughters are Presbyterians. Mr. Patterson is one of the most representative men of his locality, one who has attained prominence through hard work. Although living on the homestead, he purchased the property from the other heirs, and has greatly improved it, until he now has one of the finest farms in the township.

ALEXANDER KING, a prosperous general farmer residing on Lot 16, in Dover township, owns and operates a fine farm of 125 acres on which there is an excellent brick dwelling. He was born in that township Jan. 19, 1851, a son of Andrew and Lucy (Campbell) King, of Montreal, who came to the County of Kent in 1835, settling in Dover township. In that township the parents of Andrew took up land to the extent of 200 acres, all wild, and later added fifty acres more. This they cleared and lived upon until their death. Andrew King resided upon the property until his death, April 11, 1879, when he was forty-nine years of age, and he was interred in the cemetery at Pain Court. His wife Lucy died there in May, 1853, aged twenty-two years, and was buried in St. Peter's cemetery. Like her husband she was a consistent member of the Catholic Church. She was the mother of two children, Alexander and William, the latter dying in infancy. Later the father married Bridget Hickey, who bore him children as follows: Thomas, a farmer, married to Caroline Ouellette; Helen, married to Orisan Bechard, a mason; Joseph, a farmer, married to Genevieve Bechard; James, a business man, conducting a hardware store, who married Mary Banks; and Willie, who died at the age of five years. All live in Pain Court except Helen and James.

On Nov. 9, 1875, Alexander King married, in Pain Court, Mary Belanger, and they have had children as follows: Josephine, who is at home; Delina, who married Joseph Laplante, a farmer of Dover township; and Lucy, Henry, Alphy, Eugene and Edna, all at home. Mrs. King was born in Pain Court Feb. 17, 1856, a daughter of Leander and Genevieve (Houle) Belanger, of Lower Canada and Dover township, respectively. The father came to Dover township and became a very prosperous farmer. He died Feb. 4, 1901, aged seventy-one years, while the mother, who was born in 1830, is still living and makes her home in Dover township with her son David. She and her husband early connected themselves with the Roman Catholic Church. Their children were as follows: Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Mary, Mrs. King; Julia, of Dover township, who married Theodore Lozon, a farmer; and David.

Mr. King remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming on the Baldoon road, Concession 5, where he built a log house and other small buildings. He remained there two years, and then moved on Concession 4, where he built a fine brick house and put up other buildings. There he made his home for fourteen and one-half years, at the end of that time trading the property for his present farm, which was owned by Peter Daniels. He and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Conservative. Mr. King is one of the enterprising farmers of his township, and enjoys in the highest degree the confidence of his neighbors and friends. The King family name in French is written Roi, but the English spelling was long ago adopted.

JOSEPH H. SPENCER, a prominent farmer of Howard township, living on Lot 86, Talbot Road, south, was born at his present home in December, 1861, son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Addeman) Spencer.

Leonard Spencer was born in England May 19, 1823, and his wife, also a native of England, was born July 25, 1827. Leonard Spencer was the son of Samuel and Mary Spencer, who came to Canada in a very early day and settled along the Howard Road, on Concession 5, where Samuel took up land through Col. Talbot. There he and his wife lived until late in life, when they moved to Morpeth, where they died. Their family was as follows: Betsy, Mrs.

Turner, a widow, lives near Wallaceburg; Ellen, widow of John Addeman, lives at Tilbury; Mary, born in Canada, now deceased, was the wife of Joseph Muckle, of Blenheim; William lived on the Talbot Road, where he died April 8, 1902; John settled on the homestead in Howard, where he died, leaving a family of three sons; Henry settled and died on a part of the old farm in Howard; Leonard was the father of Joseph H.

Leonard Spencer grew to manhood in England, receiving a limited education, and on Feb. 19, 1852, he married Elizabeth Addeman, daughter of Thomas and Mary Addeman, natives of England who came to this country as early as 1830. Leonard Spencer purchased 200 acres of land from Joseph Hackney, on the Talbot Road, where he started life as a pioneer. He built a log house in which they lived a number of years, when he erected a frame dwelling to which a brick addition was made in 1861. With the aid of his two sons Mr. Spencer cleared up his 200 acres, and on them he and his wife resided until their death, he dying April 19, 1885, and she Oct. 17, 1894. They were consistent members of the Church of England, in which their entire family are earnest workers. Nine children were born to them: Mary E., born in Howard in 1852, married William George Pierce, and both are now deceased; they settled on the Talbot Road and had two daughters, Alice M., wife of H. F. Sifton, of Howard, and Frances, unmarried. Sarah, born in 1853, died in 1866. Lizzie A., born in 1855, is the wife of W. A. Walters, a resident of Howard, and they have one daughter, Dora. Hannah Maria, born in December, 1857, is the wife of Charles Taylor, a resident of Talbot street, in Howard, and has had a family of five children, Edith (who died in childhood), Eva (who died at the age of fourteen), Herbert L. and Grace (unmarried) and Olive (who died in April, 1904). Alfred T., born in February, 1860, was reared on the old home farm, and now resides on a portion of his father's old farm, owning one-half of the fine homestead; he married Miss Alice McDonald, daughter of Archie McDonald, of Canada, and has two children, Ethel and Verna. Joseph H. was born in 1861. Budd L., born in May, 1864, died in 1866. Harriet A., born in 1866, married A. R. Anderson, of the County of Kent, and settled in that county, where she died in December, 1896. Clara A., unmarried, resides in Michigan.

The Spencers are ranked among the leading pioneer families of Kent County. Leonard Spencer was well and favorably known throughout this section as a man of sterling worth and character above reproach. Many are those who can testify to the kindly charity and true Christianity of this worthy man, whose aim was to help others bear their burdens and to lighten sorrows as far as lay in his power, not only by words, but more substantially in many instances. His name will long be cherished with affection and pride, not only by his family, but by those who had the honor of his acquaintance.

Joseph H. Spencer remained at home with his parents, receiving his education at the Howard schools, until their death, when the homestead was divided between his brother Alfred and himself, he retaining the portion on which the home residence stood. On Nov. 20, 1889, he married Miss Sarah Westcott, daughter of William and Barbara Westcott, of Howard, who died a little over one year afterward, in January, 1891, leaving no family. In February, 1893, Mr. Spencer married Miss Lizzie O'Loane, of Ridgetown, daughter of Daniel and Emily (Mattice) O'Loane, members of Canada's old pioneer families. Mrs. Spencer was born in the County of Wentworth, in 1869, and was educated in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown. Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have lived at the pleasant home they now occupy. To them four children have come: Hazel, born Dec. 20, 1893, is a student in school; Rosse, born June 21, 1895, died in early childhood; Harry J. was born May 25, 1898; Norman Leonard was born Aug. 21, 1902. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are members of the Church of England. In his political views Mr. Spencer is a Conservative, and his fraternal connections are with the A. O. U. W. Lodge, No. 15, of Morpeth, and the Independent Order of Foresters, Lodge No. 927, of Morpeth.

The sons of the highly respected and deeply revered Leonard Spencer inherit many of his most excellent qualities, possessing the same generous nature, high character and sterling honesty of purpose, which entitle them to rank among the reliable, substantial and representative men of the section. Joseph H. Spencer

is a young farmer of more than ordinary ability, not only as an individual, but also as an agriculturist, and his estate shows a cultured taste, excellent management and a prosperous condition of things. Under his thrifty care the old homestead, handed down from the father, has been largely improved, until there is no more valuable farm in Howard than the one owned by Mr. Spencer. Even in the three little ones can be traced the traits of character, from both sides of the house, which have raised the representatives of the Spencer and O'Loane families into leading positions of prominence in the several communities in which they have made their home, and caused these names to be held as examples of all that is truest and best in men and women. On his beautiful estate, surrounded by his happy family, blessed with good health, a goodly portion of this world's goods, enjoying the esteem of his friends and neighbors, Mr. Spencer is a man to be envied, and one who deserves the blessings which have fallen to his share.

JOHN HENDERSHOT, for many years one of the substantial business men and influential and public-spirited citizens of Chatham, County of Kent, Ont., was the proprietor of the oldest livery establishment in that city.

On the paternal side Mr. Hendershot came of Dutch ancestry, while on his mother's side his ancestors were Scotch-Irish. Christopher Hendershot, father of John, was the only son of his father, was born in Pennsylvania in 1804, and died in 1857, on the old homestead in the County of Middlesex, Ont. He married Elizabeth Gibb, daughter of John Gibb, and to this union were born nine children: Mary Ann, wife of Samuel Burr, of the County of Lambton, Ont.; Hannah, wife of William Atwell, of Brandon, Manitoba; Ruth, deceased; John; Jane, deceased; James, who married Miss Rachel Woodroe, of Tupperville, County of Kent, and is there engaged in farming (they have the following children: John, Howard, Edith, Jennie and Willey); Christopher, unmarried, residing at Redfield, South Dakota; Joseph, deceased; and Henry, deceased. Christopher Hendershot and his wife were among the well-to-do agriculturists of the County of Middlesex for many years, but for some time prior to his death he was engaged in conducting a hotel at Cashmere, where he died in 1857. His widow, now eighty years of age, having been born in 1824, resides at Wallaceburg. In spite of her years she enjoys reasonably good health, and possesses her faculties to a remarkable degree.

John Hendershot was born on the old homestead in the County of Middlesex, March 6, 1849, and there grew to manhood, and engaged in farming until 1868, when he moved to Chatham. In that year he established his livery business on Queen street, in that city, and continued in that location for twelve years, at the end of that time removing the establishment to a more convenient site on the Thames river, on the Rankin Dock. Here he conducted a first-class livery business, feed and boarding stables, having on hand a fine line of equipages, and horses for the use of the general public. He took care to have reliable drivers, and every consideration was shown to his patrons. In addition to his livery establishment Mr. Hendershot owned and operated a fine farm in Chatham township. On Oct. 5, 1903, Mr. Hendershot sold his livery business and retired on account of ill health. Politically he was a Reformer, and he took an active part in local affairs, serving most creditably in the Council of Chatham. His religious affiliations were with the Methodist Church, of which his widow is also a member. Fraternally he was a member of the A. O. U. W., the C. O. F., and the K. O. T. M.

In 1867 Mr. Hendershot was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Shaw, who was born in Kingston, Ont., daughter of James Shaw, and to this union were born three children: James C., who married Miss Jennie Paulucci, of Chatham, by whom he has one daughter, Jessie; Nettie, at home; and Mytle, who married Joseph Teft, of Chatham, and has one daughter, Winefred. Mr. Hendershot was one of the eminently successful business men of Chatham, and enjoyed in the highest degree the respect of the entire community. All his life he gave his support to measures calculated to benefit the community at large, and many of the public improvements of Chatham were effected through his influence and enterprise. His death, which occurred Feb. 23, 1904, left a vacancy in many circles where his presence will long be missed.



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SAM HAINING, one of the representative farmers, and a breeder of pure bred live stock residing on Lot 16, Concession 9, Orford township, County of Kent, owns a fine farm of 150 acres, now known as the Bell Home Stock Farm, on which he was born Oct. 24, 1869, not, however, in the same house, as his handsome brick residence was built by his father in 1893.

David Haining, his father, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, Feb. 28, 1835, and came to Canada, settling in Toronto township, in the spring of 1857. His wife, Barbara Hornal, was born in Dumfriesshire in March, 1830, and came to the city of Toronto in 1858. They were married March 1, 1860, by the Rev. Alexander Topp, pastor of Knox Church, Toronto. The following November they came to the County of Kent, and settled on the farm now occupied by their son, Sam. The property at the time of their settlement was Indian land, a swamp and nearly worthless, but is now one of the most desirable farms in the county. The parents remained upon the property until 1897, when they retired and removed to Listowel, Ontario. The children born of this union were: Mary D., a trained nurse at Ottawa, Illinois; John, a carpenter and contractor at Sault Ste. Marie; Helen U., who married George Strath of Listowel, manager of a piano factory; Jean, with the parents; and Sam. The paternal grandparents were John and Ellen (Douglas) Haining, of Scotland, where the former engaged in farming.

On March 15, 1898, in Orford township, Sam Haining married Sarah Lee, who was born in Orford township, Oct. 1, 1869, a daughter of Thomas and Fannie (Gosnell) Lee. They have two children: Douglas L. and Helen F. Before her marriage Mrs. Haining was a popular school teacher.

Mr. Haining has remained upon his present farm all his life, and devotes a large portion of his time to stock breeding, making a specialty of short horn cattle, having in his herd at present an imported stock bull, that was a winner in the largest collection of short horns ever seen in Canada, at the Dominion exhibition, in Toronto, 1903. He has also an imported heifer that was a winner at the same exhibition, and in 1902 was junior champion in several of the shows in Britain, the home of short horns. His herd also contains many other fine ones, both home bred and imported, that have never been excelled. The herd has been established many years, as his father was a breeder of short horns many years before the son took it up. Mr. Haining is breeding some very fine Clydesdale horses from imported stock. His sheep are pure bred Lincolns of high standing, and he breeds pure Berkshire and Tamworth hogs, having many Toronto and Guelph winners at present. He is one of the thrifty, enterprising young farmers of the township, and has many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Haining are consistent Methodists, and active in the good work of that body. In politics Mr. Haining is independent.

MARY EVERETT. Among the highly respected residents of Chatham is Mary Everett, now making her home on Elizabeth street, who is descended from one of the old pioneer families of County Kent. She was born in Chatham township, May 20, 1825, and has been a resident of County Kent for more than three-quarters of a century.

The genealogy of the Everett family according to existing records is as follows: William Alexander Everett, of Welsh extraction, and the grandfather of Mary Everett, was born in Pennsylvania about 1740. He married Nancy Jackson, also a native of that State, and in 1796 they settled in County Kent, near Lewisville, where he engaged in farming on the 1st Concession, River Front, Chatham township. He died in 1821, and his wife a few years later. To this pioneer couple were born the following children, all in Pennsylvania: (1) Adam came to County Kent in 1795, and made arrangements for the emigration of the family the following year. He married Nancy Haslet, and had the following children: William, Joseph, Thornton, John, Seth, Mary, Rachel and Elizabeth, of whom Thornton and Rachel, now Mrs. Alexander Whitesell, of Howard township, are the only survivors. (2) William, born in 1783, married Hannah Fleming, an aunt of Dr. Fleming of Chatham, was a farmer in Chatham township, and died in 1856, and his wife died in 1869. William Everett, who was the father of Mary Everett, had a family of fourteen children, as follows: James, William Alexander (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere), John T., David H., Nancy (died in infancy), Barbara (died in 1900),

Rebecca, Doratha Ann, Mary and Elizabeth (twins), Hannah, Emeline, Malissa, and Amelia, of whom Mary, Emeline, now Mrs. R. E. Cornwall, of Walla Walla, Washington, and Amelia, of Hillsboro, Oregon, are the sole survivors. (3) David was married to Mary Hauk, of German descent. By trade David was a hatter, but followed farming in County Kent. His family consisted of three daughters and five sons, of whom Samuel and Henry, of Oregon, and Sarah, now Mrs. T. W. Wright, of Hamilton, North Dakota, are the only survivors. (4) John married Sally Sherman, and had the following family: David, William, John, Elizabeth and Sarah, of whom William, John and Sarah are residing in Howard township, Sarah now being Mrs. Marcellus Winchel. (5) Mary married George Reynolds. (6) Elizabeth married John Reynolds. (7) Rebecca married Robert Crow. (8) Rachel married Thomas Crow. (9) Nancy died young. The Everetts have all been Methodists.

Miss Everett is a lady much beloved by all who know her, for her many excellent traits of character, kindly disposition, and Christian charity. She is enjoying reasonable health, in spite of her years, and is in possession of her faculties to a remarkable degree. Her recollections of the early days of Chatham are very entertaining, and are well worthy of publication.

CHARLES M. GRANT, a prosperous and prominent farmer of Harwich township, County Kent, residing on the 4th Concession, was born on his present farm, in July, 1854, son of Allen and Lucinda (Cooper) Grant, who were both born in County Leeds, Ont., he in 1814, and his wife in 1818. The Grant family was of Scotch extraction, the founders of the family coming from Scotland to County Leeds at a very early day.

Allen Grant was the only member of the family to locate in County Kent, he settling on the farm now owned by his son, Charles M. With a little log cabin for his home he started his life as a pioneer. The land was in its natural state, and he could hope for very little financial return for some years, but with a commendable energy, he erected a small water power saw mill, and for years he did custom work, in the meantime cultivating his farm, and converting it into a fine piece of property. There he and his good wife made their home, and the wife died in 1874, although Mr. Grant survived, tenderly cared for by his son, Charles M., until May 22, 1903. Nine children were born to Allen Grant and wife: (1) Royal J., born in County Leeds, in 1839, settled in Michigan, and while there he contracted a cold which resulted in consumption, and he returned to Canada, where he died in 1865; he married Miss Jane Schuylar, of Harwich, and had one daughter, Edith, who lives in Dakota. (2) Morris, born in County Leeeds, resides on the 8th Concession; he married Mary A. English, of Harwich, and they have four children, Burton D., Bell, May and Helen. (3) Lucy, born in County Leeds, married John Gordon, and since retiring from the farm, they reside in Blenheim; they have two daughters, Elsie and Hilda. (4) Laura, born in County Kent, in 1848, married C. G. Cody, a resident of Toronto, and they have one daughter, Ethel. (5) Polly, born at the present homestead, married Byron Bentley, a resident of Harwich. (6) Emma, born in Harwich, married James Stephenson, a resident of Harwich, and they have three sons. (7) Arthur, born at the homestead, died at the age of eighteen years. (8) Ernest, born in 1863, grew to manhood on the old farm and now resides on a farm in County Essex; he married Martha Serson, of Harwich, and has one daughter, Thelma. (9) Charles M. was sixth in order of birth.

Charles M. Grant was reared upon his father's farm, and received a fair education. He began for himself by working the farm upon shares until he accumulated sufficient money to purchase the property. In addition, he bought an adjoining farm, upon which he lived for three years. In 1878 he married Miss Janet Stevenson, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Laird) Stevenson, sturdy and highly respected pioneers of County Kent. Mrs. Grant was born in Harwich in 1853, and grew to young womanhood on the old Stevenson homestead. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grant settled on the farm, which continued to be their home until in January, 1897, when Mrs. Grant passed away, leaving a husband and two children, as well as a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Mr. Grant still resides on the old homestead. His children are: Edith, born in August, 1881, has since the death of her mother, taken charge of the home,

and she is a most charming and trustworthy young lady, and a great favorite with all; Herbert, born in 1887, is a student of the local schools. Religiously Mr. Grant is a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also his wife, and he and his children are active workers in that denomination. The political convictions of Mr. Grant make him a member of the Reform party, and he is deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the public welfare.

JOSEPH ROBERT CROW is one of the progressive agriculturists of Dover township. Since he settled upon his sixty-five-acre tract, on Lot 4, along the river road, six years ago, he has, by his close attention to business, practical application of sound, well-established methods, and wise management of affairs, effected some most desirable results, and he has made some marked improvements in his place. With him agricultural achievements come easily, possessing, as he does, much inherent ability for the work, as well as keen interest in it.

Mr. Crow comes of pioneer families of the County of Kent, many members of whom have assisted materially in the development of the agricultural resources of this section. William Crow, his grandfather, passed his life for the most part in this vicinity. He embarked upon life as a farmer, and during his young manhood, secured a tract of land in Raleigh township, where he followed that industry for many years. Making a success of his work, he branched out extensively, and in time became one of the large land owners of the county. For a considerable time he resided in Dover township, where he also owned and worked a large farm. He married Jane Brown, who was born in Monroe, Ont., a descendant of good Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, and by this marriage there were fifteen children, five of whom are as follows: Daniel W., who now resides in Chatham, Ont.; Melissa, who married Charles Johnson; Roger, who lives in Dundee; Charles, who is mentioned below; and Alfred, who resides in Flint, Michigan.

Charles Crow, father of Joseph Robert, now a prosperous agriculturist of Raleigh township, has attained his local prominence through the diligent and effective application of his energies to rural pursuits. Born in Raleigh township April 11, 1847, he resided there for some time, and later moved with his parents to Dover township. He received the ordinary rearing of well-to-do farmers' boys of his locality, and in the public schools of his section gained a good rudimentary education, which he has since supplemented by reading and observation. So ambitious was he that at the early age of twelve years he hired out on board a ship and went sailing on the lakes. Later he assisted his father in farming, and then, at the age of eighteen, rented a place, which he worked on shares for some years. Making well out of his industry, he soon purchased for three hundred dollars a small tract where he made his abode for a considerable time. Later he bought up other land in Raleigh township, where, with the assistance of his sons, he long carried on an extensive agricultural industry. Seven years ago he moved to a splendid farm in Raleigh township, where he has since resided, and which place he has greatly improved, making of it one of the most attractive farms in the locality. A wise manager, he has always reaped good money returns for his labor, and now, with his sons, he owns 850 acres of well improved land in Raleigh township, and sixty-seven acres in Dover township.

Mr. Crow married Rosina Crow, and, after her death, Mary Crow, of Dover township, whose parents were long residents of the County of Kent. A noble Christian woman, she was for many years a highly esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in 1885, at the age of thirty-seven years, and is buried in the Crow cemetery, in Raleigh township. Mr. Crow afterward married Elizabeth Stirling. By the first marriage there were two children: Alice, who married Mitchell Trombley, a farmer, who now carries on the family homestead; and Warren, a cigar manufacturer, of Flint, Michigan. By the second marriage there were five children: Joseph Robert, who is mentioned below; John, a farmer of Raleigh township; Selvenus, who died at the age of twenty-four years, leaving a wife and son; Melvin, a farmer of Raleigh township; and Chester, who died at the age of three years. Of the third union there has been born one child, Orville, who is now living at home.

Mr. Crow has, throughout his active career, concentrated his forces upon one main industry, and, wisely taking advantage of every opportunity of rising in that line, has won the

very foremost place among agriculturists of his section. He is a thoroughly well-principled man, possesses splendid business qualifications, and is one whose word carries weight in his community. In religious matters he has long evinced a keen interest, and as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been exceedingly active. Politically he affiliates with the Reformers.

Joseph Robert Crow, though a young man, has had wide experience and is a man of broad views. Born in Raleigh township, just across the river from his present home, Nov. 6, 1872, he there passed his early life. His father's extensive farms furnished a good field for his activities, and, faithfully performing the tasks assigned him, he developed habits of self-reliance and close application to business which have characterized him through life. At the same time he acquired considerable practical knowledge of agriculture and business. A taste for military life decided him, in 1892, to join the United States regulars, and enlisting in Company E, 17th Regiment, for five years, with the privilege of resigning sooner, he went to Cheyenne, Wyoming. After three years of rough frontier life, he resigned and returned to Raleigh township. Soon after this, in Chatham, Ont., on June 15, 1896, he married Alice Thomas, who was born in Raleigh township, Jan. 12, 1871, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Brown) Thomas, farming people of that place, who are further mentioned in the sketch of Joseph George Thomas, to be found elsewhere. To this union were born two children, J. Chester and A. Mabel. The mother dying, Mr. Crow was again married, Jan. 13, 1903, to Lizzie Jubinville.

After his marriage Mr. Crow settled upon a sixty-five acre farm on the river road in Dover township, where he now resides. Taking up his work with both interest and determination, he soon put a large amount of land under cultivation, added to the personal effects of the place, and has engaged in all branches of general farming. He has made well out of his industry, and is fast becoming one of the solid agriculturists of the township. His splendid, well-kept farm is a substantial evidence of his thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Crow is a man of influence, energetic, self-respecting and commanding. Possessed likewise of many social attributes, he wins friends at every step in life. He is a member in high standing of the M. I. O. of F. and he and his wife both belong to the Independent Order of Foresters and to Climax Circle of Detroit. The Methodist Church counts him among its substantial and active workers.

MISS MARGARET McKINLAY, who is living retired in Howard township, County of Kent, Canada, was born near Ridgetown, on the old homestead of her family. She is the very esteemed and worthy daughter of Duncan and Sarah (MacIntyre) McKinlay, the former a native of Perthshire, Scotland, born in 1791, and the latter of Argyllshire, Scotland, born in 1802.

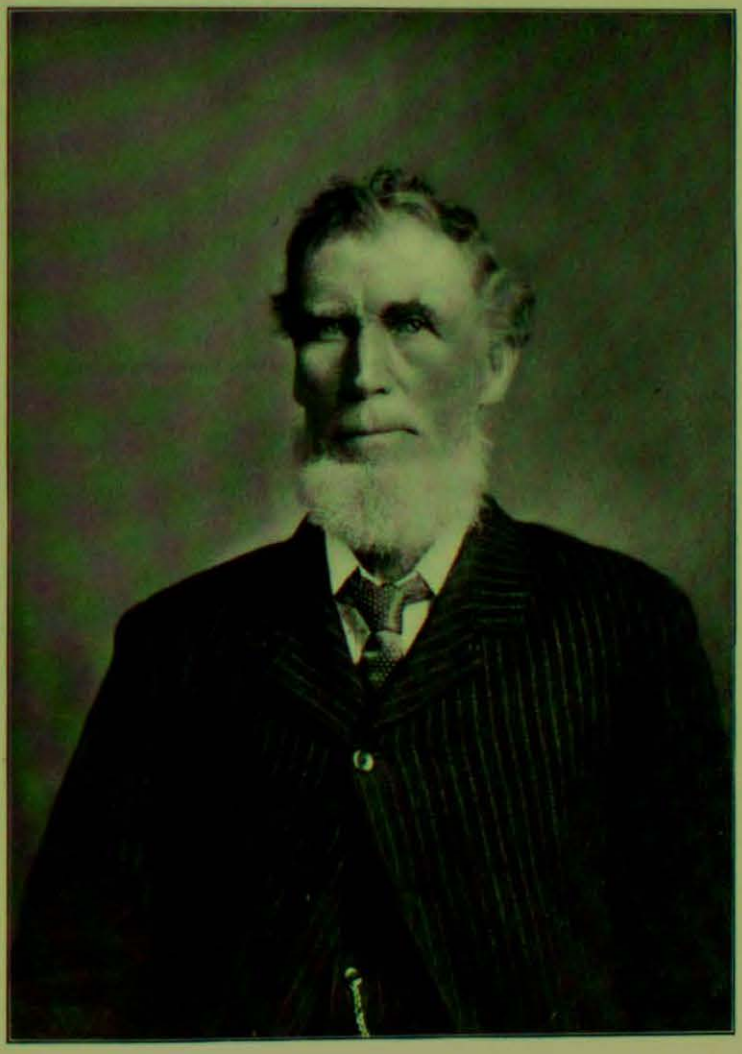
Miss McKinlay is a sister of the late James D. McKinlay, a prosperous farmer and proprietor of an excellent estate near the McKinlay homestead, where he resided until his death in 1900. Upon the demise of that gentleman Miss McKinlay assumed charge of affairs, and is managing her farm in a manner to reflect credit upon her ability and knowledge of agriculture. She is endowed in a marked degree with those virtues which command respect and affection.

THOMAS ROOK, long a farmer of Camden township, residing on Lot 4, Concession 1, owned and operated a fine farm of 115 acres on which, in 1893, he built one of the finest brick houses in the county.

Mr. Rook was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1833, son of John and Sarah (Kinnage) Rook, of the same locality, where the father died in 1868, aged eighty years, and the mother in 1873, also aged eighty years. The children born of their union were: William, deceased; Hannah, of England, who married James Gould; John, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Henry, deceased; Mary (deceased), who married in England; Thomas; and Jane, who is married and in England.

In London, Ontario, in 1870, Thomas Rook married Frances McBride, who was born in Port Dover, Ont., daughter of Richard and Abigail (Williams) McBride, of London. They have had no children.

Mr. Rook was with his parents until he attained the age of sixteen years, when he emigrated to Canada, locating in London, Ont., where he worked among the farmers un-



THOMAS ROOK.

til 1870. At that time he came to the property in Camden which he held until recently, purchasing fifty acres of land, and increasing his holdings until his farm was one of the best in the county. He sold the place in June, 1903, and is now living retired in Chatham. Mr. Rook received no educational advantages, but has taken a deep interest in securing them for others, and has served faithfully as school trustee for three years, elected by the Reform party. Although not a member of any church, he attends and contributes to all. While somewhat advanced in years, he is very active, possesses all his faculties and is a good talker. His many excellent qualities make for him a number of friends whom he and his most estimable wife welcome to their hospitable home.

Mr. Rook has reared a nephew, Clifford McBride, from the time he was three years old, and he is now a very bright and promising lad of fourteen, attending school. Both of his parents are deceased.

DAVID BELANGER, a successful general farmer of Dover township, residing on the 3d Concession, Lot 14, was born May 29, 1868, on his present property, and he is a son of Landre and Jeneve (Oul) Belanger, of Lower Canada and Detroit, respectively. The father came to the County of Kent with his parents when nine years of age, settling in Dover township, where he farmed upon eighty acres, and there died in February, 1900, aged seventy-one years; he is buried in Pain Court cemetery. The mother resides with her son David, and is now sixty-nine years of age. Both father and mother early connected themselves with the Roman Catholic Church. The children born to their union were: Joseph, deceased; Eli, of Tilbury township, a farmer; Mary, of Dover township, who married Alexander King, of Dover; Julia, who married Theodore Logan, a farmer of Dover; Philius, a merchant of Chatham, Ont.; Agnes, married to Asa Beachard, a farmer of Dover township; David; Henry, a physician of Detroit, Michigan; and Theophile, a druggist of Detroit, Michigan.

On Aug. 18, 1891, in Pain Court, David Belanger was married to Delina David, and their children are: Wilfred, Mary, Amida, and Edna. Mrs. Belanger was born in Dover township, on her father's old homestead, and is a daughter of Charles David, whose life is treated of elsewhere.

David Belanger remained with his parents on the farm he now occupies, which comprises 133 acres, upon which he has put up a very comfortable and imposing brick residence, which was finished in September, 1902. Fraternally he is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. In politics he is a Conservative, and never aspired to office. He and his wife are consistent Roman Catholics. Mr. Belanger is an excellent farmer, a good manager, thrifty, enterprising and hard-working, and he is justly regarded as an excellent representative of the farming interests of the County of Kent.

WILLIAM RISLEY FELLOWS, in charge of the lighthouse at Rondeau, is descended from English ancestors, some of whom settled in the County of Kent. At an early age his great-grandfather emigrated from England and settled in New York State. Among his children was Jerome Fellows, grandfather of William R., who spent his entire life in New York State. He was twice married and by his first wife had two children, Catherine and William R. Catherine married a Mr. Chase, a relation of Secretary Chase, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States under President Lincoln. By his second marriage Jerome Fellows had two sons, George and Edward, both of whom reside in Buffalo, New York.

William R. Fellows, the father of our subject, was born March 4, 1818, in the city of Buffalo, New York. He served a seven-years apprenticeship to the jewelry business, and in 1844 settled at Clearville, County of Kent, where he conducted a store for some time. In 1847 he removed to Morpeth, same county, and continued his mercantile business, in time adding the handling of staple goods and groceries. Later he located at the Eau and there for two or three years engaged in the manufacture of lumber, but selling his interests he moved to Blenheim, where he became quite prominent in the lumber trade. In 1861 he was appointed clerk of Harwich township, a position he held for thirty-seven years, and he was also police magistrate and customs officer for many years.

In 1847 Mr. Fellows married Lucinda Hungerford, daughter of William Hunger-

ford, and they had children: William R. is mentioned below; Maria married John E. Witheford, of Blenheim; James E., of Chicago, married Kate Davis, of Chicago; Byron M., of New York City, married Ellen Shapley, of Blenheim, and they have one son, Frank; Frances married James McVittie, and has three children, George, Beatrice and William.

William Risley Fellows was born in Morpeth in 1848, and at the age of eighteen years became a sailor. From 1864 to 1888 he followed his chosen calling upon the lakes during the season, and in 1888 he was appointed keeper of the government light at Rondeau, which position he still holds. Mr. Fellows married Eliza Neusome, daughter of James Neusome, of Detroit, Michigan, and to their union were born children as follows: William R., Jr.; Mary Elizabeth, who married Loren Handy, of Howard; Lucinda, who married Edward Ridley, of Harwich; Laura, married to John Larimer, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Edna, at home.

Since 1868 Mr. Fellows has also filled the office of county constable. Politically he is a Reformer and takes an active interest in local affairs. Religiously he is a member of the Baptist Church. Fraternally he unites with the A. O. U. W. and A. F. & A. M., and he is a man widely and favorably known, having many friends throughout the County of Kent.

JOHN HERBERT is of English ancestry. His father, Elvin Herbert, emigrated from England to Canada in 1850, and located first near Hamilton, where he remained about two years, then settling in Townsend township, County of Norfolk, where he remained eight years. In 1860, he removed to Dawn township, and was one of the pioneers there. After a residence of about ten years in Dawn township, he removed to Camden township, where he lived about twelve years, and then retired from his farm and took up his residence in Dresden, where he died in August, 1899. He was one of the best known men in that part of the County of Kent where he resided for so many years, a consistent church member, and honorable and straightforward in all of his dealings. He died respected by the whole community.

Elvin Herbert married Charlotte Hare, of England, who came with him to Canada, sharing the trials and tribulations of early pioneer life; she did her part well, and died in 1867, respected by the whole community. Elvin Herbert married for his second wife Miss Elizabeth Holms, of England, who died without issue in 1897. The following children were born to his first marriage: Elizabeth, born in 1849; John, born in 1852; Sarah, born in 1854; Charles, born in 1858; Mary Jane, born in 1862; Annie, born in 1860; Charlotte, born in 1864.

John Herbert was born in Townsend township, County of Norfolk, June 11, 1852. His boyhood days were spent in Townsend, Dawn and Camden townships, and he passed through the usual experience of the pioneer boy; the call of the wild turkey was as familiar to him as his A, B, C, while the sight of deer was of nearly everyday occurrence. The Indians frequently roamed back to the river Sydenham from the "Moravian Village" on the Thames east of Thamesville, and spent weeks in fishing and hunting in the vicinity. They were always friendly, however, to the whites. John Herbert attended school at the log schoolhouses which were then the only schools in the newly settled country, and obtained a practical business education.

In November, 1888, Mr. Herbert married Rebecca Grace Osborne, daughter of John Osborne, who came from England and was one of the pioneers of Mariposa township, County of Victoria, Ont. Members of the Osborne family were well known pioneers too in the counties of Durham, Northumberland and Prince Edward. John and Rebecca G. (Osborne) Herbert have five children, as follows: Edith Viola, born May 31, 1891; George Elvin, July 19, 1893; Elizabeth Ellen, Jan. 5, 1896; Edna Fern, Aug. 31, 1898; and Norman Edward, Jan. 23, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert were brought up in the Church of England, and for the greater part of their lives have attended church at Florence. Mr. Herbert is a Conservative in politics, always casting his vote, however, for the candidate he considers the best man; though taking a lively interest in public affairs he has never sought or desired office. He attends strictly to his farming business, and his skill is not only evidenced in 150 acres of the best tilled land in his section, but his taste is shown in rows of beautiful maple trees before his property, and

in his well kept farmstead and outbuildings. On the rear of Mr. Herbert's Zone farm is the Chatham Oil Company's petroleum well, which was put down three years ago, and from which a regular quantity of oil has been pumped ever since. It is said to be the best oil well that has ever been struck in Zone township. There has been much fault found in that section of Zone at the reluctance of the Oil Company to put down wells, and they are now hoping that the day is not far distant when that part of the country, which is known to contain oil, may be exploited in a proper manner.

WILLIAM D. McNEILAGE, a prosperous general farmer and prominent citizen of Chatham township, residing on a fine farm of 155 acres, in Lot 11, Concession 5, has farmed same since March, 1883. It was settled by Duncan McNaughton in 1858. He was born in the city of Chatham Dec. 25, 1862, and he is a son of Donald and Mrs. Mary (Richie-McNichol) McNeilage, of Argyll, Scotland.

On July 12, 1851, Donald McNeilage came to the County of Kent, locating in Chatham township, and finally taking up a farm on the 7th Concession, that township, in 1865. He lived thereon until his death, Aug. 18, 1884, his wife dying in April, 1900, aged seventy-two years. They are buried in McVickers cemetery, Chatham township. He was a school trustee for many years, but did not aspire to office. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Donald McNeilage and his wife were as follows: William D.; Mary I., who is on the homestead, unmarried; James, on the old homestead, unmarried; and Alan, a farmer of Chatham township. The mother was married twice, and her children by her first union were: John, a carriage builder, who lives at home; and Alexander, a machinist of Chicago, Illinois. The paternal grandfather was Allen McNeilage, of Scotland, where he was a farmer and lived and died.

On April 25, 1894, in Chatham township, William D. McNeilage married Janet McKay, and one child was born to them, William R. Mrs. McNeilage was born on the old homestead in Chatham township, and she is a daughter of John and Catherine (McKerrall) McKay, of Argyllshire, Scotland, and Hamilton, respectively.

William D. McNeilage remained with his parents until his marriage, when he removed to his present fine farm, although prior to that, from 1883, he had cultivated it with his two brothers. The entire premises indicate that a careful, thrifty man has charge of affairs, and one who thoroughly understands the science of farming, so as to make land yield plentifully, and yet not exhaust it. Politically Mr. McNeilage is a Reformer, but he has never sought office. He and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church and are prominent in its good works. Mrs. McNeilage is a lady of pleasing manner, intelligent and well educated, a careful housewife and devoted to her family. Both Mr. and Mrs. McNeilage enjoy in highest degree the confidence and respect of their neighbors and friends, who appreciate their many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

MRS. ELIZA A. GRASS, one of the estimable and highly esteemed residents of Ridgetown, County Kent, Ont., was born in Dunwich, County Elgin, same province, April 15, 1829, a daughter of Meradith and Catherine (Umphris) Conn, natives of Ireland, where the father was born in 1791, and the mother in 1790. These two were married in Ireland, but emigrated to Dunwich in 1823, and began life in the New World as farmers, which occupation Mr. Conn followed until his death in 1889; his wife passed away in 1879. Mr. Conn was a well educated man in his native land, where he was a teacher in one of the high schools for a number of years, and also engaged in a mercantile life for some time before coming to the Dominion. He and his worthy wife were active members of the Methodist Church, where they worshipped for over sixty years, and in which Mr. Conn was a class leader for many years. Of their thirteen children, eleven grew to maturity: (1) James, born in Ireland, came to Dunwich with his parents, grew up, settled on a farm near St. Thomas, where he died. He married Miss Betsy Coyne, of Dunwich, who survived him. They had no family. (2) Margaret, born in Ireland, in 1817, married Alexander Ross, of near St. Thomas, and has a large family. (3) Alice, born in Ireland, in 1819, married John Simonton, of Howard township, County Kent, where she died Aug. 23, 1866, a good, Christian woman and devoted wife. (4) Atkinson, born in Ireland, in 1822, became a prominent merchant at Tyrcon-

nell, where he died, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Margaret Teetsel, of Dunwich, and family. (5) John, born in Canada in 1825 at the old homestead, settled for some time on a farm near St. Thomas, but later removed to Ridgetown, where he opened a grocery store and continued in business until his death in 1880. His widow, Mrs. Hannah (Mordon) Grass, of London township, and children survived him. (6) Christie, born in Canada, married Henry Simonton, of Howard, and has two children. (7) Catharine, born in Canada in 1826, married David Hamil, a retired farmer in Blenheim, and has a family. (8) Mary J. and (9) Mrs. Grass, twins, were born in 1829. Mary J. married Thomas Umphres, resided in Yarmouth, Ont., where she died soon after her marriage, in 1856, leaving one son, Thomas, now deceased. (10) Meradith Conn, born in Canada, is a merchant of Windsor, Ont., and married Mary Morden, of London township, and has a large family. (11) Hannah, born in Canada, married William Hamil, a retired farmer of Chatham, and they have a large family, all of whom are prominent in the commercial and social life of that city.

Mrs. Grass grew to womanhood on her father's farm, and received an excellent education. In May, 1848, she married Nelson Grass, of County Elgin, born in the State of New Jersey, in 1825, son of John Grass, a native of the same State, although long a resident of Niagara Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Grass first settled on a farm in County Elgin, but in 1852 sold this property and purchased a farm in Harwich township, where they resided ten years. He then opened a general store at Blenheim, and for ten years more was employed in merchandising. The next change was made to Ridgetown, where Mr. Grass purchased real estate in the First ward, and thereon built a fine brick block, designed for use as a general store and office building. Opening a large grocery and dry goods establishment, he carried on a flourishing business until within a few years of his death, which took place Aug. 23, 1898. In their religious opinions, Mr. and Mrs. Grass were agreed, they both having joined the Methodist Church early in life, in which body Mrs. Grass is still an honored member; she has worshiped in this faith since she was fourteen years of age. For many years Mr. Grass took an active part in church affairs, and served faithfully as steward for many years. He was a Conservative in politics, and held many positions of trust under the local government. In his death, Ridgetown lost one of her leading business men and devoted Christians, and his many acquaintances lost a firm and generous friend, while in his family he is deeply mourned.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grass: (1) John, born Feb. 7, 1849, became a merchant of Ridgetown, but is now living retired from active life; he married Miss Evaline Wigle, of Kingsville, and has seven children: Nelson, Anna, William, Bertha, Gordon, Benjamin and Phœbe. (2) Catherine, born in 1852, married John McVicker, a farmer and merchant of Ridgetown, and died, leaving five children: Nelson, a lawyer of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; John, of Toronto, an operator on a railroad; George, also a railroad operator residing in Toronto; Phœbe, of Chatham; and Eliza A., of Chatham township. (3) Phœbe, born in 1858, married Rev. R. G. James, a minister of the Methodist Church, who was drowned at the Asia disaster near the Georgian Bay; she died prior to her husband, in 1875, at Aurelia, where they were stationed, leaving no family. (4) Meredith, born in May, 1861, is a traveling man, and now resides in London, Ont. He married Miss Isabel Bryan, of Ridgetown.

Mrs. Grass is a lady of strong force of character, is held in high esteem by those who have the honor of her acquaintance, and she is justly regarded as one of the leading residents of the place where she has made her home, and in which her husband became so prominent. In addition to her social standing, Mrs. Grass is a lady of many noble traits of character, and she earnestly endeavors to show forth in her life the faith she holds so dear, and to leave behind her good deeds as a monument to herself and husband.

CHARLES C. SCANE, a retired lumberman and one of the substantial and prominent citizens of the County of Kent, now a resident of Ridgetown, was born in that county Aug. 7, 1834, a son of John and Elizabeth (Mitton) Scane, the former of whom was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1800, and the latter in the same shire in 1805. They grew up in England, and there attended school. Both came to Canada, in 1819, and were soon after married.

For a short time they lived near Toronto, and then came to Ridgetown where John Scane became the second permanent settler, Mr. Marsh having been the first.

The location of the little log house which was the family's first home, was on the west side of the site of the present town of Ridgetown, Mr. Scane's land comprising 100 acres. Here were actively carried on those marvelous feats of energy and industry which changed the raw land into cleared and cultivated fields. Soon the cabin of logs was replaced with a neat frame house, which is still in a fair state of preservation. The faithful wife and devoted mother died in this home she had so materially assisted in founding, in 1860, Mr. Scane surviving fifteen years. Both he and his wife were most active in the work of the Methodist Church, and it was largely through their pious and continued efforts that a church of that denomination was so early established, Mr. Scane serving on its official body for many years. He never took any deep interest in political questions, favoring, however, the Conservative party. The children of John and Elizabeth Scane consisted of five sons and one daughter: Jane, born in Toronto, married the late John Tolls, and still resides on the farm in Harwich township left her by her husband; John, born in Ridgetown, married Catherine Marsh, thus uniting two old families of County Kent; James, married Miss Jane Spence, of Howard, and they reside on the old homestead; Joseph, born on the old homestead, married Miss Hattie Spence, and they now reside on a part of the old homestead, engaging in farming, and have a family of seven children, Louisa, Minnie, Anna, James, Mabel, Maud, and Ethel; Charles C.; Ebenezer W., the youngest of the family, who was educated for the law and is now a barrister in Chatham, married Miss Mary Spencer, of Chatham, and has four children, Walter, Adda (the wife of William Taylor, of Chatham), Bessie (the wife of Joseph Haley, a prominent lumberman, of Chatham), and Dr. John (a practicing physician of Montreal).

Thomas Scane, the father of John came with his sons, John and Thomas, from Yorkshire to the Dominion, and settled on land adjoining theirs, where he remained through the balance of his life. His wife died in England, and their family consisted of but the two sons.

Charles C. Scane, son of John and Elizabeth Scane, acquired a good district school education and a thorough training in farm work. When he reached maturity he purchased a farm in the 8th Concession of Howard township and there he followed farming for twelve years. In June, 1862, he married Amanda Stover, the estimable daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Delaney) Stover, one of the old and prominent families of Chatham, where Mrs. Scane was born in 1841. Her parents moved to Ridgetown in her girlhood and lived there until death in 1874. They left six children: Samuel, of Windsor; Abram, of Chicago; Lydia, the wife of Dwight Mickle, of Cass City, Michigan; Amelia, wife of James Fenesy (deceased), of Ridgetown; Sarah, the wife of William Jenks, a farmer of County Kent, near Thamesville; and Amanda, the wife of Mr. Scane.

In 1874 Mr. Scane sold his farm and moved to Ridgetown, where he purchased a comfortable home, and entered into a sash and planing mill business, which he followed continuously for some twenty-four years. In 1897 he retired from this industry. He was one of the stockholders in the casket business, a large manufactory being located here, which, after ten years, was sold to a company in London, Ont. Mr. Scane has since that time lived at ease in retirement.

Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Scane four are living; (1) Wilbur, born in Howard in 1863, graduated from the Chatham Business College, and now resides at Highgate, County Kent, where he engages in a sawmill business; he married Miss Melissa Rushton, daughter of James Rushton, and they have three children, Neta, Harold and Jean. (2) Dora, born May 5, 1865, is the wife of Thomas Buller, a leading lumberman, and they have three children, Ina, Glen and Edna. (3) Harry, born in 1870, was educated in Chatham, and now resides in Haldimand County, where he is engaged in business; he married Miss Bertha Wildurmuth, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and their children are, Adda, Albert, Dora and Charles E. (4) Leroy, born in January, 1878, was educated in the Ridgetown schools, and is a machinist by trade; he is unmarried.

Mr. Scane has reared his family subject to the religious teaching of the Methodist Church.

He has been somewhat active in the Conservative party, and for several years his advice and excellent judgment have been appreciated by his fellow members of the council, both in Howard township and in Ridgetown. He holds pleasant fraternal relations with the Masonic lodge in Ridgetown. Mr. Scane's long life in this locality and his identification with its agricultural and business interests, have made him well and favorably known. His friends are many and his well wishers a legion, and this is but just, for his career has been one of integrity, his example one to be followed, and his charities only limited by the extent of his means. The family is one of the best and most representative in County Kent.

WILLIAM D. MICKLE, who passed away in October, 1903, was a successful farmer and dairyman of Wallaceburg, Ont. Although he only came to the city in 1902, and was one of the new residents, he stood high in the estimation of the community.

Mr. Mickle was born at Chatham Gore, Ont., in 1857, a son of John H. and Ann (Little) Mickle, of the County of Essex, Ont., and Chatham Gore, respectively. By occupation the father was a farmer. He removed to the County of Kent prior to his marriage, and made his home in that county the remainder of his days, becoming reeve and councilman of Chatham township. His death occurred at the home of out subject, in January, 1902, when he was seventy-eight years of age, and his remains were tenderly interred in the Little burying-ground at Chatham Gore. The mother remains on the old homestead, now aged seventy-one years. In 1898 she and her husband located in Wallaceburg, but after his death she preferred to live upon her farm. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The following children were born to John H. and Ann Mickle: William D.; George L., a farmer of Chatham Gore; Albert, an official in the custom house at Lambton, Ont.; Charles, a farmer on the old homestead; Louisa, who married George Forshee, a farmer of Camden, Ont.; Sarah, who is with her mother; Edwin, deceased; and Russell, who is with his brother Charles on the old homestead.

The paternal grandfather, William Mickle, married Hannah Brush, of the County of Essex, Ont., where he engaged in farming, and there lived and died. Our subject had a silver medal which the grandfather received for gallantry during the war of 1812.

In October, 1881, in Chatham, Ont., William D. Mickle and Jane Allen were united in marriage, and three children were born to them, Anna, Ethel and Edna, charming young ladies, residing at home, and important factors in the social life of the community. Mrs. Mickle is a daughter of James and Rachel (Brown) Allen, of the County of Hastings, farming people, who came to the County of Kent in 1862, locating in Wallaceburg, where the father carried on farming.

Mr. Mickle remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account in Chatham Gore, remaining there until April, 1902, when he moved to his late home in Wallaceburg. He conducted a fine farm and dairy, located half a mile from his house, owning sixty-seven acres of land well adapted for those purposes. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as is also his wife. Mr. Mickle was an industrious, enterprising business man and excellent farmer, and the success which attended his efforts was well merited.

THOMAS SHIPP, who in 1888 came into possession of his fine farm of 100 acres on Lot 76, on Talbot street, in Orford township, County of Kent, has won success through his own industry and economy. He was born at Swaffham, County of Norfolk, England, in April, 1835, son of Benjamin and Ann (Ward) Shipp, of Norfolk, where the latter died in 1864, aged sixty years. Benjamin Shipp removed to the States, locating at New Haven, Connecticut, where he remained, engaged in shoemaking. He was the father of five children, but all died in infancy except Thomas. The father of Benjamin Shipp was Thomas Shipp, of England.

In October, 1855, in Norfolk, England, Thomas Shipp married Susan Margetson, who was born in Swaffham, County of Norfolk, England, Aug. 31, 1835, a daughter of James and Frances (Ward) Margetson, of England, who remained in that country, engaged in farming. Children as follows have been born of this marriage: William, who resides with his father, married Sarah Moore, and they have four children, Edna G., Gordon S., Clay-

ton W. and Ina C. Rev. Benjamin, a Methodist minister, residing at Bloomington, Illinois, married Sarah White, and has two children, Susan and Donna. James, who is in the insurance business at West Superior, Wisconsin, married Gertrude Eddis, and has two children, Frederick and Kenneth. Richard died in infancy. Frederick B., who resides at St. Louis, Missouri, in the employ of the International Railroad Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, married Lotta Haines, and their two children are Lillian and Harold H. George A., who resides at East St. Louis, Illinois, is Secretary of the Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of that city.

James Margetson, father of Mrs. Shipp, died Jan. 26, 1881, aged seventy-two years, and his wife, Frances (Ward) a daughter of Richard and Susan Ward, of England, who spent their lives in that country, died June 25, 1864, aged fifty-seven years. Their children were: James, deceased; Susan, Mrs. Shipp; Richard, who lives in England; John, deceased; William, who lives in England; Robert, deceased; George, living in England; Mary A., who married James Clark, and resides in England; and Phoebe, deceased. The parents of James Margetson were William and Mary Margetson, who passed their lives in England.

Until his marriage Thomas Shipp remained with his parents, and after that event he worked among the farmers until 1874, when he emigrated to Canada, locating in Harwich township, County of Kent, where he found ready employment among the farmers until 1878. That year he rented a farm in Howard township, same county, where he remained until he had sufficient money to purchase his present property. This he has greatly improved, now having a very comfortable home and most excellent farm. When he arrived in Canada he had a wife, five children and as many shillings. In order to procure the bare necessities of life he was obliged to go into debt, but this state of things did not long continue, for through energy and thrift he soon had things on a cash basis, and has continued to add to his possessions until now he is one of the substantial and respected men of his locality, one whose word is as good as a bond. No matter how empty the family purse, however, the children all received a good education, and they occupy positions of trust and fully justify the action of their parents in thus preparing them for their life struggle. The sons in St. Louis are particularly successful, each drawing a good salary and discharging duties of great importance. Mr. and Mrs. Shipp are justly proud of their children, and feel that their lives have been well spent in rearing them to honorable manhood and womanhood. They are very active and generous members of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Shipp is a Reformer, but will not accept office, preferring to discharge his duties as a private citizen rather than as a public official.

ELLEN CECILIA MAHONEY resides in Camden Gore and is the owner of a farm of 100 acres in the 5th Concession, Lot 8, on which practically her whole life has been spent.

Miss Mahoney's grandparents, on both sides, were Irish, and lived to be over one hundred years old. On the father's side they were Andrew and Honora (O'Brien) Mahoney, of County Cork, the former a land agent there. Their children besides Andrew, father of Miss Mahoney, were: Patrick, who died in Ireland; John, who died in Coburn, Ont.; Michael, who died in Rochester, N. Y.; Daniel, who died in Ireland; Timothy, also deceased in Ireland; Catherine, who married and died in England; and Mary, who died in Ireland.

The maternal grandparents were Daniel and Catherine (Dewire) Sullivan. The former was a farmer and spent his life in Ireland. To him and his wife were born: Michael, Julia, Daniel, Dennis, Cornelius and Ellen (wife of James Regan), all now deceased.

Andrew Mahoney, father of Miss Ellen, came to Canada in 1832, and settled in Seymour township, County of Northumberland, where he farmed for four years. He then went to Toronto, but after remaining there for a few years in the dry-goods business removed to the County of Kent, in 1838, and located on the farm in Camden Gore where his daughter now lives, a place which was then only a wilderness. Mr. Mahoney married Miss Julia Sullivan, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, in September, 1801, and who died May 22, 1883, and he died in April, 1869, at the age of sixty-six years, on the farm just mentioned. They had a family of eight children, namely: Julia, deceased, who married Thomas Roberts; Andrew, de-

ceased; Catherine, who lives in the States; Hanora, of Saginaw, Michigan; Mary, deceased, who married John Dellahaunty; Michael, of Dresden, Ont.; Ellen C.; and Nancy, deceased.

Miss Ellen C. Mahoney was born on the homestead June 9, 1845. Her education was completed at the Ursuline Convent in Chatham, Ont., where she spent two years, but with the exception of these two years she has lived in Camden Gore, where one of her chief responsibilities in life has been the rearing of three nephews, the youngest of whom she took when only four days old. Andrew, who is now a farmer in the County of Lambton, married Ann Clansey, and has eight children; Thomas and Edwin are still on the farm with their aunt.

SAMUEL L. MANN, one of the successful and prosperous business men and liverymen of Wallaceburg, Ont., was born at Yarmouth, same Province, June 29, 1850, son of John and Rebecca (Williams) Mann, of England and Nova Scotia, respectively, who were married in Yarmouth in 1848. The parents, who were industrious farming people, died in Marlette, Michigan, in 1893, the father, aged sixty-seven years, the mother, aged fifty-eight years. Both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to this union were: Samuel L.; William H., of Midland, Michigan, a millwright; John Wesley, deceased; Rev. John William, a New Covenant preacher at Riverdale, Michigan; James N., deceased; and Mark, a farmer of Marlette, Michigan.

On Dec. 29, 1877, in Port Huron, Michigan, Samuel L. Mann was married to Miss Elizabeth Sudds, and they have had seven children: Mabel E.; Sadie, deceased; and Anna, Jennie, Bessie, Frank and Lillian, all at home. Mrs. Mann was born at Wolf Island, Ont., in 1863, daughter of William and Sarah (Cowen) Sudds, of Wolf Island, who are now farming people of Chatham township. Mr. and Mrs. Sudds were both born at Wolf Island, he in 1839, she in 1849.

Until he was twenty-one years of age Samuel L. Mann remained upon the home farm, but upon attaining his majority, he established himself in the teaming business at Petrolia. In 1873 he removed to Wallaceburg and opened a livery establishment, which he has conducted very successfully ever since. Besides his interests in Wallaceburg, he is the owner of a fine farm of 150 acres in Lots 9 and 10, 2d Concession. In politics Mr. Mann is an Independent, and has served most acceptably and ably upon the town council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the A. F. & A. M., A. O. U. W. and C. O. of Woodmen. The success which has attended his efforts is well deserved, and he not only has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, but has made and retains many friends.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON SNOW is a progressive and prosperous farmer of Harwich township, residing near Blenheim, Ont. His well equipped farm comprises ninety-seven and a half acres, and the substantial brick residence was built by Mr. Snow in 1897.

The parents of William Henry Harrison Snow were Isaac and Elizabeth (Craig) Snow, natives, respectively, of England and of Jackson, Michigan. The father was a farmer, and died at his home in Jackson, Michigan, in March, 1861, at the age of forty. The mother, who married again, now resides in Blenheim, and is seventy-four years of age. Two children were born to Isaac and Elizabeth Snow, namely: Ida (who is at home with her mother) and William Henry Harrison. Mrs. Elizabeth Snow married (second) George Halleck, a retired stonemason of Blenheim. Their children are as follows: Jane, wife of Robert Haskell, of Leamington, Ont.; Caroline, at home with her mother; and Georgianne, wife of Henry Reynolds, of Blenheim.

William Henry Harrison Snow was born in Jackson, Michigan, Feb. 17, 1858, and remained at home with his mother until he was twenty-four years of age. In 1882 he came to the farm which has since been his home, and was employed by its owner, Thomas R. Jackson, for nine years. After the death of Mr. Jackson his widow became the wife of Mr. Snow, and they have continued to reside on the farm so ably managed by the latter. On May 9, 1891, Mr. Snow married, at her home, Ellen M. (Waddell) Jackson, widow of his former employer. They have three children, Adeline, William and Cecil.

Mrs. Snow was born in Ridgetown, Ont., in 1856, daughter of Rev. Alexander W. and Janet (Muir) Waddell, both natives of Scotland. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wad-



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dell was celebrated in Dunbarton, Ont., and in 1854 they moved to the County of Kent and settled in Ridgetown, where Mrs. Waddell died. There Mr. Waddell remained until 1872, when he came to Blenheim, where he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Waddell was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in Scotland and continued to preach until 1890, when he retired from the ministry, being nearly eighty years of age. He was pastor of the church at Rushton's Corner and at Blenheim, and later he had charge of the congregation that met in English's schoolhouse. Still later his charge was at Bethel and Guild's. His first parish in the County of Kent was that of Rushton's Corner and Blenheim, but he was obliged to live in Ridgetown, as it was impossible to find a house in Blenheim. He reached the age of eighty-two years, and died in 1896, having survived his wife, who died at the age of forty-one, more than a quarter of a century before. They had two children, a son who died in infancy, and a daughter, Ellen, who is the wife of Mr. Snow. Mrs. Snow's first husband, Thomas R. Jackson, son of John Jackson, of the County of Kent, died in 1890, at the age of forty-nine, just six months after his marriage.

Fraternally Mr. Snow is connected with the Independent Order of Foresters, and in politics he is a Conservative. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a prosperous man, widely known and well thought of in the community, and his wife is a lady of much energy, ability and decision of character.

THEOPHILE S. SYLVAIN, former school teacher and general farmer of Dover township, and one of the leading men of that locality, was born at St. Michel, County of Bellechasse, Quebec, Jan. 10, 1863, a son of Luke and Justine (St. Hilaire) Sylvain, of the same neighborhood. The parents were married in their native town, where they died and are buried. The father died in May, 1888, aged seventy-one years, and the mother in 1896, aged seventy years. They were both members of the Catholic Church, and died in that faith. The children born to their union were: Thomas, Francois X., Anthony, Mary (deceased), Elzire, Louis, Gaudiose and Theophile S.

The paternal grandfather, Ferdinand Sylvain, of Acadia, Nova Scotia, died in the County of Bellechasse in 1867, aged seventy-three years. By calling he was a farmer. The maternal grandfather, Augustin St. Hilaire, was of Nova Scotia, and died in Quebec in 1886, aged one hundred and four and one-half years.

On May 12, 1885, Theophile S. Sylvain married, at Big Point, Ont., Eudolie Emery, and children as follows came to this union: Ernest, Alma, Amanda, Alfred, Gaspord, Joseph, Laura, Bertha, Delina. Mrs. Sylvain was born at Big Point, Dover township, April 14, 1866, a daughter of Frank and Julia (Thibodeau) Emery, of Sandwich, County of Essex, Ont., and died Sept. 11, 1901, aged thirty-six years; she was buried in Big Point cemetery. Mr. Emery was a farmer, and died in Dover township, May 23, 1895, aged seventy-two years. He was married three times, his first wife having been Josephine Alexander, by whom he had children: Francis, Cecile, Joseph and Maggie. His second wife was Marie St. Germain, and they had one child, John F., of Dover township. The mother of Mrs. Sylvain was his third wife, and she now resides at Mancelona, Michigan, aged sixty-eight years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Emery were members of the Catholic Church, and very excellent people. Mr. Emery died a wealthy man. The children of his last marriage were: Mary, of Bay City, Michigan, married to Louis Barriault; Cyrille, of Mancelona, Michigan; Mrs. Sylvain; Cesaire, of Mancelona, Michigan, manager of an electric light plant; and Albert, a farmer of Dover township.

Mr. Sylvain married for his second wife, Nov. 27, 1902, in Big Point, Miss Marie Cameron of the city of Quebec, daughter of Simeon and Elzire (Sylvain) Cameron, of Beaumont, Quebec, and the city of Quebec, respectively. They now reside in Quebec, where he is a police officer, having been on the force for the past twenty-two years. He was born Aug. 15, 1851, and his wife was born Feb. 8, 1856. Their children were: Elmeda, Marie, Joseph and Leon. Mrs. Sylvain is a most charming lady, cultured and refined, and has many friends.

Mr. Sylvain was reared in the village of St. Michel, attending district school until he was sixteen years of age. Then he took a commercial course at St. Michel College, whence he went to Laval Normal School, being graduated from there in September, 1884.

After graduation he located at Big Point, County of Kent, and for sixteen years was one of the leading teachers of the township. In January, 1900, he retired from that calling, and has since then been devoting himself to his farm, which consists of 125 acres of fine land on Lot 7, Concession 9, on which he has recently built a two and a half story brick house, which is handsomely furnished and supplied with all modern conveniences. Mr. Sylvain is a member of the Catholic Church, as is his wife. In political matters he is connected with the Reform party. He is a man who commands the respect and esteem of his neighbors, and is proud of the fact that he has worked his way up to his present comfortable position from a capital of twenty-five cents, with which he arrived in Dover township.

WALTER LATIMER, one of the most highly esteemed of the younger farmer citizens of the County of Kent, is regarded as one of the most progressive agriculturists of Howard township. He is located on Concession 4, where he was born May 19, 1869, and is the only surviving son of William H. and Elizabeth (Buller) Latimer, who were well and widely known in the county.

William H. Latimer was born in 1840, in Howard township, son of William Latimer, who was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, June 9, 1812. With his wife and family William Latimer removed to Canada in 1831, in 1845 coming to Howard. Here he settled on Concession 4, in the dense woods, and started his contest with wild Nature, accomplishing much before his death, in 1881. His children were seven in number, as follows: Michael, born in 1846, is deceased; Sarah, wife of Rev. William Tyndal, of the Methodist Church, is deceased; Anabel, born in Canada, married William McLarty, of Blenheim, and at death left a large family; David, born in Howard, married Susan Gosnell, of Orford, settled on the present farm, and died leaving no family, his wife dying in 1900; Elizabeth, born in Howard, married David Patterson, and resides in London township, with her family; Essie Ann, born in the old home, married Thomas Hodgins, a resident of London township; William H. became the father of Walter Latimer.

William H. Latimer was married in 1864 to Elizabeth Buller, who was born in England, daughter of James and Ellen Buller, a prominent old country family. William H. Latimer and his wife started life together on Lot 13, 5th Concession, where he erected a house and barn, and there they lived until his death, which occurred in 1869, and was caused by the running away of his team of horses; he was thrown on a pitchfork and instantly killed. His widow later married Leonard Hunter, who is now deceased, and she resides in Howard. To William H. and Elizabeth Latimer came children as follows: Sarah E., born May 23, 1865, was educated in the neighboring schools, and married Dr. C. N. Callander, a practicing physician, at Fargo, North Dakota. James H., born in 1867, was educated in the Collegiate Institute at Ridgetown, married Lizzie Spencer, daughter of the late Henry Spencer, of Howard, and settled on the old Latimer homestead, which he purchased in 1890; there he died in May, 1895, a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and one of the good citizens of Howard; his wife still survives him. The youngest of the family was the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

Walter Latimer was reared in Howard township, and spent some years in the family of his uncle, Henry Buller, after the death of his father. His education was carefully looked after; he attended the local schools and the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and after reaching maturity he became the possessor of his father's farm. In 1895 he purchased the old homestead farm from the estate of his brother James, and here he has made so many improvements that it ranks with any in the township. In October, 1894, he married Anabel, the estimable daughter of Archie McDiarmid, a name well known in the county. Mrs. Latimer and her husband are very popular in the social circles of Howard, and she is a lady of most amiable character. One daughter has come to this marriage, Mary E., who was born in September, 1895.

In religious connection Mr. Latimer is a member of the Methodist Church. His political connection has been always with the Conservative party. He takes an interest in all agricultural matters in his county, and has been the very acceptable president of the Agricultural Society. Mr. Latimer is held in the highest esteem in Howard, and is a most worthy representative of honorable ancestors.

ROBERT HOGG, a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, living on a farm of 180 acres, Lot 1, Concession 13, came to that property in 1882 from the adjoining farm in Howard township, and he erected his handsome brick residence in 1900.

Mr. Hogg was born in Oneida, County of Haldimand, Ont., July 24, 1852, a son of John and Margaret (Miller) Hogg, natives of Scotland and Ireland, respectively, who were married in the County of Haldimand. The father came to Canada in 1850, locating in that county, and removed to Howard township, County of Kent, in 1865, purchasing 100 acres, where he settled, and he died there in 1901, aged seventy-six years; he was buried in Ogletree cemetery. The mother still resides on the old homestead, and is quite aged, having been born in 1833. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church. The following children were born of this union: Robert; Eliza, who married James Logan, a farmer of Assiniboia, N. W. T.; John and James, twins, who are farmers of Howard township; Euphemia, married to William Tinline, of Orford township, mentioned elsewhere; William, in Bridgeburg, Ont., working on the railroad; Thomas, a farmer of Howard township; Mary J., married to John McKay, a farmer of Orford township; Maggie, wife of Thomas Hall, of Orford township; and Whitson, who is on the old homestead in Howard township.

In May, 1882, in Orford township, Robert Hogg married Emma Brown, and they had two children, Edward R. and Maggie. Mrs. Hogg, who was born in Orford township, died in 1889, aged twenty-six years, and she was buried in Ogletree cemetery. She was a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Watts) Brown, of the County of Kent, who both died in Orford township, where he was a farmer.

In May, 1891, Mr. Hogg was married, in Orford township, to Isabella Tinline, and they have a daughter, Mary B. Mrs. Hogg was born in Kelso, Scotland, a daughter of James and Mary (Jack) Tinline, of Scotland, who, in 1876, came to Orford township, where the father died in 1903, aged sixty-five years. The mother resides in Orford township, aged sixty-five years.

Mr. Hogg remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located upon his present fine farm, which he has brought into a fine state of cultivation. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Foresters. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but does not desire public office. Enterprising, thrifty, a good manager, he has attained success and won the confidence of the entire neighborhood.

MRS. ANNIE REID is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Harwich township. She is the widow of the late James Reid, and a representative of one of the most honorable and prominent old pioneer families of the locality. Mrs. Reid was born March 4, 1838, in Scotland, a daughter of Peter and Jane (Hamilton) Neilson, the former of whom was born in January, 1812, in Scotland, and the latter in June of the same year.

Peter Neilson was the son of Hugh and Jane Neilson, who came to Canada at a very early day, accompanied by all of their family. As Peter did not like this country he returned to his native land after a year, but came to Canada again in 1853. His parents had settled on the river Thames, and there they died. Peter Neilson located at Chatham, and became conductor on the Grand Trunk railway, on his first trip meeting with an accident which left him crippled in one arm, after which he moved to London for a short time. Thence he went to Komoka for three years, thence to Dundas, St. Catharines, Hamilton and Niagara Falls, filling the position of station agent on the road mentioned for a period of twenty years in all. Mr. Neilson then retired and moved to Harwich township, where he owned a comfortable home, and where he lived retired until his death, which occurred Feb. 10, 1900; his wife died Feb. 4, 1892. They were both members of St. Andrew's Church, at Chatham. Politically Mr. Neilson belonged to the Reform party. The nine children of Peter Neilson and his wife were as follows: (1) Hugh died in 1834 in infancy. (2) Jane, the eldest daughter, born in September, 1835, accompanied her parents to Canada in 1853, but returned to Scotland in 1856, and married Robert Carmichael, a merchant, now deceased; she and her four children now live in Alloa, Scotland. (3) Annie married James Reid. (4) Sarah, born in Scotland, in September, 1839, married Lubin Kent, then of Kingston, where he was a merchant, but now a resident of Peterboro, where he lives retired;

their only son, Herbert, is a resident of Vancouver, B. C. (5) Susan died in Scotland. (6) Hugh, born in February, 1844, is now a retired business man of Toronto; he married Kate Carmichael, of Alloa, Scotland, and they have children—Janet, Robert, Christine, Louise and Florence. (7) Susan (2), born in 1845, married Robert J. McIntyre, who resides on his father's old homestead, near Chatham, and they have two sons, John and Frank, married and settled on the old homestead in Harwich. (8) James and (9) Peter died in Canada; the former married and settled in Toronto, where he died in October, 1885, leaving a widow and one daughter, Jane, who is the wife of Alexander Wheatly, of Montreal.

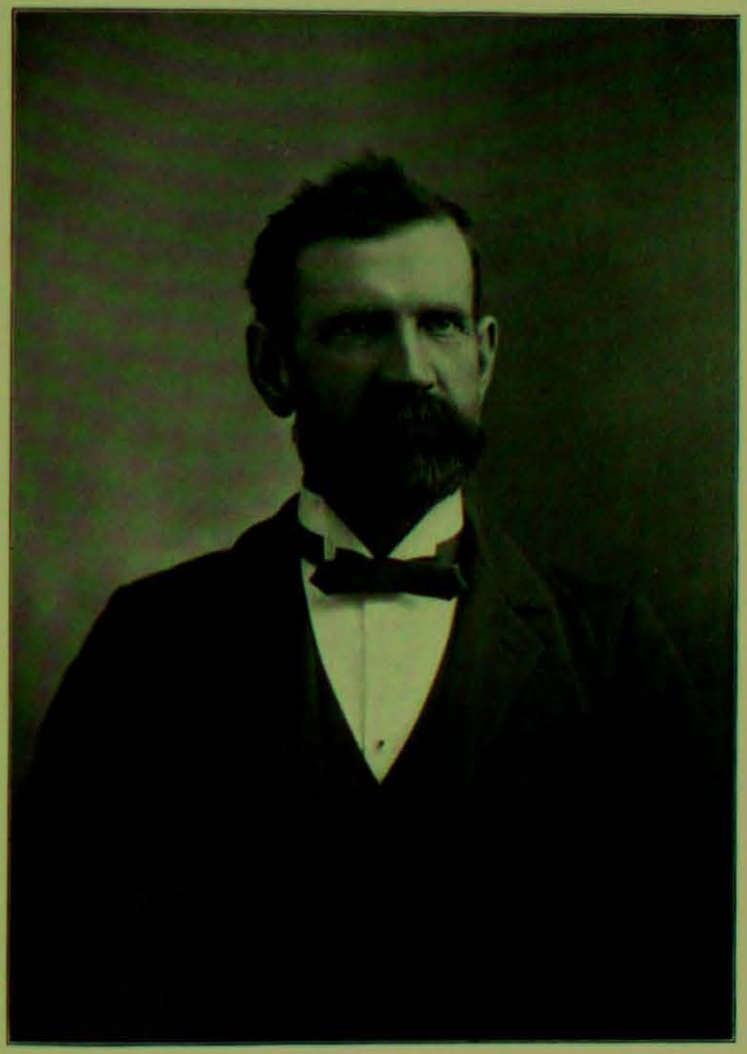
Mrs. Reid was educated at the Alloa Academy, Scotland, and accompanied her parents to Canada in 1853. In November, 1860, she married James Reid, who was born in 1838 in Michigan, a son of Robert and Jane (Neilson) Reid, natives of Scotland who were married in Michigan. In 1840 they came to Canada and settled on wild land in Harwich township, on the river Thames, where Mr. Reid cleared up a farm and passed the remainder of his life. The children of Robert and Jane Reid were: James, who is mentioned below; Robert, a resident of Clarkston, Michigan; John, a resident of Iowa; Hugh, who died on his farm near the old homestead, leaving a family; Euphemia, widow of Peter McMullen, who resides with her son James, in Harwich; Jennie, widow of Dougal McNaughton, of Chatham (she has a family); and Sarah, born in Canada, who married Dr. Francis Comfort, of Omaha, Nebraska, and has two daughters, Minnie and Mabel.

James Reid received from his father fifty acres of the homestead farm, which comprised 110 acres, and here he and his wife settled, Mr. Reid dying there in 1880. He was an industrious and energetic man, and took great pride in his surroundings, as can be seen by the present substantial buildings and the many improvements which make the property one of the most attractive places in the township. Politically he was identified with the Reform party. Six children came to Mr. and Mrs. Reid: Jennie H., born at the present home in 1861, grew up there, and married Benjamin Axford, a farmer of Harwich; they have one daughter, Jean. Euphemia, born in 1863, is the widow of L. W. Arnold, of Harwich; she has one son, Reginald. Alice, born in 1865, died at the age of fifteen years. Robert, born in 1868, died in 1869. Peter N., born in April, 1875, received a good education, and in May, 1900, married Miss Eva Terry, of Chatham, a member of an old English family; they reside adjoining Mrs. Reid, on the farm, and have two sons, Lisle Stanley and Milton Lee. James, born in 1878, resides with his mother and manages the property; he was married to Miss Edith Genge Dec. 31, 1902, and has one child, E. Aileen. The religious membership of the family is with the Methodist Church, in the work of which Mr. Reid always took an active part. He was one of the honest and upright citizens of the township, a man who had many friends, and his death was sincerely mourned. He left an estimable family, whose members are among the representative citizens of Harwich township.

Other members of the Reid family well known in Harwich are the children of Hugh Reid, a deceased brother of the late James Reid, viz.: Nelson, now a resident of Manitoba, married Maggie Smyth, and they have children—Beulah, Jennie and Hugh; Mary married Frank Bedford, of Chatham; Robert married Ettie Earl, resides in Chatham, and has children—Hughene and Mildred; Alfred, born in Harwich, married Miss Lena Merritt, of Chatham township, and they reside on the old Reid homestead; Hamilton, unmarried, also resides on the homestead; Jennie is the wife of Frank Williston, a farmer of Chatham township. Hugh Reid, like his brother James, was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen, and was a leading member of the church.

WILLIAM V. WILDBLOOD. One of the prominent and interesting families of Harwich township is that of William V. Wildblood, a farmer on Lot 24, Concession 3. He comes of a family of noted English art engravers, both his father and grandfather having gained distinction in that line in the old country.

William V. Wildblood was born Aug. 4, 1852, in Staffordshire, England, a son of Henry E. and Ann (Vernon) Wildblood, both of whom were born in England, the former in Staffordshire and the latter in Cheshire. Henry Wildblood was a son of William and Sarah Wildblood, the former of whom was for a long



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period a noted engraver of steel and copper. The only survivor of the family of William Wildblood is Mrs. Herbert Wetton, whose husband is a contractor and builder in England. Henry Wildblood inherited his father's artistic taste and talent, and followed steel engraving the greater part of his life, dying in 1878. His widow survived until May 24, 1892, dying at Leigh Bank farm, Leigh. They reared a large family, all of whom except William V. and another son, still reside in England.

In 1864 William V. Wildblood accompanied by his brother John Came to Canada, and worked in South Oxford as farmers until 1866. He then returned to England, but two years later came to Canada again, locating at Chatham, where for some years he worked at the carpenter's trade. While in England his brother John married Miss Martha Ward, of Port Burrell, and they settled for a time in Chatham, the brothers finally buying a farm in Camden township. Later John Wildblood moved to Dresden, where he died leaving a widow (since dead) and two children, Alva and Elsie. After disposing of the Camden township farm, William V. Wildblood rented a farm in Howard, which he conducted for one year. In March, 1878, he married Mrs. James McCann, who was born in 1843, a daughter of John and Ellen Spence, old pioneers of Howard, who came to Canada from England, and died on the old home where their son, Zachariah Spence, now lives. In 1880 Mr. Wildblood purchased what was known as the William Stover farm, and later, desiring a larger estate, increased it at various times, until it now has 167 acres; he also has sixty-six acres on Lot 24, Concession 2. He has cleared up a large amount of land, which is now under cultivation, and erected the commodious home, barn and outbuildings. The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wildblood are: John H., born in 1879, married Grace Watson, of Harwich, and they reside on one of his father's farms in the neighborhood; Edith J., born in February, 1883, and Elizabeth E., born in May, 1885, reside at home, the latter a student in the local schools. Mrs. Wildblood's first marriage was to James McCann, who died in October, 1873, leaving three children, namely: John, a farmer on Concession 5, in Harwich, married Elizabeth Filby, and has two children, James L. and Mary E.; Robert married Lurra Oxford, and lives on the 6th Concession of Harwich; Mary A. died at the age of twenty-six.

Politically Mr. Wildblood is one of the independent voters of the township. He is one of the trustees of school section No. 10, Harwich, and has always been deeply interested in the advancement of education in his locality. Religiously Mr. Wildblood was long identified with the Methodist Church, has taken an active interest in church work, and was trustee several years. He is now a member of the Church of God, which is not divided into sects. In every line of activity in his locality he has been a leading citizen, and few men are more highly esteemed or more sincerely respected.

JOHN CHARLES OLIVER, one of the successful young farmers of Zone township, County of Kent, has resided on his present farm all his life, having been born there June 9, 1867. He is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Dance) Oliver, and a grandson of William Oliver, of England, who had a family of five children: Thomas, father of John C.; William, of Florence, Ont., deceased; George, who lives in Delaware township, County of Middlesex; Eliza, who married Abram Dancy, of Bothwell, Zone township, and is deceased; and John, deceased, who was a resident of Sarnia, Ontario.

Thomas Oliver was born in Lincolnshire, England, and there passed his youth and early manhood. He was quite young when he lost his parents. In 1851 he came to Canada, and, settling in the County of Kent, Ont., took up the farm now owned and operated by his son John C., and which comprises 150 acres in Lot 9, 4th Concession, Zone township. The place was a wilderness at the time of his settlement, in fact he was obliged to make a clearing even for the small cabin which was the first home of the family. Mr. Oliver devoted the remainder of his life to the cultivation and improvement of this place, and in 1883 put up the comfortable brick residence now standing thereon. He carried on farming successfully until his death, which occurred in January, 1894, when he was aged seventy years, and he is buried in the Bothwell cemetery. He held membership in the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

After coming to Canada Mr. Oliver was

united in marriage with Elizabeth Dance, who was born May 24, 1835, in Cookfield, Sussex, England, and who still survives. In July, 1902, she married John Taylor, a retired farmer of Zone township, where they now reside. She is a member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. She had three children by her union with Mr. Oliver: William H., who lives with his brother; John Charles; and Anna A., who is the wife of John Jakes, a farmer of Zone township.

Abraham and Mildred (Miles) Dance, parents of Mrs. Elizabeth Dance (Oliver) Taylor, were both natives of Sussex, England, and the mother died there in 1842, at the age of fifty years. In 1844 the father came to Canada, locating in the County of Kent, and he was killed while working in the woods in 1846, at the age of fifty-five years. He was employed at the time at "The Eau," in Kent, and was buried there. While in England Mr. Dance followed his trade, that of baker, and was also engaged as a grocer. His family consisted of children as follows: John, who lived in England; Abraham, now a retired farmer of Bothwell, Ont.; Aaron, who lives in Zone; Moses, who died young; and Elizabeth, who first married Thomas Oliver and is now the wife of John Taylor.

John Charles Oliver received his education in the public schools of Zone township, and was trained to agricultural pursuits from boyhood. He has followed in the footsteps of his father as a successful agriculturist, and in his conduct of the farm does credit to his excellent training. He is decidedly progressive in his ideas and methods, and, though still a young man, takes rank among the best farmers of his section. He is a Conservative in politics, but does not take an active part in public matters. He attends the Methodist Church.

In March, 1898, Mr. Oliver was married, in Bothwell, Ont., to Martha Patricks. They have had no children. Mrs. Oliver was born in Zone township Oct. 4, 1878, daughter of Ezra and Susan H. (Miller) Patricks. Her father was born in London, Ont., April 29, 1846, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Vaile) Patricks, farming people of that place, and was there reared to manhood. In 1868 he removed to the County of Kent, where he made his home until 1884, in that year removing to the County of Lambton. There he remained until 1903, in which year he returned to Kent, and he is now a resident of Orford township. He married Susan H. Miller, who was born June 10, 1855, in Zone township, County of Kent, and they have had a family of nine children, viz.; Lizzie E., who is deceased; Malinda, who married Amond Gee, a farmer of Zone township; Martha, Mrs. Oliver; Alma, Grace, Harvey, James and Hiram, all at home with their parents; and Austin, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Patricks are members of the Methodist Church.

JOHN S. COWAN, a thrifty and prominent resident of Tilbury East township, and a son of one of the pioneer settlers of that region, was born on the home farm Dec. 28, 1860.

Hampton Cowan, his father, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1815, and when a young man came to Canada, for a short time residing in Mersea township, County of Essex. About 1845 he came to Tilbury East township, and secured of Col. Talbot the north half of Lot 24, M. R. N., consisting of 100 acres of wild land. Here he commenced to clear land and engage in farming at the same time, at first manufacturing potash and "black salts." The nearest market was Chatham, and all provisions had to be carried on the purchaser's back. In the midst of the wilderness Mr. Cowan erected a log house, and after the land was cleared exerted himself to make of his farm one of the best in the township. The homestead upon which he worked so hard is still in the family, and upon the site of the log house stands one of the finest rural residences in the entire county. The father died March 25, 1886, at the age of seventy-one years. In politics he was a Conservative, while in religious belief he was a conscientious Methodist, and took an active interest in church affairs. After coming to the township he married Elizabeth Currey, also a native of Ireland, and to this union were born children as follows: Mary Ann married Thomas Norry, a prosperous farmer of Tilbury township; Arthur is a resident of Tilbury; Jane married Alvin Malott, a farmer of Tilbury township; Susan married John W. Hamick, of Tilbury East township; Walter died at the age of four years; John S. is mentioned below; Sarah married David Alexander, of Staples; Elizabeth and Hampton, twins, occupy the old homestead; Isaac is a resident of Tilbury; William is a farmer near the old home-

stead; Martha married Scott Derbyshire, of Wheatley.

John S. Cowan grew to manhood on the home place and at the age of twenty-two bought 100 acres of Lot 16, Concession 9, where he now resides, although since then he has made a vast difference in his property. The entire farm is cleared, and upon it he has erected a beautiful home and substantial barns and other outbuildings, all in excellent condition. He has attained his present position through untiring effort. Like his father he is a Conservative in politics, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Church. Socially he is a charter member of both the Workmen and Maccabees lodges in Tilbury.

In 1890 Mr. Cowan was married to Susan Hillier, a native of Mersea, and a daughter of James and Lydia A. (Squires) Hillier, the former of whom emigrated from England to Canada in 1837. The following children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Cowan: James Cecil, born Jan. 18, 1891; Alberta Desmond, Dec. 19, 1892; Lydia Gertrude, Nov. 7, 1894; Earl Carlyle, Sept. 15, 1897; Harold Randolph, Sept. 29, 1902 (died Feb. 9, 1903). Through his own enterprise and untiring industry Mr. Cowan has placed himself among the foremost farmers of the township, and he has many friends who appreciate his ability and executive faculty.

WILLIAM H. WICKENS, whose attractive farm residence with its fine large orchard, is located on Lot 12, Concession 14, Chatham township, is a man of much cultivation and public spirit. Born in County Hastings, Aug. 14, 1869, he is a son of William and Elizabeth (Haggerty) Wickens.

William Wickens, the father, a successful agriculturist, was for many years one of the best known men in County Kent. He was born in England, and in early life came with his parents to Canada. His Christian mother gave him careful rearing, and he was early trained to habits of industry and self-reliance. The excellent openings in the agricultural lines in his vicinity decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that pursuit. He worked at different times in various localities in Canada, and eventually settled upon a fine farm in County Kent, where he remained throughout the rest of his active career. By nature a lover of system and order, he improved every piece of property that came into his possession, and applied both practical knowledge and scientific methods to his work, in return meeting with such success that in time he became one of the substantial farmers of the county. A man of great energy and determination, he worked steadily until his death, which occurred in December, 1894. Mr. Wickens married Elizabeth Haggerty, who was born in Canada, and who still survives. Of the nine children born to this union, eight are living. Of these, one son has a large general store, his stock including groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, etc., at Cayley, Alberta; and another, Andrew, has an extensive planing mill at Wallaceburg. Mr. Wickens' many attainments and marked force of character brought him to the front in public affairs of his community, and for many years he served his township as councillor with marked efficiency and fidelity, and he was acting as reeve of Chatham township at the time of his death. He was a man of much dignity, was often honored in other capacities, and on the occasion of Sir John A. McDonnell's funeral, he was sent as the representative from his town.

William H. Wickens was early taken by his parents to County Kent, and in the schools of his vicinity he pursued his studies, acquiring habits of attention and self-reliance, which have since characterized him through life. After leaving school he assisted his father for some time upon the home farm, and then deciding to follow agriculture as his life work, he purchased an improved fifty-acre farm, where he now resides. He at once began to develop the resources of the place, and from the start he gave a great deal of attention to his orchard, now having five acres of fine fruit trees, which produce large and excellent harvests. He has also engaged in almost every branch of general agriculture adapted to his section, and is now making a splendid success of his work. He is especially gifted in applying scientific methods to his farming, and upon all matters pertaining to general agriculture in his vicinity his word carries weight.

In 1893 Mr. Wickens married Miss Lena Kogelschatz, of Chatham, a school teacher of many years' experience, and a daughter of H. G. Kogelschatz. Two children, William S. and Henry A., have come to bless this union. Mrs. Wickens was educated in the Chatham Collegiate Institute, and is a well known friend

of good schools. Mr. Wickens is a man of refined tastes and many winning social attributes. His ability as a cornetist is considerable, and he is a member of the Tupperville Band, whose services on public occasions are much in demand. Fraternally he stands high, and he is affiliated with Lodges No. 164, I. O. O. F., of Dresden; and No. 850, of the Orangemen, of Chatham township.

H. G. KOGELSCHATZ, father of Mrs. Wickens, was a manufacturer of tobacco, in partnership with his brother, F. W., at Chatham, in the days when that now prosperous city was in its infancy. The town grew and the business gained with the years. When the partnership was dissolved, Mr. H. G. Kogelschatz entered the grocery business. He was a man of superior artistic tastes and of high intellectual attainments. He was well educated, and was an exceptionally fine linguist, speaking four languages fluently, while he excelled in music, his training all having been received in Germany prior to his coming to Canada. His education had been broadened by the advantages of travel all over Europe, the Holy Land and different parts of Africa.

ALEXANDER J. DOLSEN, a descendant of one of the first families of County Kent, is one of the progressive farmers of Raleigh township, and was a member of the township council, for 1901 and 1902. He is a great-grandson of Isaac Dolsen, the first of the name to come to the county, and a grandson of Jacob Dolsen.

Jacob Dolsen was born in Sandwich, County of Essex, Ontario, in 1785, and on June 21, 1809, married Janet Laird. He was a progressive and prosperous farmer of Raleigh township, where he and his wife died, he in December, 1856, and she Jan. 17, 1849. They were the parents of a large family, all of whom became well known residents of their several communities, viz.: Eliza, born May 16, 1810; Oscar, May 10, 1812; Mary, Feb. 16, 1816; Alexander, May 27, 1818 (mention of whom is made elsewhere); John Laird, April 12, 1820; Sarah A., May 4, 1822 (died March 20, 1900); Agnes, Oct. 1, 1824; Isaac, Aug. 27, 1831 (died Sept. 7, 1842); George, July 21, 1814 (died that same year); Jane, March 16, 1827 (died the same year); Catherine Ellen, July 27, 1828 (died July 19, 1829). Agnes and Alexander are the only survivors of this large family.

Oscar Dolsen was born in Raleigh township, where he was reared, and enjoyed the advantages of the local schools. When he began life for himself he purchased 100 acres in Lot 18, Concession 5, to which he later added fifty acres. On this property he carried on farming successfully. He married Elizabeth Chalmers, who was born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1819, and died in June, 1897. In early life the father was a Conservative, but in the fifties he became a Liberal. Although always interested, he never took any active part in political matters, though for many terms he was a local trustee. His religious home was in the Methodist Church, and he died in that faith May 17, 1890. To himself and wife were born the following children: Janet married J. G. Russell, of Raleigh township; Jacob is a resident of Foxton, Manitoba; Charles died at the age of eighteen years; Agnes died in 1901; Alexander James is mentioned below; Herbert is a resident of Ouray, Colorado; Sarah and Jessie live at home.

Alexander James Dolsen was born on the homestead, but now resides in Chatham. His educational advantages were confined to the local schools, but by reading and study he has greatly increased his store of knowledge, being a lover of good books. His home is the embodiment of culture and refinement. Mr. Dolsen inherited half the homestead, and purchased the remaining fifty acres, and, having added another fifty acres some years before, he has at present a fine farm of 150 acres. In addition to general farming he devoted considerable attention to stock raising, aiming to carry a good quality, rather than a large number, raising heavy draft, coach, and driving horses. He has frequently won prizes and premiums in the county and elsewhere. Politically Mr. Dolsen is a Conservative, and he has always taken an active part in matters of public interest, having taken quite a prominent part in the Conservative and Liberal controversy some years ago. He has been successful in his political contests, and has served his second year as a member of the township council. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Dolsen has been a director for the past five years of the County Kent Agricultural Society. For eleven years he has been a mem-



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ber of the board of school trustees, and has always taken an interest in educational affairs. Mr. Dolsen is a man not possessing as friendly a manner as some, but has made himself well acquainted with a wide range of subjects. Literature, music, the drama and oratory are all faithfully attended to, and furnish the mind with a rich and varied culture. The subject of this sketch is a man well and favorably known throughout the County of Kent, and his success in life is due to his energy, thrift and good management.

MRS. PHOEBE J. WHITE. Among the highly respected and worthy ladies of Ridgetown, County Kent, is numbered Mrs. Phœbe J. White, who was born in Orford township, that county, in February, 1851, a daughter of Cyrus and Tirzah (Babcock) Oakes, old pioneers of this portion of Ontario.

Cyrus Oakes was born in County Elgin, July 4, 1815, while his wife was born at Hamilton, Ont., in January, 1827. The latter was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Babcock, natives of Canada, but of English descent. Cyrus Oakes was the son of Garret and Mary (Long) Oakes, the former of whom was born in New Brunswick, and the latter in Pennsylvania, of German parents.

Garret Oakes and his wife settled in County Elgin, where he carried on farming and was also a teacher and author, many of the productions of his facile pen being still in existence in the copies of the St. Thomas journals of that day. Being a well educated man, his writings were eagerly read, and he bore an important part in the literary circles of his time. His death occurred at his home in Yarmouth township, County Elgin, in 1880, and his wife passed away at the same place. Their family consisted of six sons and five daughters: Cyrus; Wallace, of Seattle, Washington, who is married and has a family; Charles, residing on the old homestead; Robert, who moved to the States where he died; Hatfield, born in Elgin, who moved to Rockford, Ill., married and there died; Lyman, who left home when a young man and the last heard of him, he was a resident of the States; Harriet, who married Cyrus Deo (both now deceased), who settled in Orford township, County of Kent, and they had a family of six children; Mary A., who married Jacob Deo, of Yarmouth, County Elgin, and had no family; Miriam, who married Robert Deellard, of Yarmouth, County Elgin, and has three daughters; Statira, who married Jacob Wilcox, deceased, of St. Thomas, and has a son and daughter, John and Vesta; Elva, deceased, who married Miner Mills, of County Elgin.

Cyrus Oakes, the eldest in his father's family, grew to manhood on the home farm in Yarmouth, County Elgin. In 1843, he married Miss Tirzah Babcock, and settled in the woods on a tract of land purchased in Orford, County Kent. On this farm he erected a small log house, and in it the two commenced their married life as pioneers. In 1850, he replaced this primitive residence with a larger house, in which they lived until he erected his present comfortable home, where the venerable gentleman of eighty-nine still resides, surrounded by the comforts his industry has provided. His estimable wife passed out of life in 1885, the mother of five children: Mary died when a child; Statira, born in 1849, married Alexander Campbell, deceased, who lived in Orford, County Kent, and she has five children, Oscar, Durand, Rose, Ida and Alburta; Charles, born in 1850, married Miss Booth, of Petrolia, and they resided on the old homestead, where she died, leaving one son, William, and he married (second) Miss Maggie McGee, who bore him two sons, Norman and Lloyd; George W., born in 1855, married Frances Atkinson, of Howard township, and is a successful barber, in Highgate, Ont. (he had one child, Miles, now deceased); Phœbe J. (Mrs. White).

Mrs. White was reared on the old homestead, where she was married, in 1881, to George White, of Orford township, who was born at Toronto, July 30, 1841, son of Thomas and Margaret White, both natives of England. The parents were married in their native land, after which they removed to Toronto, and for some time made that city their home, but later removed to Howard and there lived on a farm. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. White lived on the farm owned by Mr. White, and he became one of the most successful agriculturists of his township. In 1894 he left his son on the farm, and purchased a pleasant home on Broadway, Ridgetown, where he and his wife made their home, and where his death occurred, March 23, 1897. He left his wife with two most accomplished daughters: Tirzah, born in Orford, in March, 1884, was educated in the

district schools of Orford and the high school of Ridgetown, and is now holding the position of saleswoman for M. McFarland, in Ridgetown; Vesta, born Oct. 17, 1885, was educated in the public schools, and is a young lady of culture and refinement, now engaged in dressmaking in Ridgetown, and she is very highly regarded by all who know her. The religious affiliations of Mrs. White and her daughters are with the Methodist Church, in which they take an active part. Mrs. White holds the position of librarian of the public library of Ridgetown, and is a lady of sterling worth and admirable social qualifications. Left to battle with the world, she has made a success of her life, rearing her two daughters and giving them excellent educations, and fitting them to bear their own part in the struggle for existence. She has made many friends, and discharges the duties pertaining to her position with ability and tact, giving entire satisfaction to the many patrons of the public library.

CHARLES GIBSON, engineer and woolen mill operator of Ridgetown, was born at Glasgow, Scotland, Oct. 17, 1837, a son of John and Margaret (McVicker) Gibson, both born in Scotland, he in 1808, and she in 1814.

By trade John Gibson was a weaver and carder, and became foreman in a woolen mill in Scotland. In 1845, the family emigrated to the Dominion, via Quebec, and from Quebec to Montreal, and thence by boat to East Williams, County Middlesex, where the father worked two years at his trade, and then moved to St. Catharines, County Lincoln, where he became foreman of the woolen mills. He thus continued for some years, when he engaged in a woolen mill at Gordon, which he managed for several years before he sold out, returning then to East Williams, County Middlesex. Owning land there, he engaged in farming, clearing up his land, and making improvements upon it, being assisted by his sons. A few years prior to his death, he bought a home in Strathroy, where he died in 1898, and his wife passed away in 1895. They were both members of the Methodist Church, and were among the leading founders of the first church in East Williams. In politics John Gibson was a Liberal, and held a number of town offices during his active life. He and his wife left a family of eight children: (1) Charles is the eldest. (2) Margaret was born at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1839, married Mathias Smith, a blacksmith in Middleton, Michigan, and they have a large family. (3) Catherine, born in Scotland in 1841, married John Anderson, one of the oil operators at Petrolia, where he owns large interests, and they have three children, Alice, Dr. Anderson and Margaret. (4) Elizabeth Gibson, born at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1844, married George Hawkins, a dealer in oil of Petrolia, and they have a family. (5) Anna, born in Canada in 1846, married Edward Rolling, manager of the Englehart Oil Company, of Petrolia, where they reside, and have a family. (6) John, born in Canada in 1849, learned the blacksmith and carriage making trade, which he follows at Wyoming, Canada. He married a Miss Payden, of East Williams, County Middlesex, and they have a family. (7) David, born in 1851, for many years has been a merchant in Canada, but is now living retired at his home in Manitoba; he married a Miss Frangan, of Canada, and they have a family. (8) Archibald, born in 1856, married Miss Louisa Brown, of Ridgetown, but they now reside at London, where he follows his trade of carriage trimmer; they have one son.

Charles Gibson never spent a single day in the public schools in his life, and all his education was secured by his own efforts, directed by his mother. When a mere boy he entered the woolen mills under his father, where he learned the entire business, and became an expert engineer, he for many years having full charge of his father's plant. In 1857 he removed to Ridgetown, where for four years he was foreman in the woolen mills of John Moody. He then rented these mills, and carried on the business himself for a time.

In September, 1864, Mr. Gibson married Miss Jane Mitton, daughter of James G. and Jane Mitton, prominent pioneers of Ridgetown. Mrs. Gibson was born in Yorkshire, England, in March, 1841, and she was well educated, and for a number of years was one of the most popular teachers of County Kent. After his marriage, Mr. Gibson rented a woolen mill in Clearville, East Kent, where he remained in business for four years. He then returned to Ridgetown, purchased real estate on Main street, and has one of the most comfortable homes in Ridgetown. Mr. Gibson owns other valuable real estate in the place, and since he

abandoned his woolen business, he has been largely interested in engineering in Ridgetown and throughout the county.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson: George W., born in Ridgetown in 1865, was very well educated in the Ridgetown college, and is now foreman in the printing office of Morenci, Michigan. James, born in 1868, was educated in the Collegiate Institute, and is a tailor of Ridgetown. Frank, born in 1873, is a tailor by trade. Charles, born in June, 1880, is learning the tailor trade at Ridgetown. All four are unmarried.

Politically Mr. Gibson has generally voted with the Liberal party, and has served as a member of the Ridgetown Council for nine years. Religiously he and wife are members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Orangemen, and he has held the highest positions in that order. He was the first member of the Ridgetown fire engineers. Without doubt Mr. Gibson is one of Ridgetown's most respected citizens, being identified in every way with the best interests of the town.

MICHAEL GLEESON, one of the prosperous young farmers of Tilbury East township, is a member of one of the pioneer families of the County of Kent. His grandparents, John and Catherine Gleeson, were natives of Ireland, where their children were born and reared. In 1835, accompanied by his wife, son Thomas (father of Michael) and two daughters, the grandfather emigrated to Canada and secured a grant of land of Col. Talbot, the agent, comprising 100 acres, the north half of Lot 1, Concession 7. The family located upon this grant at a time when there were no near neighbors, no improvements had been made, the roads were only marked out, and the land was covered with water for months at a time, so their life in the new land was begun under very discouraging circumstances. However, they worked hard and accomplished much, and upon this property the grandfather passed away in the year 1856.

Thomas Gleeson, father of Michael, was about twenty years of age when he accompanied his father to Canada. To help in providing for the needs of the family he engaged in work upon public improvements, and so continued until sufficient land was cleared to admit of seed planting. In time the farming began to yield returns, and he added to the homestead land, buying in about 1860 the south half of the lot, which had been originally taken by a man named O'Brien. He farmed successfully the 300 acres he owned, and of this about 225 acres are now cleared, the larger portion of the original homestead being cleared by Thomas Gleeson. The frame house now occupied by Michael Gleeson is the third dwelling the family have built and occupied since first coming here, nearly seventy years ago. The first was a small log cabin, which was followed by a larger and more comfortable one. About 1870 the present large frame house was erected. The father died in April, 1892, aged seventy-seven years. In politics he was a Conservative, and all the members of the family have always been devout members of St. Patrick's Church. Mr. Gleeson was married in Tilbury East township to Sarah Feenan, a native of County Armagh, Ireland, who died at the age of sixty-six years and to this union were born the following named children: Catherine married Michael Dillon, bailiff of Raleigh township; John is a large farmer and stock raiser of Ellsworth, Kansas; Thomas, of Yorkton, Assa., is engaged in the employment business there; William is a ranchman in Denver; Sarah died at the age of thirty-seven years; Michael is mentioned below; Francis W. died at the age of five years.

Michael Gleeson was born on the homestead place Jan. 16, 1860, and enjoyed the advantages of the public school. His entire life has been spent upon the home place, and he inherited 100 acres and by purchase acquired 200 acres additional, so that he now owns 300 acres all told. This he devotes principally to mixed farming, also dealing largely in buying and selling cattle, being a very enterprising and far-sighted young man. In politics he is a Conservative.

OLIVER HYATT, a thrifty and prosperous farmer of Romney township, County Kent, was born in that township, and has seen many changes made in the section where he makes his home. His grandfather was Gilbert Hyatt and came of German descent, and his son Jacob was born about forty miles southeast of Montreal, where he grew to manhood and married Rosanna Merrifield. He followed farming, and, after several of his children were born, he moved west into Romney township, settling

on the north half of Lot 9, Concession 3, securing a government deed. This property he soon sold to Mr. Robert Mosey, and then bought on the Lake Shore, Lot 9, Concession 1, where he was living when his first wife (the mother of our subject) died. After her death he sold his farm and purchased the whole of Lot 12, Concession 4, on which there was a small clearing and log buildings. In time he sold fifty acres of the property, and his death occurred May 12, 1888, when he was seventy-eight years and six months of age. During his residence upon the farm he cleared nearly all of it, and made of it a valuable property. In politics he was a Reformer, and he always voted for the candidates of his party. His family consisted of the following children by his first wife: Elizabeth married Isaac L. Tennet, of Wheatley; Angeline, deceased, married Robert Spooner; Abram resides on Lot 14, Concession 2; Gilbert resides in Mersea; George lives in Blenheim; Horace is a resident of County Middlesex; Oliver; Norman resides on the south half of Lot 12, Concession 1. By his second wife, Mrs. Rebecca (Wigle) Fox, he had these children: Franklin deceased, a blacksmith; Jacob, on the homestead; Merilla, who died when a young girl; Margaret, deceased wife of George DePew of Detroit; Windle, of Romney township.

Oliver Hyatt was born in Romney township in August, 1844, on the place now owned by William Simpson, and has always resided in the township. His educational advantages were very limited, and confined to attendance in the little log school house with its split log floor and bass wood seats and desks, and rough board walls, so well remembered by many of the men and women of today, who had no other literary training than was given within the primitive schools of this kind. During the years he was growing up, he worked upon the home farm, and when it was divided he received the northwest fifty acres of Lot 12, Concession 4. Upon this property he started out in life for himself thirty-seven years ago. At that time only twelve or fourteen acres of his property was cleared, but he soon had it all under cultivation; he erected excellent buildings which are still standing, and added to his holdings until he now owns 236 acres in Romney township, all operated by him and his sons.

On Nov. 5, 1866, Mr. Hyatt married Mary Ann Julian, a native of Mersea township, and a daughter of Jacob Julian, who then owned the present site of Wheatley, where he located over sixty years ago last September. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt were: Frederick, a blacksmith of County Essex, married Miss Upcott; John, a farmer on Lot 15, Concession 6, married Margaret Bell; Alfred, a farmer of Lot 14, Concession 5, married Minnie Craw; Maria married Ernest Connor, of Thamesville; Alvin is a farmer of the northwest quarter of Lot 15, Concession 4, but resides at home; Lillie married Marshall Loyst, a farmer on the northwest part of Lot 14, 4th Concession; and Rebecca, Howard and Grover are at home. Mr. Hyatt remembers as a boy seeing wolves prowling about the house, and he recalls that upon one occasion when a large one attacked a dog, it was frightened away with difficulty by lights. In politics he is a Reformer, and for two years served in the township council; has been trustee for his home school, and is a man widely known and highly esteemed. Mr. Hyatt is a great reader, and is very well posted upon events of the day, being able to intelligently and forcibly present his side of any question.

ALMON ROBERTS, a prosperous general farmer of the 8th Concession, Orford township, residing on Lot 20, where he owns a fine farm of fifty acres, came to this property in 1891 from Zone township, also in the County of Kent, where he was born June 25, 1868. He is a son of John and Matilda (McDonald) Roberts, farming people of Zone township. The father was born in 1838. The mother died and is buried at Mosa, Ont. This couple early joined the Latter Day Saints. They had children as follows: Robert H., of Zone township; John, who died in infancy; George, an oil driller of Chatham, Ont., who was accidentally killed Feb. 22, 1904, a block falling from the scaffold and crushing his skull; Almon and his twin brother, Alva, the latter deceased; William J., a farmer of Zone township; Alexander, an oil driller of Chatham, Ont.; Charles who died at the age of twenty-six years; and John, deceased in infancy. John Roberts married for his second wife Elizabeth Cruckshanck, and there was born to this union one child, Mary, of Chatham, Ont., who married John Shaw. Mr. Roberts is still a resident of Zone township.

In October, 1894, in Orford township, Al-

mon Roberts married Nellie McLeod, of Orford township, and three children have been born of this union—Mattie, Johnnie (deceased) and Mary. Mrs. Roberts was born in October, 1873, on the old homestead of her parents, Daniel and Mattie (McKimm) McLeod, of Tame, Scotland, and Orford township, respectively, who now reside in Orford township, and are very prominent people of their locality. They have had nine children: John, a farmer; Mary Ann, who married James Spence, a farmer; Simon, deceased; James, deceased; Martha, who married Fred Rice, a farmer; Katie, who married Peter Spence, a farmer; Maggie, who married George Lawrence, a laborer; Dannie, deceased; and Nellie, the wife of Mr. Roberts.

Almon Roberts remained with his parents until he was twelve years of age, when he began working among the farmers, continuing thus until he located upon his present property. The success which has attended his efforts is such as to reflect honor upon him, and to prove him a thrifty, enterprising farmer and excellent citizen. In his labors he has been most ably assisted by his pleasant wife, who is noted all over the neighborhood as a fine housekeeper and economical manager. Both these excellent people have many warm friends, and stand high in the estimation of their neighbors. Fraternally Mr. Roberts is a member of the Maccabees. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he is a Reformer.

THOMAS McCOLL is a successful general farmer of Harwich township, living on a farm of 100 acres, west of the Communication Road. He came to this farm from the old homestead, in 1883, and ten years later built the brick home which is the family residence. He was born in Chatham, Ont., Sept. 12, 1854, son of Duncan and Agnes (Duncan) McColl.

Duncan and Agnes (Duncan) McColl, were natives of Scotland, the former from Elsmore, Argyllshire, and the latter of the lowlands of Scotland. They were married in Scotland, and in 1842 came to America, locating at first in New York State. After one season there they moved to Chatham, Ont., where Mr. McColl was employed by the Grand Trunk Railway Company for several years. They then went to Louisville, Chatham township, where Mrs. CcColl kept a boarding house, and Mr. McColl was employed on construction work by the Grand Trunk road. He was for some time engaged in grading, a most difficult task, as they had so much water to contend with, being obliged to build dams and pump out the water in order to build the road bed. In 1852 he left the service of the railroad, and took up a farm of 200 acres, in the 8th Concession, in Harwich township. After draining this land, which was mostly swamp, he sold it, and moved to another farm of 100 acres in the 7th Concession. He remained on that farm until 1875, then bought a ridge farm in the same township, where he lived until 1887, coming from there to the farm of 100 acres, which has since been his home, and on which he has a substantial brick house. His wife died in July, 1900, at the age of seventy-eight, and is buried in Newcomb cemetery. Mr. McColl is still living, being now about eighty-five years of age. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Daniel, unmarried, and living at home with his father; Catherine, wife of William English, a farmer of Harwich; Thomas, mentioned below; Janet, widow of Henry Newcomb, of Windsor, Ont.; Nancy, widow of William Wilkerson, of Sparta, Ont.; Elizabeth and Effie, living at home with their father.

Thomas McColl was born in Chatham, Ont., Sept. 12, 1854, and remained with his parents until 1883. In that year he came to the farm which has since beeen his home, being 100 acres in Lot 1, west of the Communication Road. For nearly twenty years Mr. McColl lived alone on his farm, which he improved with a fine brick house in 1893. On Feb. 11, 1902, at Roselane farm, in Raleigh, he was married to Marie Richards, and their union has been blessed with one child, Margaret Jean. Mrs. McColl was born in Carrick township, County Bruce, Ont., daughter of Jenkin and Mary (Elgar) Richards, natives, respectively, of Wales and of Pennsylvania. They were married in Cavan, Ont., and in 1871 came to County Kent, and located in Tilbury township. From there they went to Raleigh township, where they bought Roselane farm, which has since been their home. Mr. Richards was born in 1824, and his wife in 1826. They are earnest members of the Methodist Church. Their children were as follows: Hannah M. (deceased), for fourteen years a teacher in the McKeough

school; Margaret J. (deceased); Marie, wife of Thomas McColl; John T., James N. and Albert E., living at home.

Mr. McColl is the owner of a fine farm, which is well managed in every respect, and reflects credit upon his judgment and ability. His habits of thrift and industry have brought him success and prosperity, and he is a man well known and liked by his fellow citizens. In politics he is a Reformer, and he is a master Mason. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while his wife is a Methodist.

MRS. MARGARET (FERGUSON) COLTART, widow of the late William Coltart, is one of the most venerable ladies whose home is in the city of Chatham. Her declining years are made happy by the loving and solicitous care of kindred, while her presence is as a benediction on those around her.

Mrs. Coltart was born in Scotland Feb. 22, 1817. It was during her voyage across the Atlantic, en route for County Kent, Ont., in 1847, that she formed the acquaintance of a fellow passenger, William Coltart, whose wife she became on Oct. 27, 1848. Her parents were Alexander and Jane (Barber) Ferguson, and her paternal grandparents were William and Mary (Gilchrist) Ferguson.

William Ferguson was born in 1760, in Scotland, and after an agricultural life of many years, died there in 1845, aged eighty-five years. His family consisted of six sons and six daughters; William, Alexander, Margaret, Jane, Ann, Mary, James, Robert, Christopher, Thomas, and two that died in infancy.

Alexander Ferguson, the father of Mrs. Coltart, was born in Scotland in 1793, and brought his family to County Kent, Ont., in 1847, settling in the new home, on 3d Concession, Harwich township, on Thursday, Aug. 11, 1847. Rejoicing over the successful termination of the long voyage and settlement in the new home, was overshadowed by the death of his wife, on Monday, Aug. 15, 1847. Following this sad event, Mr. Ferguson made his home with his son, William Ferguson, where he died, in 1875. His children were: William, Margaret, Mary, John, Jane and Janet, all of whom have passed away except Margaret.

The late William Coltart was born in 1824, in Scotland, a son of Robert and Ann (McCormick) Coltart, and a grandson of James and Agnes (Gillespie) Coltart, and was one of the following four children born to his parents: William, James, Robert and Agnes. William was the only member of the family to come to America. He engaged in farming on a fine property located on Lot 8, Concession 5, Harwich township, where for forty-two years he and his faithful wife lived a quiet and useful life. Here all the six children were born and here they also died. Mr. and Mrs. Coltart late in life left the old farm and settled in Chatham, where Mr. Coltart passed away March 20, 1899. The beloved children were: (1) Robert, who died in 1885, first married Mary Johnson, and second, Harriet Hubble; two children were born to this last union, William Robert and George Alexander, who, with their mother, reside in Harwich township. (2) Jane who married George McGarvin, died in 1875. (3) James, who married Janet McKerrecher, died in 1878, leaving one son, James. (4) William died in October, 1900, in Colorado. (5) Alexander died in 1876. (6) Annie died at the age of four years.

Though bereaved of husband and children, Mrs. Coltart has exhibited that Christian fortitude which her religion teaches and while looking for a happy re-union, forgets no kind attention to the living.

FREDERICK G. Y. CHARTERIS, a successful general farmer of Chatham township residing on the River road, Lot 7, upon a farm of sixty acres of finely cultivated land, was born June 27, 1866, on the old homestead which adjoins his own property.

On Oct. 25, 1893, Mr. Charteris was married in Chatham, Ont., to Alice Baxter, and the children born to this union are as follows: Frederick, who died in infancy; Carry L., and Elizabeth B. Mrs. Alice (Baxter) Charteris was born in Chatham, Ont., a daughter of Thomas H. and Euphemia (Baxter) Baxter, of Epworth, England, very worthy and highly respected people. Mr. Baxter was born on Nov. 2, 1830, and is now a resident of Chatham, but his wife died Feb. 22, 1881, and lies buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. Both early connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter were: Elizabeth, who married Edward Smith, a farmer of Harwich township; Wil-

liam H., deceased; Alice; David B., deceased; Herman, of Chatham, Ont.; Miss Euphemia, at home; Mary A., married to Earl Kimmerly, of Dresden.

Mr. Charteris remained on his father's farm until after his marriage, when he moved upon the home he now occupies, which he has brought up to a high state of cultivation. His buildings are excellent, and his entire premises bespeak careful management and thrift. Socially he is a member of the Sons of Scotland, and very popular in that order. The religious affiliations of the family are with the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Charteris is a very liberal contributor. In politics he is a Reformer, but he has never desired office.

JAMES H. ELGIE, an extensive farmer and drover of Camden Gore, is the youngest surviving son of George and Sarah (Randall) Elgie, and was born on the old homestead at Dawn Mills, Aug. 2, 1872.

Mr. Elgie remained at home on the farm until he was twenty years of age, assisting his father. At that time his father retired from active farm life, and took up his residence in town, leaving the home place in the hands of his sons James and Thomas, who continued to manage it for two years or more. After his marriage, in 1894, James Elgie left the place and was associated with his brother, William, in operating a stave mill. He was thus engaged for two years and then settled on his present farm, in the 9th Concession, Lot 4. Mr. Elgie owns a fine place of 130 acres, and rents 195 acres more, and since he moved there, in the spring of 1899, he has developed it to a high point. It was in 1899 that Mr. Elgie started in business as a drover, and he is now very extensively engaged in that line. Being both able and thrifty he has succeeded well, and is now one of the substantial men of his neighborhood.

Mr. Elgie was married at the age of twenty-two, in December, 1894, to Miss Mary J. Hazelett, and to their union have been born two children, Lottie P. and Charles. Mrs. Elgie is a daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Austin) Hazelett, and was born Aug. 4, 1874, on their old homestead in Camden township, where her father still resides, a farmer of great prominence.

ELI HAZELETT, a brother of Isaac Hazelett, and uncle of Mrs. Elgie, was a son of James and Eliza Jane (Blackburn) Hazelett, and was born in Howard township Sept. 8, 1844. James and Eliza Hazelett resided at different times in Howard, Chatham and Camden townships. They removed to the last named in 1849, and there purchased a farm of 100 acres, on the river Sydenham. There James Hazelett died in April, 1886, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, who was four years his junior, survived him but a month. They were buried in the Arnold cemetery, in Louisville, Ont. Both Mr. Hazelett and his wife belonged to the Baptist Church. Their children were as follows: Eliza, who died young; Mary and Robert, who also died young; Joseph, who married a Traxler, and died at the age of thirty-three; Isaac, of Camden township, on the old homestead; Eli; and Margaret Jane, who died at the age of twelve.

The paternal grandfather of Eli Hazelett, William by name, was a native of Ireland, and came from the northern part of that country to Canada, settling in the County of Kent, where he took up a farm in Howard township. The maternal grandparents, Robert and Rachel Blackburn, came from Pennsylvania and settled in Chatham township when it was a wilderness.

On Dec. 24, 1865, Eli Hazelett was married in Chatham, Ont., to Abigail Sexsmith, and they have had children as follows: Sarah E., of Dresden, Ont., the wife of Fred Bodkin; Eliza Jane, wife of Walter S. Taylor, of Chatham township; Emily, who married Perry Arnold, of the same place; Martha, the wife of John Vanetter, of Walkerville, Ont.; James, of Dresden, with the Page Wire Fence Company; Anna, the wife of Robert Brandon, a school teacher in Dresden, Ont.; and William, Mary, Agnes and Alfred, all at home. Mrs. Abigail Hazelett was born in Camden township in 1848. Her parents, William and Rebecca (Sexsmith) Sexsmith, came from the North of Ireland to Canada and settled first at Napanee, Ont., afterward removing to the County of Kent, in 1840. There they lived on a farm in Camden township until the father's death, in 1863, at the age of forty-six. The mother is now living in St. Clair, Michigan, and is in her eighty-third year.

Eli Hazelett lived on a farm with his parents until his marriage, and then farmed for

himself in Camden township until 1897; he then went to Dresden and engaged in the implement business for a year. From that time up to January, 1903, he took the agency for the Page Wire Fence Company, but then began the grocery business which he is still successfully conducting.

Mr. Hazelett is a Conservative in politics, has taken quite an active part in local affairs, and has filled a number of official positions. He was councilor of Chatham township for twelve years; in the county council five years; three years was deputy; reeve for two years; and has been the town councilor for the past three years. The number of positions to which he has been chosen attest his ability in office. He is a member of no church, but attends the Methodist Episcopal, Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen of the World.

JAMES FRED WEBBER, who occupies a fine farm of 100 acres on the south half of Lot 6, Concession 2, and also owns sixty-two and one-half acres on Concession 1, Gore of Chatham, has found prosperity by intelligent and industrious labor as a general farmer. He was born in Leighton, seven miles from London, England, April 9, 1871, a son of George E. and Martha (Purvis) Webber, of England, who lived and died in their native land. The father operated a bakery and confectionery establishment, and died in December, 1876, aged forty-seven years, while his widow died in February, 1877, aged forty-one years. Both were consistent members of the Church of England. They were the parents of the following children: Nellie, who died in infancy; George, a music composer of London, England; Thomas and William, who died in infancy, as did also three daughters; and James F. George E. Webber was a son of Thomas Webber, who also spent his entire life in England, where he too engaged in the bakery and confectionery business.

On Sept. 22, 1897, Mr. James Fred Webber was married in Wallaceburg, Ont., to Christena A. Stewart, who was born near Wallaceburg, Ont., a daughter of Archie and Mary A. (McCloud) Stewart, of Scotland and Glengarry, Canada, respectively. Mr. Stewart was born Sept. 29, 1843, and he came to County Kent in 1863, locating in Chatham township, on the east branch, and took up 250 acres, remaining on that property ten years, when he settled in Gore of Chatham, and made his home for over twenty years, after which, in 1897, he moved to Wallaceburg, and now lives retired from active life. In Chatham he married Mary A. McCloud, who was born April 1, 1846, and the children born to them are: Miss Mary I., at home; Christena; Priscilla, who married Isaac Skinner, and lives in Chatham township; Margaret, of Detroit, Michigan; Maud, at home; Archibald D., at home with his parents; and Margaret and Charles A., deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Webber were Charles and Margaret (Selmean) Stewart, of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1850, locating in Westminster, Ont., where they were farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Webber have one son, Wilfred A.

At the age of sixteen years James Fred Webber began to learn the trade of a printer, and he worked at it for six years, when he emigrated to Canada, and located at Wallaceburg. After working upon a farm for one year, he returned home, but at the end of six months, he went to New Brunswick, worked upon a farm for twelve months. At the expiration of that time, he removed in April, 1896, to his present farm, still retaining the farm which he had purchased in New Brunswick, although quite recently he has disposed of that property. Both he and his wife are very excellent people, and he is a member of the Church of England, while Mrs. Webber is a Presbyterian. In politics he is a Conservative, but has never aspired to office. Hard working, thrifty, embracing every opportunity of advancing his interest, and improving his property, Mr. Webber has steadily risen, and is now justly regarded as one of the most substantial men of his township.

MARTIN MARTIN, lumber manufacturer, contractor and builder, and operator of a large brick sawmill in Wallaceburg, Ont., was born in Quebec, Oct. 7, 1849, a son of Urban and Lucy (Ouellette) Martin, of Quebec. The father carried on watchmaking at Riviere du Loup. He died in 1856, aged forty-five years, while the mother died in 1895, aged seventy years. The children born to their union were: Rosalie, of Quebec, married Archie Dumas; Evaline (deceased) married a Mr. Belanger; Wilfred is a resident of Fairmont, Michigan;



Stephen Martin

Emma married Phileas Duba, of River Duba, Quebec; Lucy, of Quebec, married Joseph Belanger; Adolphus, of Detroit, Michigan, is a contractor and builder; Martin is further mentioned below.

On April 16, 1873, in Wallaceburg, Martin Martin married Mary Maule, and children as follows have been born to them: Joseph died at the age of twenty-one years; Daniel H., Arilla P., Arthur, Mary L. A., Adelia E., Fred S., Almeda, Alfred M. and Evaline E. are at home; James S. died in infancy. Mrs. Martin was born in Wallaceburg July 23, 1857, a daughter of David and Phoebe (Darkins) Maule, of Hamilton, Ont., where they were married. Mr. Maule located there about 1855 and began the manufacture of ox-yokes, and operated a sawmill. His death occurred at Ruthville in 1887, when he was fifty-seven years old, while his wife died in 1860. This worthy couple had children as follows: Amos is a farmer of the County of Lambton; James served in the Rebellion in the States and is now in a soldiers' home; David is a farmer of Hickson, Ont.; Peter is deceased; Margaret married George Gardiner, of the States; Lozella married Charles Marsh; Phoebe married Albert Berry, of Leamington, Ont., a farmer; Mary is Mrs. Martin.

Martin Martin remained with his parents until he came to Wallaceburg, at the age of twenty-four years, and learned the trade of millwright, which he has followed ever since. For some time after locating in Wallaceburg he worked for others, and then began contracting and building, which he has continued very profitably, having put up many of the most important structures in the place, doing all the architectural work for same. Among these may be mentioned the Fire Hall, the "Tecumseh House," the "Arlington House" and the public school building; he also built the Stonehouse block, the glass works and various other buildings. In 1881 he constructed a mill on the present site of his plant, which was burned in 1887, but he immediately built the present large brick structure, which with the yards covers nearly a block, and there he carries on an extensive business, giving employment to fifteen men. Mr. Martin also acts as adjuster for people suffering loss by fire. In short, he is an all-around business man, alive to the needs of the community and able to supply them.

Mr. Martin has been very prominent in politics, identifying himself with the Conservative party. For five years he served as a member of the town council, and during that time many much needed improvements were made in the town. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has served as treasurer of the local organization for the past six years; he is also a member of the Woodmen of the World. His religion is that of the Catholic Church. He is well known as one who has been endowed with marvelous magnetic powers, and has cured hundreds of people, in various places, among them those suffering from very complicated diseases. Many of the cures have been effected without his seeing the people in question, and he is eagerly sought, especially by those who have been pronounced incurable even by eminent physicians. That this power is present, and that it works wonders, there are hundreds of reliable, responsible and prominent people ready to testify. Few men are so gifted in various directions as Mr. Martin, whom seems well fitted to make a fortune and acquire distinction in any one of the various vocations he pursues with such success, and it is needless to say that he is one of the most popular men in the entire county.

GEORGE SAMUEL BAGNELL, a prosperous general farmer and prominent resident of Dover township, County of Kent, has a fine farm on Lot 1, River Front. He was born on a portion of his present property, Dec. 4, 1873, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stephenson) Bagnell, natives of Dublin, Ireland, and England, respectively, who were married in Ridgetown, County of Kent, Canada, and became very prominent people of the vicinity.

On July 1, 1899, Mr. Bagnell was married to Miss Susie Reaume, and one child, Garnet S., has been born to this union. Mrs. Bagnell was born in Raleigh township, County of Kent, a daughter of Alexander and Kate (Ouellette) Reaume, who are now residents of Tilbury township, County of Kent, where they own a large farm, and are well known and consistent members of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Bagnell remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he settled

upon his farm of 200 acres, all in a fine state of cultivation, and upon which are comfortable buildings and a pleasant home. Understanding as he does the business of farming in every detail, Mr. Bagnell is enabled to make his acres yield him a handsome profit, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading young farmers of Dover township. He and his wife are members of the Church of England. In politics Mr. Bagnell is a Conservative, but although he takes an interest in local affairs his private affairs absorb his time and attention so that he does not aspire to office.

MRS. EPHRAIM MALLORY, widow of Ephraim Mallory, formerly a farmer on Concession 3, Harwich township, County Kent, was born in County Leeds, Canada, in May, 1836, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine Carnes, born in Lower Canada, he in 1807, and his wife in 1809.

Jacob Carnes was a son of a German emigrant, who came to Canada at an early date, and who participated in the war of 1812. In 1848 Jacob Carnes moved with his family, from County Leeds, and located at Guilds, in Harwich township, County Kent, where he pursued an agricultural life. Starting with wild land, he cleared it of the trees and brush, and made a pleasant home for his wife and children. He died in 1882, while his wife survived him until 1896. Ten children were born to these worthy people: Priscilla, born in County Leeds, married Archie Mallory, and died in the same county; Orrilla, born in County Leeds, married Lyman Patterson, deceased, who resided in Blenheim, where she still lives; John, born in Canada, married and now resides in Elk Rapids, Michigan; Jane, born in Canada, married George Sharp, and resides in Elk Rapids; Norton, born in Canada, settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he died leaving a wife but no family; William, born in Canada, married and resides in Toledo, Ohio; Rhoda, born in Canada, married Charles Ayers, deceased, and resides in Bay City, Michigan; Lyman, born in Canada, married and is a resident of Guilds, Ont.; Calvin, born in Canada, moved to Michigan, where he still resides; and Mary became Mrs. Mallory.

Mrs. Mallory was educated in Lower Canada during her girlhood, and in 1856, she was united in marriage with Ephraim Mallory, of Harwich, who was born in County Leeds in February, 1833, son of Ephraim, Sr., and Eclistie Mallory, well known pioneers of County Kent, who came thither from County Leeds, where the former was born in 1805, and the latter in 1810, but both died in County Kent, he in 1885, and she in 1899. The parents of both Ephraim Mallory, Sr., and his wife came to Canada from the United States. After their marriage young Ephraim Mallory and his bride settled on the homestead farm, on Talbot street, which was then wild land, and began their experiences as pioneers. From time to time, Mr. Mallory made many improvements, erecting the present pleasant and comfortable frame house, and commodious barn, as well as clearing his land, and transforming in into one of the best pieces of property in County Kent. After a useful happy life, he passed away in 1872, leaving a widow and three children to mourn his loss, as well as a large circle of sympathetic friends. The children were as follows: (1) Norris E., born Feb. 6, 1859, was reared on the home farm, and now resides on his fine fruit farm, near Guilds, in Harwich; he married Miss Emma Bentley, daughter of Jonathan Bentley, of Harwich, now deceased, and they have three interesting children, Hazel, Edgar and Glen. (2) Martha, born May, 1864, was reared at the old home, receiving a fine musical education, and for a number of years was a leader in musical circles in this county, as well as one of its most talented music teachers. She died at the home farm in 1894. (3) George, the youngest, was born in February, 1868, and educated at Harwich, and very early in life displayed a rare order of mechanical genius, and has spent his life in inventing and placing upon the market articles calculated to be of great benefit to the human race. Among the many inventions which he is placing upon the market, may be mentioned the Automatic Door Clasp, which he invented and patented in 1894, and which he is introducing all over the Dominion, as well as the United States and Great Britain. This invention he improved in 1901, and it is leading everything in its line, not only for its excellence, but also on account of the low price at which it is offered, its durability and general superiority in every respect. Its value as a screen door fastener cannot be overestimated. His work in the past gives bright promise for

the future and his friends anticipate a very brilliant career for the already celebrated young inventor, of whom the country has good reason to be proud.

Ephraim Mallory was a man widely known throughout County Kent for his charity and kindly Christian character, and his estimable wife and he joined the fold of the Methodist Church many years ago, in which she is still a most honored member and liberal supporter. In political matters he was identified with the Reform party, as are his sons, but he never aspired to office, devoting himself to his work and his family, and he left behind him a record as a good citizen, a kind neighbor and devoted husband and father, as well as a faithful follower of the Master.

HENRY L. STEAD, a rising young farmer of Zone township, has carried on farming on his present place since 1891, when he purchased it, and he has taken his place among the progressive agriculturists of his section from the beginning. He has shown himself to be possessed of sterling traits of industry and integrity, and his position in the community has been accordingly enviable.

Mr. Stead is a native of London, Ont., born Dec. 16, 1869, son of Joshua and Mary (Condon) Stead, the former of whom was born in 1822, in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, and there grew to manhood. Joshua Stead came to Canada in 1851, locating in London, Ont., where he commenced farming, and where he has ever since resided. His farm is now a part of London, and he has retired from active labor, the place being cultivated by his son Joshua. He was a carpenter in early life, but made farming his principal business after settling in Canada. Mr. Stead married Mary Condon, who was born in 1830 in Bayfield, County of Huron, Ont., and children were born to this union as follows: Easter is the wife of George Betts, of Winnipeg; Mary is the wife of Harry Raison, who is in the hotel business at London, Ont.; Miss Martha resides with her brother Henry L.; Susan married James Payne, of Central Lake, Michigan; Henry L. is mentioned below; Joshua is unmarried, and lives with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Stead are both members of the Episcopal Church.

Henry L. Stead was reared in his native place, received his literary education in the local public schools, and his agricultural training on the home farm. There he remained until 1891, when he came to the County of Kent and purchased his present farm, in Lot 6, 4th Concession, Zone township, a tract of 100 acres, from Sherman Andrews. Besides making the improvements on the land which seem necessary to the modern agriculturist, he has erected a fine brick residence, comfortably appointed in every respect. He has accomplished much since he located on the farm, and may well take pride in the appearance of his place and his own prosperity, as they are entirely the result of his own efforts. However, he is unassuming, and works steadily along, anxious only to do right and to make the most of his opportunities. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Reformer. Mr. Stead is unmarried.

STANLEY G. ARNOLD, a prosperous general farmer and prominent citizen of Chatham township, residing on Lot 17, 3d Concession, owns a fine farm of 112 acres to which he came in April, 1901.

Mr. Arnold was born on the old homestead, Oct. 15, 1874, a son of Thomas and Jane (Van Allen) Arnold, of Chatham township and Dresden, respectively. The father was a farmer and died in Chatham township Jan. 31, 1902, aged fifty-six years; he is interred in the Dresden cemetery. The mother resides with her daughter, Mrs. Weaver, of Chatham township, and is fifty-four years of age. Mrs. Arnold is a consistent Methodist, and her husband was also a member of that church. Four children were born to this union: Stella, who married Bruce Weaver, of Chatham township; Stanley G.; Ethel, who died young; and Ormingston, on the homestead.

In April, 1900, Stanley G. Arnold was married to Jennie Weaver, in Chatham township, and one child has been born to this union, Bervyl. Mrs. Arnold was born in Chatham township, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Sharp) Weaver, of England, the former of whom came to the County of Kent in 1853, with his parents, and now resides in Chatham township, where he is engaged in farming. An account of his life will be found elsewhere.

Until his marriage Mr. Arnold remained with his parents and at that time he removed

to his pleasant home, where he and his family are surrounded by all the comforts of life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and take an active part in its good work. Politically he is a Conservative, but so far has devoted all his time to his private affairs. Mr. Arnold is numbered among the enterprising thrifty young farmers of Chatham township, and his career looks very promising.

JAMES W. LATIMER, an enterprising young farmer of Lot 14, Concession 10, Chatham township, is a successful business man as well, and in addition to his other industry, has for the past ten years been engaged in threshing. He was born May 17, 1874, of the best Irish stock.

The Latimer family dates its residence in Ireland from the time of William III, when one of the name came with the king to that country. The records of this branch of the house have been carefully preserved, and the sword of the original ancestor is now in the possession of James W.'s family. The paternal grandfather of James W. made his residence for the most part in Ireland, and there died at an early date. His wife afterward came with her children to Canada, and settled in County Hastings.

Francis Latimer, father of James W., achieved his success in the agricultural field. Born in Ireland, he was about eleven years old when taken by his mother to Canada, and there under her wise oversight he received careful rearing and practical training for life's activities. A taste for rural pursuits decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in agriculture, and settling upon a farm in County Hastings, he there followed farming with marked success for a number of years. Finding, however, in the course of time, a better opening in County Kent, he purchased a 100 acre tract of splendid land, on Lot 14, Concession 10, where he settled and began developing its resources. Entering upon his labors with energy and determination, he soon made some marked improvements in the place, and gradually branched out in his industry. He improved his buildings, equipped the farm with all necessary machinery for conducting a successful enterprise, and gradually added to his stock until he in time had one of the best paying farms for its size in the township. Here he labored for the rest of his life, winning for himself a leading place among the farmers of his locality. He died Dec. 28, 1900. Mr. Latimer married Isabella Irwin, who was born in Hastings, and who died March 2, 1893. Of this union there were five children, all of whom still reside at the family residence in Chatham. Mr. Latimer was a natural born farmer, energetic, farsighted, and practical. Persistent in the pursuit of any object, as a farmer he possessed an additional incentive—a strong inherent taste for his work. His achievements and many admirable traits of character won him the esteem of all who knew him.

James W. Latimer was about two and a half years old when taken by his parents to County Kent, and there, in the public schools of Chatham township he received his early education, which he has since supplemented with reading and contact with the world. The large demands of his father's farm led him at an early age to engage in agriculture, and for a number of years he assisted his father. Gradually he assumed more of the responsibilities of this old homestead, and he is now carrying on an exceedingly flourishing industry. Applying both scientific and practical methods to his industry, he raises large and abundant crops, which are usually the most seasonable in the market. In addition to farming, about ten years ago he began threshing, and, continuing this industry ever since, he has materially increased his income.

Mr. Latimer's many admirable traits of character as well as his achievements have won for him the confidence of agriculturists in his section, and his word carries weight in the community. He is well informed upon all subjects, and as a Conservative he is influential in local politics. Reared in the faith of the Church of England, he is a consistent member of that denomination.

JOSEPH C. JAMES, a prominent farmer of the 11th Concession, Lots 20 and 22, Harwich township, County Kent, was born in that township, Feb. 25, 1870, a son of Charles and Sophie (Bicum) James, pioneers of the county.

John James, the grandfather of Joseph C., passed all his life in England. At his death he left a family of children, four of whom came to Canada: William, who lived in the

township of Raleigh, County of Kent, died April 23, 1904, unmarried; Thomas died in Harwich, unmarried; Miss Mary died in County Kent; and Charles is mentioned below. The others all died in England.

Charles James, son of John, was born in West Norfolk, England, in 1802, and he came to Canada when a young man, after having been honorably discharged as a soldier in the British army. On settling in Canada, he located on the 11th Concession, where he commenced pioneer life on a brush farm; there he and his wife lived and died, he in 1889 and she in 1895. He married Sophie Bicum, who was born in Prescott, Ont., a daughter of Samuel and Caroline Bicum, who were both born in Ireland, and who both died in Harwich. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Politically Mr. James was a Conservative, and always took an interest in local affairs. They were the parents of four children: Ellen James married Alfred G. Remington, and has children—Addison, William, Sophia, Hattie, and Helen; John, born in 1857, was reared on the old homestead, and he received a good education, and at the death of his father inherited the home farm as his portion, and there he lived unmarried until his death, in 1899; Catherine, born in 1861, married James Nuttbrown, born in East Canada, but now a resident of Detroit, and they have children, Louise, Sophie, William, Stewart and Joseph.

Joseph C. James grew to manhood at the old home, where he received an excellent education. At the death of his father, he joined his brother John in the management of the property, and after the latter's death, Joseph became the sole proprietor. At the death of an uncle, William James, Mr. James inherited money and a valuable piece of property of fifty acres which he farms in connection with the homestead. The substantial brick house on the home farm, as well as the excellent barns, were erected by the father and his sons. Politically Mr. James has always been identified with the Conservative party. In religious matters he is a member of the Methodist Church, is president of the Epworth League, and is very prominent and popular in that society.

Charles James was the only one of his father's sons to marry, and Joseph James is the last of the name, which is honored and revered in the community where the various members of the family lived out their upright, noble lives. Joseph James is one of the leading young men of the township, who carries out in his life the teachings of the Divine Master, and endeavors to help others to tread the path of truth and morality. The influence of such a life in a community cannot be overestimated, and he is a worthy son of noble "parents passed into the skies."

MATHEW T. DICKSON, a prosperous general farmer and mmber of the council of Orford township, County of Kent, living on the 11th Concession, Lot 6, owns a fine farm of 100 acres, to which he moved in February, 1876, with his parents.

Mr. Dickson was born in West Flamborough, County of Wentworth, Oct. 3, 1872, and is a son of Robert and Matilda (Peebles) Dickson, of the County of Wentworth, who were there married. When they located upon the farm now owned by their son Mathew, the land was all bush, but by industry and good management they developed and enjoyed their home, where the father died in November, 1899, aged sixty years, while the mother passed away in June, 1880, aged thirty-seven years. They are both interred in the Gosnell cemetery, and were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to them were: Martha M., who died in 1869; John P., who died in February, 1869; Alice B., who married Hiram Hall, and died in 1903; Mathew T.; Jessie G., who died in March, 1901, the wife of Hiram Gladstone; Robert A., deceased in 1899; Charles T., a carpenter and real-estate dealer of Sault Ste. Marie; Bella F., married to John Wooten, a farmer of Orford township; and Minnie M., unmarried, with her brother Mathew.

In October, 1898, in Orford township, Mathew T. Dickson married Frances E. Gordon, and two children have come to this union, Gordon P. and Mary M. Mrs. Dickson was born in Orford township, daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Reycraft) Gordon, of Ireland, who were born in 1845 and 1849, respectively, and were married in the township of Orford, where they remained. They are farming people. They are consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon had children as follows: Frances E., Mrs. Dickson;

Agnes R., Thomas C., Mary E. (a school teacher), George W., Grace F., James L., Albert J., and Ernest J., all at home.

As before stated, Mr. Dickson came with his parents to Orford township, and remained with them until he was fifteen years of age, when he went to Hamilton, Ont., where he clerked in a store for a year. Returning home, he worked upon the farm for seven years. For the following six months he attended business college, and then clerked in a store at Highgate for three years, and for two years he dealt in implements at Highgate, acting as local agent for the Noxon Company. He finally returned to farm life, and has one of the finest pieces of property in the township. An independent in politics, he is prominent in the township, and was elected a member of the township council in 1903. Fraternally he is a member of the Foresters. Like his parents before him, he clings to the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and contributes liberally toward its support. Enterprising, thrifty, a public-spirited man and good neighbor, Mr. Dickson has many friends, and enjoys a pleasant home life.

ALFRED ALONZO MERRITT, a successful general farmer and leading citizen of Chatham township, residing on Lot 17, on the River road, owns and operates a very fine farm of fifty acres. He was born in Harwich township, County Kent, March 4, 1866, a son of Leonard H. and Ann J. (Arnold) Merritt, farming people of Chatham township and a grandson of James H. and Rebecca Merritt.

Leonard H. Merritt died Sept. 16, 1884, aged forty-two years and was buried in the family burying ground on his old homestead. The widowed mother makes her home in Chatham township. Both early joined the Baptist Church. Leonard H. Merritt held several township offices, being a member of the council, collector and school trustee for many years. The children born to himself and wife were: Alfred Alonzo; and Alvin Tennis, who is with his mother on the farm.

On March 4, 1896, Alfred Alonzo Merritt, was married to Permilla Biller, and one daughter, Ellen M., has been born to this union. Mrs. Merritt was born at Stony Point, County Essex, Ont., May 24, 1868, and she died Dec. 29, 1902, and is interred in the Arnold cemetery. She was a daughter of David and Ellen (Atkins) Biller, the former a native of Wurtemberg, and the latter of Chatham, Ont., who were married in Chatham, Ont., June 2, 1858.

DAVID BILLER was born May 11, 1836, a son of Gottlieb and Catherine (Kramer) Biller, natives of Germany, where the father was engaged in the butcher's trade all his life. In 1854 he came from Germany, locating in Harwich township, County Kent. For a time he worked upon the railroad, always making this county his home, although his duties with the Great Western railroad, now the Grand Trunk, took him to different places, and he held the position of section foreman for thirty years. In 1901 he retired from railroad life, and now makes his home with his son-in-law, Mr. Merritt, he being a very important and much beloved member of the family. Mrs. Biller died in Howard township, Feb. 13, 1892, at the age of fifty-two years, and is buried in the cemetery in that township. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church as is Mr. Biller. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is very popular. The children born to Mr. Biller and wife were: Dr. John G., a physician of Cherokee, Iowa; Catherine J., of Winnipeg, who married Albert Carter; Mary L., of Buffalo, N. Y., who married William Dirling; and Permilla.

Mr. Merritt remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located upon his present farm, which his energy has transformed into a highly productive tract of land. He is a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters. His religious connection is with the Baptist Church, while in politics he is a Conservative. Both Mr. Merritt and Mr. Biller are well and favorably known in their township, and they have many friends not only there, but throughout the county.

CHARLES THOMPSON WETHERALD, a prosperous general farmer of Harwich, was born and brought up in that township, and settled on his present farm in 1895. He was born Dec. 27, 1873, son of Joseph J. and Janie (Thompson) Wetherald.

Joseph Wetherald, his grandfather, came from England, and was one of the early settlers in Toronto. He remained there the rest of his life, his occupation being that of gardener and fruit-grower. He was also quite noted for his horsemanship. By his wife, Sarah Jarmyn, he

had the following children: Joseph J.; James, a cattle buyer at Georgetown, Ont.; Catherine, widow of James Munn, of Toronto; Harry, a fur merchant on the Pacific coast; Thomas, of Sydney, Australia; and Emily, who married D. Johnson, a merchant of Detroit, Michigan.

Joseph J. Wetherald, son of Joseph, came to County Kent from Toronto, in 1870, and settled on a farm of fifty acres which he bought in Harwich township, now occupied by his son, Joseph J., Jr. From time to time he added to his land until he was the owner of 200 acres, which he divided between his two sons. He was a man of great energy and ability, and made his mark among his fellow citizens. His first wife Jane Thompson, a native of Milton, Ont., died in 1874, at the age of twenty-seven. In 1875 he married, in Harwich township, Fanny A. Pegg, born in Burlington., Ont., daughter of James Pegg; she is still living in Blenheim, Ont. He died Nov. 2, 1896, at the age of fifty-seven years, eleven months and six days, and is buried in the Crawford burying ground of Raleigh. His first wife, the mother of his children, was a member of the English Church, while he was a Methodist. His two children were, Joseph J., a farmer in Harwich township, who married Ida Lang, and has four children; and Charles Thompson, of this sketch. Mrs. Jane (Thompson) Wetherald had been married prior to her marriage with Mr. Wetherald. By her first husband, Dr. James Cobbin, she had three children: James M., a farmer of Los Angeles, California; Tott, of Rochester, New York; and Lillian, also of Rochester.

Charles Thompson Wetherald was brought up as a farmer, and remained on the home farm until he bought his present farm in 1895. His land consists of seventy-five acres, Lots 3 and 4, and twenty-five acres of Lot 7, Concession 2. He married, in Blenheim, in March, 1902, Mary A. Douthwaite, who was born in Howard township, Aug. 20, 1879, daughter of William and Miranda (McCain) Douthwaite. Mrs. Douthwaite was a native of Howard township, where she was born in 1857; while William Douthwaite was born in England in 1848, and came to County Kent in 1870, locating on a farm in Howard township. They were members of the Methodist Church. Their two children were, Enos, of Blenheim, Ontario; and Mary A., wife of Mr. Wetherald. Mr. and Mrs. Wetherald have one child, Edna M. Mr. Wetherald is a Conservative in politics, and fraternally is connected with the I. O. F. He and his wife attend the Methodist Church. He is a wide-awake, progressive farmer, a clever and interesting man, one having many friends and considerable influence in the community.

JOSEPH J. WETHERALD, JR., a well known farmer of Harwich, is living on the farm where he was born in December, 1872. He has passed his entire life on the farm which is now his home, with the exception of one year, which he spent in traveling through the Northwest. He is just completing a new brick residence for the family home, and he has 100 acres, on Lot 7, Concession 2, all of fine land. He married, in December, 1894, in Haldeman, Ont., Ida Lang, who was born in that place in 1872. Mrs. Wetherald is a daughter of Thomas and Charlotte (Horton) Lang, the former of English, the latter of Canadian birth. Mr. Lang died in 1883, at the age of fifty, his widow, who was born in 1833, still living on the homestead at Walpole. They were the parents of the following children: John H., a farmer of Walpole; Frances M., wife of Henry Fleming, a farmer of Walpole; Hannah E., wife of Christ. L. Stephenson, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Charlotte, deceased; Ida, wife of Joseph J. Wetherald; Mary, wife of John Stephenson, of Burlington, Ont.; William, at home with his mother; Horton, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Joseph, deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wetherald are as follows: Gladys I., Thomas Earl, Elva A., and Lodena M. The family attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Wetherald is a Conservative in politics, and is a member of the I. O. F. He is a genial man, active and capable, prosperous in his affairs, and respected by all who know him.

JOHN D. McKAY, a successful general farmer of Chatham township, residing on the old McKay homestead, Lot 8, 5th Concession, is the son of the late John McKay and his wife, Mrs. Catherine M. (McKerrall) McKay, and he was born in this township, Oct. 3, 1869.

The late John McKay, his father, was one of the leading men of the township, who for many years took a prominent part in local affairs, holding the offices of school trustee, councilman and returning officer, and who erected

the two fine brick residences upon his property, in one of which his son John makes his home, while the other is occupied by the mother. The father was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Feb. 17, 1832, and his wife was born in Hamilton, Ont., April 5, 1834, a daughter of the well-known Donald McKerrall and his wife Janet (McFarlane) McKerrall. The children born to John and Catherine M. (McKerrall) McKay were: Janet; Catherine M.; Mary; John D.; and James S.; all of whom are highly respected people of the several communities in which they reside. The father of the family died on the old homestead, Aug. 21, 1892. Both parents early connected themselves with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of Chatham, and brought up their children in the same faith.

In December, 1900, in Darrell, Ont., John D. McKay married Alice Pugh, and one child has been born to this union, Anna E. Mrs. McKay was born in Claremount, Ont., a daughter of Edward W. Pugh.

FRANCIS TOWNE MERRILL, proprietor of the popular "Hotel Merrill," of Chatham, County of Kent, Ont., is widely known and respected not only in the city itself, but throughout a wide territory, visitors to his house spreading favorable accounts of their excellent treatment at his hostelry.

Francis Towne Merrill comes of a family which owes its origin to the Emerald Isle, where Solomon Merrill, one of a family of twelve children, was born in the eighteenth century. He in turn became the father of fourteen sons and two daughters, and one of the sons was a Solomon Merrill, the grandfather of Francis T. Merrill, of Chatham. Solomon Merrill (2) was married four times. His first wife, Sally Towne, whom he married in the State of New York, bore him three children, Solomon, Maranda and Albert. His second wife was Mary Mann, also of New York, who bore him two children, John and Horace. The third wife was Mariah Baldwin, of Orchard Lake, Michigan, and the children of this marriage were five in number: Clarissa, Lydia, Laura, and two who died in infancy. There were no children by his fourth marriage. Solomon Merrill passed away in 1870. When still a young man he came with his father to Chatham, early in the forties, and in 1845 and 1846 made brick on the present site of the St. Joseph Hospital. The father and son were the first to engage in brickmaking in Chatham, and among their other orders was that for the brick used in the erection of the old Catholic Church.

Solomon Merrill (3), father of Francis T. and son of Solomon (2), was born in 1822, in New York, and in 1847 married Ann McMillen, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (McKay) McMillen, and granddaughter of John McKay, of Scotland. Thirteen children were born to this union: Martha is unmarried; William married Catherine McNamara, and has four children, William, Annie, Solomon and John; Sally married George Davis, of Detroit, and her children are Annie, John, and Mattie (who married Frank Isaacs); Kate and Lydia were twins, and the latter is deceased; Solomon married Annie Clarke; John is deceased; Lydia married F. H. Bennett, of Chatham, and their children are Thomas (deceased), Solomon, Frank, Albert, Charles and Merrill; Albert married (first) Eliza Waddell, by whom he had one child, Frank, now deceased, and his second marriage was to Harriet Wyatt, by whom he had two children, Edith and Albert; Alexander is deceased; Dolly is deceased; Annie is deceased; Francis Towne is mentioned below.

Francis Towne Merrill was born April 13, 1869, in Chatham, where he grew to manhood and received his literary training. In the summer of 1896 he built the new "Merrill Hotel," which he opened, and of which he is owner and proprietor. This hostelry stands on the corner of King and William streets, adjacent to the Canadian Pacific railroad depot. Mr. Merrill has had wide experience as a hotel man, as his father was for forty years in that business, and has been very successful in the conduct of his present hotel, enjoying a fine patronage from the traveling public as well as from the people of Chatham, who appreciate the attractions of his hotel, which is first-class in every particular.

On April 18, 1889, Mr. Merrill was united in marriage with Miss Flora Cowherd, of Brantford, Ont., who was born Oct. 28, 1870, daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Batty) Cowherd, natives of England, who are now living retired with Mr. and Mrs. Merrill. Mr. Cowherd was engaged in the hardware and tin-



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smithing business at Brantford, Ont., for over fifty years, and retiring came to reside with Mr. Merrill in 1899. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. Both came to Canada when young, Mr. Cowherd having been born March 20, 1817, at Kendal, Westmoreland, England, and his wife on Jan. 14, 1829, at Watermeetings, Yorkshire, England. They became the parents of the following named children: Jennie, of Toronto, Ont., wife of Joseph Burman; James, deceased; Alfred, of Spokane, Washington; Christopher, of Jackson, Michigan; Amelia, of Brantford, Ont., widow of John Foulger; Frederick, deceased; Ida, of St. Louis, Missouri, who married Bartley Parker; Charles, deceased; Harold, of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Alice, of Brantford, Ont., who married Samuel Batson; and Flora, wife of Mr. Merrill. By his first marriage to Ann Batty, sister of his second wife, Mr. Cowherd had five children, namely: Mary A., deceased; Thomas, of Jackson, Michigan; Ellen, deceased, who married Joseph Hartley; William, deceased; and Anna, deceased. Seven children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Merrill: Francis, born Jan. 25, 1890; Zora May, July 25, 1891; Violet Hazel, May 8, 1893; Annie Ellen, Feb. 10, 1897; Flora Danella, Dec. 12, 1898; Daniel Edgar Towne, Jan. 21, 1901; and Frederick Douglass, Jan. 23, 1903. Ellen and Flora are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill attend the Baptist Church. Politically Mr. Merrill is a Reformer. He has long been recognized as one of the leading men of the community, and his popularity is well merited.

WALTER GALBRAITH, a retired farmer of Howard township, Lot 99, near Lake View, County Kent, Canada, was born in that township July 28, 1830, son of Walter and Elizabeth (Chase) Galbraith, old and honored pioneers of the County of Kent.

Walter Galbraith, the father, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, while his wife was born in Port Talbot, Canada, in 1810, being the daughter of Mark and Anna (Thomas) Chase, who were born in Vermont and Pennsylvania, respectively. They came to Canada, where Mark Chase joined the British forces and participated in the war of 1812, being in a number of engagements, among which was Lundy's Lane. After his duties as a soldier were at an end, he settled on Lot 98, Talbot R. N., making the first improvements on this property. Later he traded for another farm on Talbot street, where he lived until his death, and his wife died some years later at Comber, Ont. They left a family, one of whom still resides in the County of Essex.

James Galbraith, the grandfather, born in Glasgow, Scotland, came to Vermont before the Revolution, but he went back to Scotland, where he died. His three sons, James, John and Walter Galbraith, came to Canada, John settling in the township of Blenheim, County of Kent, on the Governor's Road, where he lived and died, leaving three children, John, Christian and Margaret, all now deceased. James Galbraith was born in Glasgow, Scotland, came to Canada, and settled on the Talbot Road, near Palmyra, where he remained for some years; he then returned to Scotland, and there died, unmarried.

Walter Galbraith, father of Walter Galbraith, whose name introduces this sketch, was, as previously stated, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. Upon coming to Canada, he worked as a miller for Col. Talbot, in Dunwich. While he was thus employed the American soldiers surrounded the mill and ordered him to stop it. He was taken prisoner, but escaped by cleverly throwing the guns of his guards into the river, while they were stopping for a drink from the stream. After this experience he joined the British forces, and was on his way to Lundy's Lane, but was too late to participate in that battle. Later he took part in the Rebellion of Canada, in 1837 and 1838, and in every engagement proved himself a loyal and brave soldier. After the war of 1812 he settled on land given him by Col. Talbot, near Morpeth, where he cleared about three acres, but being dissatisfied with the land on account of the stones he gave it up and selected 225 acres nearer the lake, on Talbot street, where he built a log house and lived for fourteen years before his marriage, which occurred in 1829. He continued to reside on this property until 1840, when he removed to the Ridge, on the 12th Concession, where he purchased an improved property now owned by Alexander Marsh. This was his home until the spring of the year he died, when he bought a home near the lake shore, and there he died in 1873, his wife surviving until January, 1888, residing with her son, Walter. Of their children, Walter is the

eldest, and the others were as follows: Hulda, born in Canada, married James Dexter, and they settled in Bay City, Michigan, leaving a large family in that State. Mark, born in 1832, married a Miss Brown, of Howard, and moved to the vicinity of Pike's Peak, Colorado, where the last report of him showed him engaged in the grocery business; he had a family of sons. William, born in Howard in 1838, married Miss Lizzie Neville, of Howard, and located on the 12th Concession in Howard; he then moved to Blenheim, where they resided at the time of his death in December, 1901, his wife dying previously; they left three children—John, a resident of Blenheim; Alice, wife of Silas Rumble, of Harwich; and Lettie, unmarried. (Martha, their other child, died in young womanhood). Orin died when a young man. Annie, born in Howard, became the wife of A. Q. Slater, and both are now deceased; they resided at Bay City, Michigan, and left two children, Nathan P. of Bay City, Michigan, and Hattie, wife of George Pebster, of the same city. Jane, born in Howard in 1844, widow of Alexander Macentyre, now resides at Blind River, Canada; she has one daughter, Georgie A., wife of Thomas Lowe, of the same locality.

Walter Galbraith received his education in the schools of Howard, while growing to manhood. After his marriage he and his wife settled on the homestead on the 12th Concession, where they resided about twenty years, and then moved to a farm they had purchased near Patterson Creek. There they lived until 1891, when Mr. Galbraith bought his present home, known as the Conway property, on which he has made many improvements, until he has one of the finest farms in the locality. In 1854 Mr. Galbraith was married to Miss Matilda Nicholes, of Kent County, born in 1834, daughter of Abram and Mary (Merritt) Nicholes, who were born in New York State, lived for a time in the County of Elgin, then moved to the Thames river, in the County of Kent, and thence to the State of Iowa, where Mr. Nicholes died some years later. The mother then married a James Coll, from Kent County, Canada, and afterward removed to the State of Kansas, where she died in 1902. Mr. Coll had previously died there. Abram and Mary Nicholes were the parents of eight children, namely: Lucy, widow of James Coll, of the State of Kansas; William, a resident of Newbury, Canada; Joseph, of Kansas, who was a soldier in the Civil war from Iowa; Mary, wife of Anthony Blessing, of Oklahoma; Charles, of Winfield City, Kansas; George, who was a soldier from Iowa in the Civil war, and died of typhoid fever; Hannah, wife of Anson Tombs, of Kansas, and Mrs. Galbraith.

Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith are the parents of twelve children of whom Arthur and Maggie died when young. A record of the others is as follows: Mary, born in 1858, married John Elgie, of Dresden, Canada, and they reside at the home farm with her parents; they have one daughter, Edith Elgie, born in 1892. James, born in 1860, is a sailor on one of the lake steamers; he is unmarried and makes his home in Cleveland. Walter, born in 1863, died when a young man. George W., born in 1865, is unmarried, and resides at home. Charles, born in 1867, unmarried, is at home. Arthur, born in 1869, died in childhood. Willimina, born in 1871, is the wife of George Sterling, of Howard, who resides on his farm in the 12th Concession, and they have three children, Frank, Vara and Matilda. Franklin, born in 1873, unmarried, resides at home. Edward, born in 1876, unmarried, operates the home farm. Maggie completes the family.

Mrs. Galbraith is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which she is an earnest worker. The political opinions of Mr. Galbraith make him identify himself with the Reform party.

The father of Mr. Galbraith, as already stated, was a native of Scotland. Two thousand years ago there were twenty-one of these families inhabiting the north of Britain and from these have descended all the hundreds of the Scottish families now scattered all over the world at the beginning of this twentieth century. Originally the word clan meant hero, and the history of the County of Kent, Canada, shows that the sons and daughters of Scotland did not belie that meaning in the early struggles of the pioneers in this locality. The Galbraith and Chase families have been specially prominent, proving themselves loyal to the Crown, brave soldiers, and sturdy pioneers who contributed of time, money, influence and personal toil toward the development of this now fertile and highly developed section, where agriculture is carried to its highest perfection and the land yields its utmost. These men were

possessed of undaunted courage and endurance, overcame adversity and built homes from out of the wilderness, and amassed fortunes for their descendants. Walter Galbraith is the only son remaining of this old pioneer family, his brothers all being deceased. His life has been spent upon his farm, and he thoroughly understands and can intelligently discuss every phase of agricultural life. His personal character is such as to command affection and esteem. Genial and cordial in manner, he dispenses a most enjoyable hospitality, and is venerated and respected by his large circle of friends, as well as loved by his family. All his life he has looked upon the bright side of troubles, and has found that no burden is too heavy to be borne, provided it is accepted in the proper spirit. Surrounded by a number of his children, with his faithful wife by his side, the present days of Mr. Galbraith are, as they should be, filled with peace and happiness, and he is a most excellent representative of the best class of agriculturists in this section of the Dominion.

DAVID WALKER, one of the oldest residents of Harwich township, has been one of the most extensive farmers and land owners of that section for many years. He settled here in 1845, and it was freely predicted at the time that he would starve in this region, but by industry he has forged his way to the front, and he has long been one of the most prosperous citizens of his locality.

Mr. Walker is a native of Scotland, born Sept. 18, 1817, in Carrick, son of David and Mary (Wright) Walker, and grandson of Hector Walker, who passed his entire life in Scotland. Thomas Wright, his maternal grandfather, also was a lifelong resident of Scotland; he was a blacksmith by trade, and also conducted an inn near the town of Girvan. Our subject's parents came to the County of Kent, Canada, in 1849, but after residing with their son David for a few years moved to Port Stanley, Ont., where they rented a farm for a time. Within a few years, however, they returned to the son's home, continuing to reside with him until they died, the mother on March 20, 1871, at the age of eighty-two years, the father on Jan. 12, 1881, at the age of ninety-three. Their remains rest in the Crawford burying-ground in Raleigh township. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had children as follows: Catherine, who married Thomas Nichol, and died in Scotland; Thomas, who died in Scotland; Agnes, wife of Richard Garry, living in Caradoc, Ont.; David, mentioned below; James, who died in Raleigh township; Grace, of Yarmouth, Ont., widow of Franklin Harthaway; Isabel, who married John Hoey, and died in Scotland; and Mary, deceased wife of Edmond Boyce, of Raleigh township, County of Kent.

David Walker remained at home until nine years of age, and from that time until he left his native country was employed among farmers. His first work was keeping the crows away, and as he was too young to be trusted with a gun he had to use a stick. He was quite a young man when he came to Canada, and in 1845 he settled at his present location in the County of Kent, purchasing part of his present homestead before coming. First taking up 200 acres, he purchased more and more until now his holdings amount to 800 acres, all under cultivation, and all valuable. His home is on Lot 16, on the Gravel road, west of the Communication road in Harwich township, and his extensive holdings are all in one block. When Mr. Walker settled on this land the country was a wilderness, and he had to make a clearing even for the small cabin which he erected. There were but three houses in what is now the thriving city of Blenheim. As may be supposed, he has endured many hardships while engaged in the work of carving out a comfortable home under such conditions, but he braved them all, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his accumulations are all the result of his own efforts, wisely directed. He has engaged extensively in general farming and stock raising, meeting with success in all his undertakings, and in spite of persevering hard work he is well preserved and very active for his age. Mr. Walker relinquished the more arduous duties of the farm some time ago, turning them over to his sons, and his large tract is operated by five of them, and all bid fair to follow in their father's footsteps, being respected, substantial citizens of the community. Mr. Walker found his time well occupied with his farming interests, and he never mingled in public affairs, but he is a stanch "Grit" in political sentiment.

On Sept. 20, 1846, in St. Thomas, Ont., Mr. Walker married Ann Smith, who was born in Scotland Sept. 15, 1827, daughter of James

and Jane(Stirk) Smith, of that country, and granddaughter of James Smith and William Stirk, who passed all their lives in Scotland. James and Jane (Stirk) Smith crossed the Atlantic and located in New York State in 1831, remaining there until 1844, in which year they removed to Canada. They located near Belmont, Ont., taking up fifty acres of land, to which Mr. Smith subsequently added until he had 300 acres. He and his wife had a family of six children: William, who still lives on the old homestead; James, now a retired farmer of Springfield, Ont.; John, deceased; Ann, Mrs. Walker; David, who is on the old homestead; and Mary, Mrs. George Appleford, deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been born the following named children: James, David and William are all farmers in Harwich township; John is deceased; Mary is the wife of Robert Boyes, of Chatham, Ont.; Wallace married Mary Lebo, and died in 1885; Agnes is the wife of James Powell, a ranchman of Calgary; Thomas is a farmer at Yarmouth, Ont.; Edom is deceased; Jennie is married to Fred Knott, of Chatham, Ont.; Walter is a farmer in Harwich township; George is a farmer in Harwich township; Smith remains with his parents and cultivates the homestead; Lizzie is the wife of Robert Young, of Harwich township.

WILLIAM NELSON TAPE is one of the prominent citizens of Dresden, Ont., where he is engaged in business as proprietor of the Bon Ton Livery and Feed Stables, and an importer, breeder and shipper of Recorded Duroc Jersey Swine. He was born Oct. 8, 1870, in Howard township, County of Kent, on Lot 15, 11th Concession, a son of William and Catherine (Lee) Tape, natives of Ireland. They died on the old farm in Howard township, where they had settled after their marriage, the father June 9, 1884, aged fifty-six years, and they were buried in Gosnell cemetery, Orford township. They were most worthy members of the Methodist Church. Their children were as follows: Fanny died aged four years; Mary died aged five years; Sarah married Edward Donoho, of Ridgetown, Ont.; Miss Rosa lives on the old homestead; John is a farmer in Howard township; Lillie L. married R. L. Gosnell, of Blenheim; Robert lives on the old homestead; Miss Catherine lives at home; Thomas F. and Robert both farm on the old homestead; Lawrence operates an adjoining farm; William Nelson is mentioned below.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Tape were Thomas and Fanny (Gosnell) Tape, both of Ireland, who came to the County of Kent in 1836, settling in Orford township, where they took up 100 acres of land and made a permanent home. They were the parents of seven sons and four daughters. The maternal grandparents were John and Sarah Lee, also natives of Ireland, who came in 1841 to the County of Kent and took up land in Orford township.

Until his marriage William Nelson Tape remained on the home farm, and then removed to another property where he engaged in farming for three years, later going to Dawn, County of Lambton, where he farmed 200 acres for three years. On May 24, 1903, he purchased the present stable, which he has conducted with great success. Mr. Tape is also well known as the owner of the earliest established and most reliable herd of Duroc Jersey swine in Canada, and he is one of the directors of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association. He had a magnificent exhibit at the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, held at Guelph in December, 1903.

On Oct. 2, 1897, in Ridgetown, Mr. Tape married Lydia F. Donahue, who was born Jan. 22, 1872, in Howard township, a daughter of Farrel and Jane (Woods) Donahue, the former of Ireland and the latter of the County of Kent. Mr. Donahue came at an early day to this locality, where he took up 100 acres of land, and lived in Howard township until his death, at the age of fifty-five years; he was buried in Morpeth cemetery. Both he and his wife belonged to the English Church. They had children as follows: James, a veterinary surgeon at Logansport, Ind.; Edward, of Ridgetown; Jane, who married William Scarlett, of Ridgetown; Henry, on the old farm; John, also on the old farm; Lydia F., the wife of Mr. Tape; and Farrel, on the old farm.

In politics Mr. Tape is a Reformer. In religious belief he is a Methodist. He is a man of large means, is progressive and public-spirited, and has done much for the advancement of stock interests in his section.



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WILLIAM McINTOSH, who for the past fifty years has been a resident of Tilbury East, has very thoroughly demonstrated what can be accomplished by enterprise and application. His father, Robert McIntosh, was a lifetime resident of Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland, where he married Jane James, who became the mother of six children, three of whom became residents of the County of Kent.

William McIntosh was born in April, 1833, in Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland, where he grew to manhood and enjoyed the advantages of the public schools. At the age of twenty-one he left his native land for Canada, landed at Montreal, and traveled up the St. Lawrence river to Lewiston, going thence by stage and railroad to Buffalo. From Buffalo he sailed up Lake Erie to Detroit, and thence by way of the Thames river to Tilbury East. He decided to locate upon Lot 9, of the 5th Concession, and in 1863, accompanied by his wife and two children, he came to the log cabin he had built and made there a permanent home. It is very difficult for a visitor of the present day to realize the condition of all this beautiful, arable land as it was then, prior to the great drainage systems since inaugurated. For two-thirds of the year the land was covered with water, and only by traveling from log to log could one traverse the marshes. Mrs. McIntosh recalls that often when visitors came to the house in the good old hospitable fashion of the time it would be necessary to throw a stick or good-sized piece of mud into the water every few minutes to quiet the frog concerts, in order that remarks could be interchanged. On the farm of Mr. McIntosh improvements are marked. The little log cabin was replaced by a larger and more modern home, and this, too, was improved upon in 1899, when our subject erected his fine brick residence, fitted with all modern conveniences. It is located within a few rods of the little cabin which served so long. After it became possible to properly till the land Mr. McIntosh followed mixed farming, but continued to make a specialty of stockraising.

In April, 1861, Mr. McIntosh was united in marriage with Miss Euphemia McSween. When she was nine years old the family came to Canada and located near Toronto, later settling in Tilbury East townhsip. Mrs. McIntosh's father taught school in that township and died at Leamington. Her mother also died in that township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh were seven sons and four daughters.

Politically Mr. McIntosh is a Reformer. Both he and family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Tilbury.

FREEMAN GREEN. Looking over the County of Kent for representative men, no more worthy citizen of Howard township can be found than Freeman Green, a man who stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens for his sterling worth of character, and who also takes a leading position as a successful and substantial agriculturist.

Mr. Green was born on Concession 11, in Howard township, March 19, 1846, a son of Levi and Nancy (Whitesell) Green, both of whom were natives of Canada. Levi Green was born in Howard township, near Talbot street, on Lot 1, Nov. 12, 1824. His wife was born in 1825 in the County of Elgin, a daughter of David and Margaret Whitesell, both of whom were born in Germany, and after emigrating to Canada settled in the County of Elgin, where they reared a large family, who still reside in the Dominion. Levi Green was a son of Freeman and Elizabeth Green, who were born in England, and who emigrated to Canada prior to the Revolutionary war in the States. Freeman Green was a captain in the British army. After the war he settled on a tract of land in Howard near Lake Erie, obtaining the same through Col. Talbot, the agent of the English government, and he was one of the first settlers in that part of Howard township. He lived and died in that home. Capt. Green was twice married, his first union being with an English lady, and of their two children John lived and died in the township of Howard, and his sister married and moved to Michigan. His second wife, the grandmother of Freeman Green, of Howard, was an aunt of the Hon. David Mills; she left three sons and one daughter, namely: Dr. William Green, born in Howard, married Mary Whitesell, and of their family of three children one resides in the States; Dr. Green eventually settled in Manitoba, where he practiced medicine until his death; prior to his moving to Manitoba he lived on Lot 12, in Howard. Richard Green was born at the old home in Howard, where he lived and died; he married Nancy Desmond, of Howard, who still resides with her

children at the old homestead. Elizabeth, born in 1828, at the old home in Howard, married Matthew Wilson, of Howard, an uncle of Lawyer Wilson of Chatham; Matthew Wilson settled as a merchant at Morpeth, where he engaged in business until his death, which was soon followed by that of his wife; their only daughter, Mary E., is also deceased.

Levi Green, the second member of this family, grew to manhood at the old home in Howard, and after his marriage settled on Concession 11, right in the woods, where he began life as a pioneer, with all the deprivations that the word implies. His little log cabin was soon surrounded by a clearing of land that yearly grew more productive and repaid in time the care he gave it. Later he engaged in sawmill work, building a sash sawmill in Howard, where he did custom work for his neighbors for some twenty-five years. During this time he erected a large frame house and commodious barns, and with the assistance of his sons cleared up a farm of 200 acres. Mr. Green died at this home in December, 1870, his widow surviving until 1891. Both were consistent members of the Church of England. His political sympathy was with the Conservative party. The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Green were as follows: Margaret, born at the home in Howard, is the wife of Palmer R. Wilber, a business man of St. Catharine's, Ont.; they have had three children, Levi, Mary E. and Margaret A., the last named deceased. Freeman was second in the order of birth. Dr. David, born in 1848, married Sarah Dempster, of the County of Elgin, and they reside in Ridgetown. Elizabeth, born in 1849, married (first) Moses E. Ward, lived in Orford for a time, and then moved to the old Green homestead, where Mr. Ward died, leaving no children; her second marriage was to Charles Smith, of Morpeth; by this union there are no children. Mary A., born in 1851, married George Mitton, and both are deceased; they left no family. Miss Nancy M., born in 1853, died in young womanhood.

Freeman Green was reared on the old home farm and became his father's manager many years before the latter's death, while he was engaged at work in the sawmill. In January, 1875, he married Isabella McDermid, the estimable daughter of Archie and Ann (McClarty) McDermid, natives of Scotland. The McDermid family is an old and prominent one in Howard. Archie McDermid came to the Dominion with his father, Archibald McDermid, from Scotland, and they settled in Howard township, where Mrs. Green's father is still a prominent farmer. She was born in 1867 in Howard and received her education in the Howard schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Green settled on a part of the old Green homestead, where Mr. Green has erected house and barn and provided for comfortable domestic life; he has bought fifty additional acres, and now has one of the finest farms in Howard. He is located on Lot 12, Concession 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Green have had five children, namely: Annetta M., born in 1877, graduated from the schools of Ridgetown and St. Thomas and is now a student at Hiram College, in the State of Ohio, being one of the accomplished young ladies in the institution; Hugh M., born in 1879, was educated in Ridgetown and St. Thomas, being a graduate of the business college of the latter place; Archie F., born in 1884, died when four years old; Janet E., born in 1888, is a student in the home schools; and Robert W., born in 1896, is the youngest of the family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Green are active members of the Disciples Church in Ridgetown, in which he holds official position. Politically he is a member of the Reform party, and has been elected school trustee. He has served as an officer of the Agricultural Society in Howard. Mr. Green is one of the most popular men in his locality, his kind and sympathetic nature, his loyalty to his friends and his generous spirit, which is shown in kindness to everyone, winning the favor of all with whom he comes in contact. His friendly handgrasp and cheery word of encouragement have done more good than many efforts in another direction. He is known as a man of the highest integrity, of the best citizenship, a Christian in deed as well as in word, and surely is a representative of the good people of Howard township.

ADAM ARNOLD (deceased). There are few names in Chatham township, County of Kent, held in higher esteem than that of Arnold, which for many years has represented men of industry, intelligence, good citizenship and moral worth. This family has spread over a wide territory, and within its

ranks may be found men who have gained eminence in the professions, as well as others who have succeeded equally well in the quieter walks of life. The prosperous town of Louisville, Ont., recalls Lewis Arnold, a prominent member of this family, who materially assisted in its founding and its subsequent advancement.

The Arnold family, consisting of Frederick Arnold, his daughter Barbara, sons Lewis and John, settled in the Mohawk valley, in the State of Pennsylvania, in 1770. The mother of these children had died on the ocean, after giving birth to John, and, although Mr. Arnold offered the greater part of his fortune to the captain of the vessel, to induce him to pause long enough in the vicinity of an island, in order to give burial to his dead wife, his wishes were not acceded to, and the mother was buried at sea. In 1776 pressure was brought to bear on Frederick Arnold to induce him to take the oath of allegiance to the Colonies, but he was too loyal for that, and with his sons and his second wife, removed to Canada. He located near Windsor, Ont., where he was later killed by the Indians. His sons, Lewis and John, the latter of whom married Elizabeth Traxler, were pioneers of the County of Kent. They each took up 200 acres of land on the River Thames, which their grandsons now own and operate, although at that time it was a wilderness, crossed only by Indian trails. Both brothers died on their farms, the former, Lewis, surviving until 1870, and dying at the age of ninety-nine years, five months and twelve days, almost rounding out the century. His wife was Catherine Snyder, who was born in Pennsylvania, and died in 1859, aged eighty-two years. Both were interred in the Arnold cemetery, a portion of the old farm which had been set aside for that purpose. They were people of exemplary lives, devoted members of the old Dunkard Brethren Church, and were respected throughout the whole surrounding region. They had many descendants, and their nine children grew to manhood and womanhood, deserving the same esteem which had been given their parents. These children were: John, who married twice, and had four children by his first union, and ten by his second; Lewis, who also married twice, and who reared thirteen children; Sarah, who married Rev. John Sharp, a minister in the Methodist Church, reared five children and died in Illinois; Henry, who married Matilda Parks and had two children; Samuel, who married twice and had five children; Solomon, who married twice and had seven children; Adam, deceased; Jacob, who married twice and had nine children; and Elizabeth, who married John Blackburn, and had seven children.

The late Adam Arnold was a representative member of his family, of exemplary mode of life, of quiet disposition, well trained in his vocation of farming, of such excellent judgment that he was called upon to fill local positions such as school trustee, and so devoted to his family and home that it is related of him that, after settling down to married life he spent but one night from under his own roof. Adam Arnold was born on the farm occupied by his sons on the River Thames, River road, Lot 13, where his useful life was spent. There he died March 1, 1882, and his four sons reside upon portions of the 200-acre farm. During the Rebellion of 1837 he was one of the loyal supporters of the Government, and he belonged to the courageous company which pushed through the ice covered swamp from Chatham to Sandwich—a matter of local history.

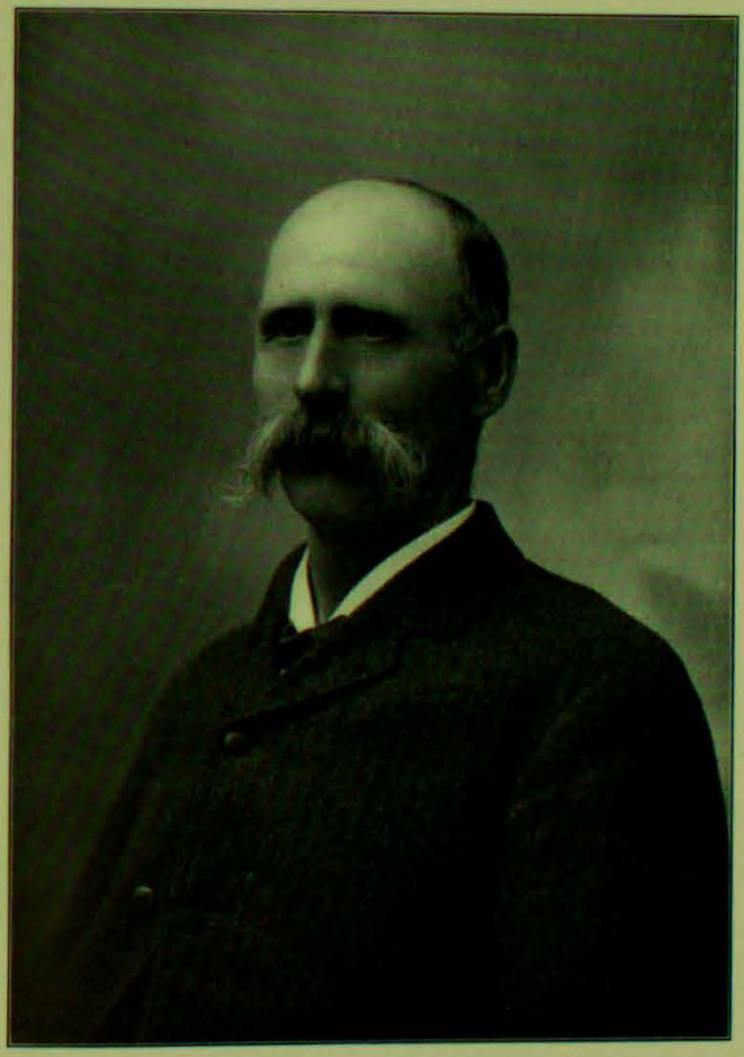
On July 7, 1842, Adam Arnold was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Best, who was born near Perth, Ont., Nov. 19, 1819, and who still survives, vigorous in mind and body. She was a granddaughter of Henry Best, who came to Canada from Germany, and who died near Perth. Her parents were William and Esther (Widows) Best, the latter of whom was a native of the North of Ireland. William Best came to Canada at an early day, and to County Kent in 1837, where he took up a farm of 100 acres in Chatham township. There his death occurred in 1872, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having died in the previous year aged eighty-three years. They were interred in the Arnold cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Best were members of the English Church. They had the following children born to them: George, who died leaving three daughters; William, of London, Ont.; John, a soldier in the Civil war in the States, since which he has never been heard from; Mary, who married David Dickson, and left four children at death; Rachel, Mrs. Arnold; Elizabeth, who married William Merritt, and at death left six children; Esther, the widow of John Traxler, of Chatham township, and

the mother of six children; and Ann, who married Joseph Snively of Lamoille, Illinois. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were: Ann, who is the widow of Leonard Merritt, of Chatham township, and has two sons; John, a farmer in Chatham township, who married Sarah Graves, and has eleven children; Adam F., a farmer on the old homestead, who married Clara Field, and has five children; Mary, who married Lot Fields, of Chatham, and has four children; George, living on a part of the old homestead, who married Emma Winters, and had eight children (she was killed in 1900 by being thrown by an unruly horse down an embankment); Miss Elizabeth J., residing with her mother and brother Lemuel; Martha, who married Thomas L. Pardo, and has six children; and Lemuel T., who resides with his mother and sister.

Adam Arnold was a leading member of the Methodist Church, and it was mainly through his efforts that the church building was erected at Louisville. He was always very liberal in his donations to its support, and was much missed from the congregation when death removed him. Mr. Arnold not only left to his family a large and valuable property, but also a name above reproach and an example of Christian manliness. Few educational or religious movements were urged in his locality, without his taking an active interest in their promotion.

CHARLES AGAR, a general farmer and very successful business man of Chatham township, County Kent, residing upon his fine farm of 100 acres on Lot 13, 4th Concession, also owns fifty acres in the 3d Concession. His present home farm, which he has occupied since November, 1882, is one of the oldest in County Kent, and was settled by Anthony Blackburn in 1830. Mr. Agar was born in Hope township, East Durham, Ont., Oct. 20, 1854, son of Thomas and Abigail (Weary) Agar, of Yorkshire and Cornwall, England, respectively. They were married in Durham, Ont., and removed to County Kent in 1870, locating in Chatham township, on the Caledonian road, where they farmed until 1883, when a removal was made to Toronto, so that the children might attend the university. Thomas Agar served as a soldier in the Rebellion of 1837. He died in September, 1885, aged seventy-two years, four months and six days, and his wife, who was born in 1824, died in 1884, aged sixty years; both are buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, at Chatham. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: Sarah A., deceased, who married John P. Fisher; William, deceased; Elizabeth A., who died unmarried; Thomas A., a painter and contractor of Ridgetown, Ont.; Catherine J., who married D. C. Mallory, of Northumberland, Ont.; Charles; Dr. Mary L., unmarried, a physician of Dover Center; Jabis, deceased; Emeline H., deceased, wife of Rev. Huntingdon; Dr. John S., a physician of Dover Center; Miss Lois, of Detroit, Michigan. The paternal grandfather, John Agar, was a farmer and stock dealer of England, where he lived and died.

Charles Agar was twice married. In March, 1878, in Chatham township, he married Mary E. Gregory, of County Kent, who died Dec. 6, 1880, leaving one child, who died at the age of fourteen months. On Jan. 31, 1881, in Harwich township, Mr. Agar was united in marriage with Catherine Perrin, and the children born to them were: Charles B.; Nina O.; Hazel G.; Samuel C., deceased. Mrs. Agar was born in Prescott, Ont., a daughter of Andrew and Ann (Poor) Perrin, of the United States and England, respectively. They emigrated to Canada in the early days of the country, and married in Prescott, Ont., whence they came to County Kent in 1880, locating in Harwich township, and there the father died in 1885, aged sixty-three years, and was buried in Blenheim cemetery. The mother is still living, residing in Blenheim, aged eighty-one years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Perrin were: John, a farmer of Spencerville, Ont.; Hannah, deceased, who married William Fell; Mary A., of Rochester, New York, widow of William Faulkner; Robert J., deceased; Sarah, who married James Salome, of Spencerville, Ont.; David, a farmer of Harwich township; Catherine; Melissa, who married Dorcey Scaman, of Camden township; Margaret J., who married G. B. Welsh, of Blenheim, Ont.; William H., a farmer of Chatham township; Samuel, a farmer of Chatham township, unmarried; Elizabeth, who married Fred Going, of Detroit, Michigan. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Agar was



Charles Agar

George Perrin, of the United States, and his parents were natives of England.

Mr. Agar remained with his parents, working upon the farm until his marriage, when he purchased his present fine property and has since made it his home, erecting his commodious house in 1898. In politics he is a Reformer, and has served most acceptably as school trustee for six years. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Foresters, and is very popular in that organization. The beautiful home of Mr. Agar is filled with elegant furniture, a fine piano, and other luxuries of a similar character, and it is the gathering place for the many friends of the family, who enjoy partaking of the generous hospitality always accorded all within the gates, and Mr. and Mrs. Agar as well as their family are recognized as leaders in the social life of the township.

JAMES SUTHERLAND, a prosperous general farmer and leading citizen of Gore of Chatham, Lot 7, Concession 1, owns and operates a fine farm of fifty acres, to which he removed in the spring of 1902, from another farm in the same concession. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, Jan. 11, 1850, son of William and Barbara (Barron) Sutherland of Scotland.

William Sutherland died at Rochester, New York, while he was on a journey to County Wellington, Ont., in the spring of 1870, when he was aged ninety-one years. His wife died in County of Kent, in 1899, aged ninety-five years, and she is buried in the cemetery at Wallaceburg. During his younger days William Sutherland was a farmer by occupation, and a member of the Guards in Scotland. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. The only child born to their union was our subject.

In June, 1869, James Sutherland married, in the Orkney Islands, Jemima Annal, and the children born to them were: Barbara, who married Nicholas Phillips of Lapeer, Michigan; Elsa, who married Stephen Lindsey, of the Gore of Chatham; James, a farmer and brick yard operator; Jemima, who married Edway Crow, of Wallaceburg; Mary, who died in 1902; George, who died in infancy; William; John; Maggie; Grace; and Ethel. Mrs. Sutherland was born in the Orkney Islands in 1848, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Wiley) Annal, who passed their lives there. By calling, Mr. Annal was a fisherman, and he had numerous fishing boats. His death occurred in 1876, when he was but fifty-five years of age, while his wife died in 1892, aged seventy-five years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to this union were: John, who died in Edinburgh, Scotland; Jennie, who died in the Orkney Islands, unmarried; Jemima, who married James Sutherland; Elizabeth, deceased, who married James Burgess. The paternal grandfather was John Sutherland, a farmer on the Orkney Islands.

James Sutherland settled in County Wellington, Ont., in the fall of 1870, and there remained until 1879, when he removed to the County of Kent, and has since remained, coming to the Gore of Chatham in 1883. He first made his home in Dawn, Ont., where he purchased property, then sold it and bought his present home. His farm is a very fine one, and he keeps it well cultivated. While never aspiring to office, he has served upon the board of school trustees wherever he has resided, and now holds that office in the Gore of Chatham. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and take an active part in its good work. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. F., and is very popular in that organization, in which he has always been prominent. The success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Sutherland is well merited, and he has not only attained to prosperity, but he has also made many friends which it has been his good fortune to retain.

JAMES E. ELLIOT, a farmer of Howard township, belongs to one of the old families of Essex County, where he was born July 6, 1830, son of George and Mary A. (Gibson) Elliot.

George Elliot, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Scotland, but lived in Ireland for a time before coming to Canada. Here he was granted 1,000 acres of land by Col. Talbot, agent for the English government, and settled down in Mersea township, County of Essex. He had a family of six sons and five daughters.

George Elliot (2), son of George, was born in Ireland, and was brought up on his father's farm in the County of Essex. On starting out for himself he settled in Essex. In the Rebellion of 1837 he took part on the side of the

government, and distinguished himself for his bravery. At the close of the struggle instead of returning to his home in Essex, he moved to the County of Kent, where he bought wild lands in Howard township, and cleared up the place that was to be his homestead henceforth. George Elliot (2) married Miss Mary A. Gibson, who was born in Connecticut in 1801, and died at her home in 1851, Mr. Elliot dying in 1880. To them were born eight children: (1) James E. was the eldest. (2) John died at the home in Howard township when a young man of twenty-one. (3) George died at he age of fourteen years. (4) Matilda, born in Mersea township, in the County of Essex, in 1836, is the widow of Joseph Best, of Port Lambton, where she still resides with her three children, George, Francis and Annie. (5) Lucinda, born in 1839, is the wife of James Dailey and mother of George and Annie, the latter the wife of William Graham, of Port Lambton. (6) Mary, born in 1841, the deceased wife of James Petticspice, had one son, Ernest. (7) Eliza, born in 1843, was the late wife of Hiram Roberts, a farmer of Dawn, County of Lambton. (8) Letitia, born in 1845, is the wife of John Gibson, of Lambton County, and has two sons, James and Albert.

James E. Elliot received a limited education in the schools of Mersea township, but after the family removed to Howard township most of his time was spent working with his father, whom he assisted at clearing their wild land. In July, 1872, Mr. Elliot married Miss Nancy Best, who was born in Harwich in December, 1846, daughter of Theodore and Cordelia (Willcox) Best, and a member of one of the pioneer families of the County of Kent. Theodore Best was born on the river Thames in 1821, but his wife was a native of New York State, born in Rochester in 1829. After their marriage this couple bought land in Harwich township and settled on the farm where they lived and died. Theodore Best was the father of ten children, as follows: Isabel, of Galt; Agnes, of Saginaw, Michigan; Decatur, of Lambton; Joseph, deceased; Josephine, of Detroit; Laura, Mrs. Paxton, of Chatham; Matilda, the wife of John Hicklen, of the Northwest Territory; Ella, Mrs. Ira Kirk, of Toronto; Nancy, Mrs. James Elliot; James, of Saginaw, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot settled on the old homestead, where they still reside. They are the parents of six children. (1) Mary, born in 1873, married Robert Elliot, of Blenheim, and has two children, George and Leora. (2) John, born in 1876, married Miss Maud Moore, of Howard, has two children, John and Verla, and resides on his father's place. (3) Arabell, born in 1878, is the wife of Clarence Pratt, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his three children are Eric, Waverly and Egbert Pettet. (4) Myrtle, born in 1879, died four years later. (5) Lorenzo died when four years old. (6) Byron, born Feb. 2, 1890, is a student in the home schools.

Politically Mr. Elliot, like his father, is a Conservative, and their religious training and connections have always been in the Baptist Church. The family began life poor, but economy, industry and good management have enabled them to acquire good homes and valuable property. James Elliot is a man well-read, and much more thoroughly informed on subjects in general than many who have had better opportunities for education. He is scrupulously honest in all his dealings, charitable in his disposition, thoroughly sincere, and a very faithful friend, and his popularity among his neighbors is good evidence of his sterling character.

WILLIAM E. GALBRAITH, a prominent farmer located on Concession 12, in Howard, County of Kent, was born on his present concession in December, 1859. His mother was Annie, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth (Chase) Galbraith, the former of whom was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and emigrated to the United States in 1803, with his brothers, settling in the State of Vermont. Later he drifted to Canada, and on account of the cheapness of the land in this section he first settled at Port Talbot, where he engaged in the milling business, operating the first mill in Western Canada; this mill was built by Col. Talbot, and was burned by the Americans during the war of 1812. Mr. Galbraith was taken prisoner by the Americans, who ordered him to stop the mill, which they then fired. After capture, he and two guards were marching along the creek, when the latter laid down their guns in order to slake their thirst. This was the prisoner's opportunity, and, picking up the guns, he threw them into the water, and ran for his life into a

thicket, where he finally eluded his pursuers. After the war Mr. Galbraith settled on land given him by Col. Talbot, in Howard, near Morpeth, which he later gave up, and then settled on 200 acres of land on the lake, where he built a log house and made the beginning of a settlement. He cleared the land and made this his permanent home for many years. In 1840 he traded this farm for Lot 98, North Talbot road, with Samuel Kitchen, and on this property he built a house and a barn and lived there until the spring of 1873, when he sold the place and bought a property south of Morpeth, where he lived until his death the same year. His wife died at the age of eighty-eight, at the home of her son Walter. Politically Mr. Galbraith was an active Reformer, and took a deep interest in public matters. In religion he was a Presbyterian. His children were: Hulda, born in Canada, married James Dexter, who settled in Bay City, Michigan, and they left a large family in that State. Walter, who was born in Morpeth, is a resident of Howard. Mark, who was born in Howard, moved west when a young man. Annie, who was born in Howard, was the wife of A. Q. Slater and they reside at Bay City, Michigan; they died leaving two children—N. P., who is an engineer of Bay City, and Hattie, who is the wife of George Prebster, of Bay City. William, deceased, who was born in Howard, married Miss Elizabeth Neville, who died a number of years ago, the mother of four children—John, of Blenheim; Alice, the wife of Silas Rumble, a farmer of Harwich; Martha, who died in young womanhood, and Lettie. Jane, who was born in Howard, married Alexander Macintyre, since deceased; they had one daughter, Georgie, who is the wife of Thomas Lowe, of Blind River, Canada.

William E. Galbraith was educated in the Morpeth schools and was reared in his grandfather's family. He applied himself to the study of civil engineering, but has been principally engaged in agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he moved to Tuscola County, Michigan, where he lived a short time, and then rented a farm on the lake shore in Howard. He was eminently successful in its operation, and later he became the owner of a small farm in Harwich, where he lived seven years, until 1888, when he purchased the old Joseph Patterson homestead. There he resided until 1901, when he bought the Robert Ferguson farm, this property being locally known as the Peter Campbell homestead. This is an estate of 200 acres, regarded as one of the most valuable farms of the locality. Mr. Galbraith also owns his farm on the lake shore. It is no small matter to have accumulated so much property and to have established so firm a standing in the esteem of the community in the comparatively short time in which Mr. Galbraith has accomplished these results.

In 1880 Mr. Galbraith was married to Miss Maggie Sheeler, the estimable daughter of John and Elizabeth Sheeler, and a member of one of the old pioneer families of the County of Kent. Mrs. Galbraith was born in 1861, and was reared in Harwich township. A family of ten children has come to this union, namely: Frederick, born in 1881, who resides at home; Roy, born in 1883, a student in the commercial college, at Chatham; Cecil; Percy; Millie; Verne; Orvil; Edna; Albert, and Nellie. Mrs. Galbraith is a devoted and valued member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Galbraith takes an active part in politics and is deeply interested in all that concerns his community, particularly in the movements promising to be of benefit to the farming and laboring classes. Among his neighbors he is regarded as one of the most active and enterprising farmers of his locality, whose efforts have been rewarded with justifiable and deserved success. Beginning with exceedingly limited means, by industry and energy he has accomplished great results, and he is now, in every way, one of the leading men of the community, esteemed, respected and relied upon, a man who is a credit to his locality. He was elected a member of the Howard council for the year 1904. Mr. Galbraith has always been an intellectual man and is well posted on the leading events of the day. His interest in his family, his care in their education, and his wise provision for their welfare, reflect added honor upon this most worthy citizen.

ALEX LUCIER, a prosperous general farmer and thresher of Dover township, residing on Lot 11, Concession 8, owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres, to which he moved in November, 1893. His birth occurred in Dover township, Jan. 1, 1862, and he is a son of Bazile and Judy (Londeau) Lucier, of Lower Canada, where they married and remained un-

til 1852, when they came to Dover township, first settling in Pain Court block, but later locating on the farm where their son Alex now makes his home. The father was born April 13, 1812, and the mother Dec. 25, 1817; they are members of the Catholic Church. Their children were as follows: Judy, deceased, married J. Lucier; Liza, of Dover township, married Alfred Pelot; Agnes, of Detroit, Michigan, married Napoleon Cheff; Matilda, of Dover township, married Joseph Talouse; Phœbe, of Bay City, Michigan, married John Deneau, and they reside with Alex Lucier; Freadline, of Wallaceburg, married Gilbert Eberts; Alex is mentioned below; Paul is a farmer of Dover township.

On Nov. 27, 1884, in Pain Court, Alex Lucier married Lucy Bray, and their children are: Mary, Lucy, Cecilia, Adelaide and Alma. Mrs. Lucier was born on Amherst Island Oct. 13, 1866, and is a daughter of James W. Bray.

Mr. Lucier remained with his parents, and now owns and operates the home farm, where his life has been spent. In addition to carrying on general farming he is quite extensively engaged in raising hogs, having 200 at present. He is recognized as one of the most enterprising and thrifty young farmers of the neighborhood, and in connection with his farming operation Mr. Lucier owns and operates a threshing machine, and makes this portion of his work very profitable. For nine years he has been school trustee and treasurer, and also served as drainage commissioner for two terms. In politics he is independent. In religious matters he is a member of the Catholic Church.

ALEXANDER McKAY, a retired farmer of Wallaceburg, Ont., was born in Perthshire, Scotland, March 6, 1820, a son of Donald and Margaret (Crerar) McKay, of Scotland, where they lived and died. The father passed away in 1835, aged fifty years, and the mother in 1840, aged forty-five years. Their children were as follows: John is deceased; James, who died in 1900, came to Wallaceburg among the first settlers, and taught school, and at the time of his death he was residing with his brother, Alexander, and was a man of wealth and prominence; Christina, deceased, was the wife of John McIntyre; Donald is deceased; Alexander is the subject proper of this sketch.

On July 17, 1852, in Perthshire, Scotland, Alexander McKay and Jessie Douglas were united in marriage, and they have had the following named children: Donald died in infancy; Julianne married George McClaine, a farmer of Clachan, Ont.; Maggie married William McClaine, of Wallaceburg; John, a farmer of Dover township, married Mary Sutherland; Christie died in infancy; Kate married Harry Ralph, an engineer of Detroit, Michigan; Andrew, captain of the "Polynesia," a lake vessel, married Amelia Goodwin. Mrs. McKay was born in Perthshire, March 4, 1826, a daughter of John and Ann (Campbell) Douglas, of the same locality, farming people, the former of whom died in 1882, aged ninety-five years, and the latter in 1853, aged sixty-five years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were: Alexander, who was killed by a rock falling on him; Jessie, Mrs. McKay; Margaret, Mrs. Crumb, of Perthshire, Scotland; Andrew, deceased; Peter, deceased; John, deceased; Ann, of Scotland, who married Hugh McDerman; and Jean, of New Zealand, who married Hugh McLaren.

Alexander McKay remained with his parents until his marriage, when he took up seventy-five acres of land in what is now Wallaceburg, coming to Canada with his bride to make a home in the wilderness. Together they shared the perils and hardships of pioneer life, and are now enjoying the fruits of their labors, both being exceedingly well preserved. They are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. McKay is a Conservative. Thrifty, industrious, understanding thoroughly how to both earn and save, Mr. and Mrs. McKay have become very well-to-do, and have also firmly established themselves in the confidence and esteem of their neighbors and friends, not only in Wallaceburg, but all over the County of Kent.

JAMES ANSON BRUSH carries on a productive place of fifty acres located in Harwich township, County of Kent, where he has made his home since 1876. He is a native of the county, born Nov. 7, 1841, in the township of Raleigh, son of Benjamin and Adelia H. (Williams) Brush.

Benjamin Brush was born Sept. 24, 1797, in the State of Connecticut, and there married, on Jan. 21, 1827, Adelia H. Williams, who was



Alex McKay

Mrs Alex McKay

born in the same State Aug. 15, 1804. Some time after his marriage Benjamin Brush migrated to Canada, making a location in Raleigh township, County of Kent, where he took up 200 acres of land on the lake shore. Three years later he returned to Connecticut for his wife, and they made a permanent home on the tract just mentioned, Mr. Brush dying there Feb. 22, 1862. His wife survived him many years, continuing to make her home with her son, James A., until her death, Jan. 25, 1884, at the latter's present residence. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brush were members of the Church of England, and they are buried, respectively, in the church cemeteries at Colchester and Aberdeen. He served as captain of a company in the Rebellion of 1837, and was presented with a sword in recognition of special services. To this worthy couple were born five children: Alma L., who died in Raleigh township Dec. 27, 1868; Willis, who died May 25, 1839; Mary M., who died April 11, 1839; Stephen W., who died in Raleigh township Feb. 23, 1879, as the result of a fall from the limb of a tree; and James Anson, whose name introduces these lines.

James Anson Brush received the education afforded by the public schools of his native township, and from boyhood was trained to farm work on the old homestead in Raleigh township, where he remained until his removal to his present place, in 1876. This property comprises fifty acres in Lot 3, 5th Concession, on the Gore line in Harwich, and Mr. Brush has successfully followed general farming there since settling on the place. He has shown intelligence and good judgment in managing as well as industry in his work, and the results are apparent in the thrifty aspect of the farm, which compares well with any of the size in the locality. After his father's death Mr. Brush remained with his mother, and she was one of the family until her decease.

On Nov. 25, 1868, in Chatham, Ont., Mr. Brush was united in marriage with Mary J. Green, a native of Cambridgeshire, England, born Dec. 12, 1848. Her parents, Charles and Susan S. (Prowden) Green, were born in 1827 and 1831, respectively, in England, and came thence to Canada, settling in Chatham in 1852. Mr. Green engaged in farming, and also did other work, draying in the winter season, and sprinkling the streets in the summer. In 1875 he and his wife removed to Freeport, Illinois, where he is now superintendent of the street car company. Mr. and Mrs. Green are the parents of the following named children: Mary Jane, Mrs. Brush; Mary Rebecca, wife of William H. Steen, a farmer of Dover township; Charles, who died young; Fannie M., wife of Joseph Miller, of Nebraska; Charles (2), deceased; Sarah, who married George Bemrose, of Anamosa, Iowa; Lillie, Mrs. Cavanaugh, of Freeport, Illinois; Edward (deceased); Thomas (deceased); Alfred, of Freeport, Illinois, superintendent of the electric light company of that place; William H., foreman of the street car company at Freeport, Illinois; Caroline H., who is still with her parents; George, who is with the street car company at Freeport, Illinois; and Thomas (2), similarly engaged. The parents of this family hold membership in the Church of England.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brush have been born ten children, viz.: Laura R., who is a dressmaker at Blenheim, Ont.; Lucy J., a trained nurse, now the wife of Frank Baird, of Toledo, Ohio; Murray I., a farmer of Raleigh township; Charlotte G., wife of Elston Burchiel, a farmer of Harwich township; Charles A., a farmer of Harwich township; James A., a blacksmith at Mull, Ont.; Fannie M., who is engaged at dressmaking in Blenheim; and Curtis B., Frank J. and Wheeler W., all at home. The parents unite with the Church of England. Mr. Brush is a Conservative in political sentiment.

MATTHEW CAMPBELL, one of the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Tilbury East township, and a representative of one of the early families of that township, was born on his father's farm April 7, 1854. As a boy he had to walk three miles to school, and then could only attend during the winter months. At the age of twenty-one years he began farming here on his own account. He had spent one year prior to that in Nebraska and taken up a tree claim of 320 acres, but did not improve it. Mr. Campbell had 100 acres upon Lot 5, Concession 8, given him by his father, and later bought of his brother John the adjoining 100 acres, now owning 200 acres of as desirable farming land as can be found in this locality. He has erected all the buildings thereon, which are substantial, and the appear-

ance of the entire premises gives an idea of system and thrift which is very pleasing. In 1881 Mr. Campbell put up his present comfortable home. A good portion of his property was covered by bush when it came into his hands, but he has cleared it, and now devotes his attention to stock raising, feeding all he raises and getting returns from his sales of cattle and hogs.

For a year, in 1895, he conducted a livery stable in Ridgetown, but since then has been actively engaged in farming. Politically he is a stanch Reformer, and was collector of township rates in 1883 and again in 1893. He is a prominent member of the Tilbury and Raleigh Agricultural Society, and socially is a charter member of the Court of Foresters at Fletcher. Mr. Campbell and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

On Feb. 28, 1882, Mr. Campbell was married to Catherine Closson, of York, Ont., a daughter of Stephen Closson, and to this union have been born three children, as follows: (1) Cedric C., born March 7, 1884, a graduate of the Chatham high school and business college, is at present bookkeeper for the Ahern Co. of New Haven, Connecticut. On Jan. 1, 1903, he married Lula Deinhart, of Chatham township. (2) Cecil C., born Oct. 12, 1886, died Sept. 7, 1888. (3) Manson, born Sept. 25, 1899, has just begun to attend school.

PHILIP J. HENRY, a much respected and well-known resident of Ridgetown and a successful stock dealer of experience, is a Canadian by birth, born Feb. 28, 1865, in the township of Aldborough, County of Elgin, a son of John and Mary (Mowbray) Henry, the former of whom was born in 1833, in the State of New York, and the latter in 1836, in the Dominion.

John Henry came to the Dominion with his parents, George and Sarah Henry, and settled in Orford, County of Kent, where the former became a leading business man, merchant and dealer in stock and grain, and at the time of his death in Newbury, County Middlesex, owned a large amount of real estate. His family comprised six sons and one daughter, as follows: Colon, deceased, who became a successful business man in Wallacetown, County of Elgin, and died there; George, born in the Dominion, engaged in business there many years, but is now a resident of the State of Alabama; Elizabeth is the widow of Hugh L. Laird, and resides in Newbury; Philip died when a young man; James, deceased, was formerly a resident of Chatham; Jesse, born in Orford, is a grain dealer, and a member of the Chicago Board of Trade; and John is the father of Philip Henry.

John Henry grew to manhood in Orford, and after his marriage in 1855, he purchased land in Aldborough, where he followed farming and dealing in horses, shipping much stock to the East. For a number of years he was also largely interested in the manufacture of cheese and owned a factory in Aldborough, County Elgin. Moving to Orford, County of Kent, he settled on his father's homestead, and there followed farming and stock buying, starting there also a large cheese factory, and engaging in extensive business operations, which still claim his attention. His wife died in Orford in May, 1901, leaving a family of six children, namely: (1) George grew to manhood on the home farm, and now resides on his farm in Orford, where he also looks after his brother Philip's farm in the same locality; he married Bertha Walker, of County Kent, and has two children: Wilson and Bertha. (2) Robert, born in 1863, is single and is in business in Detroit, Michigan. (3) Philip J. is mentioned below. (4) William Henry, born in 1868, is unmarried and is engaged in business in Detroit, where he is also one of the active workers in the Presbyterian Church. (5) John, born in 1872, is a druggist in Detroit, where he married Miss M. E. Frank. (6) Mary, born in 1876, was liberally educated, especially in music, and is the wife of George Buchanan, residing on Talbot street in Orford township, and they have two children, John and Maud Henry. Annie, an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry, is the wife of J. J. Baldwin, of Detroit, where they reside.

Philip J. Henry was educated in the schools of Orford and Chatham, and in 1888 he graduated from the Commercial College of the latter city. He has been very successful in stock dealing, and has handled a large amount of all kinds. In 1891 he purchased the old homestead farm in Orford, which his brother superintends, as he gives his whole attention to the buying and selling of stock, his markets being Buffalo, Toronto and the old country.

In 1892 Mr. Henry was married to Lida Ball, the accomplished daughter of James and Sarah (Sinclair) Ball, one of St. Thomas' old pioneer and prominent families. James Ball was born in 1842, in Devonshire, England, and came to the Dominion in 1860, settling as a mechanic at St. Thomas, where he married Sarah Sinclair. He died in May, 1900, his widow still residing in St. Thomas. Their children were: Daniel S., born in St. Thomas, married Effie Rock, and is station agent at Waterford, on the Michigan Central Railroad; Lida, the only daughter of the family, was born in 1866, and was educated in the district schools of Orford and the St. Thomas High School, and for five years was one of the very successful teachers of County Kent, and is a highly cultured lady.

After marriage Mr. Henry settled on the homestead farm, but in 1898 he bought the fine brick home of Lewis Row, on Erie street, Ridgetown, this being one of the most elegant homes in this city. Grace Henry, an adopted daughter, is a student of the Ridgetown schools and a beloved young member of the family. Mr. Henry was reared in the Presbyterian Church, in which his father was an elder. Like his father, who was a member of the Orford council for years, Mr. Henry is active in his support of the Conservative party. Fraternally he is a member of the Foresters and the Home Circle Order. When Mr. Henry started out in life it was with small capital, but this he invested judiciously, paid close attention to his business and he now is a man of large means, owning besides his town home, 150 acres of farm land in one piece in Orford, as well as other property. Probably few men in this locality are better judges of stock than Mr. Henry. From boyhood he has had more or less experience, and in addition to this, his methods have been such as to gain the confidence of those with whom he deals. While he is a keen, shrewd business man, fully adapting himself to the exigencies of trade, he retains the pleasant, genial manner which has always won him a wide circle of friends.

HENRY GILLET, a successful and prominent general farmer of Dover township, County of Kent, owns the finely cultivated farm of eighty acres on Lot 24, 8th Concession, where he resides, and where he was born Dec. 25, 1847.

Lorenzo D. and Adeline T. (Trask) Gillet, his parents, were of Simcoe, Ont., and the State of Vermont, respectively. The father came to what is now the home of his son Henry in 1838, and took up seventy-seven acres of land in a then dense wilderness. The little log cabin was built in a small clearing the father cut in the forest, and it served as a home until 1876, when Henry Gillet erected the residence now standing. The father, who was born Dec. 11, 1810, passed away Dec. 29, 1885, and the mother died in December, 1875, aged sixty-four years; both are buried in Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they were active workers. Before marriage the mother was a school teacher, and was thus engaged in Canada when she met her future husband. The children born to these parents were as follows: Calvin was killed by a fall at the age of ten years; Warren died young; Andrew J. became a sailor on the Lakes, and has never been heard from; Edward died in Chicago at the age of thirty-three years; Flavis J. is an electrician of Chicago; Lorenzo D. died in Chicago Nov. 21, 1892; Caroline M., of Windsor, Ont., married William Belsome, chief engineer on a vessel; Henry is mentioned below; Calvin F. is a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Samuel died in infancy; Lucinda is a resident of Seattle, Washington. The grandfather, Samuel Gillet, was a farmer of Simcoe, Ont. Mr. Gillet's maternal grandparents were of White Hall, Vermont, where Mr. Trask was a farmer and man of prominence.

When the parents of Henry Gillet died the farm was heavily loaded with debt, but with characteristic energy and ability he went to work, and not only paid off all these incumbrances, but has made many improvements, and now has one of the finest farms in the county, and is considered one of the well-to-do citizens of his locality. All this has not been accomplished without hard work and much self-denial, but as he looks over his broad acres and well stocked barns, Mr. Gillet feels that his labors have not been in vain.

On Jan. 26, 1876, Mr. Gillet was married, in Chatham township, to Margaret J., daughter of James and Ann J. McKee, and the following family have been born to them: John, a farmer

of Chatham township, married Alveta Siddel; Edith M. died in infancy; Blanche and Ezra H. are at home. Mrs. Gillet was born in Prince Edward County, Ont., where her parents, who were natives of Belfast, Ireland, located on coming to Canada, in 1840; Mr. McKee remained there and followed his calling of carpenter and builder. There he died in August, 1887, while his wife, Ann J. (McQuirk) McKee, died in April, 1894, aged seventy-one years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church and are buried in Pictou, Ont. Their children were: Anna, of Chatham, married to Alex. Glenn; William, of Deseronto, Ont.; Maggie, who died in infancy; Mary, who died in infancy; James, of Pictou, Ont.; Margaret J., Mrs. Gillet; David, who died young; Mary, of Bay City, Michigan, wife of Alex. McCormick; John, a carriage blacksmith, of Alexandria, Ont.; and Hugh, of Watertown. The paternal grandfather, William McKee, was a native of Ireland, where he lived and died.

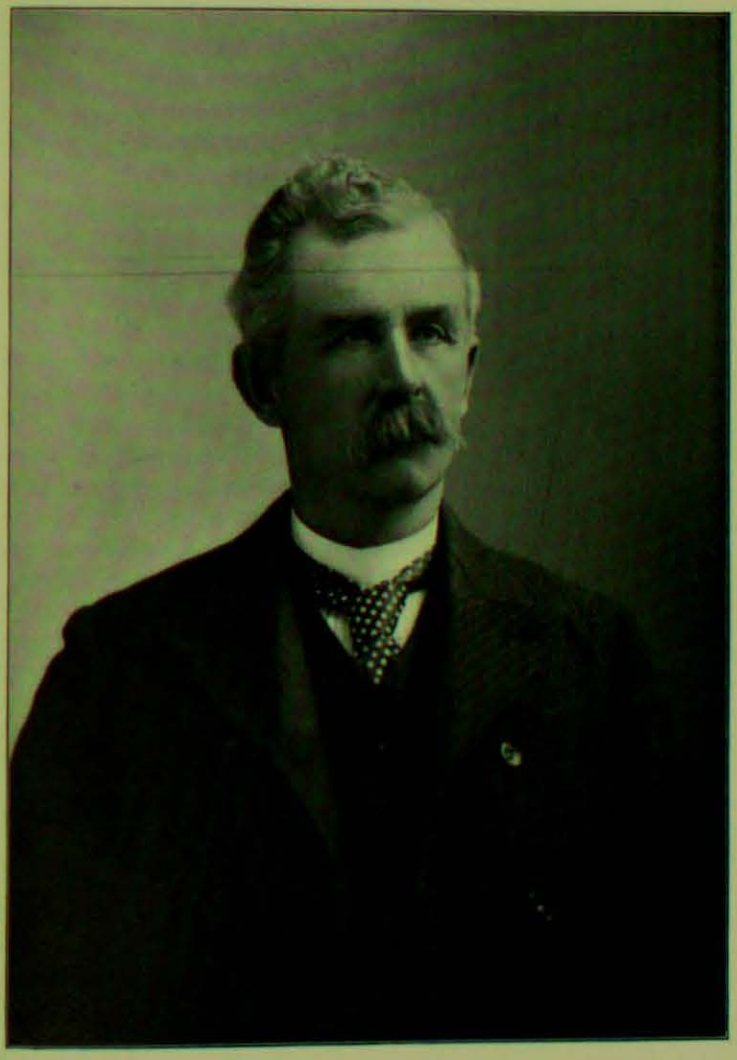
Mr. and Mrs. Gillet are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which they take an active part. In politics Mr. Gillet is a Reformer, and he is interested in local affairs, but he does not desire office. Pleasant and genial in manner, energetic in his actions, prominent in the community, Mr. Gillet is a fine type of the successful Canadian farmer of this era, who is thoroughly independent of other callings, and upon whom all industries depend.

LESTER HOWELL EDMONDS, proprietor of the Erie Stock Farm, a beautiful estate of 200 acres located some two miles from Blenheim, County of Kent, is probably the best-known breeder of standard and thoroughbred horses in his section of Canada. He is a thorough business man, and interested to the utmost in the work he has taken up, but he is also a good citizen, as his services in various departments of the local civil administration attest. Energetic and up-to-date in his methods, and straightforward in all his dealings, he occupies a conspicuous place among the successful men of the county.

Mr. Edmonds is a native of Ontario, born Dec. 29, 1855, in Wolford, County of Leeds, and is a descendant of good old United Empire Loyalist stock, his grandparents, Joseph and Caroline (Coolidridge) Edmonds, having come to Canada from the United States because of their allegiance to the mother country. Both died in the County of Leeds. Silas Edmonds, father of Lester H., was a dairy farmer in that county, and died in 1895, at the age of seventy. He married Julia Coolidridge, who now, at the age of seventy, makes her home at Jasper, County of Leeds. She is a member of the Methodist Church, to which her husband also belonged. This couple were the parents of the following named children: Lester Howell; Joseph, who died in infancy; Ada M., deceased wife of John Soper, of Brockville, Ont. (they had two sons, Allen E., of the firm of Cameron & Soper, and Arthur, an electrical engineer); and Lorenzo, who is on the old homestead (he married Rebecca Cross, and they have two children, Ada M. and Percy W.).

Lester Howell Edmonds remained with his parents until he was thirteen years old, meantime attending the public schools, in which he acquired a practical common-school education. He then went to Easton's Corners, in the County of Leeds, where he clerked in a store for two years, and thence went to Renfrew, Ont., where he was engaged at clerking one year. Returning home at the end of that period, he was interested in the livestock business for a year and a half, after which he went to Merrickville, Ont., where he embarked in the butcher business, continuing same for three years. His next move, in 1876, was to Blenheim, Ont., where he purchased the general freight and passenger stage line between Blenheim and Chatham, Ont., conducting this enterprise for seven years. When the railroad between these points was opened up Mr. Edmonds turned his attention to the livery business for a year, and then purchased 100 acres of the place he has since carried on, and which lies about two miles out from Blenheim, on the Gravel Road, in Harwich township, County of Kent.

As previously stated, the Erie Stock Farm, as it is now known, at present comprises 200 acres, Mr. Edmonds having added to his first purchase, and he also owns another tract of 100 acres in the same township. He makes a specialty of the raising of standardbred trotters and thoroughbred Clydesdales, and usually has about seven hundred head of stock on the place, handling and selling more horses



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than any other individual dealer in the County of Kent. At present he has on hand eight speed horses which have fine prospects, and he has owned many fast horses in his day, having raised the noted "Gallagher," which made the fastest time on a half-mile track of any horse raised in Canada—2:09¼. He also raised "Robert Henry Jasper," 2:17¼. Much of his financial success has been due to his ability in raising and training this class of horses, and, quite naturally, he is a fine horseman himself. Mr. Edmonds furnished about one thousand horses for the South African war, and he always does a large business in the importing and exporting of stock, has made several trips to England with horses, and several trips to Manitoba. Prosperity has attended him in almost every undertaking, but he has had some reverses, at one time losing 154 horses in one shipment. During the time he was in business at Blenheim one of his drivers took leave with $4,500, but Mr. Edmonds traced him and captured him in the lumber woods in Michigan, securing most of the money. Mr. Edmonds served one year as president of the local Agricultural Society, and was a director for several years. He has interested himself in everything tending to promote the welfare of his community, and has been chosen to responsible positions by his fellow citizens, having served nine years in the town council, one year as deputy reeve and two years as reeve, with his usual capability. His political support is given to the Conservative party.

Mr. Edmonds's first marriage, which took place in 1874 in Merrickville, in his native county, was to Ann Jane Brownlee, who died in 1890, at the age of forty-six years, and is buried at Blenheim. She was a daughter of James and Margaret (Barton) Brownlee, of the County of Leeds. By this union Mr. Edmonds had one child, Lawrence, who died when eighteen months old. On Feb. 5, 1892, Mr. Edmonds married, in Blenheim, Miss Lydia H. Steward, but by this union there are no children. Mrs. Edmonds was born at Blenheim, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Morrison) Steward, natives of Ridgetown and Raleigh township, County of Kent, respectively, and granddaughter of John and Hannah (Wilson) Steward, natives of Scotland. Joseph Steward was born in 1830, was a harnessmaker during his active years, and is now living retired; his wife was born in 1839. With the exception of a seven-years residence in the State of Illinois they have passed their lives in the County of Kent, and are among the most respected residents of their locality. They have always been zealous members of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Steward was class-leader for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Steward had children as follows: Lydia H., Mrs. Edmonds; John W., of Blenheim, Ont.; Mary E., deceased; Andrew M., deceased; Lois, deceased; Sarah E., Mrs. Martin Brady, deceased; Miss Mary A., who lives with her parents; Gilman S., of Little Current, Ont.; and Marian D., who is at home.

Mr. Edmonds was brought up in the faith of the Methodist Church, and still attends same. Fraternally he holds membership in the A. O. U. W., the I. O. F. and the I. O. O. F.

JOHN H. COOPER is one of the thrifty young farmers of Tilbury East township. His grandfather, John Cooper, was born in County Down, Ireland, and was there married to Sarah J. Forseyth, and in 1840 they came to Canada. They settled on Amherst Island, where they bought 150 acres of wild land upon which they lived until they died, he at the age of sixty-two, and she when eighty-four. For the times he was considered a successful man. The children born to these pioneers were as follows: Ellen died aged twenty-four; Henry is mentioned below; Mary, widow of Peter Murphy, lives at Spokane, Washington; William lives on the old homestead on Amherst Island; John is a mill owner at Chatham; James is a farmer of Tilbury East; Sarah Jane resides on the old homestead.

Henry Cooper, father of John H., was born Feb. 14, 1839, in County Down, Ireland, and was two years old when the family came to Canada. He had scarcely any educational opportunities, but grew up strong, well favored and industrious, and after his father had bought, in 1855, 200 acres of wild land at $10 per acre, Lots 4 and 5, Concession 8, Tilbury East, he proposed to settle on it and begin clearing. Four years later he and his brother located on this land, and there the former has continued to reside, in 1870 adding 100 acres, in Lot 3, 8th Concession. Mr. Cooper is one of the largest farmers in his township.

He married Ellen Smith, who was born in Scotland, a daughter of James Smith, who came to the township almost sixty years ago and located near Stewart, where he died aged seventy-nine years. The children born to Henry and Ellen Cooper were: John Henry; Annie R., wife of William Stailey, of Crocker, Iowa, where he is station agent; Samuel A., who has 100 acres on Concession 10 (he married Janet Stevenson); Sarah, wife of Robert Bell, of Chatham; Thomas, who has a farm of fifty acres on Concession 8 (he married Christina Ball); Henry, a farmer on Concession 12 (he married Annie Graham); and Bert, still at home. When Henry Cooper came to the township only forty of his 200 acres of land were cleared. The property is now owned by James and John Henry Cooper. In politics Mr. Cooper is a Conservative, and is fraternally connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Valetta. In religious matters the family belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

John Henry Cooper, the eldest of his father's family, was born Oct. 10, 1865, on the lot where he now resides. As a boy he attended the common schools, and in 1882-83 took a commercial course in the Chatham Business College. At the age of twenty-three he began his independent career, locating on the north half of Lot 4, in the 8th Concession, then about half cleared, and he now has the whole 100 acres cleared. This is a part of the farm purchased by his grandfather in 1855. He has followed general farming and has made many improvements, including the erection of an attractive home.

On June 20, 1893, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage with Ada Fish, who was born at Leamington, County of Essex, Ont., and they have one daughter, Annie May, born Dec. 25, 1895. Mr. Cooper has been one of the intelligent voters in his locality and has served as a member of the township council. He is one of the reliable and representative men of his locality. Fraternally he is a member of the Orange Lodge at Glenwood, and he is a charter member of Court Waverly, No. 345, Foresters, at Fletcher. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.

R. JOSEPH WILKIE, who is engaged in general farming in Harwich township, County of Kent, has worked for thirty years on the place where he now resides, though he has only made his home there a few years, since 1900. He is a native of the County of Haldimand, Ont., born Dec. 24, 1859, and is a son of Robert Wilkie, and grandson of Robert, Sr., and Mary A. (Leslie) Wilkie, natives of Scotland who came to America, locating first in the United States, and in 1836 coming to Canada.

Robert Wilkie, Sr., took up the land in the County of Haldimand, Ont., where he soon became one of the substantial men of that locality. His labors were successful, and by unceasing energy he soon had his fields ready for cultivation. By systematic and practical methods he was enabled to secure good results from his work, and prosperity crowned his efforts. To him and his good wife were born children as follows: Robert; Jane, of the County of Haldimand, widow of William Nixon; and George, now deceased, who was a farmer in the State of Maryland.

Robert Wilkie was born May 16, 1832, in the State of Massachusetts, came to Canada with his parents, and grew to manhood in the County of Haldimand. Upon attaining manhood he took up several hundred acres of land, which he cared for until 1869, when he moved to the County of Kent and located on his late homestead. This land was but partially cleared, but Mr. Wilkie had been trained to toil, and, nothing daunted, he set to work and soon had his land under cultivation. He continued to improve it as the years passed, and in time it became one of the model farms of Harwich township. In 1883 he erected a handsome brick house, in which he passed the remaining years of his active life. In 1892, feeling that he was entitled to rest and enjoy the comfort he had earned so well, he removed to Blenheim, where he died Nov. 6, 1901, at the age of sixty-nine years, highly honored and much respected by all who knew him.

On Jan. 8, 1857, in Port Dover, Ont., Robert Wilkie wedded Eliza Craddock, who was born July 7, 1834, in Yorkshire, England, and is still living in Blenheim, Ont. Children as follows were born to this worthy couple: Robert Joseph, who is mentioned below; Freeman A., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead in Harwich township; Cassie, who married Henry Burk, a farmer of Harwich township; Frank S., formerly a farmer and stockman, now a resident of Blenheim, Ont.

and Stanley R., a clerk at Toronto in the law office of Blake, Lash & Cassels. Robert Wilkie was much interested in public affairs, and as a member of the Reform party held many offices, among which may be mentioned those of town councilor, county councilor, deputy reeve, reeve and magistrate, and in all of these official positions his duties were performed with a fidelity that made him an ideal public servant. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as are all the members of his family.

R. Joseph Wilkie was reared on the home farm, received his education in the public schools, and remained with his parents until his marriage, after which he moved to Blenheim. There he remained for eight years, thence moving to a farm in Harwich township, and in 1900, as previously stated, he came to his present homestead, a tract of 100 acres located on Lot 2, 1st Concession, in Harwich township, upon which he has worked since his youth. He is up-to-date in all his methods, and thrifty and systematic in his work, and every thing in his surroundings bespeaks industry and careful attention. By dint of continuous hard work he has prospered greatly, and is counted among the most intelligent agriculturists of his locality.

In Harwich township Mr. Wilkie married Sarah C. Lowes, and they have had three children, Florence L., Stella G. and Robert C. Mr. Wilkie attends the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and in political sentiment he is a Reformer. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Foresters.

Mrs. Sarah C. (Lowes) Wilkie was born in Harwich township, daughter of Caleb and Sarah S. (Hughson) Lowes, who had children as follows: Salome (deceased), who married William Cameron; George H. (deceased), who married Catherine McNamara; Melissa, who married Benjamin Shotwell, of Butler County, Nebraska; Nathaniel, who married Catherine Partridge, of Harwich township; William E. and John G., who died young; Sarah C., Mrs. Wilkie; Charles Wesley, who married Sarah Ransom, of Harwich township; and Francis M. (deceased).

HENRY WILSON, a prosperous general farmer of the Gore of Chatham, residing on Lot 23, Concession 4, owns and successfully operates 100 acres of land, upon which he has lived since April, 1876, when he came from Kingston. He was born in Ontario, Nov. 16, 1838, son of William and Mary Ann Wilson, of Kingston and Cornwell, respectively. William Wilson was a railroad foreman on the canal and locks. The mother dying when our subject was an infant, the little fellow was sent, when seven years of age, to be reared by Robert Miller, his maternal grandfather, and he gradually lost sight of his father. His only brother Harper, died when a child, and further than this, Mr. Wilson knows nothing of his family history.

On Feb. 11, 1861, Mr. Wilson married Eliza Hamilton, and their children are: Jennie married (first) Samuel Robinson, and (second) Robert Elsom, of Moose Jaw, Assa; Robert married Martha Jenners, and resides in the Northwest Territory; Rev. William, of the Free Methodist denomination, married Martha Page, and resides in the Northwest Territory; Hester married James Babcock, a farmer of County Lambton; Annie L. is at home; Sarah died unmarried at the age of twenty-five years; John of the Northwest Territory, married Salina Barnes; Jacob is a farmer with his father. Mrs. Wilson was born in Ireland, May 31, 1842, daughter of Robert and Hester (Alban) Hamilton, of Ireland, who came to Canada in 1843, locating at Bedford, Ont., where they took up a farm, but in 1850 they came to County Kent, locating in the Gore of Chatham, where they purchased a farm of fifty acres. Mr. Hamilton died in 1891, aged eighty-two years, and was buried in Salem township. The mother resides upon the farm with her son John, in the Gore of Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were: Mary J. married John Botting, a farmer of the Gore of Chatham; Eliza; Clarissa married Christopher Deyo, a farmer of the Gore of Chatham; Ann married James Robinson, of the Gore of Chatham; Rev. Jacob of Dawn Mills, Ont., is a Methodist minister; Rev. Robert, of Brantford, Ont., is also a Methodist minister; Sarah married Robert Manning of County Lambton, a farmer; Hugh, unmarried, is with his mother; John, with his mother, married Carrie Winter; Matilda, deceased, married Rev. William Campbell, a Methodist minister; Esther married William

Babcock, a farmer of Redmond, Michigan. The mother is bright and in excellent health; she has ten living children.

Mr. Henry Wilson was reared by his grandfather, and tenderly cared for him and his wife in their old age. In politics Mr. Wilson is a Conservative, and has held various local offices. In religious belief he is a Free Methodist, and he is a very good, conscientious man.

JAMES RANKIN (deceased), the father of the several brothers of that name who constitute an important part of the farming population of Dover township, and himself for many years one of the worthiest citizens of that section, was born in October, 1812, in County Londonderry, Ireland. He was reared in his native land, living there until his eighteenth year, when, in 1830, he made the voyage to America. His first location was in New Brunswick, where he remained a couple of years, engaged in farm work, and thence he went to Toronto, where he also remained a few years. In 1835 he came to County Kent, settling in Chatham, where he operated a farm for a Mr. Reed, continuing there until about 1837. Part of that place is the present site of North Chatham. Thence he came to the farm now owned and cultivated by his son Mathew, Lot 19, Concession 10, in Dover township, purchasing a tract of 200 acres at the time of his settlement. As prosperity rewarded his labor he added to his original purchase from time to time, until he had about 800 acres, and he started each of his sons in life with a gift of 100 acres. The account of his large acquisitions is sufficient testimony of his substantial success, but he gained besides something more lasting—the esteem and goodwill of his fellow men throughout his part of the country. Mr. Rankin retired from active work in February, 1878, removing to Chatham, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying there March 11, 1888. He is laid to rest in Maple Leaf cemetery. In his day Mr. Rankin was one of the most active citizens in his township. He was instrumental in having the first township roads opened; in fact he took an interest in every project for the general good, and he was honored with election to the office of councilor in Dover township for many years.

Mr. Rankin was married, in 1836, in Toronto, to Miss Mary Sweetman, who was born Aug. 1, 1815, in County Cork, Ireland, and who survives him, residing in Chatham. She enjoys excellent health for one of her years. This union was blessed with the following named children: Thomas J., a farmer of Dover township, married Sinclair Angus, and they have four children. Robert J., also a farmer in Dover township, married Eliza J. Jackson, and has a family of six children. James, a farmer in Dover township, married Agnes Jackson, and has had seven children. Francis is mentioned below. Mathew was born Oct. 3, 1854. As will be seen, all are residents of Dover township, four occupying land that was at one time a part of the father's estate. Mr. Rankin was a member of the Church of England; his widow unites with the Methodist Church.

FRANCIS RANKIN was born May 3, 1848, on what is now part of his own homestead, and has passed all his life in Dover township, where he enjoys a standing worthy a member of this family. His education was acquired in the local schools, and he remained under the parental roof until his marriage, at which time he removed to a small house on the farm which he has ever since occupied. He has followed in his father's footsteps, engaging successfully in the cultivation of the soil, and in addition conducts a saw, planing, and chopping mill, which is located in Dover, on a part of the original Rankin homestead. As his father presented him with 100 acres of good land, he had an excellent start in life, but it may well be said that he has made the most of his opportunities, a statement which is substantiated by his present prosperity. In 1898 Mr. Rankin replaced the old house on the farm with a comfortable brick residence, one of the best in the township.

Mr. Rankin has been the recipient of unusual honors in the way of offices. He was elected township collector, filling that position in 1879 and 1880, after which for three years he served as township councilman, and was subsequently elected reeve and county councilman, to which latter incumbency he has been re-elected up to the present time. In 1902 he was chosen county warden—the highest honor in the county—and in that capacity suspended the treasurer of the county, an act which is explained by the following quotation from the minutes of the January, 1903, ses-



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sion of the municipal council of the County of Kent:

Importance has been attached throughout to providing facilities for an exhaustive audit of the accounts. The present officials of the county and all others with whom I have come in contact, have throughout evinced the utmost willingness to assist in the examination and audit, and have rendered substantial assistance from time to time. I bear especial testimony to the fair, frank and honorable conduct of ex-Warden Rankin in performance of the responsible duties which devolved upon him in connection with the initial proceedings of the present investigation.—F. H. Macpherson, Chartered Accountant.

Mr. Rankin was nominated for the House, but refused to accept. His political support is given to the Conservatives.

On Sept. 22, 1873, Mr. Rankin was married, at Chatham, County of Kent, to Miss Elizabeth J. Robison, of Prince Edward County, and six children have been born to them: William T., Cecil R., Frances, James C., Edward R. and May, all at home. Mr. Rankin is a member of the A. O. U. W., and an honorary member of the Ancient Order of Foresters. The family attend the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Rankin was born in Hillier township, Prince Edward County, Ont., a daughter of William and Mary (Butler) Robison, of the same locality, born in Prince Edward County and Burmah, India, respectively. Mrs. Robison's parents were James and Anna (McGill) Butler, of Dublin, Ireland, where they were reared, and her father was an officer in the British army. She came to Canada with her parents, locating in Montreal when she was ten years of age, and later they settled in the County of Northumberland, where they remained. A brother of James Butler, Richard, was a captain in the British army, and died unmarried in India. Another brother, also an officer, died at home, on the Broomville estate, as the Butler homestead was called.

Mr. Robison remained in Prince Edward County, on the farm where he had been born, and there died in 1888, aged ninety years, and is buried in that county. His wife now resides in Belleville, and is quite advanced in years, having been born May 1, 1819. She is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The following children were born of this union: Anna C., deceased; William E., who died when two years old; Elizabeth J.; Mary L., who died at the age of five years; Edward, in the mining business in Colorado and California; Harriet, married to James A. Arthur, a farmer of Coteau, Assiniboine district, Manitoba, Canada; Augusta, widow of James E. Clark, of Bellva, Ont.; and Roseline, who died at the age of sixteen years. The paternal grandfather, Hugh Robison, married Rebecca Dougall, and both were of County Derry, Ireland, and are now deceased. They located in Prince Edward County, in 1795, and there died; he was a farmer all his life.

JOHN McGARVIN. This well known farmer of Lot 9, on the River Road in Dover township, has for many years been one of the large agriculturists of the county. An indefatigable worker, and an excellent manager, with an eye for order and exactness, he has improved every piece of property which has come into his possession, and has always made each place pay its maximum profits. Though now in his seventy-first year, he is still keeping an oversight of his affairs, and on his 150-acre farm is carrying on a most successful industry. Mr. McGarvin comes of a family of successful agriculturists.

Michael McGarvin, his father, a man of marked force of character and great ability, was long a resident of Harwich township, being located near the river Thames. He received careful rearing, being especially trained to practical farm work, early forming habits of industry and self-reliance. Thoroughly familiar with agriculture, he embarked upon life as a farmer, and with energy and thrift he continued the industry for the most part throughout his active career. After some years he procured a good farm in Harwich township, and this he improved, cultivated extensively, and made into one of the most attractive farms in his locality. On this fine 200-acre farm he made his abode for the rest of his life, and here Nov. 5, 1897, at the age of ninety-one years, he died.

During his young manhood Mr. McGarvin married Olive Wood, and they had ten children: Susan, who married David Wilson, deceased, and resides in Harwich township; John, who is mentioned below; Joseph and George, farmers of Harwich township; Catherine, who married Robert Smith, a farmer, of Dover township; Patrick, a farmer of

Dover township; Louisa, twin of Patrick, the widow of Bruce Holmes, now a resident of Harwich township; James, who died March 27, 1897, at the age of forty-five years, being killed by the explosion of an engine; Peter, a farmer of Harwich township; and Robert, a farmer and sawmill operator, of Chatham township. Mr. McGarvin was long one of the most successful and influential men of the community. A man of wise business discernment, he was often asked for advice upon questions of public interest. He was a large-hearted, generous man, and gave liberally to the support of all churches. Though christened a Roman Catholic, and reared as a Methodist, he usually attended the Presbyterian Church.

John McGarvin was born on the family homestead in Harwich township, Aug. 10, 1833, and in that locality grew to manhood. Under the care of wise and thoughtful parents he received careful rearing, and was early trained to habits of industry and self-reliance. As an agriculturist, he started life for himself upon his father's farm, and there continued for many years. In Harwich township, in April, 1859, Mr. McGarvin married Marion Smith, who was born in Dover township, in 1838. She died in 1882 at the age of forty-four years. By this union there were six children: Anna, who married John Johnson, a farmer of Raleigh township; Eliza, wife of Andrew Crow, a farmer of Raleigh township; Walter, a farmer of County Essex, Ont.; Jane, who married Herbert Clements, of Chatham, Ont.; Louise, who died at the age of ten years; and Robert who died aged twenty-one years.

After his marriage Mr. McGarvin settled upon a farm in Harwich township, and there continued agriculture. Energetic and determined, he put the place under excellent cultivation, and carried on general farming. From time to time he greatly improved the property and there erected a handsome brick house. Continuing to prosper, he remained here for about thirty-five years. In the meantime, in his speculations, he had come into possession of a splendid 300-acre farm, in County Essex, and to it in 1884, he moved, and continued his pursuit. After about fifteen years of successful work, however, he found it advisable to take the management of a smaller place, and in 1899, he moved to the 150-acre farm in Dover township, where he has since resided. This place he has improved and kept under excellent cultivation, and he is still conducting it. He has met with splendid success in all his ventures, and is now one of the substantial farmers of the county.

Mr. McGarvin is public spirited, and as a deeply interested promoter of advanced methods in farming, has belonged to the Agricultural Society for many years. As a strong Conservative he is influential in local politics. He is a man of marked integrity, square in all his dealings, possesses the highest sense of honor, and is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he stands high, and has many warm friends throughout this section.

Robert Smith, father of Mrs. McGarvin, was a well known agriculturist and prominent man generally, in Harwich township for many years. He was originally of Dumfries, Scotland, and in early life came to Canada, settling in County Kent. A farmer by occupation, he followed his pursuit for many years upon a fine 300-acre farm in Harwich township. Prospering in his industry, he branched out in it from time to time, and became one of the large land owners of the County. A man of many resources, in addition to general farming he for fifteen years supplied the Great Western Railroad with wood, being the first to take a contract with the company for that work, and furnishing yearly about 3,000 cords. He died in Harwich township, in June, 1873, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery in Chatham.

During his young manhood Mr. Smith married in Tilbury township, Anna Graham, who came from the Isle of Mull, in Scotland. She died on the family homestead in Harwich township, in 1882, at the age of seventy-six years, and is buried beside her husband in the Maple Leaf cemetery in Chatham. Ten children were born of this union: Robert died at the age of three years, being accidentally poisoned; Jenneth, who now resides in Toledo, Ohio, married Rev. William Walker, a Presbyterian minister, of Chatham (he is now deceased); Marion and Jane, twins, of whom the first is mentioned above, and the second who married Alexander Young, is now living in San Francisco, California (he is now deceased); Robert is an extensive farmer of Dover township; Isabella married George Middleditch, a foundryman of Ridgetown, Ontario; Edward

resides in Chatham; John is in the cattle business in that township; Mary A. married John Campbell, proprietor of the Erie Mills at St. Thomas; and Elizabeth married Dr. John Bell, and resides at Merlin, Ontario.

Mr. Smith was long active in public affairs serving as school trustee for many years. Well known among farmers he was an influential member of the Canadian Agricultural Society for many years. The Presbyterian Church, which he assisted in building, and long served as elder, counted him among its most efficient members. Upon his death, a memorial window was placed in this building to his honor.

DAVID SIMPSON, whose attractive and valuable farm bears evidence of years of cultivation, comes of a prominent pioneer family of Tilbury East township, and has himself done his share in the development of the agricultural resources of that section.

Peter Simpson, the pioneer, was the father of David. Born near the town of Beverley and Market Weighton, in Yorkshire, England, he there, under the influence of a good home and well established institutions, grew to manhood. As a young man, ambitious to make the most of life's opportunities, he broke home ties and came to Canada in 1817, at the age of about twenty-five years, passing his first winter in Montreal, and the following spring with Col. Talbot. In 1819, in company with Thomas Askew and Robert Shanks, he traveled by ox team to Tilbury East township, County of Kent, their cart being the first wheeled vehicle to traverse the Talbot road to this point. Drawing from the government a 200-acre tract, known as Lot 171, on the Talbot road, Mr. Simpson settled there and began making improvements, the first important work of which was the erection of a rude log shanty, which he shared with his companions for some time. About 1825 occurred the double wedding of Mr. Simpson and Ann Willan and Thomas Askew and Mary Willan. The brides' respective ages were eighteen and sixteen years, and the ceremony was performed at the home of the magistrate, the bridal trip, which was made on foot, necessitating the grooms' fording a stream with their prospective brides in their arms. The brides were the daughters of Thomas Willan, who is mentioned below. Mrs. Simpson died July 31, 1868. There were eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Simpson: John, who married Mary Dodds, died at the family homestead; Thomas was the father of Isaac, Milton and James W., who are mentioned elsewhere; Peter, a shoemaker, who lived at the family homestead, married Sarah Russell (he was killed by a stroke of lightning); Mary Ann, who never married, is now deceased; Esther married William Russell, and had a son G. W. Russell, mentioned elsewhere; Elizabeth is the widow of William Hodgin, and lives in Leamington; David is mentioned below; George H. made his residence for some time in Manitoba, and died there; William is a resident of Romney township; Margaret married George Howe of British Columbia; and Maria is the wife of Michael Ellison, also of British Columbia.

About the time of his marriage Mr. Simpson erected on the east half of his lot fifteen or twenty rods from the lake bank, a rough log house, and later, on the center of the lot, about twenty rods from the lake bank, he built a more commodious hewed log house, in which he made his residence for many years. Though hampered with all the drawbacks besetting the life of a pioneer, by persistent and well-directed efforts, and with the efficient help of his sons, Mr. Simpson managed to clear up much of his land to cultivation, and pave the way for the carrying on there of successful agricultural work. He also added to his holdings by the purchase of several hundred more acres, having at one time three hundred acres in a block on the Talbot road. He passed the greater part of his active life in the vicinity, dying there Sept. 16, 1864, at the age of seventy-two years.

Mr. Simpson was one of the foremost men of the township, lending his influence to every movement for the upbuilding of his community. A man of sound judgment and marked executive ability, he served as a member of the county council for several years, discharging his duties with both ability and courage. He was a leading member of the Methodist Church, often acting as class-leader, and his home was the favorite stopping place for ministers of his denomination.

David Simpson is a worthy successor of his father, inheriting his full share of strength and ability for mastering the vicissitudes of life in a new country. Born March 2, 1835, on the

family homestead in Tilbury East township, he there grew to manhood. While assisting his father in clearing up the home farm and putting it under cultivation, he gained the principal training for his life work. Both environment and a genuine taste for farming determined his choice of that occupation, and, coming into possession of a hundred acres of Lot 172, partly by purchase, he settled there and began work. This lot was taken up from the government by Robert Shanks. Well laid plans, effectually carried out, soon transformed wild tracts into well cultivated fields, opened up pastures and equipped the farm with everything necessary for carrying on work successfully. He erected attractive and substantial buildings, which he has since remodeled and kept up well, and he has also added to this landed property, owning in addition to his farm a hundred acres on Concession 15. He has purchased for his son there another fifty-acre tract. Besides farming he has given his attention to some extent to inventions, and he originated a plow pattern, from the manufacture and sale of which he has derived considerable benefit.

Mr. Simpson married Ann Lewis, who was born in the County of Middlesex, and she died at the age of sixty-two years. By this union there were the following children: (1) Pamelia Ann, born July 23, 1862, married Joseph Teskey, and they live in Raleigh township. Their children are, Floyd, Ray, Vilus and Hugh. (2) Lewis Peter, who now carries on the family homestead, married Maggie McKenn, and they have seven children, Norman, Millie Beatrice, Lawrence, Ruth, Calvin, David Max and Margaret Ann. (3) David Andrew, born May 29, 1875, married Sarah Gray, and they have three children, Freda, Vida and Lela.

Mr. Simpson possesses ability in many lines and is a man of marked force and integrity of character. His keen intellectual powers and sound judgment have won him a place on the council, where for three years he has served giving eminent satisfaction to his community. A prominent member of the Methodist Church, he is acting as class-leader, a position which he has filled with marked fidelity for forty years. Politically he espouses the cause of the Reformers.

Thomas Willan, grandfather of David Simpson, born in Wiltshire, England, passed his life for the most part in that country. He married in England, and to him and his wife were born in that country seven children: Ann and Mary, who are mentioned above; William, who lived in Mersea township; John, who married Mary Baldwin and resided in Tilbury East township; Rebecca, who married Henry Fox; Elizabeth, who married Hugh McDowell; and Thomas, who died in Gosfield township, County of Essex.

PETER HETHERINGTON, a retired resident of Kingsville, Gosfield South, County of Essex, Ont., represents one of the first families to settle in Romney township, County of Kent, and in that township spent his active life.

Mr. Hetherington's father, also named Peter, was born in the County of Northumberland, England, and as a boy in his teens, came to America in the year 1817, with a party whose members included Robert Coatsworth, the Robinsons and the Dawsons. He took up a tract of land in Romney township, just west of the Capt. Coatsworth place, and began clearing. At first he lived with Robert Coatsworth, who was a relative by marriage, having wedded Jane Hetherington, but he finally erected a log house on the ridge and cleared the first foot of land on that lot. Later he was assisted in the work of clearing by his sons. His death occurred on that place, in September, 1877, when he was eighty-three years of age. His first marriage, which occurred in Gosfield, was to Julianna Fox, eldest child of Michael and Elizabeth Fox. She was born in 1806 and died in 1846. His second wife was a widow, Ann Fox, and to them was born one child, William, who is a retired farmer at Wheatley, Ont.; he married Eliza Malott, and they have had three children, Nettie, Manora (deceased) and Agatha. The children by the first marriage were as follows: John (deceased) married Jane Stewart, and they had four children, Colin, Mary, Oliver and Peter. Thomas (deceased) married Jane Robinson and lived in Romney township; they had one son, Howard. Michael, who lived at Leamington until his death, married Jane Lane, and had children, Alwilda, Jason, Edith, Sarah, Winnifrede and Cecil. Elizabeth married Jonas Robinson and had two children, Henry and Mary J. Peter is mentioned below. Will-



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Vida L. Hetherington

iam died young. Josiah died young. Julianna (deceased) married Joseph Little, and had two children, Mary and Elizabeth. Mary is the widow of William Sheldon, of Leamington. Miss Sarah Jane resides in Leamington. Charles, who resides in Romney township, married Mary Metcalf and has two children, Jessie and Harrison. Caroline (deceased) married Albert Getty, and had one child, Maud.

Peter Hetherington was born on the homestead in Romney township Oct. 10, 1831, and there grew to manhood, assisting in clearing the land, and bearing more than his part in the work. In time he came into possession of the east half of the homestead, and upon that property he erected all the buildings, converting it into a fine place. There he resided until 1886, when he sold to John Renwick, and on May 4th of that year came to Kingsville, where he purchased a nice home and has since resided, having retired from his labors after many years of hard work, earning the rest he is now taking.

Mr. Hetherington was first married, Sept. 14, 1856, in Gosfield, to Charlotte, daughter of Philip Fox. Their only child, Solomon, died in infancy. After the death of Mrs. Charlotte Hetherington Mr. Hetherington was married on Jan. 25, 1870, to Miss Ann Renwick, eldest daughter of T. C. Renwick, of Romney township, and to this union have come: Lucinda Charlotte, born Sept. 21, 1875, who died in February, 1886; Hulda Janet, born Oct. 6, 1879, who died May 2, 1889; and Vida Loretta, born July 9, 1886, at home. Mr. Hetherington and his family are members of the Kingsville Methodist Church, and when the beautiful new church edifice was erected Mr. Hetherington served very efficiently upon the building committee. In years past he served upon the school board as trustee, and has always been a Reformer in politics.

Mrs. Ann (Renwick) Hetherington was born March 24, 1851, in Romney township, County of Kent, daughter of Thomas C. and Mary (Robinson) Renwick, both of that township, where they have long been farming people. Her grandparents, Thomas and Ann (Robinson) Renwick, of England, were married in that country, and came to the County of Kent, Ont., in 1815, taking up 200 acres of land in Romney township, where they made a permanent home. Thomas C. Renwick has been a prominent man, has been reeve of Romney township, township clerk and treasurer, school trustee for many years, and is secretary of the Kent and Essex Fire Insurance Co. He is a local preacher of the Methodist Church, of which he and his wife have been members for many years, and he has served many years as steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He and his wife have had the following named children: Jonathan, a farmer of Romney township, married Jane Malott, who is now deceased; they had seven children, Minnie, Harriet, Leslie, Forest, Ida, Jennie and Manson. Joseph, a farmer of Romney township, married Celina Fox, and they have had one son, Charles. Ann is the wife of Peter Hetherington. Catherine married Salem West, and both are deceased; they had two children, Frank and Helena. Thomas, who is engaged in farming in the United States, married Amelia Orton, and they have had one child, Grace. John, residing on the old homestead, married Elizabeth Chester, and they have had three children, Frederick, Alice and George. Hannah is the wife of Enoch Learn, a machinist, and has her home in Portland, Oregon.

ALEXANDER McDONALD, now a venerable retired farmer of the County of Kent, is one of the band of hardy, enterprising men to whom this part of the great Dominion owes a vast debt. He was among the leaders in the van of sturdy pioneers who wrested from the virgin soil the glory, wealth, comfort and prosperity of the present day.

This most highly respected resident of Howard township was born in that township, on the river Thames, Aug. 6, 1816, a son of Randall and Polly (Hubbell) McDonald, who were among the very first settlers in the County of Kent. Randall McDonald was born in the state of New York and his wife in the state of Connecticut, and he was a son of John and Margaret McDonald, who were born in Scotland and emigrated to the State of New York prior to the war of the Revolution in the States. In 1806 John and his son Randall located in Delaware, Ont., taking part in the war of 1812 against the Americans. Both John and his wife died and were buried in Delaware, Ont. They left a family of six daughters and one son, namely: Margaret, who married Philip Mink, settled with him on the river Thames in

Harwich township; Jane married a Mr. Fall, and they located near St. Thomas; one daughter became Mrs. Hand, and they settled near Pontiac, Canada; the other three married and settled in the States.

Randall McDonald, the only son, served in the war prior to his marriage to Polly Hubbell which took place in 1815. They settled on the river Thames, where he built a two-story hewed-log house, forming it in Colonial style, with dove-tailed corners. He took much pleasure in the work, and when it was finished it was esteemed the finest log house built for private use in the County of Kent. Mr. McDonald purchased his land from the English government, and during his lifetime cleared, with the assistance of his sons, almost 200 acres. His death occurred in 1866, and his wife died in 1831, when their eldest son, Alexander, was fifteen years of age. Nine of their ten children grew to maturity, and as noted Alexander was the eldest, the others being: Sallie, born in 1817, the widow of Allen Lipscomb, resides in Oakland county, Michigan, with her family of five children, Randall, Miles, Anselm, Allen and Polly. Miles, born in 1819, married Christie Bedford, of the County of Kent, and they new reside on a farm in Zone; their children are Mary A., John, Polly and Kate. Abigail, born on the river Thames, in 1821, died in young womanhood. Polly, born in the old homestead in 1823, married John Tape, one of the early teachers of the county, and died in 1876; he died at his home in Howard, leaving three daughters—Fannie, the deceased wife of Jonathan Graham, of Thamesville; Sarah, the deceased wife of August Lincoln, of Michigan, and Susan, the wife of Amos Daugherty, of Thamesville. Annie, born in 1825, married Henry Bowers, who settled in the state of Michigan, and she died there the mother of five children—Samuel, Israel (deceased, who was a soldier in the Civil war in the States), Polly, John and Mary. Anselm, born on the old home in 1828, married Mary A. Dodman, and they settled near Thamesville, where he died; his widow is still living there with her children—Rosalind, who became the wife of George Ferguson and has one daughter, Pearl; Randall, who married Jane McKinley, daughter of John McKinley resides in Thamesville, and has three children, Mary, James and Rosalind; Mary; William, Samuel and Miss Ethel, who live in Detroit; and George S., who lives on the old homestead. Lawson McDonald, born in 1831, resides in Gonzales county, state of Texas; he and his wife Polly, of Michigan, have children—Lydia (deceased), Mila, Warner, Randall, and Sarah, all of whom are married with families. Margaret, born at the old home in 1833, is the wife of Hugh Dodge, and they live at Saranac, state of Michigan, where he is engaged in farming; their family consists of three daughters and these sons, Philip, John, Anselm and Miles.

Alexander McDonald was born in the log house in the early days of his parents' pioneer life in Howard township. His educational opportunities were meager indeed, on account of the sparsely settled locality, but a long life of varied experience and observant faculties have supplied any earlier lack. His boyhood and youth were occupied in assisting his father to the best of his capacity in clearing and cultivating a 200-acre farm, an almost herculean task at that time, for it must be recalled that the present labor-saving machinery in many cases had scarcely been even thought of, and very little ever reached the frontier regions in those early days. Here Mr. McDonald grew to sturdy manhood, and on March 18, 1841, he was married to Isabella Smith, who was born in Scotland, June 23, 1823, daughter of Robert and Isabel Smith, highly esteemed residents of the County of Kent. The young couple settled at first on a farm near Thamesville, but he later sold this farm and took charge of the old homestead farm for some years, in 1857 purchasing his present home. Looking about the fertile fields, enjoying the fruits of his productive orchards and noting his comfortable buildings, surrounded with all the conveniences of modern life, it seems scarcely possible that when Mr. McDonald moved here it was but a bit of wild land still in the state of nature. It was his patience and energy that reclaimed this land, cultivated and improved it, and made a comfortable home for his wife and large family. Mrs. McDonald died here Aug. 14, 1887. She was a most worthy Christian woman, devoted to her duties and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, two dying in childhood. Of the others we have the following record: Miles, born in the old home in Howard, in 1842, married Mary Roberson,

and they live on his farm near Morpeth; their children are Katie, Arthur, John, Fred and Jennie. Robert, born in 1843, married Fannie Brush, a Canadian, and first settled in Thamesville, where he engaged in hotel-keeping, but in 1878 moved to Gonzales county, state of Texas, where he died in 1900; he left a wife and eight children. Randall, born in 1845, married Mary Whitsel, daughter of George Whitsel, an old pioneer, and they reside in Chatham; their two children are Alexander and Mary A. William, born in 1846, married Annie McQuarry, of Chatham township and they reside at Ridgetown, where they have a fine home; their children are Herbert, Bertha, Margaret, Ernest, Minnie, Hattie and Alexander. Lawson, unmarried, resides at the old home. Lucinda, born in 1851, married George McKay, and they live in Detroit, Michigan; their children are Hattie, Alexander, Angus, Harry, Millie and Vera. Elsie, born in 1856, married David Barclay, son of Mrs. Janet Barclay, an old pioneer resident, and they have two children, Lawson and Nettie. Isabel, born in 1858, is the widow of James Simmington, who settled in the Northwest of Canada, and left children—Walter, William, Edward, James, Percey, Mary and Edith. Polly, born in 1861, in December, 1882, married David Kelley, who was born in 1853, in the state of New York, a son of Patrick and Elizabeth Kelley, natives of Ireland, and they now reside in Thamesville, where he is a merchant; their children are Anabel, born in 1884; James, 1887; Orvil, 1889; Maude, 1891; Irene, 1894; and Walter, 1900—all bright students at school. Alexander, born in 1863, married Adda Street, of Howard, and they now reside in the Northwest, where he is engaged in the livery business; their children are Myrtle, Lillie, Marie, Jessie and Letha. Mary A., born in the present family home, in 1865, married (first) Albert Wood, who died in Bay City, Michigan, leaving two children, Berenice and William. She married (second) Fred Spencer, of Chatham, and they have one daughter, Hattie L.

Alexander McDonald has long been one of the prominent men of his locality, one who has been devoted to family and country, never failing in any of the duties of good citizenship. He took an active part in suppressing the Rebellion in 1836-37, and has always supported the principles of the Liberal party. With his late beloved wife, he was ever active in religious work, having long been a member of the same church. His life has been filled with much hard work and some adventure, and as fifty-nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, with their parents, gather about him in times of pleasant reunion, he can tell them wondrous tales of early pioneer life and can make the children's lessons of Indian times very real, as he can recall many meetings with savage bands. Not only is Mr. McDonald well posted on past history, but his interest continues active in what is transpiring to-day, his mind being as vigorous as in former years. So active and retentive is it that his neighbors refer to him in all matters concerning those early times when few records were yet made. He enjoys the love and esteem of a wide circle.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER CROW (deceased), whose well spent life was passed in Dover township, County of Kent, was a worthy representative of an English family. He was born on the old homestead March 22, 1816, son of Robert and Rebecca (Everitt) Crow.

Robert Crow was born in England, and he came to the county of Kent in an early day, taking up a large tract of land in Dover township. To each of his five sons he gave a tract of 100 acres. By his wife Rebecca Everitt, he became the father of the following children: William Alexander; Thomas; Robert; John; and Rebecca, who married a Mr. Disman. All are now deceased. Robert Crow married for his second wife Flora Perry, who bore him children as follows: Flora, who married Hiram Dolph; Adam and Abraham, both deceased; Anna, who married Peter Martin; James and Joseph, both deceased; Eliza, who married Paul Martin; and Sophia, of Tilbury township, who married Joe Jubinville.

William Alexander Crow remained on the home farm with his parents until his marriage. His literary training was such as was obtained by the sons of pioneers in the scattered district schools. He was early inured to hard work, and his thorough knowledge of agriculture was the result of practical training, and hard-won experience. For five terms he taught school, and he was always looked upon

as a man of superior intelligence. Naturally he was a man of prominence in public affairs, and to the last he maintained his interest in questions of the day. Politically he belonged to the Reform party. From the time he was nineteen years of age he was honored with public office. He was the first collector, was township constable and assessor for many years. In every position in which he was placed, he proved himself capable and efficient, and he was true to every trust. He always attended and supported the Methodist Church. His death occurred March 24, 1892, and he was laid to rest in the Crow burying ground, in Raleigh township.

In October, 1842, in St. Peter's, Dover township, Mr. Crow was married to Adlair Martin, who was born in Montreal, April 11, 1822, daughter of Francis and Catherine (Purreau) Martin, of Montreal. Francis Martin lived in Montreal until 1824, when he moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he lived for a short time, after which he moved to Raleigh township; he died in 1867, at the age of sixty-five. Mrs. Catherine (Purreau) Martin died in 1891, aged ninety-five years, and was buried in Pain Court cemetery. Both she and her husband were members of the Catholic Church. To Francis Martin and wife were born the following children: Mary, widow of Alexander Lozar, of Detroit, Michigan; Fanny, deceased wife of Moses Sanpeter; Francis, a farmer of Tilbury township; Frezeana, deceased, wife of John Marshall; Margaret, deceased wife of Boniface Gupree; Edith, who died young; Joseph, deceased; and Adlair. To William A. Crow and wife were born children as follows: Rebecca, who married John Johnson, a farmer of Dover township; Mary, deceased, who married Charles Crow; Caroline, widow of William Wilcox, of Bloomfield, Raleigh township; Rosina, deceased wife of Charles Crow; Robert, of Bay City, Michigan; Malcolm, of Chatham, Ont.; William, a thresher and fisherman of Chatham; Julius, a thresher and fisherman in Dover township; Josephine, who died in infancy; and Alfred, Albert and Gilbert, triplets, of whom Alfred is in Port Dover, Michigan, Albert with his mother, and Gilbert died at the age of three weeks. Mrs. Crow still lives in the old homestead, and is remarkably well preserved for her advanced years. Her gentle disposition and her sweet forgetfulness of self have endeared her not only to her own family, but to all who have come within the light of her cheerful nature.

THOMAS C. EGLIN, who has won success as a general farmer in Camden Gore, County of Kent, residing on Lot 7, 2d Concession, where he owns and cultivates fifty acres, also owning 100 acres in the 3d Concession, dates his advent in this locality in 1886, although prior to that he had resided in Camden Gore upon another farm along the river. He built his handsome brick residence in 1896, remodeling in 1900. His birth occurred four miles from Georgetown, Ont., in County Halton, May 3, 1840, and he is a son of Nathan and Joann (Chisholm) Eglin.

The parents came from Yorkshire, England, and Scotland, respectively, and they were married in Toronto. After their marriage they settled in County of Halton, where the father farmed until 1854, when he settled in Chatham township, County of Kent, there purchasing a farm of 200 acres, 100 of which was cleared. The mother died upon this property in 1861, aged sixty years, and was buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham; the father died near Thamesville, in Howard township, in 1877, aged seventy years, and his remains are interred in the Thamesville cemetery. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Frances; Elizabeth died unmarried on the old farm, aged thirty-one years; Alice is the widow of Joseph Shaw of Dresden, Ont.; and Thomas C.

On April 24, 1877, in Camden township, Mr. Thomas C. Eglin married Tracie Van Allen, and the children born to them were as follows: Charles G., who died in 1900; Chisholm; Harry; Thomas; and Mary P., who is at home. Mrs. Eglin was born in Dresden, Ont., a daughter of William H. and Lydia (Blackburn) Van Allen, of Long Point, Ont., and this township, respectively. The father came to County of Kent, settling near Chatham, whence he went to Dresden, and there remained, becoming quite prosperous in the steady following of farming pursuits. His death occurred in 1892, when he was seventy-two years of age, and he lies buried in the Dresden cemetery. The mother, who was born in 1830, resides in Dresden, Ont. She is



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a member of the Baptist Church; her husband was a Methodist. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Allen were: Daniel died young; Jennie, of Louisville, Ont., is the widow of Thomas Arnold; Tracie; Martha died young; William is a farmer of Dresden; and Ross died young.

Thomas C. Eglin remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age, and then rented the old homestead in Chatham township, which he cultivated for five years. After this he rented 200 acres near Dresden for five years, and his next change was made to Dawn Mills, where again he rented for eighteen months. For the following six years he rented a farm on the river Sydenham, in Camden township, at the end of that time moving to another farm in the same township, and the next year he purchased his present property. In politics he is a Conservative, but does not seek for office. Although not a member of any church, he gives to all, and supports all measures calculated to prove beneficial to the community at large. Few men in the township have more friends than Mr. Eglin, whose genial personality wins men, and keeps them firm to him.

WALTER SPRINGSTEEN, a prominent and influential farmer of Howard, on Lake shore Lots 92 and 93, was born in Howard on Concession 12, in November, 1858, son of Peter and Sarah (Freel) Springsteen.

Peter Springsteen was born in April, 1815, at Stony Creek, County Lincoln, Ont., and his wife was born on April 1, 1816, near Niagara, in the same county. The parents of Peter were of German birth, while those of his wife came from Ireland. After the marriage of Peter Springsteen and Sarah Freel, they left their native county and came to County Kent, first settling in Troy, where he conducted a hotel for a number of years, but later they removed to Morpeth, where he was engaged in the same line of business, in connection with working at his trade of blacksmith. In addition he operated a saw-mill at the Rondeau for five years. At the expiration of this period he purchased a farm on Concession 12, known as the Adam Richard's Improvement, where he erected the necessary buildings, cleared the land, and brought it into a fine state of cultivation. Here he resided until his death, in the spring of 1900, his wife having died Feb. 14, 1896. In their religious views they were Universalists. Mr. Springsteen was a Reformer in politics, but would never accept office. Seven children were born to these parents: (1) James, born in 1841, married for his first wife, Jane Guyett, of Howard, and settled at Harwich, where the wife died, leaving three children, Peter, Edward and Lena (now deceased). He married (second) Elizabeth Forbes, of Howard, and they now reside in Rodney, where he conducts a hotel; they have two children, Alice and Walter. (2) Pearley, born in 1843, when a young man learned the trade of carpenter, moved to Chicago, and was in that city at the time of the great fire, but later located in the State of Washington, where he died in June, 1901. (3) Alonzo, born in 1846, is a farmer in Manitoba; he married Miss Kate McDiarmid, of Howard, and he has a family. (4) Reuben, born in 1848, married Miss Margaret Derven, of Wisconsin, in which state they reside, there owning a cheese factory and operating a farm in Dodge county. (5) Alemeth, born in 1851, wife of Milo Munger, resides in McHenry county, Illinois, where Mr. Munger is one of the wealthy men of his section, operating a large farm, dairy and cheese factory; they have six children. (6) Virgil, born in 1853, resides on the home farm; he married Miss Ella Wilson, of Howard, and has a family of three children, Clayton, Myrtle and Ethel. (7) Walter.

Walter Springsteen was educated in the Howard schools while growng to manhood, and remained at the old home until his marriage, in 1881, when he took home his bride and managed his father's property for three years. At the expiration of this time, he purchased the Walton farm on the Lake shore, but in 1888 he located in County Perth, and, forming a partnership with his brother-in-law, John Pitch, engaged in buying grain for six years, when he returned to his farm in Howard, and resided on his Lake shore property until 1896. In that year he purchased the farm located on the Lake front, corner of Erie street, where he owns one of the finest estates in County Kent, with a beautiful residence, built in the old English style of a country gentleman's home, with walks, driveways and parks surrounding the house.

In 1881 Mr. Springsteen was married to

Miss Maggie Wilson, born in County Perth in May, 1859, daughter of Robert and Phila (Hawke) Wilson, one of the pioneer families of that county. Both of the parents of Mrs. Springsteen were born in Canada, and both died in County Perth, leaving three daughters living: Jane, wife of John Pitch, a grain buyer of County Perth; Frances, wife of Benjamin Cook, of Huron county, where he follows conveyancing; Maggie, wife of Mr. Springsteen. Mrs. Springsteen was a student of the high schools of Listowel for a number of years, and is a well educated, refined lady. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Springsteen: Stanley L., born in March, 1898.

Following the example of his parents, Mr. Springsteen has always held to the belief of the Universalist Church. His political opinions are in favor of the Reform party on principle. Mr. Springsteen is one of the active and progressive young farmers of this section of the country and one of more than ordinary ability, whose industry and foresight have made him one of the leading and prosperous farmers of Howard. Few of the farmers in this locality have advanced so rapidly in a legitimate manner in acquiring wealth. Having made agriculture a close study all his life, Mr. Springsteen is competent to cultivate his property in the most scientific manner, and can actually produce two blades of grass where but one existed before, through the application of modern methods. Mr. Springsteen comes of an old and honored pioneer family, whose representatives are recognized as men and women of highest integrity and worth, of which any community may well be proud.

GEORGE W. H. CUNDLE. This well known agriculturist of Lot 21, on the east side of the Communication Road, Harwich township, has by dint of hard work, intelligent, scientific study, watchfulness of the market and wise management won a comfortable competence. He had his start, to be sure, on the fine old homestead opened up by his father, but to him is entirely due the crowning high state of cultivation of which the place now gives evidence. Born at his present home Aug. 27, 1863, he is a son of John and Jane (McNeil) Cundle. His paternal grandfather was a resident of England, and among his children were three sons, all of whom came to America: John, who is mentioned below; Thomas, who settled in Harwich township, where he died leaving one son John, now deceased; and Richard, who died in the United States.

John Cundle, father of George W. H., possessed those sterling traits of character—hardihood, practical judgment and indomitable courage—pre-eminently fitting him for the life of a pioneer. Born in England in 1820, he there passed his early years. As a young man, ambitious to make the most of himself, he came to Ontario, where on a pleasant farm in Raleigh township, County of Kent, he made a start as an agriculturist. About this time Mr. Cundle married Jane McNeil, who was born in Quebec in 1826, daughter of Henry McNeil, a wealthy landowner, who had large possessions in Canada and at Rockford, Illinois, in which State in 1830 he took up his residence. He and his wife Sarah later returned to Canada, but he passed his last days in Illinois, and died there. Mrs. Cundle died in January, 1902, at the home of her son George W. H. To her and her husband were born three children: (1) Sarah H., born in 1845, in Harwich township, grew to womanhood in that place, and married Silas W. White, of Harwich township; they settled upon a tract of land given them by her father; she died at this home in Harwich township, in October, 1896. No children came of this union. (2) George W. H. is mentioned below. (3) Edward C. born in 1866 was reared on his father's homestead, and after the death of the latter fell heir to a large portion of the land, on which he has erected a handsome brick residence and other buildings, and he is now one of the leading agriculturists of the county. He married Annie Campbell, who was born and reared in Harwich township, and they have six children, Gertrude, Annie L., Lila T., Mary E., Edward C. and George H.

Mr. Cundle, by frugality and wise management, was in time enabled to purchase 200 acres of good farming land in Harwich township, where, after his marriage, he settled and continued his agricultural pursuits. Engaging in all branches of general farming adapted to his locality, he made a splendid success of his work, and by additional land purchases enlarged the area of his farm until it embraced 500 acres in one body. He improved the buildings, and carrying on an extensive industry here was at the time of his death one of the wealthiest far-

mers of his locality. He died in February, 1874. He possessed a clear, keen intellect, enabling him to perceive at a glance a good bargain, which, with rare courage and energy, he seldom failed to clinch, and to these traits largely may be attributed his business success. A man of large resources, he also spared himself time for religious and social duties, and the Methodist Church counted him and his wife among its leading members. As a Reformer, he was active in local politics, but did not, however, aspire to office-holding.

George W. H. Cundle, being only about eleven years old when his father died, early felt the necessity of shouldering life's responsibilities. In the schools of Harwich township, however, he managed by strict attention to his studies to gain a thorough education in the common branches, which he has since supplemented by extensive reading. The many demands of his father's large farm consumed much of his time, and, taking up the work there with interest and thoroughness, he early became proficient in the management of the place, and acquired at the same time much practical knowledge of business.

At the early age of twenty, in October, 1883, Mr. Cundle married Phoebe Barker, who was born in Harwich township, in November, 1862, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Moody) Barker, a prominent family, who in 1845 came from Prescott, Lower Canada, and settled in Harwich township. They have one son, Justin, who now resides in Blenheim. Their daughter, Mrs. Cundle, acquired in the schools of Canada a thorough education, and is an intelligent woman, of marked ability. To Mr. and Mrs. Cundle have been born three daughters, all of whom have received good educations in the schools of Harwich township: Jennie, born in 1885; Naomi L., in December, 1887; and Clara L., in July, 1889.

After marriage Mr. Cundle continued upon the family homestead, where he assumed the management of the farm and the care of his aged mother, and there he has since continued. He has engaged in all lines of general farming, and, by practical application of the latest and most approved methods, has caused his farm to yield some of the most valuable products marketed in the county. He has made a specialty of stock raising, and keeping thoroughly well posted upon the care of cattle has equipped his farm with every thing necessary to make an unqualified success of this branch of his industry. In 1902 he erected one of the finest barns in the county, 100x34 feet in dimensions, with a large "L" addition. Every stall is fitted with a metal basin, which is supplied, by means of pipes, with fresh water at all times; and Mr. Cundle has also, by means of an engine, run by natural gas found on the premises, introduced appliances for grinding the feed, and cutting the hay and straw. A natural gift for both mechanics and architecture, combined with some thorough knowledge of each art, has enabled him to lay and execute other wise plans for improving his buildings and farm generally, with the result that the place is now one of the best equipped, most convenient and attractive farms in the county. A shrewd financial manager, Mr. Cundle has made well out of his industry, and is now one of the wealthiest farmers of his locality.

Mr. Cundle possesses a high order of intelligence, which, combined with thorough cultivation and great force of character, has placed him in the foremost rank, not only among agriculturists, but business men as well. Well informed upon all public questions, he is influential as a Reformer in local politics. A man of marked integrity, with the highest sense of honor, he is most highly esteemed in all circles. In religious sentiment he adheres to the faith of the Methodist Church, in which he was reared.

WILLIAM WATT, who passed away Feb. 16, 1903, at his home in Thamesville, was one of the old pioneer settlers of the County of Kent, and was regarded as a leading man of his community. The Watt family originated in England, where Mr. Watt, his father and his grandfather were born.

Edward Watt, the father of William, was born in England in 1810, and there married Eliza Snellgrove, who was also of English parentage. In 1830 Edward Watt, his wife and one son, William, left England, and after a six weeks voyage on the ocean landed in the New World. Their first settlement was made near St. Thomas, Ontario, where they remained for about three years. In 1834 they located in Euphemia township, County of Lambton, and there drew land of Col. Talbot. In 1837 this land was exchanged

for the right to draw 100 acres elsewhere, and the father selected, April 27, 1837, land located in the Gore of Zone, which was in the possession of William Watt at the time of the latter's death. On this farm was the site of the death place of the great Chief Tecumseh, who fell in battle in 1813. The property was covered with timber when it came into the hands of the Watt family, but this was all cleared off by the father and his son William. Here, on what is now known as the Watt homestead, Edward Watt died in 1852. To him and his wife were born the following named children: William; Harriet, deceased; Jayhew, who died in 1838; John, of Detroit, who married Sarah Tye, daughter of the late Dr. Tye, and has had children—John, Ethel and Thomas, the latter deceased; Edward, of Kansas City, Missouri, who married Mary Tye, a sister of Sarah Tye, and has three children, Edward, Mary, and Eliza; James, who died leaving children—Donald, James, William, John, Catherine and Isabella; Abraham, who died leaving three children—John, Edward and Eliza; and Mary, deceased.

William Watt was born Jan. 24, 1828, in England, and was but a child when brought to Ontario by his parents, he being the only one of their children born in the Mother Country. During his growth to manhood's estate he assisted his father on his farm, but upon the latter's death succeeded to his hotel business. On March 10, 1856, Mr. Watt purchased the lot on which now stands the popular "Tecumseh House," a tract then covered with timber, and after clearing the property he erected a wooden structure known as the "Western Hotel," which was later replaced by the commodious and modern brick building, the "Tecumseh House," conducted by Mr. Watt's son, George J. Watt.

In 1853 Mr. Watt married Ruth Shaw, daughter of Thomas Shaw, and granddaughter of William Shaw. She died in 1883, aged sixty-nine years. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Watt: Edward Thomas married Mary Dixon, and has two children, Charles and Frederick; Harriet married James Waddell and has two children, William and George; George J. married Emma Jennings, and has five children, George, Ellen, John Jennings, Willie and Meadeleine; Eliza is a resident of Bay City, Michigan; William married (first) Mary Featherstone, and (second) Annie Conner, by whom he has had one son, Edward; Nelson married Annie McDonald, and has three children, Edward, Ethel and Ruth; Emma married Henry Gillies, and they have four children, Grace, Ethel, Claud and Howard; Warren Wesley is deceased.

Politically Mr. Watt was a member of the Reform party, and always took a deep interest in local affairs. His religious connections were with the Church of England, and he was always one of the liberal contributors toward the support of its work. Although over three-score and ten years at the time of his death Mr. Watt was remarkably well preserved, and he was held in the greatest regard, not only by his immediate family, but also by all who knew him. His recollections of the early days of the county were very entertaining and well worthy of publication, for he lived nearly all of his life in the Dominion and saw much of its wonderful development.

GILBERT H. DOLSEN. The first of the Dolsen family to come to America was Isaac Dolsen, or Van Dolsen, as it was originally spelled, in Holland, the home of the family. Isaac was born in Holland, and upon emigrating to America located for a time in the State of Pennsylvania, but a short period afterward removed to Sandwich, County of Essex, and soon after moved to Raleigh township, County of Kent, where he died about the middle of the eighteenth century. His children are recorded as follows: Isaac, Jacob, Matthew, Peter, Daniel, Hannah and Betsey. Daniel Dolsen was the grandfather of our subject.

Daniel Dolsen was born May 4, 1773, and died Jan. 23, 1853. He was but a boy when the family located in Raleigh township, and he was reared there, engaged in farming, was a man of economy and good judgment, and accumulated a large property, owning 800 acres in one block, upon a part of which G. H. Dolsen now lives. His death occurred at the age of eighty-five years. He married Abbie Colburn, who, when a girl, met with an unusual and thrilling experience. She was born in Pennsylvania, and in girlhood was captured by a band of Indians and taken to their camp, and made to do the hard labor of cook for the band. She managed to escape some months after, through the connivance of a

Frenchman who discovered her captivity. She was the mother of all of Daniel Dolsen's children. After her death he married a widow, Mrs. Holmes. Daniel's children are recorded as follows: Isaac, James, John Colburn, Samuel, Betsey, Mrs. Rev. Griffiths, and Mrs. Rev. Willison.

John Colburn Dolsen, the third son, was the father of our subject and he grew up on the home place and was given a farm of 100 acres, where our subject now resides. His death occurred when he was but twenty-seven years old. He married Maria Scarlett, a native of Hertfordshire, England, and four children were born to them: Ann Abigail, wife of James Scarlett, of California; two infants died young; and Gilbert H.

Gilbert Dolsen was born on the place where he now lives, Oct. 19, 1830, and had but the educational advantages supplied by the district schools of his neighborhood. He recalls that as a boy he figured out his "sums" in the ashes, on the kitchen hearthstone. At the age of fourteen years he was given an opportunity to attend school at Florence under Richard Dobbyn, which he eagerly embraced, and there completed his education.

At the age of majority Mr. Dolsen received the farm on which he was born, the same which had been his grandfather's, his father's, his own, and now on this same place live his children and grandchildren, five generations having prospered here. Mr. Dolsen has added largely to the original 100 acres, by purchasing a 200-acre tract to the south, and later 350 acres at Jeannette's Creek, in the township of Tilbury. On the latter place he raises a large amount of stock, at present having 150 sheep and eighty head of cattle. On the homestead farm in Raleigh township, he does general farming and fruit raising, and he is one of the most extensive agriculturists of the township, and one of the most successful and competent.

Politically Mr. Dolsen, like his father, is identified with the Government party, and in years past has been very active in township affairs. He served efficiently for eighteen years on the council, and has been deputy reeve and reeve of the township of Raleigh.

Mr. Dolsen was married (first) to Emily Dobbyn, daughter of Richard Dobbyn, who died Oct. 27, 1862, aged twenty-four years and three months. To this union were born four children: Maria Annetta, who married Rev. John Lacock, of Manitoba, and is the mother of twelve children; Emily, who died young; Richard Colburn, born March 28, 1859, and died May 10, 1882; and William, who died May 23, 1862, aged five months and five days. Mr. Dolsen married (second) Ann Broadbent, and the children of this marriage have been: John Gilbert, who died Nov. 27, 1889, aged twenty-two years and ten months; Frederick Alexander, who is engaged in operating the farms, and who married a Miss Longmoore, by whom he has five daughters; and Agnes Maud, D. D. S., who is a successful dentist in practice at Chicago, and who married Fletcher Thompson of that city. The family are members of the Methodist Church.

ANGIS JOHNSON, a prominent and successful farmer of Howard township, residing on Lot 10, 4th Concession, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in April, 1843, a son of Ronald and Mary (McKay) Johnson, both natives of Scotland.

In 1855 the parents came to the Dominion, making the voyage to Quebec in a sailing-vessel. They settled for some years on a rented farm, and then located in Orford township, where the father died, leaving a wife and family. Mrs. Johnson died in Howard township, at the home of her son Angis. Religiously the parents were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church until after the death of the father, when Mrs. Johnson united with the Methodist denomination in Howard. They were the parents of six children: Hugh, born in Scotland, married Bell McCarthy, of Ridgetown, and settled for some years in Orford, thence moving to Michigan, where he died on his farm, leaving a wife, but no family. Duncan, born in Scotland, married Miss Katie McBearie, of the County of Kent, and removed to Michigan, where he followed the trade of carpenter; he also took up land, and continued there until he died, leaving a wife and three children, Mary, Wilbur and Duncan. Sarah, born in Scotland, married William George, who resided in Howard township for some time, removed to Grand Traverse County, Michigan, where he followed farming, and returning to Canada settled at Ridgetown, where he now makes his home; they have a family of four children, Nelson, Bertha, Lavina, and Mrs. Burleigh. Daniel,

born in Scotland, married in Michigan, and is now a farmer of Grand Traverse County, that State; he has three daughters. Angis is mentioned below. One child died in Scotland when young.

Angis Johnson received his education in the excellent schools of his native land, and after locating in the Dominion he worked upon his father's land until he reached his majority. After this, he worked by the month and year, for various farmers, until he had saved sufficient money to purchase his present property, then wild land. His life upon his own farm was commenced in a log shanty, and he labored early and late to clear his land and make a comfortable home for his wife and family. At present his place is one of the best in the County of Kent, and the success which has crowned his efforts is richly deserved.

In 1869 Mr. Johnson married Miss Ellen Balmer, of Howard township, the daughter of John Balmer, one of the old pioneers of the County of Kent. Mrs. Johnson was born in 1844, was reared here, and educated in the schools of the county. The young couple commenced housekeeping in a primitive home, and in 1887 Mr. Johnson erected a fine brick residence, which is one of the most comfortable farm houses in the entire vicinity. He has also built two barns. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson: Ronald, born on the home farm, is unmarried and residing with his parents. John, born on the home farm, married Miss Maggie Brown, of Canada, and resides on a farm in Dawn; they have one son, Albert. Margaret married Thomas Buller, of Howard township, and has no family. Albert died in childhood. Albert (2), born in Howard township, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown and the business college of Chatham, and is one of the intelligent young men of the township. George is a student in the Howard school.

The religious convictions of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson make them members of the Methodist Church, in the work of which Mr. Johnson has taken an active part, holding the office of trustee and steward of the church. He is one of the well-to-do citizens of Howard, and is beloved and esteemed by all who know him and appreciate his kindly, Christian character and know of his many charities. He and his wife braved the hardships of pioneer life, and by their own unaided efforts have placed themselves in the foremost ranks of the substantial citizens of Howard.

JOHN H. CLEMENTS. Few agriculturists of Dover township have year after year pursued their work with more diligence, keen interest, or accurate knowledge, than this thrifty farmer residing on the river front about two miles from Pain Court. As a result he has now one of the most attractive places in the vicinity—a fine ninety-acre tract, largely under cultivation, with tidy grounds, beautiful trees and handsome buildings, including a splendid brick house.

Mr. Clements was born in Pain Court, Jan. 4, 1855, and comes of good English stock. His grandfather, James Clements, was born in England, about 1813, and there spent many years of his life. As a young man he chose agriculture for his occupation, and this industry he continued for the most part through life. Reports of splendid openings in his line in Canada decided him, in 1851, to come to the New World. He eventually settled upon a tract of land in Dover township, where his grandson, John H., now resides. He improved this property, making it into a good home for himself and family, and here, in 1870, at the age of sixty-seven years, he died. By his wife, Mary, he had several children, among whom was a son, William.

William Clements, father of John H., a resident of Raleigh township, has also prominently identified himself with the development of the agricultural resources of this section. Born in England, in December, 1827, he resided for some time in Leeds. He received careful rearing, and was early prepared for the duties of life. When about seventeen years old he came with his parents to Canada, first locating in Napanee, County Addington, Ont., where he remained for about seven years, and then moved with his parents to County Kent, and settled upon a farm, where his son now resides. Having during this period, become thoroughly acquainted with American methods of agriculture, he now gave his time almost exclusively to that occupation, and, making a thorough success of it, he continued it throughout his active life. A wise manager, he made well out of his industry, and, in 1890, was enabled to retire from active work and moved to Chatham.

Later, upon the death of his wife, in 1900, he took up his residence with his daughter, Alice J. Johnson, in Raleigh township, where he now resides. During his young manhood he married Alice Bolton, of Dawn, Ontario. She died in January, 1900, at the age of sixty-six years, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. Eight children were born to this union: John H., who is mentioned below; William H., a farmer of Dover township; Walter R., a book-keeper of Chicago; Adolphus, who died in 1899; James C., who died in 1890; Alice J., who married Alexander Johnson, a farmer of Raleigh township; Chester D., who died in Montana, in 1887; and Herbert, of the firm T. H. Taylor & Co., millers, at Chatham.

Mr. Clements possessed marked force of character, much business discernment, and a large capacity for work. For the life of a pioneer he was eminently qualified, and in that field he was a strong leader. In all circles he has been influential, especially in religious ones, having long been a prominent member of the Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belonged.

John H. Clements passed his early life for the most part in County Kent, first residing at Pain Court, and coming to the farm, whereon he now resides, when about nine years old. He received the ordinary rearing of farmers' boys of his locality, being given good religious instruction, and early trained to accept responsibility. Both a taste for farming and thorough knowledge of it decided him as a young man to follow that pursuuit, and with his father he continued it on the home farm for several years.

In Dover township, in November, 1880, Mr. Clements married Susan Gilmore, who was born in Port Hope, Ont., daughter of William Gilmore, of Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Clements have been born four children: Howard S., Alice M., Florence B. and William P.

After marriage Mr. Clements settled upon a farm in Chatham township, where he continued agriculture. Taking up his work with energy and determination, he followed it in that locality for about ten years, making a splendid success of it. Then, in 1890, upon his father's retirement, he moved to the family homestead in Dover township, where he has since resided. This well-improved ninety-acre farm furnished a splendid opening in his line, and here he has engaged in general farming. He is a live, earnest worker, progressive, and highly practical, and under his management the fine old homestead has produced some of the best crops raised in the county, and has brought in large money returns for his labor. Mr. Clements's attainments and rare business ability have brought him to the front in the public affairs of his community, and for two years he served as township councilor, filling the office with efficiency and marked fidelity. For the past year he has served as director of the fair association. Politically he affiliates with the Conservatives. He is a man of high moral principles, thoroughly upright in all his dealings, and he is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church.

JOHN SKINNER, a general farmer and ex-manufacturer of the Gore of Chatham, residing on Lot 10, Concession 3, facing Concession 4, owns and operates a fine farm of 150 acres, to which he came in 1876. His birth occurred May 22, 1840, in Scotland, and he is a son of Isaac and Christena (Ronaldson) Skinner, of Scotland, where the father was first a stone mason, then a farmer, but he retired ten years prior to his death, which occurred in 1886, he being eighty years of age, while his wife, born in 1806, the same year as the father, died in 1878; both were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to them were: Ellen, who died in Scotland, married John Gaudic; Jane, of Portland, Oregon, married Capt. Edward Frye; Donald, of Dresden, Ont., is a retired farmer; Capt. James, a sea captain, died in 1880; Isabella, of Scotland, is the widow of Isaac Skinner; John; Jessie, of Toronto, is the widow of John Garson; Margaret, of Oshawa, Ont., married George Swinson; Isaac is a farmer of County Lambton. All the sons were sailors, and John and Donald were ship carpenters.

On March 15, 1866, Mr. John Skinner married in Scotland, Margaret Isbester, and the children born to this union were: John, who died, unmarried, at the age of twenty-nine years; Isaac J., a farmer of the Gore of Chatham, who married Priscilla Stewart; Robert, who died in infancy; James, of Detroit, Michigan, a brass finisher; William R., who died in infancy; Malcolm, who died in Detroit in 1890; Anna R., who married George Daily of

County Lambton; and Isabella M., Christena and Clyde, at home. Mrs. Skinner was born in Scotland March 25, 1848, a daughter of Malcolm and Anna (Leask) Isbester, of Scotland, where they lived and died, the father being a farmer of prominence.

Until he was fifteen years of age our subject remained with his parents, but at that time he went to serve an apprenticeship to the trade of ship carpenter, and he continued along that line until 1864, two years of that time being spent on a British man-of-war. He sailed for ten years, and then located in Canada, purchasing a farm in County Lambton, upon which he made his home for six years, but then disposed of it and bought his present farm, where he has since made his home. During his life on the sea he had several experiences connected with the American Rebellion, as he was on the "Princess Royal," hauling freight, was captured twice, and was in prison on the "Beaumont" for four weeks, and he was also captured on the steamboat "Kit," at Wilmington.

In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Skinner was instrumental in the establishment of the Wallaceburg Canning Works and served as one of its directors for two years, during which time, in conjunction with Edward Quennell and William Heirs, he operated the plant, but after a year, it was destroyed by fire. In politics he was a Reformer from the time he cast his first vote, and he has served upon the board of school trustees for twenty years. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., and the Masonic Blue Lodge. His religious convictions make him a Presbyterian, and he is very prominent in that body. Enterprising, public-spirited, thrifty, he is a man who knows how to earn a dollar, then how to save it, and finally how to invest it to the best advantage, and who also makes and retains friends, that honor him for his many sterling traits of character, and that recognize in him a most excellent example of the best type of agriculturist in western Ontario.

PETER M. McBRAYNE. Among the prominent farming people living on the Botany Road, in Howard township, County of Kent, are Peter M. and Eliza J. McBrayne, highly esteemed residents of that section, who are widely known for their excellent lives and Christian character.

Mr. McBrayne was born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 4, 1833, a son of Archie and Catherine (Shaw) McBrayne, the former of whom was born in Argyllshire and the latter in Alloa, Scotland. Prior to coming to Canada, Archie McBrayne was a seafaring man. When he came to Canada he obtained 180 acres of land from Col. Talbot, on Concession 2, in Howard township, County of Kent, built a log house and made such other preparations as he could for the reception of his wife and only son, Peter M., who three years later joined him. In the course of time the log cabin gave place to a very good frame house, and here the family lived until the death of both parents. Archie McBrayne was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church in Howard. The six children born to himself and wife were as follows: Peter M. is mentioned below; Cornelius, born in Howard in 1837, resides on Concession 4, married a Miss Bowers, and has a family; Mary J., born in 1840, married Henry Mitton, and they reside in Ridgetown; Catherine M., born in 1842, is the widow of Duncan Johnston, of northern Michigan, her home being at Central Lake (her two children are Wilbur and Mary J., the latter now Mrs. Samuel Coulter, of Michigan); Archie, born in 1845, died at the old homestead, unmarried; Isabella, born in 1848, married Henry Spencer, of Ridgetown, who, with one son, Herbert, survives her.

Peter M. McBrayne was educated in the Botany schools in Howard township. In young manhood he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some years, but in 1853 he purchased 100 acres of wild land in Howard township, on Concession 2. In 1854 he married Flora Cameron, a member of an old Kent family, who died in 1884, the mother of eleven children, namely: Euphemia, born in 1855, married William Gamage, of Orford and they have two children, Ernest and Alberda; Archie, born in 1857, married Eliza Degraw, of the County of Kent, and they live in Zone, County of Kent; Peter D., born in 1859, is a farmer in Zone township (he is unmarried); Katherine, born in 1861, married George Thompson, of Chatham, where they reside, and their children are Roy and Pearle; Melvina, born in 1864, married Christopher Smith, and died leaving one son, Adrian; William, born in 1866, married Alice Hirenes, of the County of Kent, and they reside in Manitoba (they have one son, Archie); Al-

fred, born in 1869, is engaged in the painting business in Detroit, and his wife Mary was of that city (they have two children); Minard and Mary, twins, were born in 1871; the former married Maggie Perry, of Chatham, and they reside in Detroit, where he is a salesman; the latter is a professional nurse in the same city; Cornelius, born in 1874, is unmarried and engaged in business at Chatham; James, the youngest, died in childhood.

In June, 1886, Mr. McBrayne was united in marriage with Mrs. Riley Moore, daughter of Willard and Julia A. (Irvin) Ellis and a member of an old family of Lower Canada. The father was born in Lower Canada, and her mother in the State of Pennsylvania, where she died during the childhood of Mrs. McBrayne. Mr. Ellis resides at Camden, Canada. The ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are all surviving, Mrs. McBrayne being the fourth in order of birth, and of the others Holly is a resident of Sault Ste. Marie; Myra is the wife of Amos B. Shaw, of Chatham township; Nelson is a resident of Thamesville. Eliza J. Ellis, now the wife of Mr. McBrayne was born in 1854, and was reared in Dresden, Canada, where she married Riley Moore. After living for a time in Dresden they moved to Sarnia, and there Mr. Moore died in 1885, leaving his widow with five children, namely, Myrtle, Vera, Claud and Maud (twins) and Lida U. (1) Myrtle, born in 1874, married George Birkbeg, of Chatham, and their children are Russell, Grace, Arthur and Mabel. (2) Vera, born in 1877, married Walter Palmer, a blacksmith in Ridgetown, and has one daughter, Nellie. (3) Claud, born in September, 1881, died from injuries received in a railroad wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, while performing his duty as fireman. This was a most lamentable end for a promising young man, a favorite among his associates and fellow trainmen. For three hours this faithful employe of the road suffered agonies which are heart-breaking for his relatives to recall, and those who witnessed his sufferings testify that his endurance was almost superhuman, before death mercifully ended all. Claud Moore was a young man of exceptional promise, respected by his employers and beloved by his family and friends. The heart-felt sympathy of the whole community was extended to his family, and he is tenderly remembered. He lived with his aunt at Plainfield, Ohio, and was soon to have been married to a young lady of that place. (4) Maud, twin sister of Claud, was given a good education, and is now the wife of John Eliot, to whom she was married in 1899; they live on a farm in Howard, and have two children, Harland and Virlie. (5) Lida U., born in Sarnia in 1884, was educated at Blenheim, and in 1901 was married to James Campbell, of Camden, Canada, son of William Campbell, one of Camden's old residents; they now reside in Chatham township, where Mr. Campbell is engaged in farming.

In 1886 Mr. McBrayne and wife settled at his old home in Howard, but in 1888 he sold that property and removed to Chatham, living there for five years, when he sold out and settled on his brother Archie's old homestead, where he still resides. Three children came to Mr. and Mrs. McBrayne, namely: Jennie C., born in Chatham in 1891, and Jessie B., born in 1895, both students in Howard; and Olive, who died in childhood.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McBrayne are members of the Latter Day Saints Church, the former having long been a prominent man in this religious body; he was a delegate to the conference held in 1881 at Kirtland, Ohio, and is one of the elders and priests of the church in Ridgetown. Politically he has been active in the Conservative party and has very efficiently performed the duties of tax collector in Howard, being a man of the most unquestioned integrity. He belongs to the order of Orangemen, Lodge No. 865, of Northwood, County of Kent. As noted in the opening of this article, Mr. McBrayne is one of the worthy and esteemed citizens of Howard, a man widely known for his exemplary life and character.

PETER TOULOUSE, a successful general farmer of Dover township, County of Kent, settled there in 1887, and resides on Lot 9, Concession 9, having a farm of 150 acres. He was born one mile from his present home Nov. 7, 1830, a son of Peter and Marie (Emery) Toulouse, of Windsor and Montreal, respectively.

The parents were married in Dover township, where they remained, the father having located in the County of Kent when a young man. He first worked in Chatham, but later settled in Dover. For a time he worked among

the farmers, until he took up fifty acres of land, then in a wild condition, which he cleared, finally disposing of the property at a good figure. He then purchased another fifty acres of wild land on the 7th Concession, and this he also cleared. However, there was no deed for the land, and although Peter Toulouse, his son, claimed it, he was obliged to buy it from the government. Later he sold this same property to his brother Joseph, for $1,700, and the latter still resides upon the land. The father died in 1850, at the age of fifty-five years, and the mother three days afterward, aged fifty years; both were victims of cholera. They were consistent members of the Catholic Church. The children born to them were as follows: Flavia (deceased), married John Tercarte; Peter is mentioned below; Otcome, of Detroit, Michigan, married Jay Losh; John is deceased; Oliver is in the United States; Frank is a resident of Saginaw, Michigan, where Axeltra and Theodora are also located; Victor is in Wallaceburg, Ont.; Sophia (deceased) married a Mr. Owens; Juliann, of Saginaw, Michigan, is the widow of Lick Lafay. The paternal grandfather, Jake Toulouse, of Montreal, died in Windsor, Ontario.

Peter Toulouse remained with his parents until they died, and then continued on the farm for eighteen years, when he sold the property and purchased fifty acres of wild land. This he later cleared and sold, and again bought property, this time a farm of 200 acres, also in a wild condition, at Mitchell's Bay. After seven years he sold it and bought a farm of 150 acres, also uncleared, of which he now has 125 acres in a good state of cultivation.

On July 18, 1854, in Pain Court, Mr. Toulouse was married to Frances Myers, and the following children have been born to them: Peter, Jr., of the "Wallaceburg Hotel"; Oliver, a farmer of Dover township; Josephine, who died in infancy; Maggie, married to G. McIntyre, of Sunbury, Ont.; Mary, married to Martin Clye, of Chatham, Ont.; Josephine, wife of Peter Martin, of Dover township; Joseph, who is with his father; Frank, a farmer of Dover township; and Albert, with his father. Mrs. Toulouse was born in Dover township June 7, 1838, a daughter of John and Fanny (Lozo) Myers, of the same locality, where the father died in 1879, aged sixty-five. The mother, now over eighty-two years of age, resides in Dover township with her son David. The Myers family is of German extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Toulouse are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. Toulouse is a Conservative. He is highly respected in the neighborhood, as are his wife and children.

WILLIAM S. SCAMAN, president of the Raleigh Agricultural Society, and a successful farmer of the township, who enjoys the distinction of having had the second oil well of the district sunk on his land, is a native of Raleigh township, County of Kent, his father, Benjamin S. Scaman, having come to the county in 1855.

Samuel Scaman, the grandfather, was born in Lincolnshire, England, and when a young man emigrated to Canada, locating in Hope township, County of Durham, where he purchased several hundred acres and engaged in farming, assisted by his sons, becoming very successful. He was a farseeing man, and believed that by buying land in sections which promised to become populous he was laying the foundation of an immense fortune. With that idea in view he made purchases of land in Raleigh township on the Middle road, to the extent of 650 acres, and sent sons to the County of Kent to look after the property. In Hope township Samuel Scaman married Jane Shaber, a native of Lincolnshire, England, and to this union were born the following children: Benjamin S., Eliza, Samuel, George, Rebecca, Sidney, Harvey, William and Richard. The grandparents died in Hope township, both at an advanced age.

Benjamin S. Scaman, the father of William S., was the first of the name to locate in Raleigh township, and he was followed several years later by his brother Sidney, now a prosperous farmer of the township. In 1855 Benjamin settled on Lot 16, 11th Concession, and after farming the 100-acre tract for several years, he took up his residence on Lots 19, 20 and 21, Concession 11, when there was but little improvement upon the land. Here he cleared up the land and developed it into a fine farm, and made it his home for thirty years, meeting with success. He then retired to Blenheim, but later moved to the Northwest Territory, where he acquired property, and in September, 1901, met with his death by accident. His widow

survives, and still makes her home in the Northwest Territory. Politically Benjamin Scaman was a Reformer, and for a number of years served on the municipal council. He married in Hope township, Mary Jane Handysides, and to this union were born the following children: Fred, a farmer of Strathcona, Northwest Territory; Sarah, who married Archie Cameron, of Harwich township; William Samuel; Rebecca, traveling for a medicine company; Annie, a milliner of Detroit; Elizabeth, a retoucher in a photograph gallery at Detroit; Ada, wife of F. B. Judson, of California.

William S. Scaman was born in Raleigh township on the farm he now owns, Sept. 10, 1860, and there he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the district schools. For a time he rented the homestead farm, but after five years, he became a butcher in Chatham. After a short period, however, he returned to farming, purchasing the W. P. Smith property on the Middle road, where he has since made his home, although he also owns the old homestead, which he later bought, it consisting of 120 acres. He is a thrifty farmer, and for years has carried on a very successful butchering business in his own home. For twenty years he was connected with a cheese factory, conducting the establishment until a year ago in conjunction with neighboring farmers. He now confines his cheese and butter making to his own herd of eighteen cows. Politically he is a Reformer, and is a member of the trustees of the No. 8 section school. For the past ten years he has been a member of the Raleigh Agricultural Society, and in 1902 was elected its president. He is a member of the lodge of Foresters of South Buxton, and is very popular in that body, as he is wherever he is known, while he enjoys in highest degree the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

Mr. Scaman was married to Nellie Packard of Harwich township, and the following children have been born to this union: Hattie, Wilfred, Roy and Pearl.

JAMES THOMPSON (deceased) was during a long and busy life one of the prominent and valued citizens of the County of Kent. His birth took place Sept. 21, 1837, on Concession 2, Howard township.

James and Margaret (McKinley) Thompson, his parents, were both natives of Argyllshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in the early days of the settlement of Howard township. Here they lived and reared their children, and here Mrs. Thompson died, but Mr. Thompson died in Chatham, where he had located a short time previously. James was the only son of his parents, his sisters being: Mary A., who married James West, of Chatham, and has a family; Jane, who married John Atkinson, both now deceased; and Miss Janet, who is a resident of Howard.

James Thompson was reared on the farm, and in young manhood learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in combination with farming during his whole life. For a number of years he was one of the large reliable builders and contractors in his locality. While still a young man he purchased the present farm and thereon erected a residence and barn, and in later years accumulated other property, owning several large and valuable farms.

On April 17, 1861, James Thompson was married to Mary McKinley, daughter of Daniel and Mary (McEntosh) McKinley, both of whom were born, reared and married in Scotland. They came to Canada in 1836 and settled in the County of Elgin for a time, but in 1854 they moved to Howard and located on the Botany Road, where Mr. McKinley died; his wife died at the home of Mrs. Thompson. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKinley were among the founders and liberal supporters of the Botany Presbyterian Church. His political support was given to the Reform party. Their five children were: (1) Janet, born in Scotland in 1826, is the widow of Robert Beatty, of the County of Essex, she and her two daughters living in Guelph, Canada. She is the mother of ten children, and three of her sons became ministers in the Presbyterian Church—Rev. Francis, of South Carolina; Rev. Daniel, deceased; and Rev. William, of the States. (2) John, born in 1828, in Scotland, married Mary Robinson, and settled as a merchant in Detroit, where he died in 1892. His wife died in Canada in 1886. Their two daughters are Mary, now the wife of Humphrey Collins, one of the leading merchants of Simcoe; and Bertha, wife of Benjamin Willit, of Detroit. (3) Margaret, born in 1830, in Scotland, was the wife of John Little, a merchant for many years at McKays Corners, later at South Middleton, where he

was killed by a boiler explosion. Mrs. Little is also deceased. They had seven children—Archibald and Mary, deceased; Daniel, of Wallaceburg; Euphemia, of Thamesville; Letitia, of Canada; Margaret, of Bay City; and John, of Glencoe. (4) Mary, Mrs. Thompson, is mentioned below. (5) Peter, born in 1838, in Canada, married Jennie Robertson, of Howard. They settled at Middletown, and he was killed in the accident which caused his brother's death. He left two daughters—Mary, the wife of Hugh Cameron, of Ridgetown; and Margaret, of Harwich township.

Mrs. Mary (McKinley) Thompson, widow of James Thompson, was born in Scotland in 1835, and was but a child when brought to Canada, where she was liberally educated. After her marriage she settled in her present home, and her lived, surrounded with comfort and in loving companionship, until she was bereft of her husband on March 28, 1893. Mr. Thompson was a man who had many friends, and was particularly missed in the church and Sabbath-school, having been an elder in the former for more than thirty years and superintendent in the latter for a long period. Mrs. Thompson has also taken a deep interest in the Presbyterian Church, and for seventeen years taught in the Sabbath-school, exerting an influence for good on all around her. A family of five children was born into this happy home: James, born in 1863, married Josephine Wicks, of London, Canada, and they reside on the town line of Howard, Concession 2; five of their six children are living, Mary E., Virgie E., Minnie R., Ruby, and James V., while George L., is deceased. Donald, born in 1866, died at the age of twenty-eight years; he was one of the most gifted young men of the locality. Edith, born in 1869, married David Everett, and they live on Concession 2, Howard; they have children—Mary F., Reta, Daisey D. and James. Mary B., born in 1872, died in childhood. Mabel M. died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Thompson was a stanch Reformer, was prominent in political circles, and was a member of the Council for a number of years. He was one of the eminently useful, honest and upright citizens of Howard township. His influence lives after him, and his family take pride in the record of his exemplary life.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL GORDON, one of the successful general farmers and prominent residents of Dover township, was born in that township Dec. 1, 1861, a son of Alexander and Janet (Crawford) Gordon, highly esteemed residents of the County of Kent.

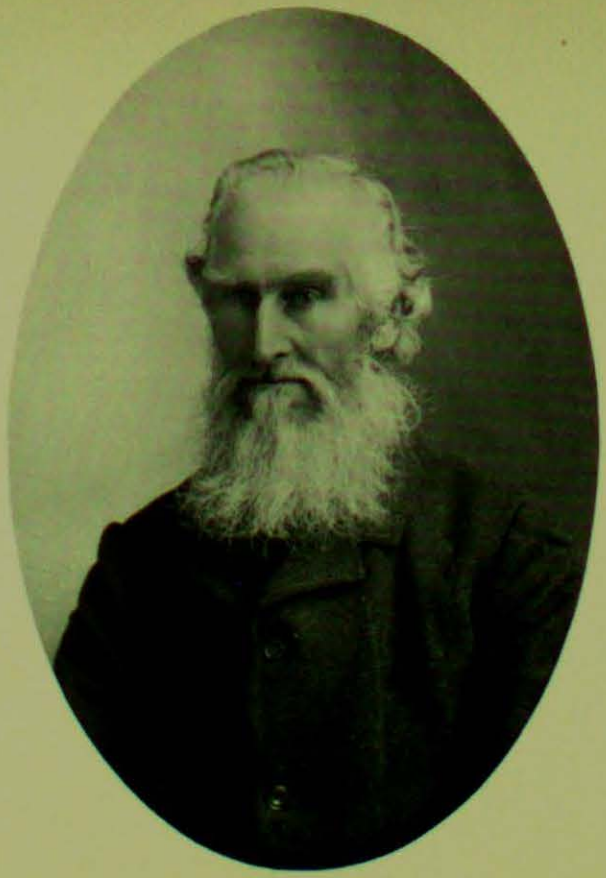
In April, 1899, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage with Miss Catherine McArthur, who was born in Chatham township, a daughter of David and Mary (McGinnis) McArthur, who are residing on the 14th Concession, in Chatham township, County of Kent. Two children have been born of this marriage, David A. and William McC. Mr. Gordon remained upon his father's farm until his marriage, when he located on Lot 36, 14th Concession, where he erected a fine brick residence, to which he took his bride. The farm consists of 100 acres, which he has placed in a high state of cultivation, and the whole property testifies to his ability as a farmer and his wife's skill as a housekeeper. In politics Mr. Gordon is a member of the Reform party, and he and his wife are prominently identified with the Presbyterian Church, of which they are members. In their pleasant home, surrounded by the comforts of life, enlivened by their little ones, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon dispense a generous hospitality, and they occupy a position of prominence in the community which is well merited.

THOMAS ENGLISH, a successful farmer and experienced wood workman of the County of Kent, residing on Concession 7, Harwich township, was born Aug. 18, 1840, on his present farm, a son of William and Martha (Wylie) English, natives of County Down, Ireland.

William English and his wife both grew to maturity in their native land, and were there married. In 1834 they emigrated to Canada, and came at once to the County of Kent, settling in Harwich township. The land upon which they located was in the midst of the woods, and they became true pioneers in the New World. A little log cabin was the home for a number of years, but in 1855, the year of his death, which occurred March 2, Mr. English completed the frame house, and also a good barn. At the time of his death he owned 400 acres of land, a part of which was under cultivation, and at this home he had



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made for her his wife died in 1875. William and Martha (Wylie) English were the parents of the following children: Andrew, born in Ireland, Jan. 15, 1834, is unmarried and makes his home with his brother William; James, born April 21, 1836, died in childhood; William, born May 13, 1838, married Catherine McCall, and resides in Harwich township; Thomas is mentioned below; James, born Aug. 28, 1842, now a farmer near Onawa, Iowa, married Mariah Hamel, of Harwich township, by whom he had eight children, Parthena, Margaret, William, Arthur, Sarah, Wylie, John, and Verna (deceased); Leslie, born Dec. 19, 1845, a leading farmer of the County of Kent, now retired, has had a large family; Robert, born Aug. 19, 1848, is a prosperous farmer on a part of the old homestead, and has five children, William W., Mary B., John L., Robert B. and Kenneth M.; Margaret, born Aug. 19, 1851, married William Smith, of Blenheim, and died April 3, 1897, leaving five children, Frank, Martha, Howard, Lulu and Hilburn.

Thomas English was reared upon his father's farm, where he not only assisted in the work of the place, but, being a natural mechanic, also turned his attention to carpentering and mechanical work of all kinds. He has found much pleasure in his wood work, and has used his ingenuity to fashion many useful things, having several very handsome picture frames he has made from designs of his own; he also has a fiddle he made himself, although he never learned to play it. In 1873 he purchased fifty acres adjoining his present home, which was given him by his father, and erected thereon a number of good buildings, and has the land in excellent condition. When he moved to his present place, in 1880, although a part of the old farm, it was in its natural state, an unbroken wilderness, and all the improvements and its present fine state of cultivation are due to his energy and thrift. Mr. English has devoted his farm principally to fruit culture, and has made a wonderful success of the venture. The house and grounds are surrounded by a red cedar hedge, the only one of its kind in this section of the country. The general appearance of the place is most attractive, and it is regarded as one of the neatest homes in the county.

On Jan. 6, 1869, Mr. English married Mary Helen Coatsworth, daughter of Thomas Coatsworth, one of the county's leading men. Mrs. English was born near Rondeau, Harwich township, Nov. 23, 1851, and died March 31, 1869. Politically Mr. English has always been, as was his father, identified with the government party, and has been staunch in the support of its principles, but has never cared for official honors. While temperate in his habits he has never arrayed himself either for or against the liquor traffic. Mr. English was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and has done much toward the support of that denomination in Harwich township. Enterprising, progressive, quick to take advantage of new ideas, and always seeking to discover better methods of carrying on his work, Mr. English has developed his property to a remarkable degree and placed himself among the leading men of the county.

THOMAS COATSWORTH, father of the late Mrs. English, is a retired farmer, living on a twenty-five acre farm on Lot 15, Concession 6, Harwich township. He was born in Romney township, County of Kent, Aug. 30, 1826, son of Robert and Mary (Hetherington) Coatsworth. Robert Coatsworth was a native of the County of Durham, England, and his wife, Mary (Hetherington), of the County of Northumberland. They were married in Stanhope, England, and in 1817 emigrated to America, locating in the County of Kent, Ont., where Mr. Coatsworth took up 200 acres of land for himself, and 100 acres each for his two sons—nearly all in Romney township. He became one of the first municipal officers in that section, and served many years. He and his wife were members of the Church of England, and in that faith they died, he in January, 1854, at the age of sixty-nine, and she in August, 1877, aged eighty years. They were the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Joseph, William and John, all deceased; Mary L., deceased, who married John Lowes; Frances, deceased, who married Thomas Lowes; Jane, deceased, who married Joseph Dawson; Westgar, deceased; Thomas; Caleb, deceased, who was county councillor many years; and George, who lived in Tennessee, and is deceased.

Thomas Coatsworth remained at home with his parents until his marriage when he located on a farm in Tilbury township, where, however, he remained but a short time, owing to

the land there being too abundantly watered. In 1853 he purchased 200 acres in Harwich township, near Blenheim, and cleared fifty acres of it, bringing it to an advanced state of cultivation. At the end of eight years he traded eighty acres of this farm for eighty acres of his present farm, now under the wise management of his son, Thomas H. Mr. Coatsworth has attended very strictly to his own affairs, and has had no time to be active in political work. For three years he held the office of school trustee, accepting this as, being the father of a large family, he felt it incumbent upon him to do his part in behalf of good educational facilities. He belongs to the Methodist Church.

Thomas Coatsworth has been three times married. In 1851 he wedded Margaret Askew, who was born in Tilbury township, Feb. 2, 1829, daughter of Thomas Askew, of Yorkshire, England, and an early settler of the County of Kent. She died March 22, 1866. To this union came children as follows: Mary Helen, born Nov. 23, 1851, married Thomas English, and died March 31, 1869; Robert P. is deceased; Harriet married John Nichol, a contractor and builder of Blenheim, Ont.; Thomas H. married Barbara Frick, and manages his father's farm; and Miranda married David Wilson, a farmer of Camden township. For his second wife Thomas Coatsworth married Sarah A. Willan, who died the mother of one child, that died in infancy. The third marriage of Mr. Coatsworth was to Harriet Jane Askew, a sister of his first wife. They have one child, Harry, at home.

ROBERT J. McINTYRE, a prominent representative of one of the old settled families of Harwich, a farmer residing on Lot 8, Concession 2, River Thames, was born May 8, 1841, at his present home, a son of Thomas and Susan (Traxler) McIntyre, the former of whom was born in 1812, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the latter in 1822, on the River Thames, in Harwich. Mrs. McIntyre was a daughter of Capt. Peter and Rebecca (Fields) Traxler, the Traxlers being natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in Canada at the time of the Revolutionary war. Capt. Peter Traxler was a soldier in the War of 1812, and after its close settled on the River Thames, where he followed farming and became one of the most prominent men of this locality. It was at Captain Traxler's home that General Harrison was entertained, during his raid on Chief Tecumseh, who, it will be remembered, was killed on that river, at Moraviantown, by soldiers of Harrison's army, in 1813. Captain Traxler died at his home at that place, but his wife survived some years, and died at the home of Mr. McIntyre when eighty-nine years of age.

Thomas McIntyre, the father of Robert J., was a son of James and Annie (McDermind) McIntyre, who were both born in Ireland. They removed to Nova Scotia, and from there came first to St. Thomas, where they cleared up several farms, as early as 1816. In 1832 he came to County Kent, and settled on the present property, then wild land, starting here in a little log cabin. Mr. McIntyre purchased some 400 acres of this uncultivated land, which, with the assistance of his wife, and growing sons, he cleared up before his death. In 1834 Thomas McIntyre married, and settled on the present home, having erected the comfortable residence in the same year. Prior to his death he had built a large brick house, and also three other residences in Chatham, where he owned considerable real estate. Mr. McIntyre became one of the capitalists of Harwich. During the Rebellion of 1836-37, he took an active part, and the records of that time tell of his bravery and courage. In 1874 he was bereft of his faithful wife, and his own death occurred at the age of eighty-five years. Both he and his wife were leading members of the Baptist Church, in which he was a deacon for a long period, and to which he liberally contributed. Politically he was a stanch Reformer, and he occupied a number of prominent local positions. For a number of years he was tax collector, for some time school trustee, and for over forty years he was justice of the peace of Harwich. It was a matter of great satisfaction to him that during his long and active life, although taking part in many business transactions, he never resorted to the courts for any redress, and never was obliged to submit to being sued. A large family of children was born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, of whom Ezekiel and Hannah died young; Sarah, born in 1835, is the widow of Alonzo Aubrey, of Camden township, where he was a farmer, and at death left children, Lomaila, Lorenzo, Permelia, Susan, Mary, Elizabeth, Robert,

Thomas, Florence, Ila and Blake; Miss Mary, born in 1837, resides at the home; Rebecca, born in 1839, married W. S. Arnold, a millwright in Chatham, and they have children, Viola and Herbert; Robert J.; Abbie, born in 1843, deceased, married Stewart Lamont, a business man in Chatham; and John, born in 1845, died in 1864, at Andersonville Prison, in Georgia, having taken part in the Civil war in the States, as a member of Company I, 8th Michigan Cavalry.

Robert J. McIntyre obtained his early education in the district schools of Harwich. In 1859 he completed the same in Oberlin College, in Ohio, and then returned to the old farm, where he became his father's manager, and remained with his parents until they died. In 1867 Mr. McIntyre married Miss Susan Neilson, the attractive and estimable daughter of Peter and Jennie (Hamilton) Neilson, both born in Scotland in 1812, the former of whom was one of the old pioneer railroad men of the Grand Trunk Line, with which he served as conductor and station agent for nineteen years. His wife died in 1892, and he died in 1900, with his daughter, Mrs. McIntyre. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Neilson one son and four daughters, survive, viz.: Jeanie married Robert Kermichael, and resides in Scotland; Annie is the wife of James Reid, and resides in Harwich; Sarah is the wife of Reuben Kent, of Peterboro; Hugh is an electrician, and a prominent citizen of Toronto; and Susan, the wife of Mr. McIntyre, was born in Scotland in November, 1847.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre settled at the old homestead, where they have since resided. Mr. McIntyre purchased a part of the old home and the remainder was given to him by his father, in conjunction with whom he erected and repaired the substantial buildings now standing. The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre were: Jennie died when four years old. John, born in June, 1872, in January, 1898, married Miss Eva Newkirk, of Chatham township, daughter of Peter and Sarah Newkirk, a prominent family of Raleigh, and they reside on the West side of the old homestead; they have one son Thomas L. Frank, born December, 1876, married Lotta McNaughton, daughter of Hector and Mary McNaughton, and they reside in one of the homes on the old homestead; they have one son, Robert J., Jr. Both young men are regarded as excellent and representative farmers of the township.

Politically Mr. McIntyre has always been identified with the Reform party, but has never been willing to accept political offices, which have been urged upon him. For twenty years he has been school trustee, and has served several terms as roadmaster, but the most of his attention has been given to the cultivation and improvement of his large estate. Although not a member, Mr. McIntyre is a liberal supporter of the Baptist Church, to which his wife belongs. The family is one which is very highly esteemed all through Harwich township.

THOMAS BULLER (deceased), who during his lifetime was a very prominent representative of the agricultural class of the County of Kent, was a farmer and stockman of Howard township, living on the 6th Concession. He was born in Yorkshire, England, Nov. 4, 1831, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Buller. The parents emigrated to Canada in 1844, and died here, leaving a family of sons and daughters all of whom are now deceased except one daughter. James is mentioned in the sketch of his son, Henry, elsewhere.

Thomas Buller, the youngest son of Henry and Elizabeth Buller, came with his parents to Canada in 1844, while still a boy, and grew to manhood at the home farm. In 1862 he married Miss Nancy Campbell, daughter of John D. and Julia (McLaughlin) Campbell, and a member of one of the earliest pioneer families of Aldborough, her parents coming from Scotland in 1820, and taking up land on Talbot street, in the township of Aldborough. Here they started life as pioneers in the woods. They both died at their home in Aldborough, he in 1885 and she in 1887. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Mary, the eldest, was born in Aldborough township, is unmarried, and lives in Ridgetown. Catherine, born in Aldborough, is the widow of Henry Buller, of Thamesville. Isabella, born in Aldborough, married Angus Gray, of that township, and has a family. Nancy is the widow of Thomas Buller.

Mrs. Buller was born in September, 1841, and grew to womanhood in Aldborough, where she received her education. After marriage

she and her husband settled on the home she now owns and occupies, consisting of 200 acres of fine land, which he had cleared of standing timber. On this property he erected a comfortable and commodious frame house, and there lived until his death, in 1895. He was one of the energetic and well-to-do men of his section of the country, and was a conscientious, Christian man, a life-long member of the Church of England. Politically he was a Conservative, and took a leading part in local affairs in his township. He was also active in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the agricultural interests of the county, and was president and manager of the County Fair for several years. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Buller: Mary, the eldest, born in Howard township, married Oscar Gage, a resident of Howard, and has three children, Earl, and Elma and Edna, twins. John died when twelve years of age. Julia Etta married Silas Nablow, who resides on the Howard Road in Howard township, and has three sons, Clayton, Robert and Norman. Henry, born at the old home, married Miss Mary Connor, of Howard, lives on a portion of the old homestead, and has three children, Harry, Carmin and Edith. Thomas, born in July, 1872, married Miss Maggie Johnston, only daughter of Angus and Ellen Johnston, of Howard, old pioneers of the County of Kent, and in 1902 he erected a new house on his portion of the homestead; he has no family. Elizabeth, twin of Thomas, born in July, 1872, was educated in the schools of Howard, is unmarried and resides at the old homestead. Robert, born in 1876, grew to manhood on the old farm which he now carries on; he is unmarried. Maggie died in infancy.

Religiously Mrs. Buller is a member of the Baptist Church of long standing, and worships in the church of which her grandfather was an elder for forty-seven years. She is a woman much beloved for her gentle, kindly disposition and Christian life. To her children she has always been a devoted mother, while throughout the neighborhood she has many friends who appreciate and admire her many excellent traits of character.

WILLIAM COLWELL, proprietor of the *Wallaceburg News*, and owner and operator of the largest fancy goods, stationery and jewelry store in this section, is one of the very prominent citizens of Wallaceburg. He was born Dec. 20, 1840, at Cooksville, Ont., a son of N. and Sarah (Hutchinson) Colwell, the former of whom was born in England, and the latter in Ireland. Mr. Colwell, being a Canadian, claims allegiance to all the three great nations, and possesses the characteristics of all, being endowed with a large amount of endurance, determination, enterprise and business ability. With the genial disposition of a true son of Ireland and the resolution of an Englishman he combines the enterprise of a Canadian, and is reasonably sure of a success in anything he undertakes.

Mr. Colwell spent the early part of his life gaining an education and fighting his own way to the front, meeting with many discouragements, but perseveringly keeping on. While still a youth he engaged in a book agency business, which he continued until the spring of 1868, in that year opening a fancy goods and jewelry store in Mitchell, Ont. He became quite prominent in that town, and served as a member of the council. In 1868 Mr. Colwell married Miss Emily Alice Archer, of Mitchell, a daughter of James Archer, Esq., and a family of eleven children have been born to this union, all of whom attained maturity, viz.: Sarah E., deceased; Charles William, manager of the *News* printing office; Margaret A., who married Ernest Harrison, of Wallaceburg; Isabella J., at home; Emily A., who married Basil M. Burgess, of Wallaceburg; Fred J., of Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel George, sub-editor of the *Wallaceburg News;* William H., at home (manager of the jewelry department); Josephine H. L., bookkeeper for her father; Bertha A., deceased; and Emily Alice Archer, at home. All of these children were born at Mitchell, Ont., in the County of Perth.

In 1891 Mr. Colwell left Mitchell and took up his residence in Paris, Ont., where he published the *Paris Review* until 1895, in which year he removed to Wallaceburg. Here he established a first-class department store, the largest in the locality outside of the great cities, and he carries a complete line of fancy goods, stationery and jewelry. Mr. Colwell is also the able editor and proprietor of the *Wallaceburg News*, which he established in 1895. As noted, he is one of the representative men of his section, enterprising and public-spirited,



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the kind of man who is an acquisition to any community. Fraternally he affiliates with the Freemasons and Odd Fellows, and while in Mitchell was prominent in the Good Templars. His political support is given to the Conservative party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and the entire family is well known and most highly esteemed.

F. J. MAYHEW. The history of the Mayhew family in Ontario reaches only to the settlement of William Mayhew, the father of F. J. Mayhew, of Thamesville, in 1832, but in England it reaches so far back that its origin is lost in the mists of the past. In a circumscribed record like the present it would be almost impossible to trace it so far, and even 1750, the date of the birth of George Mayhew, grandfather of F. J., takes us back many years. The record of his children mentions: George, Lionel, James, Mrs. Fennell, Maria, Sophia (Mrs. Syer) and William.

William Mayhew was born Dec. 9, 1800, in Suffolk, England, where he married Ann Aldis, and with his wife, he came to Ontario in 1832, landing in Port Stanley, whence he came to London and Delaware. In 1846 Mr. Mayhew came to the County of Kent and located on Lots 14 and 15, Concession B, Camden township. This property of 200 acres the Mayhew family cleared up, and was known as the Mayhew homestead. In Delaware and Thamesville William Mayhew kept a hotel, and he succeeded Nathan Cornwall as postmaster at Thamesville, being the second to hold that office. In 1854 he built a hotel in Thamesville, which he conducted for a time and then sold to his son, John Aldis, after which he retired from business activity. He died in 1881. His widow, who survived until 1895, was born in 1810. She was the faithful and beloved mother of the following children: John Aldis, who died at the age of sixty-two years, married Jane Obay, who resides in Thamesville, and they had children—W. E., Mary, Elizabeth P., Sarah and Charles A. Augusta married Capt. Alexander Gordon, and died leaving one daughter, Eugenia, who married John Anderson, and is also deceased. William, who is a contractor in Springfield, Illinois, married (first) Mary Powell and had five children, Ada, Luella, Laura, Rose and Fred; he subsequently married (second) a Miss Ingram by whom he had three children, Ernest, Nellie and George P.; by a third marriage he had one son, Henry. Eugenia, who married J. J. Lawrence, has five children, Alfred, Charles, Alexander, Augusta and Carrie. F. J. is mentioned below. Miss Annie is also a resident of Thamesville. James is in a milling business in that place. Alfred died in infancy.

F. J. Mayhew was born Sept. 2, 1841, in Ontario, and was five years old when his parents came to the County of Kent. His primary education was secured in the local schools, and at the age of fifteen years, in 1856, he engaged as clerk in the grocery establishment of C. B. Kyle, with whom he continued a year. He then went to Ingersoll and later to London, attending school in both places. Upon his return he resumed his position with Mr. Kyle, from whom he received his board and $8 a month, and later entered the employ of H. F. Cummings. In 1860 he went as a clerk to Mr. Collier, with whom he remained until June 23, 1862, when he started on a trip to England. He was anxious to see the homes of his ancestors, and visited his maternal Grandmother Aldis, finding her a venerable lady of almost ninety years. While in London he gained some metropolitan experience through clerking for a time both in a wholesale and a retail store, and upon returning to his home he resumed his old position, although much better qualified. On Oct. 3, 1864, he purchased the mercantile stock of his employer, and in 1867 bought his present location. Mr. Mayhew has been a merchant in Thamesville for thirty-seven years, a long period, in which he has continually grown in the esteem of his fellow-citizens. His business methods have been founded on honesty, and have enabled him to build up a trade of wide extent, accumulate an ample fortune, engage in various enterprises for the substantial development of the town, and gain the respect and confidence of those with whom his life has been passed. In connection with his mercantile business Mr. Mayhew has also engaged in banking, which he carried on at one period in connection with Joseph N. Harmer.

In politics Mr. Mayhew is a Conservative. For a number of years he has served as a councilman, his integrity and good judgment making his services very valuable to his fellow-

citizens. He was reeve of Thamesville for three years and member of the county council. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic lodge and to the A. O. U. W. With his family he unites with the Episcopal Church.

On Oct. 3, 1864, Mr. Mayhew was married to Agnes, daughter of Dr. Walker, of Adelaide, and to this union have been born eight children, viz.: Walter F., who is connected with his father in business, married Edith Edwards, and has one child, Mary Caroline; Carrie is deceased; Charles W., who is in a manufacturing business in Detroit, married Emma Edward, and has one daughter, Edith; William A. is engaged in a hardware business, in Thamesville (he is unmarried); George A., who is in business in Toledo, Ohio, married Mary McAlpin, and has one daughter; Nellie May lives in Thamesville; Edith is deceased; Kate is in Toledo. The family, in both business and social relations, is held very highly in Thamesville, and their friends are numbered by the score. In 1886 Mr. Mayhew built his fine home in Thamesville. He also owns much town property and two fine farms in the County of Kent. He is one of the leading and representative men of his part of the county, to the interests of which he has devoted so many years.

HARRY CATHERALL BURROWS, whose attractive farm is in Concession 1, Gore of Chatham, is devoting himself with untiring energy to the thorough development of the resources of his place, and his fine dairy and splendid orchard are especial marks of his thrift and well-directed efforts. He was born May 8, 1867, of good English stock.

Edward Catherall, his father, a man of brilliant attainments, was born in England, and there received careful rearing. Of a studious disposition, he availed himself of every opportunity of pursuing his studies, and in time procured a very liberal education. Making a specialty of law, after some years he was admitted to the Bar, and as a young man he began his practice in London. A thorough grasp of his subject and conscientious attention to his clients, soon won him a large practice, and he continued in popular favor, following his profession throughout his career. He had advanced a long way on the road to success and fortune, when death cut short his activities. His wife, Eliza Catherall, was born in England, and she died the same year as her husband. By this union there were five children: Sidney, who is now a dentist at Duluth, Minnesota; Lilly; Rose, who married Dr. Vrooman, and resides at Napanee, Ont.; Harry; and Percy, who is engaged in farming. Mr. Catherall possessed exceptional ability as a lawyer, was keen, brilliant, well-grounded in his subject, and was a man of most excellent judgment. Faithful to his clients, and fair to opponents, he won the respect and confidence of all, and he attracted to himself a large circle of admiring friends.

Harry Catherall Burrows, left an orphan at the early age of five years, came with his brother and sister to Canada, where he was placed in the home of a minister. After some time he was adopted by James and Margarette Burrows, prosperous farming people of County of Kent, whose name he bears. In this well conducted home he grew to manhood, and in the schools of Kent laid the foundation of a thorough education, which he has since greatly supplemented. For some time after leaving school he assisted his foster father in the management of the farm, acquiring some very valuable training in agriculture, and practical knowledge of business. In 1895, enabled to purchase a farm of his own, he settled upon a fifty-acre tract on Concession 1, Gore of Chatham, and began developing its resources. He soon made some marked improvements in the place, and began giving special attention to fruit raising. He has now three acres of apples, pears, and other fruits, which yearly bring him in a good income. He has gradually added to the stock of his farm, and now has seven excellent cows from the sale of the milk of which he also derives material benefit. He is now engaged in all branches of general agriculture adapted to his locality, and his farm is one of the most paying for its size in his vicinity.

Mr. Burrows married, June 23, 1897, Maggie Haggerty, of County of Kent, eldest daughter of seven children born to John and Jenny (Williams) Haggerty, prominent farming people. To Mr. and Mrs. Burrows have been born two children: Lillian M. and Rose L. Mr. Burrows's achievements and force of character have won him a leading place among agriculturists, and the respect and confidence

of all who know him. Keenly interested in the promotion of education, he is now filling the office of school trustee with fidelity and efficiency. As a Conservative he is influential in local politics. Socially he stands high and is a prominent member of the Orangemen of Tupperville; and of the I. O. F., Lodge No. 124, of Dresden. His family are regular attendants of the Methodist Church.

JAMES SINNETT, who during his life was a prominent farmer on Lot 4, Howard township, was born in Newfoundland in 1844, son of James and Ellen Sinnett, both natives of Ireland.

The parents settled in Howard township, on the 7th Concession, where the father lived and died leaving seven children: James is mentioned below. Ellen married Arthur MacEmaly, of Chatham. Thomas, born in Newfoundland, married Miss Mary O'Neil, of Raleigh, Canada, and they settled in Howard township, on the old Sinnett homestead, where he died in 1901, leaving his wife with five children, Mary E., James E., John F., Thomas E. and Margaret. Mary, born in Canada, is the widow of William J. Cunningham, and resides in the Northwest; she has one son, James E. Edward, born in Canada, was killed on the Michigan Central railroad, while crossing the track near Ridgetown, when twenty-two years of age. Nancy, born in Howard township, married William Regan, a stock-dealer of Ridgetown, where they reside; they have two sons, Frederick, a student in Montreal, and John C., a college student in Winnipeg. Father John, born in Howard township, was educted in New York for the priesthood, was ordained in New York and is now located in Quebec.

James Sinnett spent his boyhood days in Howard township, where he received a fair education. When he married Mr. Sinnett settled on his farm on Lot 4, where he built a fine brick residence and a bank barn and made many other improvements. He cleared and drained a large portion of the farm, bringing his property to an excellent state, and making of it one of the best farms in that section. Here he died, July 13, 1899, deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

In April, 1880, Mr. Sinnett married Miss Hannah Daley, daughter of John and Margaret (Jones) Daley, prominent pioneers of the County of Kent. John Daley was born in County Waterford, Ireland, while his wife was a native of England, in which country they were married. They came to the Dominion in 1857, settling at Kingston, but later removed to Zone, County of Kent, where they still make their home. Mrs. Sinnett is the eldest daughter of the family, and was born at Kingston in 1858, but grew to womanhood in the County of Kent, and there married Mr. Sinnett. Six children were born to their union, all unmarried and at home: James E., born in 1881, who is now manager of the home farm; Cecilia M., born in 1884; John F., born in 1886; William L., born in 1889; Maggie E., born in 1894; and Laura M., born in 1898. Mr. Sinnett was a consistent member of the Catholic Church, as are his wife and children, and his parents also cling to that faith. Politically he was a stanch Conservative.

The Sinnett family was one of the first to settle in this section of the country, and its members have ever since been instrumental in its upbuilding and advancement. Mr. Sinnett will long be remembered as a man of invincible honesty of purpose, who lived up to his convictions of right and showed forth in his daily intercourse his faith and his principles. Mrs. Sinnett is a lady of many excellent qualities, which make her beloved in her home circle and throughout the neighborhood.

SOLOMON WINTER, for many years a farmer of Dover township, had lived from 1858 at his pleasant home on Lot 20, 9th Concession, which consists of 100 acres. He was born in the County of Halton, Ont., March 1, 1827, a son of Henry and Rebecca (Zavitz) Winter, of Fort Erie, Ont. Henry Winter came to Ontario in 1852, settling on the river Thames, in Harwich township, County of Kent. During the remainder of his life he made that place his home, becoming quite prominent, serving as township councilman, and as township collector for four years. He finally declined further office, dying in 1869, aged sixty-seven years. The mother died in 1885, aged eighty-five years, and both are buried in Arnold cemetery. They were consistent members of the Baptist Church. The children born to this union were as follows: Jacob, of Greenville, Michigan; John, of Louis-

ville, Ont.; Solomon; William, deceased; Peter, deceased; George, deceased; Catherine, of Brockway, Michigan; Robert, of Leamington, Ont.; Edward, deceased; Mary, of Bay City, Michigan, who married Daniel Hughes; Margaret, her twin sister, who married Robert Traxler, of Bay City, Michigan; and Daniel, a millwright, of Detroit, Michigan. The paternal grandparents were Peter and Catherine Winter, of Pennsylvania, who came to Canada about 1774; he was a drummer in the British army. The maternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine Zavitz, of Pennsylvania, who were very early settlers of Canada; Mrs. Zavitz lived to the very advanced age of one hundred and three years.

On Feb. 22, 1850, in the County of Halton, Mr. Winter married Ann Culp, and children as follows were born to this union: John H., a sign merchant of Detroit, Michigan; Emory J., of Toronto, Michigan; George F., a blacksmith of Windsor, Ont.; Hiram O., of Indianapolis, Indiana; Peter, deceased; Mary A., of Salem, Oregon, who married Archibald Brown; William H., a farmer of Dover township; Isadora, of Salem, Oregon, who married Alfred Brown; Daniel H., a merchant of Chatham, Ont.; and Robert W., who married Josephine Foster, and lives at home. Mrs. Winter was born in the County of Halton, Ont., Dec. 5, 1830, a daughter of Joshua and Mary A. (Kline) Culp, of the County of Halton, where he died in 1837, aged forty years; the mother died in the County of Kent in 1882, aged seventy years. The Culp family is of Dutch descent. Both parents were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and died in that faith. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Culp were: Catherine (deceased), who married Robert Bell; Adam H., deceased; Jonas, deceased; John, of London, Ont.; Susan, deceased; Betsy (deceased), who married John Winter, brother of Solomon; Ann, Mrs. Winter; Hiram, of Georgetown, Ont.; and Sarah, of Dresden, Ont., who married Dr. Hugh Winter. The maternal grandfather, Adam H. Kline, of Pennsylvania, died in Fourty, Ont., near Niagara Falls.

Mr. Winter remained with his parents until his marriage, when be began farming for himself in the County of Halton, in 1857 coming to the County of Kent and soon locating upon the present farm, then a wilderness. He cleared his property and developed it into one of the most productive farms in the county, there making his home until his death. In politics Mr. Winter was a member of the Reform party, and he served most acceptably as township councilman three years, and as assessor for one year. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, as is also his wife, and they have taken active part in its good work. During a long and active life Mr. Winter never had a difficulty with a neighbor or was engaged in a lawsuit, his aim being to direct his actions according to the Golden Rule and the teachings of the Master. Although somewhat advanced in years, he was very active, taking part in the duties of the farm, and enjoying the comforts his early efforts provided. The large family of children born to Mr. and Mrs. Winter do them credit, and they may well feel proud of the record of their parents which shows lives devoted to good works and many kindly charities of which the world is ignorant. At their door the hungry have been fed; to their neighbors they have ever lent a helping hand and given words of sympathy in both joys and sorrows; in the church they have sustained their pastors; in their home circle they were devoted to each other and their children, whom they brought up to honored manhood and womanhood, and because of these and many other equally good reasons they gained high regard throughout the community, being regarded as worthy representatives of the pioneers of the County of Kent.

GEORGE WILLIAM MOODY, one of the leading manufacturers at Highgate, Orford township, is proprietor of the brick and tile factory, where large quantities of brick and tile are turned out annually. The establishment covers twenty-three acres, and the yearly output is 1,000,000 brick and 300,000 tile, the latter measuring from 2½ to 12 inches. The present plant was erected in 1886, and is fully equipped with all modern appliances and machinery, and employment is given to nine workmen.

Mr. Moody was born in McGillivray township, County of Middlesex, Ont., June 2, 1865, and he is a grandson of Isaac Moody, of County Wicklow, Ireland, who came to Canada with his wife in 1837. They settled in



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McGillivray township, County of Middlesex, where they passed the remainder of their lives engaged in farming. John Moody, father of George W., was a native of County Wicklow, and came to Canada in 1837, with his parents, growing to manhood in McGillivray township. He was a shoemaker and wood worker. In 1876 he removed to the County of Elgin, thinking the prospects better there, and his death occurred in that county in 1895, when he was seventy-three years old. He married Jane Gilbert, who was born in 1838, and still survives, making her home in Wardsville, Ont. Her parents were John and Dolly Gilbert, of County Wicklow, Ireland, and her father was for twenty-seven years a soldier in the British army, being a pensioner during his residence in Canada. He served in seven important engagements, including Waterloo and Badajoz, and in various skirmishes. Mrs. Moody is a member of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Moody was a member of the Church of England. The following children were born of their union: Margaret J. married Richard Wehlann, of Cairo, Ont.; John is working as a farmer with his brother George; Albert is deceased; George W. is mentioned below; Mary E. married William Todd of the County of Elgin; Isaac is a section foreman at Chatham, Ont.; Thomas is a resident of the County of Elgin; Dora married Ira Collins, of London, Ont.; Rachel married Samuel Gray, of the County of Middlesex; Jemima is deceased.

On Dec. 25, 1889, in Thamesville, Ont., George William Moody married Elizabeth S. Tinline, and one child, Margaret J., has been born of this union. Mrs. Moody was born on the homestead of her family in Orford township, June 21, 1865, and is a daughter of William Tinline, who is written of elsewhere.

George W. Moody remained with his parents until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to his brother-in-law, Richard Wehlann, and entered into partnership with him in the township of Aldborough, County of Elgin, in brick manufacturing, thus continuing two years. He then started his present plant, previously described, in which he has succeeded so unusually well. Although he was but nineteen years of age when he embarked in his present business, the able young man forged steadily ahead, and, through his excellent grasp of affairs, his good management and innate love of his work, he has placed himself among the leading manufacturers of his section of the country, and gained the confidence of the business world.

Fraternally, Mr. Moody is a member of the A. F. & A. M. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and gives liberally toward its support. In politics he is a stanch Conservative.

ANGUS McMILLAN, of Harwich township, whose attractive farm residence, on the Creek Road in Concession 1, bears evidence of thrift and prosperity, is one of those determined Scotchmen who in the early days settled the County of Kent, and by sheer pluck and relentless industry assisted in transforming it from a stubborn wilderness to a thrifty farming district, with beautiful residences, fine orchards and well cultivated fields. Born in Scotland, in October, 1830, he is a son of John and Mary (McCall) McMillan.

John McMillan, a farmer of sterling worth, was born in Scotland, and there passed the greater part of his life. His rearing was strict and practical, and well fitted him for the manly duties of life. A taste for rural pursuits decided him to engage in agriculture, and for many years he made this the main business of his life. During young manhood he married, in Scotland, Mary McCall, who was born in that country. She died on the family homestead in Harwich township, in the County of Kent, Ont., in 1872. Of this union there were seven children: (1) Angus is mentioned below. (2) Hector, who never married, owned a large farm in Harwich township, where he engaged in agriculture for many years. He died in Scotland in 1882, while visiting that country with his brother Angus. (3) John also died in the old country. (4) Euphemia, born in the old country, married Dougal McCall, of Harwich township, County of Kent, and died the mother of seven children, John, Malcomb, Mary S., Donald, Margaret, Duncan and Hector. (5) John (2), born in Scotland, died in 1856, being drowned in the river Thames, at Chatham, when a young man. (6) Duncan, who now carries on the family homestead in Harwich township, was born in Scotland, and reared in Canada, where he married Mary McMillan, of Harwich township. They have eight children, Mary, Neil, Hector, John, Duncan, Margaret, Ethel and Jennie. (7)

Mary, born in Scotland, married Duncan Carmichael, and they reside in Blenheim. Four children have come of this union, Mary, Dorothy, Margaret and Hector.

For many years after his marriage Mr. McMillan continued to live in Scotland, and by wise management and patient industry succeeded in providing a good home for himself and family, and accumulating some property. In 1851, however, hoping to better his fortunes and find good openings for his children, he came to Ontario, and settled upon a tract of wild land, in Concession 8, Harwich township, County of Kent. Not being afraid of work he soon cleared the land of brush and timber, and put large portions of it under excellent cultivation. Giving his time to cultivating such products as would find a ready market and command good prices, he made well out of his industry, and gradually improved his buildings and added to his farm equipments until he had one of the most valuable farms of that locality, where he continued his labors throughout the rest of his active life. He there passed his last days, dying in May, 1863.

Mr. McMillan was a typical Scotchman, possessed of a dogged persistency, a large capacity for work, and shrewd business foresight. Intellectually keen, he kept himself well-informed upon all public questions, and as a strong Liberal in politics he exerted an influence over public affairs. A man of firm religious convictions, he was interested in all good works, and he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Angus McMillan passed his early life in Scotland, and there, under the influences of a good home, and progressive and well-established institutions, received careful rearing. When about twenty-one years old he came with his parents to Canada. A young man of energy, he at once secured a good position as a railroad hand, and, giving excellent satisfaction, worked for some time upon the construction of the Grand Trunk line, which was then being laid. Later he came to Harwich township, and assisted his father in clearing up and developing the resources of the family homestead there. Turning his work to good account, he continued there until 1861. In May of that year he married Annie McCall, who was born in Scotland, Sept. 11, 1828, daughter of Donald McCall, who descended from one of the old and prominent families of Scotland. He died in that country, and his widow, Caroline McCall, came with her two children, Annie and Duncan (who now resides in Harwich township), to Ontario. To Mr. and Mrs. McMillan have been born children as follows: (1) John, born in Harwich in 1862, was attending a business college in Chatham when death cut short his career. (2) Donald, born in 1863, now residing upon the family homestead, on Concession 8, married Bella Smith, of Harwich, and they have four children, Rhea, Annie, Maggie and James. (3) Mary, born in 1865, married Watson Johnston, a farmer of Harwich, and died leaving one daughter, Vera. (4) Malcomb, born in 1866, has never married, and is now acting as manager of the home farm. (5) Margaret, born in 1868, married A. I. Huffman, and resides in Harwich. They have five children, Annie, Hazel, John A., Malcomb and Blake. (6) Edward, born in 1872, has never married; he has traveled extensively, having made trips to various parts of this country and abroad, and is now in Mexico.

During his early manhood Mr. McMillan succeeded in saving enough money to purchase a 100-acre tract of excellent wild land in Harwich township, and there after marriage he settled and began making a home for himself, on Concession 8. He improved this farm, cleared large tracts, and added to its area until it embraced 250 acres. Carrying on an extensive agricultural industry, he continued there until 1882, when he purchased the George McDonald farm, a well improved 100-acre tract in Harwich township, where he has since resided. He has during this period repaired the buildings, erected a splendid new barn, and made other additions in the way of farm equipments, materially increasing the value of the property. Progressive and yet practical in his methods, he has thoroughly developed the resources of his farm and made it yield its maximum income. A wise business manager, he has accumulated considerable property, and is now looked upon as one of the solid farmers of the county.

Mr. McMillan's large fund of general information, and his admirable traits of character, as well as his achievements, have won him the confidence of the general public, and he has filled local offices with marked ability, in-

cluding that of school trustee for several years. There has scarcely been a movement for the benefit of his community which has not received his active support. Politically he affiliates with the Reformers. The Presbyterian Church counts him and his wife among its leading members. A geniality of manner, keen sense of justice, indomitable courage and sound judgment are among his dominant traits, and, combined with a large capacity for work, have been promoters of his success.

JOHN SHAW, for many years of his long life a farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, faithfully discharged the duties which were laid upon him, and proved himself an honorable man, a good father and husband and a loyal subject. He resided upon his fine property in Lot 14, 5th Concession. Mr. Shaw was born on Talbot street, near the Lake, in August, 1837, a son of John and Mary Shaw, who came thither from Montreal.

John Shaw, Sr., was the son of John Shaw, who was killed in the war of 1812. The Shaws settled on Talbot street, in Howard, where they were among the early pioneers of the County of Kent, and here John Shaw, Sr., died, after an industrious agricultural life. He and his wife were French Canadians. Their children were as follows: Edmund, still residing in Howard township; Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Morden, residing at St. Catharines, Canada; Maria, deceased wife of Anthony Scafe, of Howard; Rachael, who married Jonathan Titson, of Manitoba; Matilda, deceased wife of Mr. Busby, who settled and died in Michigan; and John.

John Shaw grew to manhood on the old homestead and for many years was manager of the farm. In 1870 he married Miss Mary A. Haywood, of Orford, daughter of John B. and Johanna (Worth) Haywood, who were both born in Devonshire, England, he in 1814, and his wife in 1815. They grew up and married in England, and emigrated to the Dominion in 1855. The father was a miller by trade, and worked at same for nineteen years in England. After emigrating to Canada he was employed in Montreal, at the Victoria Mills, and also at Toronto, and in other localities, finally coming to the County of Kent, where he purchased a wood tract, which was a block of the Indian lands. He cleared this property and converted it into a very valuable farm. His death occurred at this home farm in 1881, while his wife died in 1890. They were consistent members of the Church of England. In politics Mr. Haywood was a Tory and ardent in his support of the principles of his party. He and his good wife left a family of five children, one daughter having died in England at the age of ten years. The others were as follows: Mary A., Mrs. Shaw, born in England, March 18, 1844, was educated in her native land. Charity, born in England in 1846, now deceased, married David Palmer, of the County of Kent, and was drowned near Racine, during a storm on the lake, in 1894; she left a daughter, Ella L., now the wife of L. B. Ball, of Detroit. Selina, born in England in 1848, married Thomas Addeman, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, and has one daughter, Nellie P. Thomas, born in England in 1852, is now a resident of Dawn, County of Lambton, where he is a farmer; he first married a Miss McDougal, who left three children, Alice, Mary B. and Jane, and by his second wife, Mary Dart, he has a family of eight children, John, William, Ella, Earl (deceased), Charles, Bearl, Garnett and Clarence. William, born in England in 1856, died at the old homestead in Orford, at the age of twenty-two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw first settled on Talbot street, at the old Shaw homestead, where they resided five years, and he then purchased the Charles Graham farm, in 1880, on which he put up new buildings, cleared off almost all the land, and made his home until his death, in August, 1901. He was a man very popular in Howard township, and indeed throughout this entire section, where he had many friends who appreciated his excellent traits of character. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had a family of five children: John H., born in Howard township in 1872, is unmarried and lives on the home farm. Ella A., born in 1874, married Albert Green, a resident of Manitoba, where he is an agent for machinery; they have two children, Ella L. and Charles Dewey. Miss Mary A., born in 1877, lives at home. Selina, born at the old home on Talbot street, married George A. Beard, of Chatham, who served one year as a soldier in South Africa, in the English army, for which he received 160 acres of land and a medal from the Canadian govern-

ment for bravery in the war. Mrs. Beard was a popular music teacher in the County of Kent; they have no family. William H., born in December, 1881, is the manager of his mother's farm. The members of this family are all connected with the Church of England. While Mr. Shaw was a stanch member of the Conservative party he never aspired to or accepted office. He was a member of the order of Orangemen, as is his son, John H. Mrs. Shaw is a very worthy lady, and proud of the record made by her husband, who was active in everything which promised to prove beneficial to the community. He was a man of excellent character, his home life was perfect, and his loss is deeply felt not only by his immediate family, but also by those who had the privilege of knowing him and benefiting by his kindness of heart and the wisdom of his advice.

WILLIAM DOBIE McRAE, member of the McRae & Roberts Company, manufacturers of brass goods, of which he is president and general manager, is one of the leading business citizens of Wallaceburg, Ont. The company was established in 1887, was incorporated in 1894, and it now gives employment to 400 people. In addition to his interest in this great business, Mr. McRae owns the largest stock farm in Canada for the breeding of light harness horses, the Sydenham Stock Farm comprising 500 acres, located within half a mile of Wallaceburg. Here Mr. McRae has 300 horses, five of which are in training for the coming races. He owns Hal Patron, by Prince Dillard, dam by Patron, 2:16, which was reduced to 2:15¼ in 1903; this fine stallion is well known all through Canada. He also owns Prince Dillard, with a record of 2:28, and Princess, a full sister of the above. Mr. McRae has several other farms, and has also been largely interested in boat and barge building. The "W. F. McRae," named after his son, is one of the handsomest tug boats afloat on fresh water.

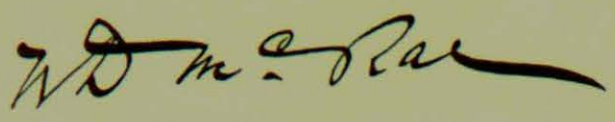
Mr. McRae came to Wallaceburg with his parents when six years of age, and this has been his chosen home ever since, although his business demands that a great part of his time be spent in Detroit. At the age of fifteen years he began clerking in a dry-goods store, and after two years he accepted a like position in Detroit, where he remained four years. He then returned to Wallaceburg, and for three years operated here a general store and grist-mill, and then embarked in the lumber business and the building of boats and barges. This he continued until 1897, when he gave it up in order to devote his attention to other expanding lines. His foundry is situated in Detroit, and he now gives the greater part of his time to this great enterprise. His output includes all kinds of brass goods for use with steam machinery, and his firm name is known all over the world where such goods are in demand.

Mr. McRae was born Dec. 25, 1849, in Ontario, a son of Farquhar and Jane (Dobie) McRae, the former of Scotland and the latter of Ontario. After their marriage they came to the County of Kent in 1854, and settled at Wallaceburg. Mr. McRae had been a school teacher and merchant at Stratford, and was also engaged in the cattle business, but after locating at Wallaceburg, he devoted his attention mainly to the lumber business. He was prominently identified with the fishing interests and for fifteen years served as fish inspector of both Lake and River St. Clair and the Detroit River at Port Lambton. His death occurred April 21, 1879, at the age of of sixty-two years, and that of his widow in 1887, at the age of fifty-five years. Both were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Wallaceburg. They had this family born to them: Alexander, who died aged forty-nine years, was chief of police of Wallaceburg, and captain of a lake boat; Margaret married Dennis Duggan of Detroit, a contractor and superintendent of a railroad company; William D.; David F. owns a number of racing horses and looks after his brother's racing interests; and Francis J. is in the coal business at Detroit.

Mr. McRae was married (first) in Wallaceburg to Margaret Tobin, who was born in Toronto and died in Wallaceburg in 1887, aged forty years, her burial being in the Catholic cemetery at Wallaceburg. She left a daughter and a son, Anna I. and William F. The second marriage was to Frances E. Dobie, born near Lansing, Michigan, daughter of Alexander Dobie, the former of whom is a wealthy retired farmer of eighty-six years, living at Lansing, Michigan. The two sons of this marriage are Roy and Milton A.

Wallaceburg has few more popular or pub-





lic-spirited residents than Mr. McRae, while Detroit numbers him among her millionaire captains of industry. Personally he is popular on account of his genial, pleasant manner, and he is fortunate in having the well deserved esteem of two cities.

LAWRENCE J. SMITH, who has recently settled at farming on an attractive place on Lot 2, Concession 18, Gore of Chatham, passed his early career in the Lake service. In his present line he is evincing both ability and a large capacity for work, and he is rapidly coming to the front among agriculturists.

Mr. Smith comes of a race which has eminently distinguished itself in the agricultural field in this country—the energetic and courageous Irish stock. His father, Edward Smith, was born in Ireland, and, coming to this country with his mother at an early age, he settled with her on Amherst Island, and there, under her careful oversight, received good rearing and practical training for the duties of life. Taste for a seafaring career early decided him to embark in the Lake service, and, securing a place on a sailing vessel, he started life for himself. Strict attention to his business and a thorough mastery of each task won him rapid promotion, and a gradual increase of salary, and making well at this work, he continued it for thirty years. At the end of this period, desirous of leading a less strenuous life, he settled upon a farm in County of Kent. Here, giving his attention to agriculture, he made an unqualified success of his work, and wrought many improvements in his place. He died in County Kent, July 18, 1901. Mr. Smith married Catherine Digna, who was born in Ireland. She now resides upon the family homestead, in County of Kent. By this union there were ten children, nine of whom are now living. During his long service on the Lakes Mr. Smith became familiar with many phases of life, which gave interest and piquancy to his conversation in later years. A man of admirable principles, he won the respect of all and attracted to himself a large circle of warm friends.

Lawrence J. Smith, second child of Edward and Catherine Smith, was born on Amherst Island, April 23, 1861, and there he grew to manhood. In the public schools of his vicinity he pursued his studies diligently for several years, laying the foundation of a solid education. As a child deeply interested in his father's line of work, at an early age he entered the Lake service, where, evincing marked ability for the work, he won rapid promotion. Commanding in time very good wages he continued the work steadily until 1900, then, coming to County of Kent, he settled upon a splendid farm on Lot 2, Concession 18, and began following agriculture. From the start he made a thorough study of his place, and, putting each portion to the use for which nature obviously intended it, he has raised large and valuable crops. He has kept his buildings in order, added to his stock, and to his farm implements, and in other respects improved his property. In addition to his successful management of his own farm, he has, since the death of his father, also carried on the home place, making it yield a large income for his aged mother.

Mr. Smith is looked upon as one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of his locality, and commands the confidence not only of men in his own walk in life, but in the business world as well. The I. O. F., Lodge 235, of Wallaceburg, counts him among its prominent members. Reared a Roman Catholic, he has long been a consistent member of that Church.

NELSON DAUPHIN, a member of one of the early French families of the County of Kent, has been active in the completion of the Dauphin Scheme of Drainage, and is one of the prominent residents of Jeannette's Creek, Tilbury East township, County of Kent.

Narcesse Dauphin, his grandfather, was a native of Montreal, and as a young man came to the County of Kent and secured a free grant of 100 acres in Lot 4, Concessions 1 and 2, situated on the river Thames in Tilbury East township. This was over one hundred years ago, and the property has remained in the family ever since. He and his wife had four sons and six daughters, among whom was Narcesse, the father of Nelson, who became the best known of the Dauphin family, and came into possession of the homestead, to which he added 250 acres. Early in life he opened a tavern on the river bank, which became a place of entertainment known far and near, all new settlers for Dover and Tilbury townships making this hotel a stopping place.

Later he built the large house on the south side of the road, and for a time kept it open for the traveling public. All of his life he advocated a system of drainage, but it was not adopted while he lived. His death occurred when he was eighty-six years of age. He was an active member of the Conservative party. The family have always been prominent members of St. Peter's Church. The father married Pauline De Kent, and to them were born eleven children, seven of whom are now living.

Nelson Dauphin was born on the homestead in 1851 and enjoyed the ordinary educational advantages, and has always resided on the home place, now possessing the original 100 acres settled upon by his grandfather. Here he follows general farming. Being interested in the subject of drainage he has given it close study and warmly advocated the plans of his father. Eight years ago, through his efforts, the Dauphin scheme was completed at a cost of $40,000 to the township, and much swamp was thereby rendered valuable.

Mr. and Mrs. Dauphin have had the following named children: Maud, who married C. F. Ouellette; Gertie; Sylvester; Eva; Francis, and Stanley. In politics Mr. Dauphin is a member of the Reform party. He and his wife are consistent members of St. Peter's Church, whose parish is the oldest, except Sandwich, in western Ontario.

PAUL W. RUSSELL, a descendant of one of the first families to settle on the Middle Road in Raleigh township, is one of the successful agriculturists of that section, and one of the most esteemed citizens.

The first of the name to come to Raleigh township was Thomas Russell, an uncle of our subject, who took up, from the Crown, 100 acres in Lot 22, on the Middle Road, and so pleased was he with the location of the land and its natural advantages, that lured by his enthusiastic descriptions, other members of the family came to settle.

Stephen Russell, grandfather of our subject, was born in County Kent, England, where he was reared and married, and where his six children were born. On March 31, 1835, with his family, he left England and came directly to the County of Kent, Ont., and to Raleigh township. He took up land in Concession 14, but he never developed it. His sons took up or purchased land for themselves, and reared families whose descendants are still residents of the township.

George Russell, father of our subject, was born at Tenterden, England, June 6, 1813, and he accompanied the other members of the family to Raleigh township. With his brother Stephen he took up land near the farm of the older brother, Thomas, who was then well established. George Russell took up 100 acres in Lot 23, Concession 13, which at that time was wet and wild. During his lifetime it was developed and cleared, the sons, as they grew into strength, assisting largely in this work. The father was a great hunter, and many times the family depended upon his trusty gun for meat, as, at that time, both deer and turkeys were plentiful. He built his first house of logs, 18x24, and later erected a large log residence, which is still standing, although unoccupied. In this home the most of the children were born. Politically Mr. Russell was a Reformer. He was a consistent man both in politics and religion, and in the latter, believed in the Unitarian faith. His death occurred June 21, 1892, and he was survived by his widow until Aug. 23, 1894. To them were born: Jeremiah G., born April 8, 1836, a farmer of Raleigh township; Edward Joseph, born Jan. 25, 1838, a farmer of County Essex; Alfred L., born April 12, 1840, who took a gold medal at Cobourg College, where he did four years' work in three years, now a Methodist minister at Highgate, and president of the London Conference; Barnet S., born Feb. 15, 1842, a farmer of Raleigh; Susannah Maria, born April 11, 1844, widow of John Boyes, residing on Lot 22, Concession 13; Paul W., born May 20, 1846; Winsor H., born July 1, 1848, ex-school teacher, now a gardener engaged in public work, and residing in Essex; Olive B., born Nov. 9, 1850, residing at Maxwell, County Grey, Ont.; Peter, born May 20, 1853, who died young; and Helen and Fannie, who both died young.

Paul W. Russell was born on the old homestead, and grew to manhood amid its familiar surroundings. The educational opportunities were not very good, and he secured a very fair education through study at home in the evenings, after the day's work was done. He chose farming as his life work because he enjoys it, and he has probably attained much

success on that account. Mr. Russell is a model farmer, and every part of his domain certifies to it. He inherited fifty acres of the home farm, and has always resided here contentedly. His fine residence is one of substantial comfort, and his barns are commodious and sufficient. He raises great grain crops and operates a very successful dairy, obtaining the highest market price for his products on account of their excellence.

Although Mr. Russell is identified with the Reform party, he does not take any active interest in local political matters. He is a man devoted to his home, his family and his church, and both he and his estimable wife belong to the Methodist Church, and he is active in the Sunday-school.

On Nov. 17, 1883, Mr. Russell was married to Theresa Millicent, daughter of Thomas Jenner, noted elsewhere, and four children have been born to this union, namely: Carl Lindridge, born Sept. 23, 1884, is taking up land in the West; Addie was born Feb. 15, 1886; Ivan Havlock, born May 25, 1893, died aged nine years; and Ralph Clifford was born Nov. 30, 1896.

SHEM HIND, a farmer of Dover township, who enjoyed in his old age the results of a lifetime of well-spent industry, was born Aug. 23, 1818, in Yorkshire, England. The family was represented in that country for several generations, his grandfather, Mathew Hind, having lived there and followed the business of teaming.

Mathew Hind, the father of Shem, was born and reared in Yorkshire, and practically passed all his life there, for he lived only about a month after his emigration to Canada. He came to Quebec in April, 1849, and died there in May at the age of sixty-six years. He married Druzilla Duke, like himself a native of Yorkshire, who survived him many years, her death occurring Oct. 2, 1885, in Badaxe, Michigan, at the unusual age of 103 years. They became the parents of the following named children: Ann; Charlotte; Augusta, who married John Smith, and is deceased; Nathaniel, also deceased; Shem; Ham, deceased; Fayette, who is the wife of William Elvin, of Badaxe, Michigan; Japheth, who was a soldier, and who died on the water while returning to England; and Arphaxad, deceased.

Shem Hind remained with his parents until he was sixteen years old, after which he worked out among farmers in England, until he decided to try his fortune in Canada. On his arrival in the New World he continued to work thus until 1857, for the most part in Walpole township, County of Norfolk. In that year he came to his late home in Dover township, County of Kent, purchasing the place for twelve dollars an acre. At that time, with the exception of small clearings which had been made by the Indians, the tract was in its primitive state, and Mr. Hind put in many years of hard work before the land was reduced to its present condition of fertility. The farm comprises 100 acres, and is in Lot 18, Concession 7.

On March 7, 1849, in England, Mr. Hind married Anna Eliza Slingsby, who was born there May 18, 1822, daughter of John and Christianna Slingsby, who passed their lives in England. Mrs. Hind died Aug. 13, 1891, and was buried in the Jacks cemetery. She was the mother of the following named children: Noreass, who was killed by a falling tree; Elam, who is a farmer in Dover township; Christinia, wife of Charles Foy, a farmer of Dover township; Ashard, now retired and residing in Chatham, Ont.; Arphaxad, a farmer of Dover township; Miss Drusilla, at home; Lud, who lives on the home farm, in another house; Caroline, wife of Walter Bishop, a farmer of Chatham township; and Aram and Mathew J., twins, who died when a year old. Mr. and Mrs. Hind were earnest members of the Methodist Church, of which he was a trustee for thirty-five years, and for many years he served as Sunday-school superintendent. In politics he was actively identified with the Liberal party, and he was elected to serve in some of the township offices, the duties of which he discharged faithfully. He was quite influential in his community, always exerting his powers for good, so that there was no more esteemed resident in his neighborhood. He was active for one of his years, his hearing being the only faculty he did not retain in full.

ELAM HIND, an enterprising citizen of Dover township, County of Kent, who is engaged in general farming on a fine tract of 100 acres in Lot 19, near Bear Line, was born Jan.

5, 1850, in Walpole township, County of Norfolk, Ont. He is a son of Shem Hind, who is fully mentioned in the foregoing sketch.

Mr. Hind passed his boyhood on the farm in Dover township where his father resided until his recent death, and received the educational advantages afforded in the locality. He remained with his parents until his marriage, in 1877, since which time he has resided upon his present place, and he has made quite a success at farming. He received a good practical training in all the details of agricultural work on the home place, and has been progressive about adopting up to date methods and applying them to the work in hand, thus making the most of such advantages as his land possesses. He is intelligent and respected, and is one of the useful citizens of his township. In politics, like his worthy father, he upholds the principles of the Reform party.

On Nov. 14, 1877, Mr. Hind married Amelia Pfenningsdorf, the wedding taking place in Dover township. They have had a family of four children: Caroline, who is the wife of William Stenton, of Huron county, Michigan, and Fred, Mary M. and Ann E., at home. Mrs. Hind was born Sept. 19, 1859, in Morpeth, County of Kent, daughter of Frederick and Louise H. (Hoffman) Pfenningsdorf, natives of Germany. They were married in Montreal, and lived there until their removal to Howard township, County of Kent, where they passed the remainder of their days. Mr. Pfenningsdorf was a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in May, 1885, when he was sixty-two years old, and his wife died in July, 1900. They were the parents of the following named children: Edward, who resides in Detroit, Michigan; Amelia, Mrs. Hind; Mary, Mrs. Andrew Winters, of Morpeth, County of Kent; Fred, who is on the old homestead in Howard township; and Emma, wife of James Hind, a farmer of Badaxe, Michigan.

LUD HIND is a member of one of the most respected families of Dover township, County of Kent, and is himself a useful citizen of that community. He has passed all his life in this region, having been born on the farm where he still resides, March 1, 1859, son of Shem Hind and brother of Elam Hind.

Mr. Hind obtained his education in the local schools, was reared to agricultural pursuits under his father's tuition, and since attaining manhood has continued his labors on the home farm, in addition cultivating a fifty-acre tract of his own, adjoining the paternal estate. His dwelling house is on the old homestead. Besides general farming he has done threshing for the past four years, and he has met with the prosperity his industry merits. Mr. Hind is enterprising and energetic in everything he undertakes, and ranks among the substantial, intelligent citizens of Dover township, where he is well and favorably known.

For his first wife Lud Hind married Matilda Bishop, of Dover township, who was born in 1860, and died in 1894, leaving one child, Henry E. On July 10, 1897, Mr. Hind was married, in Chatham, Ont., to Miss Catherine Doolittle; there are no children by this union. Fraternally Mr. Hind is a member of the A. O. F., and in politics, like the rest of his family, he is a Liberal.

Thomas L. Doolittle, father of Mrs. Hind, was a prominent resident of Dover township, for many years prior to his death. He was born Jan. 12, 1832, in Bay Quinte, Ont., and for some time during his earlier manhood resided at St. Thomas, Ont. In 1855 he settled in Dover township, where he secured a 100-acre tract of wild land, and began to farm. He continued to improve and cultivate this place until his retirement from active life, in 1880, when he removed to Chatham, and there his death occurred Jan. 12, 1887. On March 20, 1857, Mr. Doolittle was married, in St. Thomas, to Mary A. Adams, who was born there March 15, 1838, and now makes her home with her son, John E., in Dover township. Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle had a family of ten children: Jared, who lives in Boise City, Idaho, and is engaged in the butcher business; Anna E., Mrs. Henry Slag, of Walkerville, Ont.; Catherine, Mrs. Lud Hind, who was born on the old Doolittle homestead; Esther, wife of T. V. Chandler, of Chatham, Ont.; James A., a farmer of Dover township; William, and Thomas L., both deceased; John E., a farmer in Dover township; and Mary M. and Margaret E., both living at home.

GEORGE McDONALD, township clerk and a farmer of Ridgetown, County Kent, is one of the leading men of that locality, and was born in Harwich township, that County, June

6, 1851, a son of Donald and Janet (Collie) McDonald.

Donald McDonald was born in the Grampian Hills, Scotland, in 1796, and his wife was born in the same locality, in 1806. These two grew to maturity in Scotland, where they married and started out on their wedded life. Donald McDonald lost his parents when a child, and he had a sister, still living in Scotland, although a lady well advanced in years. Until 1844, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald lived very happily in their native land, where they were farmers, but in that year they left Scotland on account of religious persecution, their views conflicting with the Established Church. They emigrated to New York, with a colony which settled in that State, but after a short stay in the Empire State, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald removed to Ontario, locating in Harwich township, near Chatham, where Mr. McDonald purchased fifty acres of land, and erected a log cabin and barn. By industry and thrift he accumulated 400 acres of fine land all in one body, and prior to his death bought 100 acres for his son George. In addition to improving his land, he replaced the primitive dwelling place with a fine residence and also erected all necessary farm buildings. His death occurred at the home farm, in 1889, and his worthy wife still survives, making her home on the homestead in Harwich township. Both Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were consistent and active members of the Presbyterian Church for which they endured much. Politically Mr. McDonald was a strong Liberal, but he never accepted or desired office. Eleven children, eight of whom are still living, were born to this most excellent couple: (1) Alexander died in Scotland. (2) Margaret, born in Scotland, married Duncan Gray, of Harwich township, and they removed from Harwich to Raleigh township, where he died leaving a wife and twelve children, Jessie (deceased), Peter, Donald, James, Mary, Christie, Maggie, Susan, Duncan, Millie, Maud (deceased) and May. (3) Mary, born in Scotland, is the wife of Hugh McDonald, of Ridgetown, a farmer and hardware merchant; they have no family. (4) Duncan died in childhood. (5) Christie, born on the homestead farm in the County of Kent, is the wife of William Somerville, a merchant of Chatham, and they have three children, Isabel, Gertrude and Frederick. (6) George is the subject of this sketch. (7) John died in childhood. (8) Donald, born on the old home farm, was well educated in the Chatham schools, where he was fitted for teaching. After following this calling for a few years in the County of Kent, he studied medicine and was graduated from Ann Arbor University, and he is now a practicing physician of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He married Miss Jackson, of Chicago, Illinois. They have no family. (9) Jennie, born at the old home farm, now resides there with her mother. (10) Andrew, born in 1857, married Miss Anna Lawton, of Howard, and resides on a part of the home farm; they have two children, Mildred and Gordon. (11) James, born in 1860, married Miss Nellie Haylock, of the County of Kent, resides on the home farm with his mother, and has one daughter, Dora.

George McDonald was born on the home farm, and resided there until his marriage, meantime receiving an excellent common school education. After his marriage he first settled on a farm in Harwich township, where he resided until 1880, at which time he sold his property and located in Ridgetown, embarking in the hardware business, in which line he continued for four years. In 1882 he purchased the John Mitton homestead farm, adjoining the town of Ridgetown, where he has resided since 1884.

In April, 1876, Mr. McDonald was married to Miss Belle Somerville, the estimable daughter of William and Mary (Longmore) Somerville, pioneers of Raleigh township, both of whom were born in Ireland, he in 1799, and she in 1806. Their marriage occurred in Ireland, and they came to the Dominion as early as 1833. The family lived in Raleigh township until after the death of Mr. Somerville, which occurred in 1858, and then removed to Harwich township, where Mrs. Somerville survived until 1885. He was a farmer by occupation. Four daughters and two sons born to them are still living: William, of Chatham; George, of Detroit; Sarah, widow of George Dunlop, formerly of Chatham; Mary, unmarried, of Chatham; Martha, wife of John McLean, of Woodstock, County of Oxford; and Belle, wife of Mr. McDonald. Mrs. McDonald was born in 1854, was educated in the schools of Chatham, and for four years was one of the successful teach-

ers of the County of Kent. She is a lady of much culture and refinement and is highly esteemed for her many admirable traits of character. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McDonald: George, born in 1878, was educated in the high schools of Ridgetown, is unmarried and now resides in Seattle, Washington; E. Blake, born near Chatham, in 1880, a graduate of the Ridgetown high school, is unmarried and at home; Ethel, born in 1883, was a student of the high school of Ridgetown; Jean, born in 1886, is a student of the Ridgetown high school; Stanley was born in 1891.

Like his parents before him, Mr. McDonald is a stanch supporter of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is a member. The political opinions of Mr. McDonald make him a Liberal, and in 1885 he was elected councilman of Ridgetown, and he served most acceptably for one year in this capacity. For four years, while residing in Howard township, he served in the council of that place, and has held the office of township clerk since 1893, and for five years has been secretary of the agricultural society, is a member of the school board, having held that office for four years, and has been assessor of Ridgetown for three years. The social relations of Mr. McDonald are with the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 144, of Ridgetown, in which organization he is deservedly popular. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are kind hearted, charitable people, whose home is a favorite gathering place for their many friends. In his character of a public official Mr. McDonald has discharged the various duties pertaining to his several offices with distinction, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative men of County Kent.

EDWARD C. WEMP, a prosperous general farmer of Dover township, resides on his fine farm of seventy-five acres, which is located in Lots 31 and 32, 13th Concession, and is all thoroughly improved and equipped with all modern conveniences. He was born on this farm Nov. 1, 1870, and is a brother of A. D. Wemp, who is mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. Wemp has spent his life upon his present farm, and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. So closely has he confined himself to his farm work that it was not until 1901 that he took his first railroad trip, which proved very entertaining. In April, 1898, Mr. Wemp married Orpha A. Owen, who was born in Dover township June 17, 1875, a daughter of Edwin Owen, and one child has been born to them, Elda B.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wemp are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in the work of which they take an active part, and to which Mr. Wemp is a liberal contributor. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, in which organization he is very popular. Thrifty, hard-working, understanding thoroughly the management of a farm, Mr. Wemp has made a success of his life, and gained the respect of his neighbors. In addition to his farming interests he carries on a threshing business, and finds this line also very profitable.

ERASTUS WALLACE. Numbered among the prominent and highly successful men of the County of Kent, occurs the name of Erastus Wallace, who made his home near Thamesville, that county, and during a long and useful life contributed largely toward the commercial prosperity of that locality.

Erastus Wallace was born in 1820, on Lot 12, Concession A, Camden township, County of Kent, a son of William Wallace, one of the pioneers of that section of western Canada. The family is of Scottish extraction, William Wallace being a native of Scotland, who emigrated to the Dominion a century ago, and located on Lot 12, Concession A, Camden township. He cleared the land and developed it into a very fine property, which later passed into the possession of Erastus Wallace, and is now the property of the latter's son, David Wallace, who is of the third generation of the family since its establishment in the New World. The wife of William Wallace, the original settler, was a Miss Jackman. They died on their farm. To William Wallace and his wife were born the following children: Mariah (deceased), wife of James Delmage; Mary, Mrs. John Grover; Ann, deceased; and Erastus.

When a young man Erastus Wallace spent a number of years in California. When he departed for the Land of Promise, there was no railroad from Thamesville, and he walked to London, about fifty miles, and took the first steamer, thus commencing his trip west. After his return he married Miss Mary Hennesy,

who was born in 1830 in Ireland, daughter of David Hennesy, also a native of Ireland. She died April 27, 1899, leaving two children: David, who now owns the old homestead, and Mary, a resident of Chatham.

During his active business career Mr. Wallace was a prominent man politically, serving his township as reeve, was a member of the council of Thamesville, reeve of Thamesville, and a member of the county council. He gave the utmost satisfaction in every capacity, making a record as a public official of which he had reason to be proud. He was also a prominent Mason, taking a deep interest in the prosperity of that fraternity. The death of Mr. Wallace occurred Feb. 13, 1889, and in his demise the town of Thamesville lost a good and upright man and a public-spirited citizen.

DAVID WALLACE, the only son of Erastus Wallace, was born in 1879, at the old homestead in Camden township, County of Kent. This property is a very valuable one, and has been in the possession of the family for a century. At present Mr. Wallace operates his farm himself, and also devotes a large portion of his time and attention to the lumber business, residing at the Tecumseh House in Thamesville. He is a man of energy and business acumen, and is justly regarded as one of the leading citizens of Thamesville, as well as a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of this locality.

THOMAS C. MARTIN, a successful general farmer and influential citizen of Chatham township, County of Kent, residing on the river front, Lot 20, river road, owns a fine 175-acre farm, on which in 1891, he erected a very comfortable and pleasant home. He was born on his present farm Dec. 24, 1863, son of Thomas and Frances (Benneteau) Martin, of County of Essex, where they were married in 1852. Ten years prior to his marriage the father had gone into the wilderness and then returned for his bride. The young couple returned to County of Kent, and settled upon their farm, which his father had secured from the government as a reward for his services during the war of 1812, when he was captain of a company. Thomas Martin died on his homestead, in November, 1892, when he was seventy-eight years of age. For ten years he had served in the township council. The mother died in July, 1902, aged eighty-four years and two months, and they are buried in St. Joseph's cemetery in Chatham. Both were consistent members of the Catholic Church. The children born to these parents were as follows: Thomas, deceased, a farmer of Chatham township; Alexander, a farmer of Harwich township; Miss Mary, of Chatham township; Josephine, deceased; Miss Ellen, in Chatham with her sister; and Thomas C.

In October, 1891, Mr. Thomas C. Martin was married, in Chatham, to Mary Drew, and to this union has come one child, Augustin E. Mrs. Martin was born in Harwich township, County of Kent, daughter of Edward and Mary (Kelly) Drew, of Raleigh and Harwich townships, respectively. The father was a farmer, and died in Harwich township in 1882, aged forty-six years, being buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, Chatham, while his wife survives and lives on her old homestead in Harwich township, now seventy-three years of age. She is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, as was her husband. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Drew, besides Mary, who is Mrs. Martin, were: Martin, an electrician of Chicago; John, of Chatham, Ont.; Kate, with her mother; Thomas D., a produce and pork merchant, member of O'Keefe & Drew, at Chatham; William, a hardware merchant of Chatham; Matilda, who married George Jacques, a dry goods merchant; Eugene; Albert, an electrician, of Chicago; James D., unmarried and with his mother; Ethel, who married Andy Jacques, a harness manufacturer. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Martin were Martin and Catherine Kelly Drew, of Ireland, who were among the early settlers of Raleigh township, where they became farmers.

Mr. Martin has always lived upon his present farm, and he has made it into one of the finest in the township. Both he and his estimable wife are good Catholics. In politics he is a Conservative, and takes an interest in township affairs. The Martin home is a center of social life in Chatham township, and they gather about them the leading people who are their warm friends and stanch admirers.

DAVID RORRISON. The retired, esteemed and substantial farmers of County Kent are no better represented than by the honorable

name which heads this review, belonging as it does to one who through many years has been closely identified with the agricultural, educational and religious growth and development of this part of Ontario. Beginning life for himself as a poor youth he has accumulated means which make him a substantial member of his community, and from acres of wild land, his industry, energy and perseverance have developed one of the fine farms of Harwich township. This is located on Lot 7, Concession 5.

Mr. Rorrison was born Dec. 13, 1822, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, a son of Robert and Janet (Williamson) Rorrison, both of whom were natives of that land, where their lives were spent. They left a family of seven sons, namely: William, who died some years since in Scotland; George, a resident of New Zealand; Thomas, who married and still resides in Scotland, and who has had the following children, Janet, Annie, Agnes, Robert, John, William (who lost his life about the close of the South African war, having resigned an excellent position in the postoffice department to become a soldier) and Margaret; Robert, who settled in England as a merchant, never married and died some years ago; James, who also died a merchant in England, unmarried; David; and John, the youngest, a resident of New Zealand, where he is married, but has no family.

David Rorrison grew to manhood in his Scottish home, and obtained a fair education. His boyhood was mainly spent in herding sheep, but he had higher ambitions, and in 1844 he started to Canada, on a sailing vessel, for the port of New York. Now the stormy Atlantic is crossed in five days, but at that time the voyage consumed fifty-two days, and at its end a long journey still remained before he could reach his destination. The State of New York was crossed by way of the Erie Canal—a wonderful feat of engineering in those days—and he then came by boat across Lake Erie to Detroit, and into Canada. Mr. Rorrison found plenty of work to do, both in Canada and later in Michigan, for the country was fast settling and clearings had to be made. Little money was in circulation, and he spent his first year in the wild, new country, chopping down trees and clearing out brush, merely receiving his board in return. However, as money came, he providently saved it, and finally had accumulated enough to purchase his present farm, almost all of it then being wild land. A few years were spent in the little log cabin which was his first home, but in the course of time he erected his present comfortable dwelling.

In November, 1856, Mr. Rorrison married Jane Macklem, born in Scotland, who died in September, 1857, leaving one daughter, Jane, who married W. H. Stephenson, station agent at Blenheim, and has one son, David. On Oct. 11, 1859, Mr. Rorrison married (second) Helen McQueen, born in 1833, in Scotland, where she was educated, and where her father died. She was his only child. Later her mother married William Nielson, and died in Chatham. Mrs. Rorrison died on the home farm in December, 1898. She was a lady of many Christian virtues and left a large number of friends to mourn her. Four daughters and two sons were born to this marriage, namely: Miss Janet and Miss Amice are cultured and refined young women, who carefully look after their father's comfort at the home; Maggie, educated in the schools of Harwich, also resides at home; Robert, manager of the homestead, married Belle McCormick (daughter of Archie and Barbara McCormick, who live on Concession 5, Harwich), and has one daughter, Grace; William also resides at home, and Helen is the widow of Leslie Remington, who died in January, 1901, in Chatham, leaving four children, Waneta, John Lee, Helen McQueen and May, the last named deceased. Mr. Rorrison and family are all members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a deacon in the old McCall church for many years in Chatham, and was one of the founders and a liberal supporter of St. Paul's church of Harwich. Politically he has always been identified with the old Reform party, but has never consented to hold public office. He is a man of the highest character, charitable in the extreme and has always taken an active interest in everything that promised good for the community.

MICHAEL HALL (deceased), who for many years was one of the highly respected residents of Orford township, County of Kent, was born in Ontario, April 15, 1841, and died in Orford township, on Concession 10, Lot 10, Dec. 10, 1901; his remains lie in the beautiful Gosnell cemetery.

The late Mr. Hall came to his farm in May,



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL HALL

1876, and upon his fifty acres erected a fine brick residence. He was a son of Thomas and Mary J. (Smith) Hall, of England, who were married March 4, 1840, and came to the county in 1842, taking up a tract of land in Howard township, 100 acres in extent. The father, who was born March 4, 1807, was a farmer all his days, and he died in the County of Lambton, Ont., Sept. 12, 1882; his wife was born Dec. 8, 1823, and died in 1890. Both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born of this union were: Michael; Joseph, a farmer of Chatham township; Rebecca, who married George Droop, of Sarnia, Ont.; William, a farmer of Sarnia, Ont.; Mary, of Highgate, Ont., widow of George Brown; Hannah, of Sarnia, who married Andrew Logan; Fanny, who married Robert Ward, of Sombra township, County of Lambton; George, who died in infancy.

On Jan. 10, 1865, in Ridgetown, Ont., Michael Hall married Louisa Pangburn, and their children were: Thomas W., a farmer of Orford township, who married Maggie Hogg (they had no children); Amelia J., who married Daniel Reabie, a farmer of Orford township, and has one child, Louisa P.; Hiram H., a farmer of Orford township, who married Alice V. Dickson, and has children, Matilda L., Mary J. and Myrtle A.I.; Archie, who died at the age of nine years; Joseph J., who died in infancy; and George M., living on the old homestead where he was born.

Mrs. Hall was born in Blanshard township, County of Huron, Ont., Jan. 30, 1846, a daughter of Hiram and Amelia O. (McCollum) Pangburn, of the United States and Scotland, respectively. Hiram Pangburn was born Oct. 14, 1815, and died Nov. 6, 1900. On Oct. 5, 1845, in the County of Huron, he married Amelia O. McCollum, who was born July 24, 1825, and who died Feb. 3, 1898. Both are buried in Ogletree cemetery, Howard township. They came to the County of Kent in 1853, and located in Howard township, where they took up 100 acres, remaining there until their removal, a few years prior to their deaths, to Orford township, on the farm of a son-in-law, Andrew Gladstone. They were both consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and very highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pangburn were: Mary A., who married Archie McCarty, a farmer of Howard township; Louisa, who married the late Mr. Hall; Jane, who married Robert Gladstone, of Orford township; Elizabeth, who married William Davison, a farmer of Orford township; Amelia, who married Andrew Gladstone, a farmer of Orford township; Hiram, who married Rebecca Connor, of Howard township; Matilda, deceased wife of William Kennedy; and Sarah, who married John Hogg, a farmer of Howard township.

Until he was of age Michael Hall remained with his parents, and then began teaming for a sawmill, in Orford township, thus continuing for two years, when he went to the Ridge road in Howard township, and was on a rented farm for two years. Thence he went to Moore township, County of Lambton, where he purchased a farm which he successfully carried on for five years. His next change was made to Highgate, where for two years he conducted a livery stable, and he then came to the present farm, and in connection with its cultivation operated a threshing machine for twenty years, and was successful in all his undertakings.

Early in life Mr. Hall connected himself with the Presbyterian Church, and his widow is one of its strong supporters. In politics he was a Reformer, and his loss is felt in the ranks of that party. Fraternally, Mr. Hall was a member of the A. O. U. W. Throughout his long and useful life Mr. Hall lived faithfully up to the principles of his creed, was industrious, thrifty, a good manager and hard worker, and naturally became a prosperous and highly respected man. Although he was interested in local affairs, he did not desire office, preferring to devote his efforts toward the betterment of the community as a private citizen. The loss in his home is deeply felt, especially by his widow and her youngest son, George, who resides with her, and is a very enterprising young man. The Hall family is widely known throughout the county, and all its members are recognized as excellent representatives of the best interests of Western Ontario.

JOHN E. BACHELDOR. Few farmers of Dover township have done more for the development of the agricultural resources of his section than has John E. Bacheldor, now retired, whose home is on Lot 22, Concession 2.

Coming to this locality about forty years ago, he has transformed nearly eighty acres of wild land into fertile fields and productive gardens, and his farm is now a striking evidence of prosperity and well-directed industry.

Mr. Bacheldor comes of a family of hard workers and successful business men. His father, John Bacheldor, a prominent contractor and builder, passed his early days in the State of Maine. Naturally handy with tools, he learned the carpenter's trade, and upon reaching manhood followed it as a regular occupation. While a young man, in the State of Maine, he married Eliza Lowell, who died in 1832, and is buried in Hamilton, Ont. By this union there were five children, the first four of whom are now deceased: Eliza, who married William Cook; Harriet, who married David Beardsley; Fred; and Lowell. John E. is mentioned below. A few years after his marriage Mr. Bacheldor moved to Vermont, and later to the State of New York, where he pursued his occupation with good results. The rapid growth of Ontario, however, subsequently induced him to come to that Province, and finding good business openings in and about Hamilton, he made his abode there for some years. A skilled workman, he found his services greatly in demand, and many buildings were erected under his supervision. The constant strain of business, however, in time began to tax his energies, and, feeling the need of a change, in the fall of 1839 he purchased a 150-acre farm in Norwich, Ont., where he afterward made his home. He proved an able and efficient farmer and prospered in his new venture. He lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying in 1850, and his remains are interred in the cemetery at Norwich.

Mr. Bacheldor was a large-hearted, generous man, always kind and obliging, especially with his services as a carpenter, often putting himself out to do little odd jobs for friends. While in Hamilton he often made wagons for the accommodation of the early settlers, and the first vehicle ever made in that place was a piece of his handiwork. He was a man of strong religious convictions, and he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church.

John E. Bacheldor was born in Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30, 1821, and in that place received careful rearing. He was but eleven years old when his mother died, and for the next seven years found a sheltered home with his married sister in Hamilton. As a start in life, at the age of eighteen, he received from his brother-in-law a good 150-acre farm in Norwich, and settling there he engaged in agriculture. Making a success of the industry, he continued on the place until 1856, when, seeking to better his fortunes, he came to the County of Kent, and settled upon a farm in Raleigh township. After a varied career, including four years in farming here, a period of work on the lakes, and another four years in farming in Harwich township, about 1862 he came to Dover township and bought for seventeen hundred dollars 100 acres of land, where he has since made his home. At that time only twenty acres of the purchase were ready for cultivation, but from year to year he cleared up new tracts, and now there are only three acres of wild land on the farm. This is timber and is considered valuable. A careful business manager, as well as a scientific farmer, he has made well out of his industry, and some years ago retired from work.

In Brantford, Ont., July 19, 1846, Mr. Bacheldor married Elizabeth Mason, who was born in Leicestershire, England, Feb. 9, 1823, and came with her parents to the United States in 1830, making the voyage in a sailing vessel in six weeks and four days. To Mr. and Mrs. Bacheldor have been born seven children of whom all the sons except John are stonemasons and bricklayers: Robert resides in Nebraska; Edward went West and was not heard from for many years; Lowell died July 6, 1890; Fred is a farmer as well as a mason, of Norwich, Ont.; Mary married William Cosgrave and resides in Chatham; John is carrying on the home place on shares; Anna married Charles Wilmore, and resides in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Bacheldor, though now advanced in years, is remarkably well preserved and active. He has been a strong man all his life and has never taken any medicine. True to his convictions, honest in business, ever willing to shoulder life's full responsibilities, he is a splendid neighbor, a loyal citizen, and occupies a high place in the estimation of the general public. As a Conservative he has long been influential in local politics. His wife is a leading member of the Methodist Church, and he has sympathetic religious views.

William Mason, father of Mrs. Bacheldor, came with his wife and four children from England in 1830, and settled in New York. A stonemason by trade, he followed that occupation for one year there, and then, on account of failing health, came to Canada and settled in Hamilton, Ont. Here he assisted in the erection of many prominent public buildings, including the jail. He died in Norwich, Ont., in 1880, and his wife in 1886, each at the age of eighty years. They are buried in that place. Their children were: William, John and Robert, who are deceased; Elizabeth, mentioned above; George, a resident of Maple Grove Center, Michigan; Charles, who is now deceased; Rachel, who married Mich. Mudge and resides in Springfield, Ont.; and Anna, who married Abraham Mailatt, and resides in Bookton, Ontario. The parents were highly respected, influential people. Both were consistent members of the Episcopal Church.

SHERMAN. The Sherman family has been connected with the County of Kent for about one hundred years. The first of the family concerning whom there is definite record is Lemuel Sherman, Sr., the grandfather of William and Lemuel Sherman, of Thamesville. He was born in England, and settled in the County of Kent, in Ontario, near the present site of Thamesville, prior to the war of 1812. In 1811 he built a barn on his farm, which was used by the Americans as a hospital in 1813-14. This barn was built of the best pine timber and covered with pine two feet wide, which, by the storms, has worn to the thickness of a shingle in many places. A new cover was put upon the frame, and the barn now stands on the farm of Lemuel Sherman (2), a grandson of Lemuel, Sr. The frame although ninety years old is as sound as ever, and on the beams are carved the initials of many of the American soldiers, who camped in and around it the night before the battle in which Tecumseh fell, and during a part of the winter of 1813-14, when the barn was used as a sort of combined hospital and barracks. When Lemuel Sherman, Sr., settled in Kent, his nearest neighbor was thirteen miles distant. Here he hewed out a fine farm, now in the possession of the fourth generation of that family. The first Methodist sermon preached in that locality was delivered in the Sherman home. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Camp, and she became the mother of the following children: David, Sally, Mary Ann, and Polly. For his second wife he married a Miss Reynolds, by whom he had one son, Edward.

David Sherman, son of Lemuel, was born on the Sherman homestead at Thamesville, and he passed his entire life in that locality, engaged in farming. He laid out a part of the village of Thamesville, and his son, Lemuel (2), the remainder, the town being located on a part of the original Sherman homestead. David Sherman met Tecumseh just before the battle in which the latter was killed, and spoke with that noted chief. David Sherman married Ann Call, daughter of Lemuel Call, by which union he became the father of the following children: Lemuel (2), Sarah, Elsie, Priscilla, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, William and Lomila. The father died in 1865.

LEMUEL SHERMAN (2), eldest son of David Sherman, was born on the old home farm, Oct. 18, 1827, and helped to redeem from the wilderness the family estate, a part of which he now owns, together with other landed property adjacent to Thamesville, on Lots 15 and 16. By trade Mr. Sherman is a blacksmith, but does little at it outside of the repairs which his own machinery needs. Mr. Sherman was married to Miss Emma Johnston, daughter of William Johnston, an early settler of Kent. This union has been blessed with six children: Annie; Mary; Ella, who married J. Bolhiner, of Toronto, and has two children, Letha and Stewart; Elsie, who married William McKenzie, and has two children, Gladys and Wildred; David, of Thamesville, a prominent member of the I. O. F.; and Grace. Politically Mr. Sherman is a Reformer, and religiously a Presbyterian. He has served on the town council, and was a member of the county council for a number of years.

WILLIAM SHERMAN, son of David, was born Aug. 30, 1843, on the old Sherman home. Here he grew to manhood, and on the old farm a portion of which he now owns, he has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and stock raising. In 1878 he married Agnes McFarlen, daughter of John McFarlen, by whom he has seven children: George, John, Edgar, Margaret Elizabeth, William, James and Agnes. Politically Mr. Sherman is a Reformer, and has served a term in the council of Thamesville, and

also on the school board. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order. Mr. Sherman takes a great interest in local history, and as it took place in his locality, is one of the well posted men regarding the war of 1812.

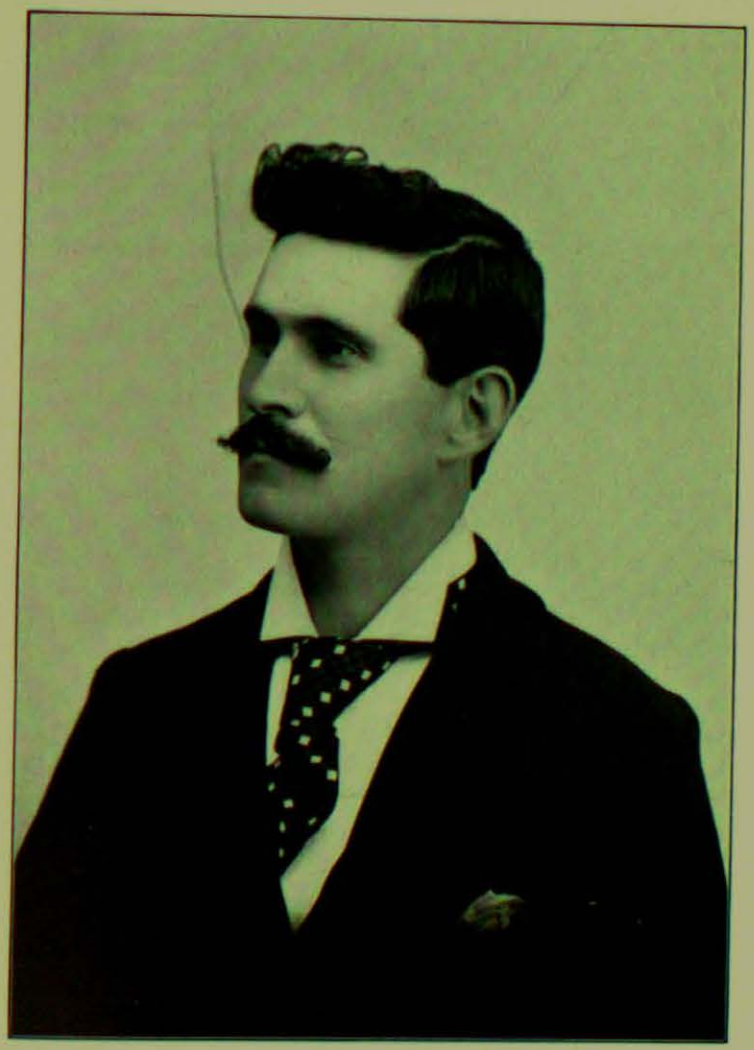
THOMAS F. HINNEGAN, junior member of the firm of Steinhoff-Hinnegan Company, flax dealers of Wallaceburg, Ont., was born in Sombra township, County of Lambton, Ont., March 13, 1869, a son of John and Mary (Downs) Hinnegan, natives of County Connaught, Ireland, and Belleville, Ont., respectively.

John Hinnegan came to Canada when three years of age, being brought by his mother, who emigrated with her three boys and two girls, but died on the voyage, and the little ones were taken and reared by various people. John Hinnegan was a farmer, and he died on his own hometsead in Sombra township, in April, 1890, aged fifty-two years, while his wife lives with our subject, being now past sixty years of age. She is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, as was the father. Although he did his duty as a citizen, Mr. Hinnegan could never be induced to accept of office, being fond of his home and family, and at his death, a large concourse assembled to do him honor. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hinnegan were: Thomas F.; William, a custom house official at Walpole Island, County of Lambton; James, who died at the age of eighteen years; Anna, at home; Mary, who married David Kinna, of Wallaceburg; Sarah, who married A. J. O'Flinn, a merchant of Wallaceburg; Carrie, at home; and Rose, also at home.

In September, 1897, Mr. Thomas F. Hinnegan and Mary Menton were married in Windsor, Ont., and their children are: Berneda and Beatrice I. Mrs. Hinnegan was born at Port Lambton, Ont., a daughter of James and Caroline (McDonald) Menton, of Canada, who were early settlers of County Lambton.

Until he was fourteen years of age Thomas F. Hinnegan remained at home, but as the family was large, and he the eldest, at that time he became a clerk in a store at Courtright, Ont., and remained there one year. He then engaged as cook on the rafting scows on the creeks, continuing in that line for five seasons. His next venture was a trip to Saginaw and the Soo, where he remained one year as cook in the camps, but unfortunately was stricken down with typhoid fever at Newberry, Michigan, and there was very ill for some time. As soon as sufficiently recovered, he returned to Wallaceburg, and was employed in a hotel known as the "Arthur House." After two years, he entered the Chatham Business College, and took a six months course. Returning to Wallaceburg, he purchased the "Arthur House," and operated it for five years, when he sold out and bought the "Queen's Hotel." Nine months afterward the hotel was burned and Mr. Hinnegan lost all he had invested. However, some time previously he had secured stock in the flax mills, and had become a director. Through mismanagement on the part of those in charge, the company sustained a loss of $14,000, and Mr. Hinnegan then assumed management, as well as buying the "Arthur House" once more. Within five years, so successful was he with the flax mill, he found it necessary to dispose of the hotel, and devote all his attention to his factory, in which he owns one-quarter of the stock. The company manufactures flax, and employs at all times about 100 hands. Mr. Hinnegan owns plants at Dresden and Tilbury, where an equal number of men are employed. Through his able management, thorough grasp of the business, and understanding of the market, Mr. Hinnegan has been successful in placing the concern upon a paying basis, and making it one of the solid manufacturing houses of the county. During the past fourteen years he has been honored with several offices, having served for that period as school trustee, but was compelled to resign that position to accept the one of town councilman, to which he was re-elected. He has been either treasurer or secretary of the Agricultural Society for the past ten years. In politics he is a Reformer, and has always been active in local affairs. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. F., Woodmen of the World, C. M. B. A., and the A. O. U. W., and he is deputy grand in the last named organization.

ANDREW VAN WEMP, a prosperous general farmer of Dover township, County of Kent, who makes his home on his pleasant



J. M. Hinnegan

farm of 108 acres in Lot 24, was brought to his present property when a child. Later he went out into the world, but in 1900 he returned and has since remained, the farm belonging to his wife.

Mr. Wemp was born in Dover township, on the 11th Concession, June 2, 1876, a son of Andrew Van and Harriet L. (Bubeam) Wemp, of Amherst Island, Ont., who were born in 1829 and 1837 respectively. They came to the County of Kent at an early day, settling on the homestead in 1878, and remaining there until 1886, when they located in Chatham, and there they are now makng their home. They are consistent members of the Church of England. Children as follows have been born to their marriage: John M., Nelson, James and Charles, all deceased; Andrew Van; Jane, deceased, who married Alfred Burley; Mary, deceased; Maggie, married to John Dickenson, of Dover township; Hattie, unmarried, at home; Victoria, who married Charles Newman, of Chatham, Ont.; and Lena, unmarried, who resides with her parents.

When Andrew Van Wemp was ten years of age he began working for neighboring farmers, and has had to make his own way in life. He is a thrifty, hard-working young man, genial in manner, and has numerous friends. Mr. Wemp was married in Buffalo, New York, to Mrs. Mary A. (West) Wemp, widow of his brother John M. John M. Wemp was born in Amherst Island, Ont., Dec. 3, 1862, and died on the farm now owned by Mrs. Wemp, March 16, 1901; he is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. He came to the farm with his parents when a child, and was residing there when he was married Dec. 10, 1892. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wemp, Pearl, Elda, Mabel, Myrtle, Wilford L. and Clara, who are as carefully looked after by our subject as if they were his own. John M. Wemp was one of the prominent young farmers of Dover township, and a member of the Church of England.

Mrs. Wemp was born in Ireland, June 27, 1873, a daughter of William and Maria (Morrison) West, and is a woman of pleasing personality, a devoted wife and mother, and universally esteemed.

Mr. Wemp is a member of the order of Foresters, and his political convictions make him a strong Conservative. Both he and Mrs. Wemp are members of the Church of England, and take an active part in its work. In their pleasant home, surrounded by their little ones, they dispense a kindly hospitality which makes all welcome.

MRS. ELLEN SMYTH, residing at her handsome farm residence on Lot 24, on the Communicating Road in Harwich township, combines with true womanly character unusual business ability, and to her wisdom and excellent management is largely due the excellent condition of the place where she makes her home. Born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1841, she is a daughter of George and Mary Fanning.

George Fanning, a farmer by occupation, was born in Ireland, married there and passed many fruitful years of his life in his native land. Inherent ability and practical knowledge of business enabled him as a young man to make a good start on the road to fortune, and, continuing to prosper, he remained in Ireland for many years.

In 1864 Mr. Fanning, hoping to further the interests of himself and family, came to Ontario and soon after his arrival rented a well-improved farm in Harwich township, County of Kent, where he settled and engaged in agriculture. Under his efficient management the place yielded large and valuable crops, and here he carried on a highly flourishing industry throughout the rest of his active life. He died on this farm. His wife, Mary, died in Chatham, Ont., shortly after her arrival in Canada. Of this union there were eight children, all of whom were born in Ireland: (1) Elizabeth married James McGehan, a miller of Chatham, and died leaving four children. (2) Rachel, who was never married, is now a resident of North Dakota. (3) John, who has never married, now lives in British Columbia. (4) James, who married and has three children, now resides in Detroit, Michigan. (5) Daniel, who never married, died some years ago in Harwich township, County of Kent. (6) George, who never married, resides in the State of Colorado. (7) Sarah married Robert Edwards, and resided in Pontiac, Michigan. She died some time ago leaving two sons. (8) Ellen is mentioned below. Mr. Fanning was a man of some means and leisure, giving himself freely to the cultivation of intellectual pursuits. In religious convictions a firm Presbyterian, he

and his wife were leading members of that church.

Mrs. Ellen Smyth grew to womanhood in Ireland, and there received her schooling, availing herself of every opportunity of pursuing her studies, and gaining a good education. In 1862 she married in Ireland, Thomas Smyth, who was then visiting in that country. He was born in London, Ont., and reared upon his father's farm in Harwich township, County of Kent. In the district schools of his neighborhood he received a thorough rudimentary education, which he afterward supplemented with extensive reading and travel. A desire to improve his fortunes and his general knowledge led him as a young man to visit many sections of both the eastern and the western continents, especially parts of Australia, British Columbia and the gold fields of California and Colorado. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smyth came to his home in Canada, and settled upon the farm where she now resides. He, however, soon left the management of this place to her, and went to seek his fortunes in the gold fields of Colorado and California. More fortunate than many an adventurer at that time, he succeeded in making money, and continuing to prosper engaged in mining for about eighteen years, making frequent trips in the meantime to his home in Canada. Finally failing health obliged him to retire from work altogether, and, returning to his home in Canada, he died in 1896.

Mr. Smyth possessed rare business ability, energy, foresight, good judgment, and courage and kept for the most part upon the rising plane of life. A man of irreproachable character, with many social accomplishments, he won friends at every step in life. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, he adhered strictly to the teachings of that church through life. To Mr. and Mrs. Smyth were born two children: (1) George was reared on the home farm and has for many years acted as manager of that place. He married Bessie Houston, daughter of John Houston, who was a wealthy and prominent pioneer farmer of Harwich township, and of this union there have been five children, Gertrude, George, Hazel, Florence and Houston. (2) Jennie, born in Harwich township, married Albert Pershy, a prominent business man of Pontiac, Michigan, and they have two daughters, Gladys H. and Ida B.

After marriage, as has been said, Mrs. Smyth remained upon the farm in Harwich township, which she superintended for many years. Under her careful oversight many improvements were made in the farm, large tracts were opened up to cultivation, and in 1888 a splendid brick house with modern improvements was erected. Besides attending to the management of this farm, she has given much time to the education of her children, and has always been a most devoted mother. Some years ago she gave over the management of the place to her son George, and she is now leading a life of comparative leisure.

Mrs. Smyth, with all her other duties, has found time for social and religious obligations, and, being a woman of attractive manners, has drawn to herself a large circle of warm friends. Reared as a Presbyterian, she has strictly adhered to the teachings of that church, and is a liberal contributor to benevolent enterprises.

Andrew Smyth, father of Thomas Smyth, was born in Ireland in 1806, and there passed his early life. Glowing reports of the excellent resources of Canada induced him in 1828 to come to that country, and locating in London, Ont., he remained there for several years. After some time, however, in 1835, he secured an excellent tract of wild land in Harwich township, County of Kent, along the South Creek road east of Chatham, and here he settled and began making improvements. A keen interest in his occupation, and a large capacity for work, enabled him to make an unqualified success of this farm, and here he continued for the rest of his life. He had several children, and one of his sons, Andrew, is now carrying on the family homestead.

DUNCAN A. JOHNSTON, a successful business man of Ridgetown, engaged as a sewing machine agent and harness maker, was born in Harwich township, this county, Jan. 23, 1848, son of John and Anna (Cornwell) Johnston.

John Johnston was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, while his wife was a native of the Dominion. He came to Canada and engaged in farming in Harwich township until his death in 1852. Five children were born to himself and wife: John grew to manhood in Harwich, learning the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until his death; Dan, who resides on the

homestead farm, married Eliza Smith and they have two children, John and Edith; Elizabeth, born on the old homestead, married John L. Everett, a farmer residing on the river Thames in County Kent; Mary, born in Harwich, married Robert Coltart of Harwich township, where they resided until her death in 1882, he dying some time later, leaving no family; and Duncan A.

Duncan A. Johnston was reared by his aunt, Mrs. Nancy Grey, he residing with her for seven years in her home near Chatham. Learning the saddler's trade, he began business for himself in Ridgetown, in 1873. Prior to embarking in this business, he served as journeyman in the States, and for five years in Ridgetown. Since 1888 he has acted as the representative of the Singer Sewing machine Company, at Ridgetown, and has been very successful in this line of work.

In September, 1874, Mr. Johnston married Miss Margaret Campbell, daughter of Archie and Jane (McCullum) Campbell, both natives of Scotland, and members of old and honorable families. Archie Campbell and wife came to the Dominion in 1849, purchasing a farm in Harwich township, near Rond Eau, where they settled, but two years later, they were both stricken down with fever and died within five days of each other. They left a son and a daughter, who were reared by an uncle: Archibald, now a resident of Bay City, Michigan; and Margaret (Mrs. Johnston), who was born in March, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have had five children: J. E., born in Ridgetown in 1875, was reared at his father's home, and is engaged with his father in the sewing machine business. Anna A., born in Ridgetown, June 25, 1873, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and later studied for two years with the eminent lawyer, Walter Mills, but was taken sick and died in 1898, and is lamented as one of the city's brightest and most cultured ladies. A. Lorne, born in Ridgetown July 17, 1879, is unmarried and one of Ridgetown's tonsorial artists, conducting his own establishment. Pearl E., born June 21, 1881, was educated in the public schools of Ridgetown and the Chatham Business College, from which she was graduated in 1899, and she is now a successful bookkeeper and stenographer. D. F., born Aug. 23, 1883, is unmarried and is engaged in the jewelry business at Ridgetown.

Politically Mr. Johnston has always supported the candidates of the Reform party. The entire family are members of the Presbyterian Church of Ridgetown, in which they take an active part. Mr. Johnston was born in this county, and has always taken a deep interest in its welfare, cordially supporting all measures calculated to advance its importance. Personally Mr. Johnston is a very genial and agreeable gentleman, who numbers his friends by the hundreds, and who is deservedly popular with all classes.

PETER W. RICHARDS. This prominent agriculturist of Lot 19, Concession 8, in Tilbury East township, has been engaged at different times as a contractor and builder, a general merchant and a farmer, and has evinced marked ability in all his enterprises. He comes of an old and prominent U. E. Loyalist family. His paternal grandfather settled in the State of New York, and there in the steady pursuit of business managed to accumulate some property. At the opening of the Revolutionary war, however, as a loyal adherent to the Crown, he left his home and property and came to Canada, settling near Niagara, Ont. Later he moved to a farm in the County of Wentworth, where, taking up life with renewed energy and determination, he soon made up for his forfeited property rights, and became a large land owner, at the time of his death leaving a farm to each of his sons.

Peter Richards, father of Peter W., made his residence for the most part in Glanford township, County of Wentworth, Ont. Reared on a well regulated farm there, he early became well grounded in the best methods of agriculture. Excellent equipment for the work and natural tastes in that line decided him upon reaching manhood to continue farming, and settling upon a promising tract of land in Glanford township he there made many improvements, both in the buildings and farm equipments. He was practical in his methods, and pushing his work with great energy made a splendid success of it. He died at the age of fifty-six years. Mr. Richards married Margaret Cunningham, of Guelph, Ont., who died at the age of seventy-six years, and by this union

there were five children, only two of whom are now living: A daughter, who married Thomas Brown, of Tilbury East township; and Peter W., who is mentioned below. Mr. Richards was a man of ability, well qualified to make a success of work in almost any walk of life. Untiring in his energy and determination in carrying each undertaking forward to a successful issue characterized him through life.

Peter W. Richards was reared to a life of strong activity. Born in Glanford township, County of Wentworth, Ont., Sept. 13, 1847, he there grew to manhood on his father's farm, like other farmers' boys of his locality attending the common schools, where he laid the foundation of a good practical education, which he has since greatly supplemented by reading and contact with the world. At an early age he started out with a contractor and builder, and soon mastering the trade and the intricacies of the business he engaged in the same line of work by himself, continuing thus for fifteen years. In April, 1882, deciding to turn his attention to agriculture, he came to the County of Kent, where, purchasing of Francis Trombly a hundred acres of land on Lot 19, Concession 8, he settled and began farming. A wise manager, energetic in pushing his activities, he soon branched out in his industry, engaging in all lines of general agriculture adapted to his locality. He improved his buildings and added to his farm equipments, making the farm in every respect both valuable and profitable. In the course of time he also enlarged the place by the purchase of an additional fifty-acre tract, which with his usual energy he cleared and likewise put under thorough cultivation. He has continued his industry steadily, and his farm is now a striking evidence of his thrift and prosperity. In addition to carrying on his farm, in 1883, soon after his settlement in Tilbury East township, he opened a general store near his homestead, and the Quinn postoffice was established, Mr. Richards serving six years as postmaster. After several years he finally sold out to Dr. Smith, and has since given all his attention to the farm.

Mr. Richards married, in the County of Wentworth, Lydia Ann Mericle, and by this union there have been six children: Ada (who is now teaching in the school of Section 6, Tilbury East township), George, Dora, Margretta, John and Morris.

Mr. Richards, by his many achievements and his capacity for work, has come to the front in the public affairs of his community, and for several years he has served as a member of the school board, filling the office very acceptably. He is now acting as township councilor. Socially he stands high, and as a leading member of the Foresters at Quinn he is serving as secretary, filling the office with marked fidelity and ability.

GEORGE WILLIAM WHITMAN. Among the men who made Howard township what it is to-day stands the name of George William Whitman, now deceased, who made his home on Lot 10, 6th Concession, and lent his influence toward the development and best interests of his community. His birth occurred in Nova Scotia in November, 1833, and he was a son of Thomas and Diana (Morgan) Whitman, both born in Nova Scotia, of English and Welsh parentage.

Thomas Whitman was a ship carpenter by calling. He removed to New York, where he followed his trade, working on vessels. Ten years later he located in the township of Howard, County of Kent, Ont., purchasing land in the 7th Concession, but after a year, not being satisfied with the country, he sold his property and returned to New York, where he died. Of his seven children only George William remained in Canada, the rest returning to New York. The only survivors of this family are Esther who married J. Pyle, Thomas and Charles, all of New York City.

George William Whitman grew to manhood in Nova Scotia. Coming to the County of Kent, he met and married, in 1859, Miss Esther French, a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. French, who were among the early pioneers of Howard township. Mr. and Mrs. French were both born in Ireland, he in 1789, she in 1800, and they emigrated to Canada as early as 1820, settling on the Ridge Road, in Howard township. There he purchased land, cleared it, and resided upon his property until 1868, when he returned to Ireland to look after some interests there. While on the trip he became ill and died at his old home, leaving a wife and four daughters to mourn his loss. The mother died at the home of Mrs. Whitman in 1879. The daughters were as follows: Katie, born in Howard township, is the widow of

Hugh Hayes, of Howard, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere; Sarah, born in Howard township, is unmarried and a resident of Bay City, New York; Harriet married Isaac Davis, a resident of the County of Lambton, and has a family of three children, Mary E. (a school teacher), William and Harvey J.; Esther is the widow of George W. Whitman.

Mrs. Esther (French) Whitman was born in Howard township, in March, 1841, and grew to womanhood on the old French farm. After her marriage she and Mr. Whitman settled in Long Island, New York, where they lived two years, and returning to Canada located at her present home on the 6th Concession, where he first purchased a small farm, adding to it until he became the owner of 265 acres of fine land in one body. At first he built the small house where they lived until 1891, when he erected a large brick house, fitted with modern improvements. The barn and other buildings were also erected by Mr. Whitman, who took great pride in his farm and delighted to improve it. Commencing at the bottom of the ladder, by sheer industry and thrift he worked his way upward, and at the time of his death he was a prosperous farmer and highly esteemed citizen. When he and his wife started life here they had but forty dollars, but they were possessed of undaunted courage and energy, and were never discouraged.

The death of Mr. Whitman occurred at his home Nov. 3, 1900. In religious matters he was an active member of the Methodist Church, in which he was very prominent. While taking an active part in local affairs, and supporting the principles of the Reform party, he never sought or desired office. The following family was born to himself and wife: James D., born in Howard township in 1863, is a successful cabinetmaker of Detroit; he married Miss Muriel Flatter, of Chatham, but has no family. John W., born in Howard in 1866, married Miss Emma Willie, of Howard, settled for a time on his farm in that township, and later removed to Ridgetown, where he was engaged in selling a windmill water pump of his own invention until his death, in October, 1898; he left a wife but no family. Edward M., born in 1870, married Miss Ada Roseborough, of Howard, and has one son, Carman; they reside on a portion of his father's farm. Charles R., born in 1874, married Anna Freeman, of Toronto, and now resides in Ridgetown, where he is employed in the Watts machine shops, being a skilled workman and inventor of machinery; he has one daughter, Grace. Miss Mary A., born in 1878, resides at the old home and is a dressmaker. George A., born in 1878, is unmarried and manager of the home farm; he was educated in the schools of Howard township. Hattie E., born in 1883, is a student in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown. The members of the Whitman family are all connected with the Methodist Church, in which they are very active. Mrs. Whitman is a deservedly esteemed woman, possessed of true Christian character, and devoted to her home and family.

WILLIAM TODD (deceased), a prominent and successful stock dealer of the western part of Canada, was born in Scotland, in May, 1830, son of Thomas and Jean Todd, natives of Scotland, in which country the latter died. Thomas Todd then emigrated, in 1848, to Canada, where he settled in Hamilton, and engaged in stock dealing and farming. Besides his son William, Thomas Todd had two daughters: Miss Bell, who remained in Scotland; and Jane, who came with her brother to the Dominion, and married Peter Type (now deceased), of County Perth, where she resides, the mother of the following children: James (of County Perth), Lizzie, John (of Manitoba), and Anna, (wife of James Corbett of Perth).

William Todd married Miss Bessie Buchan, a lady of County Elgin, the daughter of John and Anna Buchan, one of the old pioneer families of the Dominion. John Buchan was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and his wife Anna in New York State. They married in County Kent, where her parents had settled, but later John Buchan located in County Elgin, where he engaged in farming until his death. His widow resides on the old homestead, aged nearly four score and ten. They were the parents of ten children, all born in County Elgin: (1) Mary married Alexander Frazier, of Caledonia, New York, and has six children, Alexander, Anna, Eugene, Adda, James and Mary. (2) Isabella, married Archie McGugam, of County Elgin and died leaving two children, Minnie, who married Finlay G. Macdiarmid, member of the Provincial Parliament for the

County of Elgin, and John. (3) Christina became the second wife of the late William Todd in 1896; no children were born of this union. (4) Bessie, born in 1844, married William Todd. (5) Laura Buchan married Thomas Ford, of Elgin, and has one son, Norman. (6) Sarah married Peter McKenzie, who resides near Ridgetown in Howard township, and has one son, John. (7) Daniel is a stock dealer of Rodney, County Elgin, and is unmarried. (8) Miss Margaret resides with her sister, Mrs. McKenzie. (9) Anna married John McKarracker, a farmer in Orford, County of Kent, and they have one daughter, Ethel. (10) John Buchan, resides on the old homestead, and married Miss Mary Ford, of County Elgin and they have three children, Agnes, John and Norman.

After his first marriage, William Todd settled in County Norfolk, where he engaged in farming and stock dealing. During his active business life he dealt extensively in stock, of which he was a fine judge. He died in 1891, well known as a Christian gentleman and honorable business man. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and for eighteen years served as its treasurer. His first wife, Bessie Buchan, died in 1872, leaving him with three children, two daughters and a son: Christina, the eldest, born in Simcoe, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of her native place, and married Alexander Smith, who resides in London, Ont., a commercial traveler; they have no family. William, born at Simcoe is unmarried and is engaged in stock raising in Montana. Bessie Buchan, born at Simcoe, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of Simcoe, and for eight years she has been a successful teacher in the public schools of Ridgetown; she is a lady of culture and refinement and has firmly established herself in the affection and esteem of the people of that city, who regard her as one of the most accomplished learned and faithful teachers of their schools. After the death of his first wife, William Todd wedded, in 1896, her sister, Christina Buchan, who survives him.

After the death of Mr. Todd, Mrs. Todd moved to Ridgetown, where a pleasant home on Main street was purchased. She is a charming lady, highly cultured and possessing a host of friends, all of whom join to pay her respect. Mr. Todd will long be remembered, not only in his family, where he was much beloved, but also throughout a wide territory, where he had many friends.

WILLIAM QUENNELL, of the Gore of Chatham, is thoroughly demonstrating that a farmer's wealth cannot always be measured by acres alone. On his small farm on Concession 17, he is now carrying on an industry that would do credit to a place of twice its size. As he is now only about thirty-one years old, with a large fund of practical knowledge in store, his prospects are at present very encouraging.

Mr. Quennell comes of both English and Canadian parentage. His father, Edward Quennell, was born in England, and in a cultivated home received careful rearing. At an early date he came to Canada, and eventually settled in the County of Kent. Induced by the splendid agricultural openings in that section, as a young man he settled upon a farm there and began developing its resources. Energetic and practical he soon made a good start, and in time branched out in his industry, engaging in all lines of general agriculture adapted to his locality. As fast as he made money he put improvements on his farm—remodeled the buildings, added to his stock, equipped the farm with new machinery, and in other ways greatly enhanced the value of the place. Progressive and scientific in his methods, he has won for himself a leading place among the farmers of his locality. After many years of fruitful industry, he finally retired from active work and moved to Wallaceburg, where he has since made his residence.

Mr. Quennell married Mary A. Gibb, who was born in Canada, and who died in 1888. By this union there were seven children: Walter, who is now an engineer residing in Washington, United States; Mary, who married Thomas Sudds, and, after his death, Robert Shaw, a farmer of County of Kent; Sarah and George, both deceased; James, a confectioner in Wallaceburg; William, mentioned below; and Andrew, deceased. Mr. Quennell possesses the sterling English traits of courage, energy, perseverance and sound judgment. Eminently practical, he has made a success of whatever he has attempted. Square in his dealings, honest and generous, he commanded the respect of all who knew him, while socially,

he possesses many winning attributes, which attract to him a large circle of warm friends.

William Quennell was born in County of Kent, Feb. 10, 1872, and there grew to manhood. In the public schools of Wallaceburg he pursued his studies diligently for several years, laying a solid foundation in the rudiments. So ambitious was he that upon leaving school he at once started out for himself, and being possessed of energy and push, soon secured work in the lumber regions of Michigan. Faithful attention to his duties soon won him the confidence of his employers, and, commanding good wages, he remained there for four years. Returning to County of Kent at the end of that period, he there homesteaded a splendid 100-acre tract. After making the usual improvements, and getting a good title to his land, he finally sold it to advantage, making a large profit upon his outlay. Content with a smaller tract, he then purchased the well improved thirty-seven-acre farm, where he now resides, and here he has engaged in all lines of general agriculture, making a specialty of those products best adapted to the soil, and at the same time commanding a ready market. He has improved his farm in many respects, making it both attractive and convenient for carrying on his industry.

Mr. Quennell married Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Robert and Charlotte (Towe) Davis, both natives of Canada. Of this union there have been five children: Ella M., deceased; and Ruby C.; William A.; Mazie B. and John L. Mr. Quennell's many admirable traits of character, as well as his achievements, have won him the confidence of agriculturists in his vicinity. In the welfare of his community in general he takes the keenest interest, and in local politics his word carries weight among the Reformers, with whom he always affiliates. Fraternally he stands high, and he belongs to the Orangemen, and the Orange Young Britons, both of Wallaceburg.

Robert Davis, father of Mrs. Quennell, born in Canada, married Charlotte Towe, who now lives at her home in Michigan. By this union there were six children: James, now a policeman of Verona, Michigan; John, a sailor on the Lakes; Elsie, who married Louis Weaver, and resides at Elsie, Ont., Canada; William; Elizabeth, mentioned above; and Louis, a resident of Wallaceburg. After marriage the father of these settled upon a farm, where he carried on agriculture with success throughout the rest of his active career. He passed his last days in Wallaceburg, dying there in 1892.

GEORGE BARCLAY. The death of Mr. Barclay, in 1890, removed from the County of Kent one of her most reliable, high-minded and estimable citizens. Crowned with the snows of eighty-one winters, he passed out of life, surrounded by those who were nearest, and mourned by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

George Barclay was born in Perthshire, Scotland, May 26, 1809, a son of William and Isabella (Wright) Barclay, both of whom were also born in the Scottish highlands. There the mother died and was buried among her native hills, the father subsequently emigrating to Canada. In 1832 he settled as a farmer in the forests of Howard township, County of Kent, Ont., and with his second wife, Margaret (Finlayson), founded one of the first homes in that locality. There he lived and put his energies into the clearing of his land for eighteen years, his death occurring in September, 1850, and he was survived by his widow until Aug. 24, 1857. No children survived from his second marriage, the two sons of his first marriage being John and George, the former of whom died in young manhood in Howard township.

George Barclay was educated for a physician in Scotland, and because of his gentle, kindly nature would probably have become of note in that profession, had not circumstances directed his energies into another channel. After coming to the Dominion he was appointed a clerk in the war department, during the Rebellion, and after its close returned to his father, and took upon himself the operating of the homestead farm, on Concession 10, and there he remained until within a few years of his death, when he removed to Orford.

In December, 1845, Mr. Barclay was united in marriage with Miss Janet Laird, the estimable daughter of James and Margaret (Gardner) Laird, both of whom were born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, the former in 1798, and the latter in 1796. They were pioneers in County Kent, in 1842, and settled on a farm near Blenheim, which they improved, and on which they

spent their quiet, industrious lives, Mr. Laird passing to his rest in 1872, his wife having preceded him in 1866. They left these children: Joseph died Dec. 2, 1895, near Blenheim; John died in 1901, in the State of Michigan, at the age of eighty years; Elizabeth, born in Scotland, in 1825, was the wife of Robert Stephenson, and both died in Harwich township; Janet was born in Scotland, in 1827, and was there educated; Mary, born in Scotland in 1830, is the widow of James Baird, of Harwich township, and one of her sons is the Rev. John Baird, a minister in the Methodist Church; and Alexander, born in Scotland in 1833, married Elvira Rowen, of the Dominion, and they reside on his farm in Harwich township, near Blenheim, and have three children.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Barclay settled on the Barclay homestead in Howard township and there they spent many happy years. After Mr. Barclay's death, Mrs. Barclay moved to Ridgetown and purchased a comfortable and attractive home near the Erie Railroad, and there she enjoyed the companionship at various times of affectionate children and grandchildren, residing there until her death, May 13, 1903. Mrs. Barclay was a woman of most estimable Christian character. She was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and her life was an example of the value of its teachings. Her Bible was her daily companion, and she was also well read in general literature, while her very remarkable memory of events and happenings of interest, in County Kent, many years ago, made her a most entertaining hostess. To her husband, children and home she devoted her first attention, but the poor, the sick and the suffering in her neighborhood were never forgotten.

A family of nine children was born to George Barclay and wife, namely: (1) William, born in Howard in 1847, was foreman in the woolen mills at Chatham for fourteen years; he married Laura Dolson, of Chatham, who died leaving three children, George W., of Detroit; Frank, an engineer on the Erie Railroad; and Gertrude, of Chicago. (2) Margaret, born in 1849, married William Campbell, of County Essex, and three of their children are living, Peter D., Henry and John. (3) Isabella W., born in March, 1851, was the wife of John Jones, and died in 1899, leaving four children, George, William, John and Frank. (4) Janet, born in April, 1853, married Oscar Troup, who moved to Monroe county, State of Michigan, and she died in 1896, the mother of George, Clare, Emma, John, William, Frank, Janet and Edward (deceased). (5) James, born in 1855, resides on his farm in Howard township; he married Eliza Lewis, and their children are: Leonora (the wife of William Dalton of Howard), John and Bruce. (6) David, born in 1858, settled in Ridgetown, where he was accidentally killed on the railroad, in September, 1898; he married Elsie McDonald of Howard, and left two children, Lawton and Janet, who live in Howard township. (7) Elizabeth died in infancy. (8) George, born in July, 1863, engaged in farming on the old home place until 1888, when he moved to Ridgetown and followed a milk business for five years, but he is now railroading on the Erie line; he married Miss Maggie Watson, daughter of Thomas and Mary A. Watson, a prominent family, and they have two daughters, Janet and Minnie. (9) John died in childhood in 1867. The religious connection of the family has been almost entirely with the Presbyterian Church. The sons, as was their father, have long been identified with the Reform party.

Mr. Barclay was a well known man in this community, his mild manner, and kind and genial disposition making him much beloved and thoroughly respected. He was a fine conversationalist, and was noted for his pleadings for charity and justice to be given all men. His life was lived according to the Golden Rule, and he is very tenderly remembered.

CALEB LOWES, a retired farmer of Harwich township, has lately moved into Blenheim, to enjoy his well-earned rest after the labors of an active life. Although a native of England, he has spent nearly all his life in Canada, where he came with his parents as a small boy. He was a grandson of William and Mary Lowes, who lived and died in England.

William and Mary (Walton) Lowes, parents of Caleb, were natives of Northumberland county, England, from whence they came to Canada in 1827. They settled on a farm where they remained until 1839, when they came to Harwich township to be with their children. William Lowes was a school teacher for many years in the County of Kent, and

taught at odd times, even after he gave it up as a regular occupation. He was also prominent in town affairs, holding the position of tax collector for three years, and serving as school trustee for a number of years. He died in 1856 at the age of seventy-five, and his wife died in 1858, aged seventy-seven. Both were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and are buried in Crawford cemetery, Raleigh township. Their children were as follows: John, deceased, of Zone township; Thomas, deceased; Mary, deceased, wife of farmer Thomas Martin; William, deceased; Caleb, of this sketch; Joseph; Nancy; Sally, wife of Freeman Truax; Jane; and Betsey, wife of Randolph Dawson (all deceased); Isabella, widow of Terrance L. Conlin, of Marine City, Michigan; and Matthew, of Marine City.

Caleb Lowes was born in Northumberland county, England, Oct. 11, 1823, and came with his parents to Canada in 1827. He remained on the home farm until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Dover township, on the Thames river. After five years there he bought 100 acres of wild land in Harwich township, to which he soon added another 100 acres, and for forty years devoted himself to developing this whole tract. He then sold out, and bought a small farm near Blenheim, on which he continued to reside until his retirement from active life in 1903. His later farming operations were on a small scale, and carried on more for recreation than as a regular business.

In December, 1846, Mr. Lowes married, in Raleigh, Sarah S. Hughson, a native of that township. The children of this union were as follows: Salome (deceased), who married William Cameron and had eleven children, George, Sarah J., Maggie, Donald, William, Beatrice, ——, John, Mary, Grace, and Douglas, the last three deceased; George H. (deceased), who married Catherine McNamara, and has one son, Gorge H.; Melissa, who married Benjamin Shotwell, of Butler county, Nebraska, and has children, Maggie, Lawrence, Eli, Charles, Pearl, Roye, and Ida; Nathaniel, who married Catherine Partridge, of Harwich township, and has eight children, Densil, Iva, Cora, Roswell, Frank, Sylva, Elsworth and Hazel; William E. and John G., who died young; Sarah C., who married Joseph Wilkie, of Harwich township; Charles Wesley, who married Sarah Ransom, of Harwich township, and has three children, George, Gladys and Eric; and Francis M., deceased.

Mrs. Sarah S. (Hughson) Lowes was born in Raleigh township, April 24, 1829, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Wilcox) Hughson, natives, respectively, of New York State and of County Kent, Ontario. Mr. Hughson came to Canada in 1812, locating in Raleigh township, where he took up a farm of 200 acres, on which he passed the remainder of his life. For many years he was a member of the township council. His wife belonged to the Church of England, and he was a member of the Methodist Church. His death occurred in January, 1882, at the age of eighty, and that of his wife April 29, 1881, at the age of eighty-one. Both are buried in Union cemetery, Raleigh township. They had the following children: Robert and James (both deceased), of Blenheim; Sarah S., wife of Mr. Lowes, of this sketch; Isaac, of Raleigh township; Hezekiah deceased), of Blenheim; Hannah, wife of Charles McNeil, of Raleigh township; and Mary, wife of Isaac Bostick, of Romney township. Mr. Lowes and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Sons of Temperance, and in politics is of the Reform party. He is a man of property and influence, who has won his success through unremitting industry and thrifty enterprise. He and his wife are now enjoying in old age the fruits of their long lives of active industry.

JAMES R. McGREGOR, now in the eighty-fourth year of a useful and honorable life, is now living in retirement at the fine old homestead which he cut out of the wilderness about fifty years ago. Broad areas of well-cultivated lands, substantial and commodious buildings, and an atmosphere of scrupulous neatness and general prosperity bear evidence of a life of honest industry and wise management. He was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, in September, 1820, son of James and Ellen (Robinson) McGregor.

James McGregor was a man of rare business ability and much force of character. Born in Scotland he there spent many fruitful years of his life. Upon reaching manhood he started out as a peddler, and being possessed of much energy and practical knowledge, met with very good success. In 1833, desirous of bettering his condition and of winning the place in the

world he knew himself capable of filling, he came to Canada, and on the 10th Concession, in Howard township, began the laborious and constructive life of the true pioneer. Possessed of the ability to lay good plans and carry them out successfully, he soon cleared and improved large tracts, and converted his land into one of the desirable farms of the county. In Scotland Mr. McGregor married Ellen Robinson, whose whole life was passed in that country, where she died in 1830. For his second wife, Mr. McGregor married Annie Robinson, a cousin of his first wife. By his first union there were seven children: Anna, Ellen, William and Mary, who all died in Scotland, while young; Charles, who died there a few years ago; John G., who came with his father to Canada, and settled upon a farm near his father, where he died; and James R., mentioned below.

James R. McGregor passed his early years in Scotland, where he received his education. In 1833, in his fourteenth year, he came with his father to America, and lent the strength of his youth and early manhood to the cultivation of the family homestead, assisting his father very materially in clearing the land. Both training and environment mapped out his life for him—he was to be a farmer and play his part in making that region in and about County Kent, Canada, a fruitful and inhabitable district. As a means to this end, however, during his young manhood, he went to Lake Huron, where he engaged for three years as a fisherman, and, earning fair wages, he soon saved a sufficient sum to purchase a tract of wild land, on Concession 18, Lot 8, in Howard township, where he has since made his home and engaged in agriculture.

At the time of his marriage in 1854 Mr. McGregor had only a log house on his land, and had made but very few improvements; but, taking up his work with the skilled hand of one trained to pioneering from youth, he cleared and broke large tracts, and, putting them under cultivation, adding new tracts from year to year, and in time found able assistants in his sons. In 1878, with their help, he erected the large and substantial brick house, in which he now lives. He has also built two roomy and serviceable barns to meet the growing demands of stock and grain. Keeping himself well-informed upon agricultural movements, he has always carried on his work along progressive and practical lines, and has met with excellent results. His years of faithful work have had their reward, and he now owns one of the most extensive and best kept farms in the township.

In November, 1854, Mr. James R. McGregor married Agnes Stewart, who was born in Scotland, in 1828, and in early life came with her father and two sisters to Canada. Archie Stewart, her father died in County Kent, and is buried in the Newcomb cemetery in Harwich. Of the two sisters of Mrs. McGregor, Ellen is the wife of William Stinson, of Palmyra; while Margaret died unmarried. Mrs. McGregor was a noble Christian woman, always exerting an influence for good. She died at the family homestead, Jan. 20, 1895, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were born four children: (1) John, born in December, 1855, is a farmer in Mersea township, County Essex; he married Helena Ball, of Harwich township, daughter of John Ball, still a resident of that locality, and they have four children: Hannah A., who married Anthony Vanhorn, of County Essex, and has one daughter, Orvalena; and Roy, Ethel, and Loren, at home. (2) James S., born in 1856, was educated in the Ridgetown schools. Since his marriage he has resided at the family homestead, in the management of which he has assisted for a number of years. He belongs to Lodge 124, I. O. O. F., Ridgetown. On Dec. 20, 1900, he married Mary Mackentyer, of Aldborough, Ontario, daughter of Angus Mackentyer, of that locality. They have no children. (3) Jane E., born in 1858, married Lewis Parmey, who is now a farmer of Bad Axe, Michigan, and they have seven children: William, Minnie, Mabel, Frank, Lewis, Mary, and one unnamed. (4) Archie, born in 1862, was reared on the home farm, and educated in the schools of Ridgetown. He never married, but now assists his brother in the management of the home place.

Mr. McGregor possesses strong traits of character—clear-headedness, good judgment and a large capacity for work—which might have made him successful in almost any walk in life. Confident of his own power he has kept the bright side ever before him and by his happy disposition has cheered by word and deed many a despondent traveler on life's

thorny pathway. His dealings with his fellow men have been characterized by the highest integrity and strictest honesty, and he has always been a power for good in his community. As a Reformer he has served his township very efficiently as license inspector for some years. He is a sincere Christian, and has reared his children in his own faith, they with himself being influential members of the Blenheim Presbyterian Church. They occupy leading places in the community, and his son James is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 124, of Ridgetown.

ALFRED FRY, a prominent farmer and stock raiser on Lot 20, 1st Concession, Chatham Gore township, is a man of wide experience, having followed the sea during his early career and visited almost every country in the Northern Hemisphere. He is an Englishman, both by birth and parentage, and comes of excellent stock.

George Fry, father of Alfred, was born in England, and there received good rearing. Both environment and inherent taste for agriculture decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that occupation, and settling upon a fine English farm he there began his labors. Energetic and thorough, as well as practical and scientific in his work, he made his farm one of the attractive places in his community. Continuing to prosper, he followed agriculture throughout his active career. He passed his last days in retirement, reaching the advanced age of one hundred years and two months. George Fry married Louise Schittler, who was born in England, and by this union there were nine children, five of whom are now living. Mrs. Fry met death suddenly at the age of sixty-seven years, being taken away while at her meal. Mr. Fry possessed to a marked degree those qualities that go into the make-up of a successful English farmer—a large capacity for work, close attention to details, sound judgment, perseverance, and skill in directing affairs. A man of large resources, he was active in the affairs of his community, where his word carried weight.

Alfred Fry has inherited his father's sound judgment and untiring energy in the pursuit of his object. Born in Dorsetshire, England, April 18, 1840, he there pursued his studies for several years, laying a good foundation in the rudiments, and he has since greatly added to his knowledge by observation and contact with the world. Possessed of an ardent desire for a seafaring life, at an early date he went as a sailor on board a merchantman's vessel, and soon found himself coasting about St. John, N. B. Always to be found at his post of duty, intelligent and apt in mastering the details of his work, he won the confidence of his superiors from the start. Continuing to give satisfaction and commanding good wages, he followed the sea for about fourteen years. For the most part he made St. John, N. B., his stopping place, but he also sailed to many far-away countries, visiting not only every land in the Northern Hemisphere, but many on the south side of the equator. Eventually, however, he came to Kingston, Canada, and embarked in the lake service. Two years later he gave up sailing altogether, and about 1877 purchased a fifty-acre farm in the County of Kent, where he has since made his residence. Turning his attention at once to agriculture, he soon made a splendid success of it, and gradually branched out in his industry. Some years ago he purchased an additional 125-acre tract, which, with the aid of his son Alfred, he is now carrying on with his home farm. He has greatly improved both places, and now has two of the very productive tracts in the county.

Mr. Fry married, Oct. 27, 1863, Jane Farwell, daughter of Thomas Farwell, who was for many years a New Foundland fisherman, and later a County Kent farmer. His wife died when their daughter Jane was but ten years old, and he died on his County Kent farm in 1882. By this marriage there were two children: Lydia, who is now deceased; and Jane, who is mentioned above. To Mr. and Mrs. Fry have been born nine children: Robert W., who is now a farmer of the County of Kent; Elizabeth, who married John Lane, a farmer of that county; Thomas R., also a farmer of that county; Lydia, who married Elick Irwin, a farmer of the same locality; Alfred E., who assists his father on the home farm; Joseph S., a carpenter of Wallaceburg; Ellen J., who is now living at home; George H., another carpenter of Wallaceburg; and John W., who lives at home.

Mr. Fry is a man of commanding presence and marked force of character. From his trav-

els and his varied experiences he has acquired a large fund of general knowledge, which gives piquancy and interest to his conversation. Large-hearted and public-spirited, he is a power for good in his community. Fraternally he affiliates with the I. O. F., Court Selkirk No. 235, of Wallaceburg, and politically he espouses the cause of the Reformers.

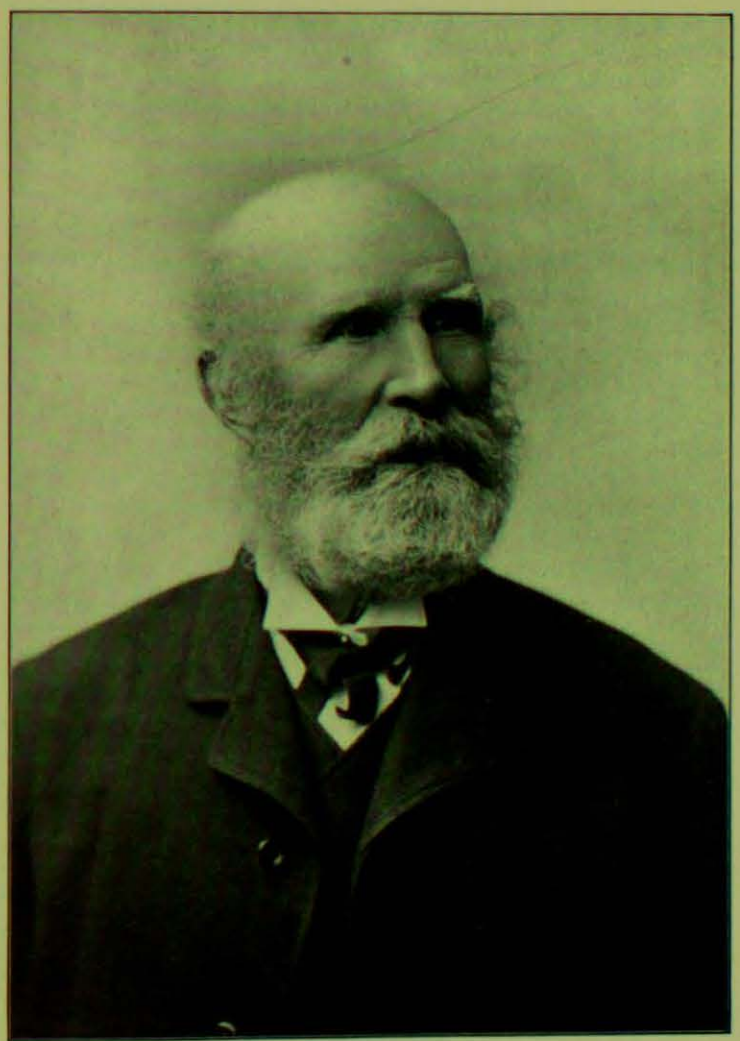
WILLIAM WALLACE, a retired agriculturist of Dover township, is a man of wide experience and broad culture. In his active years he has been connected with the management of some of the finest farms, not only in Ontario, but in England and Scotland as well, and in years past he was also for some time connected with a flourishing manufacturing industry in Scotland.

Mr. Wallace comes of a prosperous and cultivated Scottish family. His father, William Wallace, was a resident of Scotland, where, reared in a good home, under the influence of progressive institutions, he early formed habits of self-reliance and close application to work, and at the same time acquired some practical knowledge of business. After a varied career, when still a young man, he opened a factory for the manufacture of agricultural implements, and, turning out good articles for reasonable prices, he soon worked up a large trade. By good financiering he established the business on a firm foundation, and, continuing to prosper, he enlarged his industry from time to time, and eventually had one of the most widely patronized factories of its kind in the vicinity. Making this industry the main business of his life, he not only derived from it a very good income, but, by giving employment to many workmen, as well as supplying a much needed article to farmers, greatly benefited his section. He died in 1875, at the age of seventy-seven years.

During his young manhood Mr. Wallace married Janet Craig, and they had seven children: John, who came to Canada, and Robert and Ellen, who lived on the old homestead in Scotland, are all now deceased. William is mentioned below. David, who was a machinist in Louisville, Kentucky, is now deceased. Hugh and Mary were twins; he was a boilermaker in Glasgow, and she married John Boyd, who is now a retired miller, of Kilmarnock, Scotland.

Mr. Wallace was a man of splendid business qualifications, far-sighted and energetic, and always retained the confidence of the general public, and the respect and good-will of his workmen. Large-hearted and public-spirited, he was a promoter of many enterprises for the benefit of his community. Both he and his wife were leading members of the Presbyterian Church.

William Wallace, son of William and Janet (Craig) Wallace, inherited his father's courage, energy and capacity for hard work. Born near Kilmarnock, in Ayrshire, Scotland, May 21, 1830, he there received excellent rearing, and early acquired considerable knowledge of business. So ambitious was he that at the age of fourteen he started out for himself, and as a farm hand, making a specialty of gardening, worked among the farming people of his locality for about five years. Having during this period won a reputation for efficiency, at the age of nineteen he secured a position as manager of a gentleman's large estate in England. The place was a responsible one, but he filled it with marked ability, and continued there for six years. Glowing reports of Canada led him to decide, at the end of this time, to break home ties and settle in that country. Locating in Galt, Ont., as a comparative stranger, he took the first position offered him, which was the management of a farm at Brantford, without remuneration. After two years of work at that place he rented a place, where he settled and engaged in agriculture for about four years, deriving from his industry a good income, clear of expenses. His next field of labor was upon the farm of Hon. George Brown, in Brantford, Ont., which he managed with marked ability for one year. Failing health now demanded a rest, and, with the intention of returning to Canada after a short time, he went back to Scotland. Urged by his brother Hugh, however, after his arrival in that country, he changed his plans, and formed a partnership with that young man for the manufacture of boilers. The industry prospered beyond his expectations, and he continued it, deriving a large profit upon his investment. After seven years of this strenuous business life another change seemed desirable, and returning to Ontario he settled upon a farm in Dover township, County of Kent, which he rented for four years with the view of making a purchase. Finding about this time the splendid, well-im-



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proved 100-acre farm where he subsequently resided for about twenty-five years, promising good returns for his labors, he purchased it, and settling there he took up the work of his life in earnest. Previous experience in agriculture enabled him to make the most of the land, and he raised large and excellent crops. The place paid exceptionally well for his labors, earning for him a splendid interest upon his investment. He not only kept up the property, but from time to time made valuable improvements, the farm becoming a substantial proof of his prosperity and well-directed industry. In 1899 he retired from active work to enjoy well-earned leisure, and several months ago he sold the farm.

In England, in September, 1855, Mr. Wallace married Ann Ropier, who was born in Herefordshire, England, in 1830, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Arnold) Ropier. To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have been born three children: Mary G., who married Thomas Laird, a lumber manufacturer of Dresden, Ont.; Thomas R., who has never married and is living at home; and Ellen D., a teacher in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Wallace's admirable traits of character and many attainments, as well as his achievements, have won him the esteem of all who know him. Energy and ability to carry forward his undertakings to a successful issue have marked him as a leader for many a local enterprise. A man of sound judgment, possessed of a large fund of general knowledge, he is often sought for advice on matters of importance. During his long residence in Dover township there was scarcely a movement for the benefit of the general public to which he did not in some way lend a helping hand. The Episcopal Church counts him among its most worthy and substantial members. Politically he espouses the cause of the Reformers.

ALEXANDER DICK, a prominent farmer and efficient public leader, of Howard township, has come to the front entirely by his own efforts. Starting life as a common carpenter, by economy and wise business management he has come into possession of a farm, whose extensive, well-cultivated areas, and large and substantial brick buildings create an atmosphere of prosperity, which can not but impress the most casual observer.

Mr. Dick's power to make a success of his work has to some measure been inherited. His father, David Dick, was both a good business man, and a successful farmer. Born in Scotland, he there spent many years of his life. In early years preparatory to earning his own living he entered a baker's shop, where, by giving close attention to business, he soon learned the trade, which he afterward followed with much success. In 1820, desirous of bettering his condition, he came to America, first taking up his residence in the State of New York, where he worked at his trade with much success for two years. In fact, during this time, he was enabled to lay aside a neat little sum of money. With this he came to County Peel, Ont., and invested in fifty acres of wild land, where by hard work and wise management he made a comfortable home for himself. He followed farming for the rest of his life, and died on his homestead in September, 1876. While in Scotland Mr. Dick married Rachel Brown, who was born in that country, and who came with her husband to America. By this union there were eleven children: Alexander, the only one born prior to the family's removal to Canada, is mentioned below; George is now a resident of Hamilton; Rachel is deceased; Margaret married the late Lucius Gilbert, of Michigan. David died in young manhood in County Kent; Henry is a farmer of County Bruce; Ann married Donald Reed, and resides in County Bruce; Archibald is a boot and shoe merchant at Toronto; William, a carpenter by trade, is carrying on a farm in Harwich township; Richard is carrying on a farm near Peel, and has a wife and several children; Magdalene married and lives in Brampton.

Alexander Dick was born in the State of New York, July 24, 1820, and soon afterward moved with the family to Caledonia township, County Peel, where, on the old homestead, he grew to manhood. As the country was new and the terms of school short and few, he procured only a limited education. As a stepping stone to something in life, however, he early learned the trade of a carpenter. For five years he engaged in this line of work very successfully in County Peel, and so ambitious was he, that he also during this period carried on the lumber business, which he managed with equally good results. Having accumulated a considerable sum of money he

purchased the farm on Concession 4, of Howard township, where he has since resided.

In 1848 Mr. Dick married Mary Balmer, of County Peel, who was born in Scotland, in 1828, daughter of James and Janet Balmer, who came to this country from Roxburghshire, Scotland. Mrs. Dick died Jan. 11, 1898. By this marriage there were five children, three of whom were born in County Peel: James, who has never married, now has charge of his father's farm; David, now a prosperous farmer, residing near his father in Howard township, married Ellen Clark, of that place, and they have several children; Alexander, another farmer, whose place joins the home one, married Emily J. West, and they have two children: Mary J., and John; Miss Margaret, born in the log house of the home farm, is now living with her father. Mary A., married Angus Robison, a farmer in Howard township, and they have two children, Maggie A. and Glen.

When Mr. Dick purchased his present farm, which embraces 250 acres of land, it was mostly a wild tract, and here in true pioneer fashion he erected a log cabin and began making improvements. Taking up his work with a strong determination to make a success of it, he cleared up large tracts which he has since put under thorough cultivation. In 1869 he erected a large and substantial brick house, and later, in 1886, a fine barn of the same material. Everything about the place is neat, and bears evidence of careful attention. In the management of the farm he has always conducted his work along progressive lines, and he is, at the same time, thoroughly practical. No man in the vicinity meets with better results, and he is considered one of the best agriculturists of the county. In addition to the making of his present home Mr. Dick has cleared and opened another large farm adjoining his, which he has given to one son; and on the other side of his own land he has purchased a third farm, and presented it to a second son.

Besides attending to his large agricultural interests, Mr. Dick finds time for religious, social and public obligations. From his youth he has taken an active interest in the work of the Presbyterian Church, and is now one of the strong supporters of the new church in Howard. Politically he affiliates with the Reform party, and has served with marked efficiency as a member of the town council for several years. Integrity and honesty of purpose have always marked his dealings with his fellow men, and great energy and an indomitable will his business activities. Large-hearted and benevolent, he never fails to give his support to any movement for bettering the conditions of his fellow men.

WILLIAM R. IRWIN, a prosperous young farmer of Raleigh township, and senior member of the firm of Irwin Brothers, owners of the homestead farm of their father, William Irwin, Sr., was born on that farm, Feb. 15, 1862.

William Irwin, Sr., was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1825, emigrated to America and spent his first year in Connecticut, but in 1849 he located in Raleigh township, County Kent, where for four years he was in the employ of Mr. Reynolds, and after the latter's death, he rented from the administrators of the estate. When the property came into the market, about 1870, he purchased 100 acres, and seven years later secured another 100 acres. At the time of his death, April 28, 1895, he owned 200 acres, although from time to time he had bought and sold considerable property in Raleigh township, and farmed extensively. In politics he was a Conservative, and for a number of years he was actively engaged in local affairs, serving on the township board and the county council, as well as deputy reeve for a number of terms. Mr. Irwin was a member of the Church of England, as is also his widow, who survives him, aged seventy-three years. He returned to Ireland in 1852, and there married Mary Jane Bell, a native of County Armagh, and she bore him these children: Elizabeth married Harry Cade, of Chatham; Mary married Robert Steene, of Dover township; John died at the age of thirty years; William R.; Nathan lives in Detroit; Thomas is an operator in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company, at St. Louis, Missouri; Sadie married Dr. Walker of Barryton, Michigan; Maggie married Alexander Rice, a farmer of Raleigh township; Edward is the junior member of the firm of Irwin Brothers, who own and operate the homestead.

William R. Irwin was educated with his brothers and sisters in the school of section 12, and he also had the advantage of a short

course in the Chatham Business College. He and his brother Edward inherited the homestead of 200 acres, and operate it in partnership, devoting it to general farming, and they are recognized as among the leading and representative farmers of that locality.

On Sept. 1, 1892, Mr. Irwin married Eliza Montgomery, a daughter of Thomas Montgomery, of Raleigh township, and on June 28, 1893, a son, Leslie, was born to their union. In politics Mr. Irwin was a stanch Conservative, but as yet has been too much occupied with his farming duties to take a very active part in local events. He is a member of the English Church, while his wife is a Presbyterian, and they are highly esteemed by all who know them as intelligent, genial and enterprising young people, and leaders in the social life of the township.

HECTOR NEILSON, a retired farmer residing on Lot 17, Concession 12, Harwich township, was born at his present home, Oct. 16, 1852, son of James and Agnes (McNaughton) Neilson, who were both born in Scotland, he in 1815, and she in 1821. The mother was a daughter of John McNaughton, who settled on Concession 3, in Howard township, in 1830.

James Neilson was the son of a pioneer who came to Canada as early as 1836, first settling near Pontiac, Mich., where he remained two or three years before coming to Canada. Upon reaching the Dominion, he settled in Harwich township, where he died at his home on the River Thames. His family was as follows: William settled on the old homestead, remaining a number of years, when he retired to Chatham, and there died in 1882, leaving two children still living in Canada,—Jennie (now Mrs. Coulter, of Chatham) and Hugh of Calgary; Jennie, deceased, born in Scotland, married Robert Reid, who settled on the River Thames in Harwich, and left a family; Peter, born in Scotland, married there, settled in Chatham, while he worked as conductor and station agent for the Grand Trunk R. R. in Hamilton and Niagara Falls for many years, but later he retired and died in Harwich, near Chatham, leaving a large family; James; Anna, born in Scotland, and now deceased, married Hugh Parker, who settled and died near Corona, Michigan, where he left a family; Susan, born in Scotland, now deceased, married John Paxton, who died in Marshall, Michigan; Margaret, born in Scotland, is the deceased wife of John McDonald, who died in Chatham, leaving one son, Hugh, a furniture dealer, of that town; Marian, both in Scotland, now deceased, married John Buest, who settled and died in Chatham township, leaving a family; Hugh, born in Scotland, came to Canada where he grew to maturity, and when a young man emigrated to California, and there died after becoming wealthy as a sheep ranchman (he left a son who lives in California).

James Neilson, father of our subject, was reared in Scotland, where he received a fair education, and was grown when the family emigrated to this country, although he made the trip some time later. He resided in New York for a year, and then journeyed to Illinois, but finally settled in Canada, and worked on his father's farm. After his marriage, he purchased the Joseph Wood farm in Harwich township, settling on brush land, in a little log cabin. Here he cleared 100 acres of land, erected good buildings, and lived to enjoy many years of comfort in the home made by his own industry. His wife, Agnes McNaughton, died at this home in 1872, and he in 1893. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, of which they were founders in this locality. Their family was as follows: Jane, born in 1842, died at the age of eight years. John, born in 1846, resides on his farm on the River Thames, in Lot 11, Harwich; he married Miss Sophia Bedford, of Harwich, and their children are: Edith, Mabel, Alice, Lois, Roy and Neilson. Hugh died in childhood. Hector was the fourth. William died when a young man, while learning his trade of blacksmith in Chatham. Agnes died in childhood. Duncan, born in 1857, married Miss Janet Smith, a daughter of James Smith, of Harwich; they reside on a portion of the old farm, and have four children, William (born in 1885), Maggie Jane (born in 1888), James D. (born in October, 1896) and Clara V. (born in February, 1898). Dougal, born in 1859, in 1880 emigrated to California, where he worked as a farmer for eight years, then moved to Washington, purchased land and is engaged in farming; he is unmarried. James, born in 1863, in 1884 emigrated to

California, and resided some years when he, too, removed to Washington, and still lives there, being a successful farmer. In March, 1902, he married Miss Lucy Meddaugh, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Hector Neilson was born and reared on the old homestead, as were his brothers and sisters, and was educated in the public schools. When twelve years of age, Mr. Neilson met with a serious accident at school, which resulted in the loss of his right leg. His life has been spent upon the home farm, where he and his brother Duncan are joint managers. Although so afflicted, Mr. Neilson is one of the most useful of the farm's occupants, and has become so accustomed to his loss as scarcely to feel it. Pleasant and genial in manner, intelligent, a good talker, he is a very agreeable gentleman, and one who has many friends. James Neilson, the father, was a man of unusual parts, public spirited, enterprising, a good citizen and kind neighbor, and his children are following the example he and their mother strove to set them, of honorable upright living, and the family stands in high esteem throughout the neighborhood.

MRS. CATHERINE (FRENCH) HAYES, one of the well-to-do and prominent ladies of Howard township, County Kent, was born on Concession 9, in Howard township, on the town line road, in September, 1837, during the time of the Rebellion in Canada, a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (Rowe) French, both natives of Ireland. Thomas French and his wife were married in Canada, whither they had emigrated, and then settled on Concession 9, in Howard township, as early as 1836. All this portion of the country was wild land, and they were the first settlers in the locality. The father worked early and late clearing off the land, making it into a pleasant home, where he resided until a few years prior to his death, when he returned to Ireland on a visit, and there died. His faithful and devoted wife passed away in Howard township in 1880. They had the following children: Catherine (Mrs. Hayes), the eldest; Sarah, who moved to the States, where she died some years ago; Esther, born in Harwich, who married William Whitmer, deceased, of Concession 6, Howard township, where his widow still lives, having a family now grown to maturity; Harriet, born in Howard township at the old home, and married to Isaac David, who resides on his farm in Euphemia, Canada, and has a family.

Catherine French was born and reared on her father's farm, where she received a good common school education. In 1858, she married HUGH HAYES, of Howard township, who was born in Ireland, son of Samuel Hayes, who died in Ireland. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes settled on Concession 6, Lot 16, where Mr. Hayes cleared off a tract of land, on which he erected excellent buildings, and he and his wife reared their family. His death occurred in January, 1898, leaving a widow and seven children. In politics he was a member of the Conservative party. In religion he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes was as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1859, married Richard Willey, of Concession 7, town of Howard, and has three daughters, Charlotte C., Hazel and Mary G.; Annie, born in 1860, married Andrew Harwich, of Concession 10, and has two daughters, Florence M. and Marian; Archie, born in March, 1865, married Miss Fannie Iler, of Ridgetown, by whom he has a son, Ivan L., and they reside on a portion of his mother's homestead; Hugh, born in 1867, is unmarried and the manager of his mother's farm; Miss Esther, born in 1871, living at the old home with her mother, is a very charming and lovable young lady; Manley, born in 1874, married Miss Rose Handy, of Howard township, by whom he has two children, Hugh G. and ——, and they live on the old Thomas French homestead, where Mrs. Hayes was born; Dr. Frank M., born in 1876, was educated in the collegiate schools of Ridgetown, took up the study of medicine, and was graduated in Detroit in 1898, and he is now a practicing physician in Iota, Louisiana (he married Miss Stella Secord, of Detroit, and has no family). The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Church. The sons have followed in the footsteps of their father, and have espoused the principles of the Conservative party. During his lifetime, the father was a member of the Orangemen. In his death, Howard township lost one of its best citizens, and his family a devoted husband and father.

Like many couples before them, Mr. and

Mrs. Hayes started out in their married life under circumstances which might have daunted those less brave. They were poor, and their new home was in the midst of uncleared land, but they worked steadily toward the object of making a home for their young family, and bringing their children up to be honorable God-fearing men and women, and that they have succeeded is beyond all question. Mrs. Hayes is a lady of wonderful ability and intelligence. During her girlhood she spent many days working in the fields, and so her opportunities for acquiring an education were meagre indeed. However, as she grew older and her children relieved her of the burdens which she had nobly borne for many years, this capable lady began to supply what she felt was lacking in her literary training, and is now one of the best read persons in the township, and can talk intelligently and logically upon current topics. She possesses a genial, pleasant manner, and is beloved not only in her home circle, but by the entire neighborhood. The poor, afflicted and unhappy find a friend and kindly sympathizer in this gentle, Christian lady, who is enjoying her latter days surrounded by love and the comforts which her own hands have helped to earn.

WILLIAM HENRY STEER, a successful general farmer of the Gore of Chatham, residing on Lot 13, Concession 4, owns and operates a fine farm of eighty-five acres, where he has lived since 1871. He was born on the river Thames, near Kent Bridge, in Harwich township, in February, 1869, a son of George and Jane (Reed) Steer, of County Kent, England, and he came with his parents when two years of age to Gore of Chatham, they taking up eighty-five acres of land. There the father died in December, 1901, aged seventy years, having owned the home of our subject after the year 1871 until his death. The mother resides with her son, William Henry, and is a very active old lady, although seventy-four years of age. She is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, as was her husband. The children born of this union were: Mary, who married Donald J. McDonald, of Chatham township; John, a brick mason of Wallaceburg; Jane, deceased; Alice, an Indian missionary in Indian territory, unmarried; George, a farmer of County Lambton, his farm adjoining that of our subject; Lydia, a school teacher of Manitoba; William H.; Robert, foreman in the brass works in Detroit, Michigan. The paternal grandparents, George and Mary (Gibbons) Steer, of County Kent, came to that locality from England in 1838, and took up 200 acres on the river Thames, Chatham township, where they remained, he dying in 1875, aged seventy-three years, and his wife in 1887, aged eighty years. Of his children, George is mentioned above, and Edward died on the old homestead. The maternal grandparents were Stephen and Ellen (Hamilton) Reed, of English extraction, and came from Nova Scotia to County Lambton at an early day, and later, about 1840, to Chatham township, County Kent, settling on the river Thames, where the grandfather died in 1868, aged seventy-six years, while his wife died in 1889, aged ninety-one years.. The children born to this union were: Mary, of Florence, Ont., widow of Henry Malem; William, deceased; Stephen, deceased; Jane; Thomas, deceased; Betsey, of County Essex, Ont., who married Stephen Jullian; John, on the old homestead in Harwich township; Fanny, of Chatham, Ont., widow of Joseph Blackburn.

On Oct. 23, 1900, in Wallaceburg, Mr. Steer married Mariah Hardic, who was born in County Lambton, daughter of John and Matilda (Yates) Hardic, and was born in the state of Michigan. They have no children.

Mr. Steer has lived upon his present home since making his first location there, and he has made it one of the show places in the county. Upon it he carries on general farming, and has been very successful in his work. In politics he is a Reformer, and has served as a member of the board of school trustees. Fraternally he is a member of the C. O. of F., in which organization he is very popular. Both he and his wife are very active members of the Baptist and Methodist churches, respectively. Social, agreeable, enterprising and thrifty, Mr. Steer has been successful in accumulating a good competence, and has also made many friends throughout the entire neighborhood.

PETER L. DESMARAIS. Few agriculturists of Dover township have more thoroughly developed the resources of their farms than has this enterprising young farmer of

Lot 14, Concession 4. Since taking up his abode here in 1886, he has added twenty-five acres to the area of the place, has put the land under excellent cultivation, and has kept the buildings thoroughly intact, and he now has a farm for neatness, attractiveness and productiveness the equal of any of its size in the county.

Mr. Desmarais was originally of County Essex, where his parents made their home for many years. His father, Peter Desmarais, settled upon a farm in that county, and there engaged in farming very successfully for some years. Ambitious to make the most of his opportunities, he also worked on the railroad, materially increasing his income. His last position was on a dredge, making excavations for the Great Western Railroad, and there, during his young manhood, in 1871, he was accidentally killed. He married Augustine Boundone, also now deceased. By this union there were seven children: Israel, in the railroad employ at Marquette, Michigan; Alfred, a farmer of Stony Point, Ont.; Emma, who married Alexis Reaneau, a farmer of Belle River, Ont.; Eliza, married and living in Marquette, Michigan; Anna, who married John Reaneau, of Stony Point, Ont.; Henry, a farmer of Comber, Ont.; and Peter Louis, who is mentioned below. The father of these was a forceful, energetic man, who by hard work and economy provided a comfortable home for his wife and family, and at the time of his death did not leave them destitute. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Peter Louis Desmarais procured much of the training for his life work in the active field of farm labor. Born at Stony Point, County Essex, Ont., Aug. 15, 1862, he was about nine years old when his father died. Remaining on the home farm under the care of his mother until he was fourteen years old, he early took upon himself many of the responsibilities of the place, besides giving considerable time to the pursuit of his education. At the end of this period he engaged in regular farm work, and for three years diligently applied himself to the industry, with the usual profits as a reward. Desirous of a wider field for his activity, as a youth of seventeen he went to Detroit, Michigan, and secured a position as switchman at the yards of the Michigan Central railroad. Strict attention to his work won him the confidence of his employers, and he remained there for three years, when he left to engage in sailing on the Lakes. This last position proved both profitable and desirable, and for five years he worked at it steadily. Then, in 1886, he came to Dover township, and hired out as manager of John B. Laplante's farm, and here he has since remained. From the start he evinced a decided interest in his work, and much practical knowledge of it, and each year of experience has made him more efficient in his line. He has always kept himself abreast of new movements in agriculture, and has shown great wisdom in applying them to the special needs of his farm. The place now embraces seventy-five acres, and twenty-five of these he has added since coming here. For four seasons he carried on a profitable trade in nursery goods.

On May 1, 1888, Mr. Desmarais married at Pain Court, Ida Laplante, who was born at that place, April 25, 1868, daughter of John B. and Mary (Bechard) Laplante; and of this union there have been nine children: Nelida E.; Victor L.; Ernest P.; Arthur D.; Rosie V., Eva J., Joseph E., Paul E., and Vetal, deceased.

Mr. Desmarais possesses the happy faculty of making the most of every opportunity offered him. He is alert, progressive, not afraid of work, and determined to conquer every obstacle coming in his way. His achievements are entirely the results of his own pluck and energy. He has won a solid reputation for himself throughout the township, and as an Independent in politics is influential in local affairs. He is a man of sound business principles, thoroughly upright, and a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN B. LAPLANTE, father of Mrs. Desmarais, a prominent builder and contractor of Dover township, was born April 12, 1838, and reared upon a farm near St. Remi, Quebec. Very young he showed a decided talent for carpenter's work, and at the age of ten could handle the tools with skill. He engaged for the most part through his young manhood in farming, remaining upon the family homestead until he was about thirty-three years old. In 1854 he came to County Kent, and located in Dover township, and here after some time he engaged in carpenter's work, gradually

rising to the position of a building contractor. Following this trade for many years, he has made a notable success of it, and many of the most prominent buildings in this section have been erected under his supervision. In Dover township alone he has constructed three school houses. In 1879 he purchased his present farm but he has not engaged in farming since 1886, but gives his whole time to his trade. He resides, however, upon this farm.

In Dover township, Nov. 18, 1864, Mr. Laplante married Mary Bechard, of Pain Court, who was born in 1845, and of this union there have been five children: Ermine, who married Joseph Caron, a farmer of Dover township; Joseph, a farmer of Alpena, Michigan, who also follows the shoe maker's trade; Ida, who is mentioned above; Ellen, who died in infancy; and David, who resides in Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. Laplante are among the most prominent citizens of Dover township, and have many warm friends there. Both are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN L. CAMPBELL, a prominent and prosperous farmer of County Kent, residing on his fine farm on Concession 7, Lot 17, in the township of Howard, was born in the township of Aldborough, County of Elgin, Feb. 8, 1837, a son of Archie D. and Kate (McPhale) Campbell, both of whom were born in Argyllshire, Scotland, the former in 1802, and the latter in 1804.

Archie D. Campbell was a son of Donald and Janet (Lammon) Campbell, who were born and reared on the sea shore of Scotland. In 1827 Archie Campbell and bride emigrated to Canada, the father following some years later. They landed at Montreal, where Mr. Campbell followed his trade of shoemaker, and remained in that city for a period of five years. He then moved to Aldborough township, County Elgin, and worked a farm there for one year, purchasing then, of Col. Talbot, the present home farm of 100 acres in County Kent. This was all wild land at that time, and the early home of the family was a log house, Mr. Campbell erecting also a shop where he was kept busily engaged at his trade during the winters, and through the summers, with the help of his sons, he cleared the land and placed it under cultivation. The log house later gave place to a good frame one, and barns and outbuildings also were erected, orchards set out, fencing and ditching done, and all things put in order for a comfortable existence in the rapidly filling neighborhood. When he began to feel the weight of years, Mr. Campbell retired from hard work, purchased a comfortable home in Ridgetown, and there he died, Sept. 12, 1881; his faithful wife having passed away in February, 1879. Both were worthy members of the Baptist Church, their activity in early days doing much to found the same in County Kent. Mr. Campbell was a man of settled political convictions, always ardently supporting the Reform party. He was a man of great intelligence and superior education, well versed in both Biblical as well as profane history, and a man of influence in his community.

The grandparents of John L. Campbell came as stated, to Canada some years later than their son, Archie D., bought a farm in Howard and died on Talbot street. They had born to them a family of four sons and three daughters; Neil, one of these sons, spent his life in Scotland, where he was a noted piper, winning medals from the Queen. He not only made his own pipes, but was also a successful ship-builder and seems to have been a very highly esteemed man. Of his four children, one became captain of a vessel and came to Canada, the others marrying well in the old country. Alexander, the eldest of the sons to come to Canada, settled in County Lambton, where he cleared up a farm and left two daughters,—Sarah, who lives on the Pacific coast; and Margaret, the wife of Daniel Campbell, of Canada. Christine, born in Scotland, died unmarried in the home of her father on Talbot street. Miss Mary lived and died in the same old home. Colin, born in Scotland, came to Canada with his parents, bought a farm in Harwich, on the town line, and there lived and died, leaving two daughters, Janet and Christine, of whom, Janet, deceased, married George McCann, and they settled on her father's homestead, while Christine married E. Britton, a harness-maker in Windsor. Anna, born in Scotland, married Alexander McCarroll, and they settled in Concession 3, Howard township, where both died, leaving no issue. Archie D. was the father of John L. Campbell.

A family of ten children was born to Archie D. Campbell and wife as follows: Donald, born

at Montreal, learned the carpenter trade, and became well known as a fine builder and contractor, and died unmarried at the present home; Janet, born in Canada, married Angus McClarty, and they lived in Howard township on Concession 5, where she died, leaving five children, Archie, John, Alexander, Isabel (the wife of William Logan, of Winnipeg) and James; Isabella, born at Montreal, married John C. Campbell, who died in County Kent, leaving five sons, Alexander, Archie, Dan, John and Neil, and she married (second) Angus McCarty, and died in Howard township; John L., born in 1837, in Howard; Katie, born in Howard, married William Dick, who resides in Harwich township, near Chatham, and she has six children, Archie, Alexander, David, Rachel, Kate A. and Maggie; Colin, born at the present home, now residing on his farm on Concession 7, married Ellen Crosier, and their children are: Susan, Kate, William, Nellie, Minnie, and Rilla; Anna married Rev. William Hillyard, a Baptist minister, and both died leaving no family; Archie born in Howard, now a farmer of Dunwich, married Janet McDonald, of County Kent, and their children are Bella (now Mrs. Jackson, of Niagara), George (a telegraph operator in Detroit), Nellie and ————; James died in 1887, in young manhood, at the old homestead; and Alexander died in childhood.

John L. Campbell was the fourth member of the above family, and in his youth obtained a district school education. In young manhood he learned the principles of civil engineering, and for twenty years worked at Chatham and other points at this business, being connected as engineer for nine years with G. L. Stoddard in mill work. Prior to his marriage he purchased two farms in Orford township, and one of these he occupied until 1885, when he bought the old homestead in Howard, and this he has occupied and operated until the present time. Mr. Campbell cleared seventy-five acres and erected excellent buildings on one of his Orford farms, and also improved the other to some extent, making both very valuable pieces of property. In the meantime he has continued to improve the old homestead farm, and has one of the best estates in this locality.

On Dec. 24, 1873, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Annie J. Summerville, who was born in Ireland, in July, 1852, a daughter of James and Sarah (Ingraham) Summerville, pioneers in Harwich township, where they both died, coming hither when Mrs. Campbell was but a child. The children born to John L. Campbell and wife were: William J., Donald, William and Mary, all of whom died young; Archie, born in 1874, married Anna Miller, who died on his Orford farm in February, 1901, leaving no family; Margaret A., born in Orford township, in 1876, married John Campbell, now of Howard, where they reside on Concession 7, and their children are Margaret, Annie, Grace and Ada; Sarah J., born in 1880, is a well educated young lady at home; and John L., born in 1863, is with his parents at home.

Politically Mr. Campbell has always been identified with the Reform party, and has taken an active part in political work for the good of the community, and with no desire for office. Religiously both he and his wife are consistent and valued members of the Baptist Church. He is a man of prominence and popularity in his locality, possessed of ample means, and he is in every way a representative citizen.

DONALD MALCOLM MAULSON CHRISTIE (deceased), whose accidental death, by drowning, in 1894, removed from the city of Chatham an able lawyer, a respected citizen and a good Christian gentleman, was born in Kingston, Ont., in 1850, a son of Donald and Jane (White) Christie.

Donald Christie, the father, was born in 1816 in Scotland, son of Donald Christie, a native of the same land. In 1839 he came to Kingston, Ont., where he embarked in a wholesale grocery business, which he continued until his death, in 1850, the same year that witnessed his son's birth. After the death of Mr. Christie his widow remained in Kingston for a time, removing thence to Belleville, where she kept house for her father, Patrick White, until 1891, when she came to Chatham to become a member of the family of her son, Donald Malcolm Maulson Christie. In the beautiful home he had purchased, on Victoria avenue, the mother and son lived an ideal life, its happiness only cut short by the untimely death of the latter. His success in his profession and business had been so encouraging, and he was so highly esteemed in every way, that the blow fell with added force.



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Donald Malcolm Maulson Christie began his career as a barrister in Chatham with C. K. Atkinson, of that city, with whom he remained for some time, and in 1887 he formed a partnership with O. L. Lewis which was terminated by Mr. Christie's death, in 1894. The accident was the capsizing of a pleasure boat, which resulted in the drowning of the whole party. Chatham sincerely mourned the passing away of one so highly gifted, and one who was so well qualified to be an ornament to social life as well as a valued member of his profession. Fraternally he affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and the Canadian Order of Foresters. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and in political faith an active Reformer, making campaign speeches in various parts of Ontario.

The bereaved mother of Mr. Christie resides in the pleasant home in Chatham provided by her son's love, and is not only one of the most highly esteemed but also one of the most venerable ladies in the city. She was born March 18, 1818, one of the family of seven children of Patrick and Jane (Scott) White. Three sons and one daughter have died, Eleanor, who made her home with Mrs. Christie, passing away in December, 1902, in her eighty-second year. The three daughters surviving are: Annie, who never married, is now in her eighty-fifth year, and still does some teaching at her home in Ontario. Jane is the widow of Donald Christie, and is aged eighty-six years. Eliza, the youngest, born in 1825, and who lives with Mrs. Christie, is the widow of Rev. J. A. Thomson, a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church. She is the mother of five children, namely: James Arthur, who is in the wholesale book business in Vancouver, B. C.; Melville Patrick, in partnership with James A.; Catherine Elizabeth, wife of Ernest B. Hermon; Florence Jane; and William Gregg, a commercial salesman of Vancouver.

Mrs. Christie and her sisters are wonderfully preserved in bodily and mental health, and are quite capable of enjoying the pleasures of the social circle to which they belong. All of them are highly respected and much beloved.

GREGORY B. CARRON, a prosperous general farmer, Lot 4, Concession 4, Dover township, County Kent, was born on his present farm, Dec. 14, 1863, a son of Benjamin and Arriele (Bouchard) Carron, of Montreal.

The parents became acquainted and were married in County Kent. About 1848, they first settled in Dover township, coming from Chatham township, and in 1850, they located on the present farm of our subject. Benjamin Carron died there, in February, 1901, aged eighty-eight years, and is buried in Pain Court cemetery. The mother has remained on the farm, and is now well advanced in years. Both early connected themselves with the Roman Catholic Church. The children born of this union were: Orillie, who resides with our subject; Theodore, a farmer of Dover township; Gregory B.; Joseph, a farmer of Dover township; Vital, a farmer of Dover township; Louis, deceased; William, and Ubald, both unmarried, and residing with Gregory B.; Louisa, who died at the age of eighteen years. Benjamin Carron was married three times. His first wife was a Miss Emory, and by her he had these children: Sophia, who died in 1902, married David Raboy, of Bay City, Michigan; Betsey married John Primeau, a farmer of Dover township; Clement V., who married a Miss Labute, is a farmer of Tilbury township; Ellen, deceased, married Joseph Beuchard; Florence, deceased, married Simeon Thibodeau. The second marriage of Benjamin Carron was to Mrs. B. Reaume, and their children were: Julia, deceased, married Levi Bourassa; Kittie married Nelson Dauphin, of Tilbury township; Frank, deceased. The third wife was the mother of Gregory B. Carron.

Gregory B. Carron has always resided upon his farm, which is one of the best in County Kent, and consists of 150 acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He is recognized as one of the leading young farmers of Dover township, is a supporter of the principles of the Reform party, and a man who inspires confidence and esteem. His fraternal affiliations are with the Catholic Order of Foresters. The family are all connected with the Roman Catholic Church.

WILLIAM SADDINGTON, a prominent farmer residing on Concession 10, in Harwich township, County of Kent, was born on his present homestead, in March, 1854, a son of Joseph and Marian (Sampson) Saddington, old and respected pioneers of the township.

Joseph Saddington was born in Rutlandshire, England, in 1815, while his wife was

born in 1831 in Scotland, near Glasgow, a daughter of William and Marian Sampson, who were among the first settlers of Harwich, and there lived and died, making their home on Concession 11. The boyhood days of Joseph Saddington were spent in England, where he received an excellent education, and when he was still a young man he emigrated to Canada, settling in Morpeth, in Howard township, county of Kent. He worked on Talbot street until he accumulated sufficient money to purchase the present homestead farm, known as the Dunlap property, then partly improved. Upon this he erected a log cabin in which he lived alone for some years, when he built a frame house. This, however, was incomplete at the time of his death in 1857. In 1850 he married and took his bride to the little home he had prepared for her, but in seven years, he was called away, leaving a widow and two children, a son and a daughter. Of these, Fannie Saddington, the eldest, born in 1851, grew up at the home, where she received an excellent education; she never married, but has ministered to her family and made herself beloved by mother and brother, as well as all connected with her. Both Joseph and Marian Saddington were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Saddington married William Hawley, now deceased, later on in life, and to this union was born one son, Joseph, who died leaving no family.

William Saddington remained upon the farm with his beloved mother, receiving an excellent education in the schools of Harwich. In October, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Baird, daughter of David and Eliza (Wylie) Baird, who came to the County of Kent from Ireland, settling in Harwich, on Concession 8, where Mrs. Saddington was born in 1854. Her father and mother died in their home at Harwich, and left three children, the others of the family, besides Mrs. Saddington, being: James W., a ranchman of Alberta; and Mrs. Samuel Morris, of Blenheim. Mr. and Mrs. Saddington settled on the old homestead, and in 1899 he remodeled the frame house his father had started to build by adding a brick annex, and making it one of the finest and most modern farm-houses in Kent. He has also built new barns and outbuildings, and made numerous general improvements. This farm comprises 100 acres and he has 140 acres on Concession 9. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Saddington: Joseph H., born in 1881, is unmarried, and resides at home; Grace E., born in 1887, and Cora F., born in 1889, are attending school. The mother passed away July 3, 1903, and is buried at Blenheim. Religiously all the family are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Saddington is one of the trustees and most liberal supporters. His political convictions make him a member of the Reform party, and he was assessor in 1891, and school trustee for nine years. Fraternally, he is a member and secretary of the order of I. O. F., Lodge No. 1239. Few men have a better record than Mr. Saddington, for in the church, the political arena, upon his farm, and by his fireside, he displays those sterling traits of character which endear him to those who love him, and call forth admiration and esteem from a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

ANTHONY REAUME, a successful retired farmer of Dover township, County Kent, residing on the river front, on Lot 2, was born in Tilbury township, in October, 1824, a son of John and Ann (Trudell) Reaume, of Montreal.

The parents came to County Kent about 1784, and were the first settlers in this locality. The Trudell and Reaume families took up about 800 acres of land in Tilbury township. John Reaume was a farmer all his life, dying from small-pox in 1829, aged sixty-five years. He was the first person to die in the township, but was closely followed by about one hundred others, who died of the same dread disease at that time. His wife survived him until 1873, when she, too, passed away, aged ninety-eight years. They were consistent members of the Catholic Church, and died in that faith. Mr. Reaume was instrumental in having the old St. Peter's Church built, in 1809, which stood until 1896, when it was destroyed by fire. During his long life in the township, Mr. Reaume became a man of prominence, and his death was felt by many outside his family. The children born to himself and wife were: John, who died in 1866; Alexander, who died in 1860; G., who died at the age of eighteen; Charles, who died in 1800; and Anthony. The paternal grandparents were natives of Montreal, but died in Tilbury township.

On Oct. 2, 1859, in Pain Court, County

Kent, Mr. Anthony Reaume married Angeline Sangerman, and their children were: Anthony, Jr., a farmer in Dover township; Ellen, who married Alonzo Ouellette, a farmer in Dover township; Theodore, a wagon maker in Tilbury township; Jacob, a farmer in Dover township; and Gilbert, a farmer in Dover township. Mrs. Reaume was born in Pain Court, Dover township, in July, 1839, a daughter of Joseph M. and Josephine (Selva) Sangerman, of Montreal, who came to County Kent in 1838, settling in Pain Court, where they remained, engaged in farming.

Anthony Reaume was five years of age when his father died, and was therefore compelled early to begin taking care of himself. He lived with different people until he was twenty years of age, when he began working for the Grand Trunk railroad, remaining with that corporation two years, and earning enough in that time to purchase one hundred acres of land, for which he paid $500 cash. Later on he bought fifty acres more for $500, and still later he added another fifty acres for the same price. All of the land was in a wild condition, but he cleared it off, and now has one of the finest farms of 200 acres in the township. Mr. Reaume was road master and school trustee for nine years, and during that time was instrumental in having the school building in his district replaced by a new edifice. The other members of the board were all against him, but he generously offered to haul all of the material from Chatham to the site of the new building, and the county superintendent compelled the others to assist in building and maintaining the school. Mr. Reaume is a self-made man, having started out in life without a single cent, and he is now worth over $8,000. In religious faith, Mr. and Mrs. Reaume are members of the Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Reaume supports the principles of the Reform party, and has always taken an active and vigorous part in local affairs. Having lived for so many years in this section of the country, Mr. Reaume remembers numerous interesting incidents of the early life of the settler, and tells of the perils and obstacles encountered by the Grand Trunk railroad, in laying out its route, when the men were compelled to work in water to their waists. Although denied the privileges of an education, Mr. Reaume has always favored public schools, and has done everything in his power to furnish the young people of his district with the best advantages possible, and has earned the gratitude of many, who otherwise would have been compelled to go without an education. He is a fine representative of the sturdy, independent pioneers of County Kent, who have made this locality what it is to-day, and to whom too much honor can not be given .

EDWARD CHARBONNEAU, a general farmer and brick layer of Dover township, and one of the leading men of that section, resides on his fine farm, on Lot 4, 4th Concession. He was born at Wolfe Island, March 1, 1850, a son of Joseph and Mary (Yott) Charbonneau, of Lower Canada. In 1873 these parents came to the County of Kent, locating in Dover township, where they engaged in farming, and died, he in 1889, in his seventy-third year, and she in 1893, aged sixty-eight years. They are buried at Pain Court, and were consistent members of the Catholic Church. The farm they left consisted of 100 acres, on which their children grew to maturity. They were as follows: Joseph died in 1899; Louis died in 1895; Marceline, who died in 1887, married Joseph Leclaire; Mattie died when five years old; Edward is mentioned below; Francis is a resident of Wallaceburg, Ont.; Adolphus, Harriet, Alexander and Andrew are all unmarried and on the home farm; and Mary, who died in 1897, was the wife of Eli Belanger.

On Oct. 3, 1876, Mr. Charbonneau married, in Pain Court, Cordelia Fellion, and the following family was born to this union: Delime died in infancy; Joseph married Ellen Marshall; William, who was a brick layer, is deceased; Alfred, Cordelia, Hector, and Mary S. are all at home. Mrs. Charbonneau was born in Lower Canada in 1859, where her father died, and the mother removed to the County of Kent with her children in 1861, and remained in this locality.

Mr. Charbonneau remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began bricklaying, and has pursued that calling ever since, also engaging in contracting and building. Some of the finest brick residences and business blocks in Dover township, and throughout the County of Kent have been erected by him, and they testify to his ability and success. In addition to his business along these lines, Mr. Charbonneau is also a success-

ful farmer, and has a fine farm of seventy-five acres, which he keeps in a high state of cultivation, and from which he derives a good profit on his investment. He is a member of the C. M. B. A., and of the Catholic Church, as are his wife and children, and in politics he is a Conservative. Enterprising, public-spirited, ready to forward all measures calculated to prove beneficial to the community at large, Mr. Charbonneau is very prominent in his section of country, and fully deserves not only the material prosperity which has fallen to his lot, but also the numerous friends he possesses not only in Dover township, but all over the County of Kent.

THOMAS R. FRY, who has recently settled down to farming on Lot 10, 15th Concession, Chatham township, is a young man of ability and marked force of character, who, as a skilled carpenter, has already achieved more than an ordinary degree of success. He was born near Wardsville, Ontario, Nov. 6, 1870, and comes of a seafaring family, whose tastes to a large extent he has inherited.

Alfred Fry, his father, now a prominent agriculturist of the County of Kent, possessed to a remarkable degree this family characteristic. At an early age he embarked upon the life of a sailor, and for a number of years went to sea. Later he took service on a sailing vessel on the lakes, where, proving himself a skilled mariner, he continued for a long period. Eventually, however, desirous of a less strenuous life, he settled upon a farm in the County of Kent, and there engaged in agriculture. Applying both skill and practical judgment to his work, he has from year to year made marked improvements in his place, equipped it with stock and the necessary implements for carrying on his work successfully, and is now engaging in all branches of general agriculture adapted to the place. He is up-to-date in his methods, makes a careful study of the market, as well as of the physical conditions of his farm, and has made exceptionally well out of his industry. In fact, few farmers in his locality have made a more decided success of their work.

Mr. Fry's many admirable traits of character, as well as his achievements, have won him the confidence and esteem of all who know him. From his varied experience he has acquired a large fund of general knowledge, which particularly attracts to him a large circle of friends.

Mr. Fry married Jane Farwell, and of this union there have been born nine children, seven of whom are now living.

Thomas R. Fry, the fourth child born to his parents, grew to manhood upon his father's Kent County farm. Entering the public schools of the county at an early age, he there pursued his studies with zeal for several years, laying the foundation of a very thorough education. Like most farm boys, after leaving school he assisted his father for a few years on the homestead; and then, when about nineteen years old, he entered the lake service and went sailing. After four seasons of paying work there he returned to Ontario and entered a carpenter's shop, where in a short time he mastered the trade. A proficient workman, he had no difficulty in securing positions, and for a number of years followed his trade with marked success in his locality. About two years ago, in 1901, he leased the farm where he now resides, a well improved 102-acre tract conveniently located near a large market, and turned his attention to agriculture. During the short period in which he has been engaged in this industry he has evinced a thorough knowledge of his work, has been successful in putting each part of his farm to the special work for which nature intended it, and as a result has raised large and valuable crops. He has made a specialty of raising hogs and cattle, and is deriving a large income from this branch of his industry. As he is still a beginner, with a large store of unspent energy, his prospects are at present most encouraging.

On Jan. 1, 1902, Mr. Fry married Sarah Burgess, of the County of Kent, the third of seven children born to William and Louise (McIntyre) Burgess, prominent farming people of the County of Kent. To Mr. and Mrs. Fry has been born one child, Glenford D.

Mr. Fry has by his well directed activities and force of character won a leading place among the citizens of his locality. Socially he stands high, and is a member of the I. O. F. (Court Selkirk, No. 235) and the K. of P., both at Wallaceburg. The Baptist Church counts him and his wife among its most substantial members. Politically, he affiliates with the Reformers.

SAMUEL FLEMING, a prosperous general farmer of Chatham township, residing on Concession 3, Lot 19, owns and operates a farm of seventy-five acres, to which he came in 1855. He was born in the County of Middlesex, Ont., Feb. 12, 1834, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Arnold) Fleming, of the same county and Chatham township, County of Kent, respectively. The elder Samuel was a farmer all of his days, and died in 1861, aged fifty-seven years, while his widow died in 1896, aged eighty-three years, and they are buried in the Bothwell cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to this worthy couple were: John, deceased; Barbara, of Chatham, widow of John Pierce; Samuel; Robert, a farmer of Chatham township; Gzwoski, a retired farmer of London, Ont.; Peter, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; William, deceased.

In 1857, in County of Middlesex, Mr. Samuel Fleming married Harriet H. Dunn, and the children born to thm were: Charles, deceased, married Kittie Pickard, and has one daughter; Alice is at home; Hannah married James Wang, of Chatham; Wilfred, of Chatham, married Eva Ansty, and has two children; Susan died in infancy. Mrs. Fleming was born in Saxmundham, England, a daughter of George and Susan (Walford) Fleming, of England, where they remained, the father being a druggist; he is now deceased, and his wife died in 1880. The children born to them were: Susan, of England, married Edward Aldis; George is deceased; Mary Ann is deceased; Henry is deceased; and Harriet H.

Mr. Fleming remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located on his present farm, which is one of the best in the township. He attends and supports the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Conservative, but has never sought office.

FARMER BENNETT, one of the oldest persons now living in Raleigh township, County of Kent, although of venerable appearance, possesses as clear and active a mind as many whose years are only half his own.

George Bennett, his father, was born in 1791, in Buckinghamshire, England, son of Thomas Bennett, who was house secretary to the Duke of Buckingham. George Bennett served twenty-one years as one of the Duke's Yeomanry, and his brothers, Thomas and John, did the same, the latter being an officer. George Bennett could recall the coronation of King George IV, of England. He married at Stony Stratford, England, Sarah Claire, who died in Raleigh township, in 1847, aged forty-three years. The family came to America in 1832, spending two months on the ocean as passengers on the ship "Marmora," which just escaped shipwreck from collision with an iceberg. Landing at New York, they remained there until 1834, when they turned their faces westward, and made a location at Black River, Michigan. Nine months later they removed to Walpole Island, and in 1837, when the Rebellion took place, they were living in Belledune; our subject can recall seeing the volunteers molding bullets, in fact, he brought some with him as relics when he came to Raleigh. In 1837 the family moved to the County of Kent, and the father rented the McCray farm, and lived on it for two years, passing the succeeding four years on the Tobin farm, near Maple Leaf cemetery, in Harwich township. In 1845 the family again settled in Raleigh township, and Mr. Bennett rented land of Mr. Reynolds, and after his death, of the estate. Mr. Reynolds having purchased soldiers' claims, at one time owned several thousand acres of land, which, after his death, was divided and sold, some of it being the most valuable farming land in the County of Kent. The children born to the parents of our subject were the following: George, a merchant, who lived and died at Chatham; a daughter who died in infancy; Thomas, who was killed by a falling tree, at the age of sixteen years; Farmer, the subject of this sketch; Charles, of Rapid City, Iowa; Henry Arthur, operator of a planing mill and lumber yard at Minneapolis; Jane, wife of Nathan Granby, residing at Big River, Wisconsin; and William, a farmer at Red Wing, Minnesota. The father died at the age of ninety-six years.

Farmer Bennett was born March 18, 1831, in Buckinghamshire, England, and was but a babe when the family came to America. His opportunities for securing an education were limited, but natural intelligence has made Mr. Bennett a well informed man. He remained with his father during the latter's lifetime, but about 1862, he purchased about 200 acres of the Reynolds estate, and also a farm in the 8th

Concession of Raleigh. He now owns 327 acres in Raleigh township, and is regarded as one of the substantial farmers of the township. His beautiful brick residence was built some twenty years ago, at a cost of $8,000, and the brick was burned on his farm. Mr. Bennett has christened his place Stowe Park Farm, in honor of one of the family homes in England. As an example of what an energetic farmer in this locality can accomplish, Mr. Bennett, in one year, sold farm produce to the amount of over $4,000. The ensuing year he had over 200 hogs, and from his orchard he had disposed of 1,000 barrels of apples.

In politics Mr. Bennett is a Reformer, and has always taken a lively interest in home affairs. For nearly forty years he served as secretary of the 12th section school. He is well and favorably known all through the township, and perhaps is better and more reliably posted on local history than anyone else in this locality.

On June 29, 1853, Mr. Bennett married Charlotte McLaud, a native of Ontario, daughter of Malcolm and Mehitable (Carter) McLaud. The father was a native of the Island of Skye, Scotland, and emigrated to Ontario, spending the latter years of his life in Raleigh township. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett: George Henry, born April 13, 1854, married a Miss Chinnick, and lives in Walkerville; he is in the employ of the beet sugar trust. Eva, born Aug. 1, 1855, is the wife of Robert Barr, the great novelist, and they reside in London, England. John Claire, born June 17, 1857, died, aged twenty-nine years. Archibald, born July 29, 1860, resides at Chatham. Arthur, born Feb. 5, 1862, is a practicing physician in Detroit. Franklin, born Nov. 21, 1864, is a lawyer at Detroit. Hattie Jane, born Nov. 1, 1867, is at home. Walter, born Jan. 20, 1870, conducts the homestead farm. Lucy died at the age of eight years and four months. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Bennett is one of the township's leading and representative men.

JOHN HALL, who departed this life Aug. 6, 1898, on his attractive seventy-five acre farm in Dover township, was for over thirty years a prominent agriculturist of that vicinity. From a rough wild tract he transformed his land during this period into a highly cultivated farm, with broad areas of neatly furrowed fields, surrounding large and attractive buildings, including a handsome brick residence.

Mr. Hall was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, Sept. 12, 1828. His father, James Hall, was also of Scotland, where for the most part he made his home. He married Janet Graham, who also came of a fine Scottish family, and of this union there were six children: Robert, who is now deceased; George, who is living in Scotland; Alexander, who also resides in Scotland; James, who is now deceased; Violet, who married George Mitchell (she is also deceased); and John, who is mentioned below.

John Hall was reared in Scotland, and preparatory for his life work, he there learned the brick-making business, which for some years he followed with success. In St. Boswells, in that country, May 23, 1854, he married Jane Scott, who was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, Dec. 11, 1834, daughter of James and Barbara (Riddle) Scott, farming people and life-long residents of Scotland. There were six children in this family: Ellen, who married William Gray, of Chatham, Ont., and is now deceased; Jane, who is mentioned above; George, who died young; James, a farmer, residing in Scotland; Isabella, who married John Weatherson, and resides in Hamilton, Ont.; and Robert, a carriage manufacturer of Helena, Montana. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born two children: Barbara E. married John Bacheldor, of Dover township, and is now deceased; Janet married Edward Dangmieu, a farmer, and they reside at the Hall homestead.

Shortly after their marriage Mr. Hall and wife came to Canada, first locating at Toronto, where he remained for about six years, engaged in the brickmaking business. Thorough work won him a reputation in his line, and he made well out of his industry. Prospects of a better opening decided him at the end of this period to move to Whitby, Ont., where he continued in the same line for another six years. Then, in 1867, coming to Dover township, he purchased the farm where he ever afterward resided. The land was rough, with but little clearing, but determination and hard work soon brought it under cultivation, and here he carried on a highly flourishing industry. Each year he made some needed improvement, and

in 1888 erected the handsome brick house where his family now reside. He lived to the age of seventy years, and at the time of his death was considered one of the well-to-do farmers of the township. His remains were interred in Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. Mr. Hall possessed those sterling traits of character that win success for one in almost any walk in life—plenty of push, considerable foresight, wise economy, and a ready power of making friends. He was square in his dealings, thoroughly upright, and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Politically he worked with the Reformers.

EDWARD DANGNIEU, son-in-law of John Hall, who now carries on the Hall homestead, is one of the rising agriculturists of Dover township, and comes of a family long known in that vicinity. His father, Edward Dangnieu, was born in 1825, and for some years resided in Montreal. About 1845 he moved to Iowa, where he remained until 1867, when he located in Dover township. He has followed farming, being still engaged in that line in Dover township. He married Mary T. Hillman, of Iowa, who was born in 1830, and died in 1897, and they had eight children: Frank and William are farmers of Dover township. Cecilia married William Welch, and resides in Chatham, Ont.; Jim also resides in Chatham. Anna is the widow of Sim Belangeon, and resides in Dover township. John resides in Chatham. Edward is mentioned below. Mary married John Oval, and they reside in Blenheim, Ont. Mr. Dangnieu is one of the leading men of his township, interested in all good works. The Catholic Church counts him among its most devoted members, and to this church his wife also belonged.

Edward Dangnieu, son of Edward, Sr., was born in Dover township, July 4, 1869, and has there for the most part made his home. He married Janet Hall and they have since resided upon her father's homestead, where they now care for her aged mother. He is prospering in his enterprise, is keeping the farm well up, and from time to time making necessary improvements.

Mr. Dangnieu has the respect of the entire community. He is straightforward, never afraid to accept responsibility, and is a young man of thrift and marked ability. His social attributes have won him many friends. He and his wife take leading parts in all good works, and are regular attendants of the Methodist Church. Politically he espouses the cause of the Conservatives.

ROBERT McDONALD, who is passing the evening of life on his fine, well-improved farm on Lot 13, Concession 8, Howard township, is one of the substantial men and most highly esteemed citizens of County Kent. He was born in Scotland, April 11, 1829, of Scotch ancestors, and has inherited from that noble race many of its leading characteristics. Much of the wonderful development so apparent on every side in County Kent, is easily attributable to the thrift, the energy, the indomitable perseverance of natives of Scotland.

William and Margaret (Falconer) McDonald, his parents, were born, reared and married in Scotland. In 1830 they emigrated to the State of New York, where they remained four years, reaching Canada in 1835, with a family of five children. In Concession 8, Howard township, County Kent, William McDonald purchased a tract of 100 acres from the English government, paying $2.00 per acre. It was entirely unimproved, and as much celerity as possible was used in the building of the first log house for shelter. This remained a warm and comfortable home, sheltering the family from cold, storm, savages and wild animals, for a number of years, and in the meantime, as the sons grew older, they assisted in the clearing and cultivating of the land. A new home for the family was built later, and Robert erected a frame house on the land prior to the death of his parents. William McDonald died at this home in 1869, and his wife passed away ten years later. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and lived worthy lives filled with good works. Those were times when religious instruction was highly valued, and these estimable people were the founders of the first church in Aldborough, and to attend its services, rode on horseback a distance of eighteen miles. They reared in their Christian home a family of nine children, as follows: (1) Daniel, born in Scotland, married Eliza McKericer, of County Kent, and they settled on a farm in Concession 7, and lived there until his death in 1885, his wife having previously passed away; they had no family. (2) John, born in Scotland, mar-

ried (first) a member of the Mackintyre family of Aldborough, who at death left children, William (of Aldborough), Maggie (now Mrs. Burne, of Canada), and Donald (of Chatham); he married (second) Anna McKnabb, of Aldborough, and there he died leaving widow and five children, Isabella, John, Jessie, Findlay and Anna. (3) William, born in Scotland, married Margaret McGregor, and they settled as farmers in Orford, where he is survived by his wife. (4) Isabella, born in Scotland, is the widow of Alexander MacKinzy, of Howard; she had three children, John on the homestead; Margaret, the wife of Thomas Gosnell, who lives on the Ridge Road in Howard; and Isabella, who married Thomas Reed, and died leaving four daughters, Emily, Matilda, Esther and Margaret. (5) Robert. (6) Broughton, born in the State of New York is a resident of Ridgetown. (7) James, born in the State of New York, married Ellen Gosnell, of Orford township, where she was born in 1838, daughter of James and Ann Gosnell, a pioneer family, and the family born to them is as follows, Ellen R., Margaret A., John B. R., William L., Naomi, Bertha, Elethea, Ezra, Florence and James A. (8) Hugh, born in Canada, married Mary McDonald, and settled at the old homestead, where he lived until within a few years of his death when he moved to Ridgetown and engaged in a hardware business; he died there in 1892, leaving a widow, but no children. (9) Alexander, also deceased, born in Howard, married Janet McKeraker and settled in Orford township in the blacksmith business, becoming prosperous; his wife died in 1898, and he died in 1900, leaving no family.

Robert McDonald grew to manhood on the home farm, assisting in the work and attending the district schools during the winter seasons. In young manhood he turned his attention to the carpenter trade and followed the same until he became a very skillful builder and also contractor, many of the houses and barns through the county being the work of his hands. In 1854 he married Catherine Gosnell, who was born in Orford in 1836, eldest daughter of James and Annie Gosnell, an old pioneer family who came from their native Ireland in the early days of the settlement of County Kent. They located in Orford township, and lived there the balance of their lives. Of their family of nine children, six daughters and two sons survive, the latter being: John, who lives on the old homestead; and Lawrence, who lives at Highgate. To Mr. and Mrs. McDonald came two sons: (1) James, born in 1856, settled on one of his father's farms in Howard, and there he died in 1888; he married Isabella McDonald, who with three children—John, Kate and Robert—survives. (2) William, born in 1862, resides on the old homestead purchased by his grandfather, William McDonald; he married Betsey McCherane, of County Kent, and they have two children, bright little lads: James R., born in 1894; and Robert J., born in 1898.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. McDonald lived in County of Elgin East, where he owned a farm. In 1879 he purchased the old homestead, which is now occupied by his son. In 1890 Mr. McDonald purchased the valuable William Shaw farm, a most desirable property, and here he built a commodious and handsome brick house.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, the latter having been connected with it for fifty years, and Mr. McDonald is one of the elders of the Ridgetown Presbyterian Church. For ten years he served in the same capacity in the church in East Elgin. Politically he has always been identified with the Reform party, and while not an aspirant for office, has taken a deep interest in the movements of his party. Mr. McDonald is one of the men of the township possessing large means, and he is the owner of several fine farms, which have been acquired through his own endeavors. He is most highly esteemed, as is also his son, and both are most worthy representatives of an old name.

THOMAS JAMES MONTGOMERY, one of the large land owners and progressive farmers of Raleigh township, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, Nov. 10, 1843, a son of James and Margaret (Scott) Montgomery, who had four children, Rachel, Mary Jane, Thomas James and William. The father brought all of his family except Thomas to Port Hope, Ontario, at an early day.

When he was eighteen years of age Thomas J. Montgomery left the land of his birth, in which he had been reared and edu-

cated, and, crossing the ocean was employed for a time in the copper country around Lake Superior, at Hancock, as a miner. He remained up there for about a year, and was then located at Oil Springs, Ontario, where he was employed as an engineer. At the time of the Fenian raid he volunteered for service, was connected with that branch of the army for about three years, and on account of his bravery was entitled to a grant of land for which he received certificates. In 1862 he selected and located upon the property where he has since made his home, which was then a portion of the Reynolds estate. When this property came into the market Mr. Montgomery, being a friend of the family, was given first choice, and he took the homestead, comprising 220 acres, to which he later added 100 acres adjoining, and still later 100 acres more, the latter being in the 7th Concession. He is now one of the heaviest land owners in the township, and has one of the finest farms there. During all these years he has been successfully engaged in general farming, and as his grown sons reside with him an immense amount of work is accomplished upon his land, and all modern appliances and machinery are used, with excellent results.

Thomas J. Montgomery married Bessie Morrow, who is a member of one of the old and well known families of Harwich township, being a daughter of John and Eliza (Nichols) Morrow, the former a native of Ireland; he was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow had a family of four children: Bessie, Mrs. Montgomery; Hugh, who is living on the old homestead; Annie, who married William Lee; and John, formerly a farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have come children as follows: William, born Feb. 27, 1871, is still with his father; Eliza, born July 5, 1872, married W. R. Irwin, of Raleigh township; Annie died young; Nina, born Sept. 14, 1873, is at home; John, born June 12, 1877, is at home; Thomas died young; Margaret died young; Thomas, born Feb. 28, 1883, Hugh, born June 2, 1885, and Arthur, born Aug. 8, 1886, are all at home.

Politically Mr. Montgomery is a Conservative, but he does not take an active part in local matters. The entire family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they are very prominent. Through hard work, untiring energy, and good management Mr. Montgomery has forged his way to the foremost rank among the prosperous farmers of the County of Kent, and his success is well merited, for he is regarded as a deservedly successful self-made man.

JOHN J. IRWIN, an extensive farmer on the Middle road, in Tilbury East township, is connected on the maternal side with one of the pioneer families of the township. He was born in Mersea township, County of Essex, Dec. 30, 1860.

William Irwin, grandfather of John J., was a native of Scotland, where he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Corran. When his son, the father of John J., was three years of age, the family emigrated to Canada and came directly to Mersea township, County of Essex, where William Irwin took up a government grant. He died there in February, 1887, aged eighty-four years, and his wife passed away in August, 1888, aged seventy-eight years. Their children were: Thomas, George, James, Elizabeth and Maria.

Thomas Irwin was born in Scotland in 1837, grew to manhood in Mersea township, and in time purchased a 100-acre farm near his father's homestead. He was a successful farmer until 1902, when he retired from active work, and is now a resident of Leamington. He married, in Tilbury East, a Miss Gardiner, and to them were born children as follows: John J.; William Thomas, who died in Missouri; Eliza Jane who married Christopher Stevenson, of Mersea township; Margaret, deceased; Agnes, who married Adam Finer, of Rochester township, County of Essex; Walter, of Mersea township; Mary, who married Albert Nineham, of Rochester township; Almyra, wife of Fratus Sloan, of Mersea township; Roy, on the homestead farm; Annie; and Murray, deceased.

John J. Irwin was educated in the home schools and grew up on the farm, learning thoroughly how to manage such property. He began life on his own account upon fifty acres of land in Mersea township, and later purchased an additional fifty acres. For seven years he followed farming in his native township, in 1887 coming to Tilbury East township, County of Kent, where he bought 100 acres, upon which farm he resided for nine

years. He then moved to the Dyer farm, where his wife was born, and which has since been their home. Mr. Irwin now owns 300 acres in Tilbury East township, and engages extensively in mixed farming. He is very energetic and progressive, and has been very successful. Both Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are consistent members of the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Valetta.

On Oct. 17, 1882, Mr. Irwin married Mary Jane Dyer, a daughter of James and Maria (Thomas) Dyer, natives of Devonshire, England, who on coming to Canada, settled on the lot now owned and occupied by Mr. Irwin. Here Mr. Dyer died aged fifty-nine years; his wife and a son still live at Chatham. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin: Eliza Ann, April 8, 1884; Harwood Nelson, April 2, 1886; Vernon, Aug. 8, 1889; George Thomas, April 14, 1894; James Albert, Feb. 21, 1897; and Eva Mary, April 9, 1900.

DAVID L. GARDINER has lived retired since 1901, but for many years previous he was one of the active and successful farmers of Harwich township, and he has done his full share in bringing that prosperous region under cultivation, having himself cleared 150 acres in the township. He is one of the substantial citizens of his section, and comes of a family whose members are all counted among the valuable citizens of the communities in which they have settled.

Mr. Gardiner's grandfather passed his entire life in Scotland, his native country. He had a family of seven children, six daughters and one son, William. The latter, born in 1806 in Dundee, Scotland, was married there in 1828 to Jane Lay, who was born in Scotland in 1808, daughter of Daniel Lay. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner came to Canada in 1840, first locating in Darlington, County of Durham, Ont., where they remained about fourteen years. In 1855 they came to the County of Kent, where they made their home in Tilbury township, and there Mrs. Gardiner passed away in 1873. Mr. Gardiner subsequently moved to Blytheswood, in the County of Essex, and there he died in 1891, while making his home with his son-in-law, Thomas Irvin. He was a well-educated man, and while in his native land was engaged as a bookkeeper, but after coming to this country his principal occupation was farming, although he followed teaching during the winter season. In the township of Tilbury East Mr. Gardiner purchased a 100-acre tract, which he subsequently enlarged until it comprised 200 acres. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a Reformer. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner: John, a resident of Tilbury township; David L., who is mentioned below; Margaret, wife of James Glanders, of the County of Essex; William, a retired farmer; Nancy, wife of Thomas Irvin, a farmer of the County of Essex; James M., who is engaged in the livery business in Chatham; Murray F., of Tilbury township, County of Kent; and three who died young.

David L. Gardiner was born April 7, 1832, in Dundee, Forfarshire, Scotland, accompanied his parents on their removal to Canada, and remained at home until three years prior to his marriage. For the three years preceding that event he was employed in the oatmeal mill in Bowmanville, Ont., and he then purchased a fifty-acre farm in Darlington township, County of Durham, Ont., upon which he remained until he located in the township of Tilbury East, in the County of Kent. After remaining there three years he sold out and moved to Harwich township, purchasing a farm of 100 acres, to which he added until he had 150. This place he gave to his son when he purchased and removed to his present place, at Fargo, in Harwich township. Mr. Gardiner continued farming until 1901, since which year he has rented his land, having given up active work. His rest is well deserved, for he labored many years at general farming, and, being an energetic man, accomplished more than the average in the way of clearing up new land, both the farms in Harwich township upon which he located having been virtually in a primitive state at the time. Mr. Gardiner has shown himself progressive as well as thrifty, and his prosperous circumstances are due as much to his enterprise and good management as to industry. He began life with practically no capital, but he has made a success through his own efforts, and won the respect of his fellowmen in so doing.

In January, 1863, in Blenheim, Ont., Mr. Gardiner was united in marriage with Miss

Mary Eagle, and four children have blessed this union: William, who died young; Mary A., married to Malcolm McBrayne, a farmer of Harwich township; Esther, Mrs. Louis Sheeler, deceased; and Losetta, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner have been identified with the Methodist Church since settling in their present home. The Gardiner family are for the most part Presbyterians, but the distance has made it inconvenient for them to attend that church, and Christian fellowship and work appeal to them as strongly in one denomination as in another.

Mrs. Mary (Eagle) Gardiner was born Dec. 29, 1839, in England, daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (Harrison) Eagle, of that country, who came to Canada in 1842. They located in Harwich township, County of Kent, taking up fifty acres of land, where they made a permanent home. Mr. Eagle was a miller by trade, and followed that occupation for a few years after coming to Harwich. He spent nine months in California, gold hunting. His death occurred in 1864, when he was fifty years old, and his wife followed him to the grave in September, 1866, when fifty-five years old. They are buried in the Crawford cemetery, in Raleigh township. Both were members of the Established Church of England. Their children were as follows: Hester, who died in infancy; Thomas, who is deceased; Mary, Mrs. Gardiner; Jeremiah, a resident of California; Hester, wife of Thomas Coatsworth, of Harwich township; William, a farmer of Stonewall, Man.; David, a retired farmer of Blenheim, Ont.; and Anna, deceased.

ROBERT WILKIE, in his lifetime one of the prominent citizens of Harwich township, County of Kent, a man whose inherited Scottish traits of industry, frugality and honesty made him one of the highly esteemed men of his county, was born in the State of Massachusetts, May 16, 1832. His parents, Robert, Sr. and Mary A. (Leslie) Wilkie, natives of Scotland, came to America, locating first in the United States, but in 1836 came to Canada. Robert Wilkie, Sr., took up land in the County of Haldimand, Ont., where he soon became one of the substantial men of the place. His labors were successful, and by unfailing energy he soon had his fields cleared for cultivation. By systematic and practical methods he was enabled to secure good results from his labors, and prosperity crowned his efforts. To him and his good wife were born children as follows: Robert; Jane, of the County of Haldimand, widow of William Nixon; and George, now deceased, who was a farmer in Maryland.

Robert Wilkie came to Canada with his parents, and grew to manhood in the County of Haldimand. Upon attaining manhood he took up several hundred acres of land, which he cared for until 1869, when he moved to the County of Kent and located on his late homestead. This land was but partially cleared, but Mr. Wilkie had been trained to toil, and, nothing daunted, he set to work and soon had his land under cultivation. He continued to improve it as the years passed, and in time it became one of the model farms of Harwich township. In 1883 he erected a handsome brick house, in which he passed the remaining years of his active life. In 1892, feeling that he was entitled to rest and enjoy the comfort he had earned so well, he removed to Blenheim, where he died Nov. 6, 1901, at the age of sixty-nine years, highly honored and much respected by all who knew him.

On Jan. 8, 1857, in Port Dover, Ont., Robert Wilkie wedded Eliza Craddock, who was born July 7, 1834, in Yorkshire, England, and is still living in Blenheim, Ont. Children as follows were born to this worthy couple: Robert Joseph, who resides on a farm in Harwich township; Freeman A.; Cassie, who married Henry Burk, a farmer of Harwich township, and has two children, Olive and Ross W.; Frank S., formerly a farmer and stockman, now a resident of Blenheim, Ont., who married Mary Walker, and has one son, Gordon; and Stanley R., a clerk at Toronto, in the law office of Blake, Lash & Cassels. Robert Wilkie was much interested in public affairs, and as a member of the Reform party held many offices, among which may be mentioned those of town councilor, county councilor, deputy reeve and magistrate, and in all of these official positions his duties were performed with a fidelity that made him an ideal public servant. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as are all the members of his family.

Anthony and Elizabeth (Parks) Crad-

dock, of Yorkshire, England, parents of Mrs. Wilkie, crossed the Atlantic in 1835, and first located in the United States, near Lockport, New York. There they remained until 1838, in which year they removed to Canada, settling in the County of Halton, Ont. Thence they removed to the County of Haldimand, where they made a permanent home, passing the remainder of their days there. Mr. Craddock was a farmer by occupation. He died in November, 1858, aged sixty-seven years, and his wife survived until Nov. 6, 1874, reaching the age of eighty-four. They were originally members of the Church of England, but Mrs. Craddock later united with the Methodist Church. Their family consisted of seven children: Ann, Mrs. Richard Wilson, who died in Lockport, New York; Elizabeth, who died in England; John D., of Brantford, Ont.; Thomas, who died in the County of Halton; Christopher, of the County of Haldimand, deceased; Mary, who married John E. Chisholm, of Acton, Ont.; and Eliza, Mrs. Wilkie.

FREEMAN A. WILKIE, son of Robert, is now engaged in farming on 100 acres of the old homestead in Harwich township. He has inherited his father's ability and sound judgment, and on his own account has attained a well merited place among the foremost farmers of the county. In September, 1891, in Raleigh township, County of Kent, he was married to Bertha Pardo, who was born in that township, a daughter of Hon. T. L. Pardo. No children have been born of this union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie attend the Presbyterian Church, and are popular among the younger people of the township.

MALCOLM McLEAN, a prominent farmer of County Kent, owning the old family homestead on Concession 9, Howard township, was born on that farm, Dec. 26, 1857, a son of Duncan and Flora (Smith) McLean, an old family of the county.

Malcolm McLean, grandfather of Malcolm, and father of Duncan, was born in Scotland, and came in 1819 to Canada. For a time he lived at Aldborough, County Elgin, Ont., and then moved to Howard township, County Kent, and settled on land in Concession 9, which he purchased from Col. Talbot, who was then the very able agent of the British Government. Here Malcolm McLean and wife started out to make a comfortable home in the wilderness, and he erected house and barn and made some other improvements, but was killed while chopping down a tree some few years later. His death left four children fatherless, namely: Malcolm, born at the present home, in young manhood went to the States and has never since been heard of; Janet, born in Aldborough, married Daniel Newcomb, and settled in Orford, where she died leaving a family; Mary, born in Scotland, married Robert McKinley, of Howard, and they settled on Concession 12, where both died, leaving a family; and Duncan, the father of Malcolm McLean, of the old home.

Duncan McLean was born in Aldborough, County Elgin, in 1823. In 1856 he was married to Flora Smith, who was born in Scotland in April, 1830, a daughter of Angus and Margaret Smith, one of the old Scotch families that settled in Howard in the early days of its settlement. Duncan and wife lived in the old homestead, and here, in 1869 he built a large stone house and commodious barns, and made many of the substantial improvements. Mrs. McLean passed away in 1892, and he survived but three years, dying in 1895. Of the four children, Malcolm is the eldest; Mary, born in February, 1860, married William Anderson, who settled on a farm in Howard, and there she died in February, 1888, leaving one son, Garnet M., who resides with his uncle Malcolm; Jennie, born in December, 1865, is the wife of C. A. Morden, of Concession 11, and they have one son, Aldridge McMorden; and Angus, born in October, 1869, died in childhood.

Malcolm McLean grew up on the old homestead and received a fair education in the Ridgetown schools. After the death of his father he remained on the old place, operating the farm, and this is now his own property, and one of the valuable estates of the township, well improved and finely cultivated. In December, 1895, he married Edith Gage, daughter of Marvel and Julia (Plummer) Gage, one of Howard's old families. Marvel Gage was born in the States, but his wife was born in England. They settled as farmers on Concession 6, where both died, leaving children as follows: Laura, who married Edward Bryan, and they live on Concession 8; Susan, the wife of James H. Mitton, son of Henry

Mitton, and a farmer of Howard; William, a farmer on Concession 6; Melvina, the wife of John S. Clark, of Ridgetown; Oscar, on the old homestead; Edith, born in May, 1870, educated in the Howard schools and married to Mr. McLean; and Marvel who married, and is settled on a farm in Howard.

The two daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. McLean are: Jennie, born in December, 1897; and Edith Irene, born in October, 1898. Politically Mr. McLean, like his honored father, has always been identified with the Reform party, and has taken an intelligent interest in public affairs. His religious sentiments were instilled in his early days by his good and pious mother, both parents being among the strong supporters of the Presbyterian Church in its early days in the township. This family, although never very numerous, has been one which has won and held the esteem and respect of the public through generations. Its present representatives are regarded as belonging to the very best class of residents in County Kent.

GEORGE HOYLES, a successful general farmer and prosperous citizen of Chatham township, residing on his fine farm of 125 acres in Lot 20, 7th Concession, has been located on the same since 1884. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, Feb. 14, 1835, son of Francis and Sarah (Markwell) Hoyles, also natives of Lincolnshire, where the father was a farmer, and where he died Jan. 28, 1877, aged eighty years. The mother died March 22, 1873, aged sixty-three years. Both were consistent members of the English Church. The children born to Francis and Sarah (Markwell) Hoyles were: Benjamin, of Queensbury, England; George; Isaac, who died in Boston, England; Markwell, an extensive farmer of England; Samuel, who died in Raleigh township, County Kent, Ont., to which he had come in 1888; Thomas H., a farmer of England; Sarah, widow of Thomas M. Scoffen, of England; Susannah, widow of Jesse Hardy, of England; Elizabeth, widow of William Louis, of England; Mary A., widow of Peter Lois of Grimsby, England.

On June 14, 1860, in England, Mr. Hoyles married Emma Farington, and the children born to this union were: Charles, of Seattle, Washington, married Rhoda Markle, and has one son; Elizabeth died in infancy; Sarah married John Harvey of Boston, England, and has two children; Elizabeth married Frank Whiting, of Chicago, Illinois; George, a farmer of Camden township, married Elizabeth Curtis, and has three sons; Francis, a farmer of Camden township, married Margaret C. Curtis, and has three sons; Arthur, a farmer of Dresden, married Edith Stephens; Harry, of Chatham township, married Susan Scamehorn, and has one daughter; Roy F. is at home; and Thomas M., Gertrude and George W. died in infancy. Mrs. Hoyles was born in Lincolnshire, England, July 16, 1840, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (King) Farington, who passed their lives in their native England. Mr. Farington was a hotel man and brewer, and died in 1862, aged forty-seven years, while his wife died in 1896, aged eighty years. Both were consistent members of the Church of England. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Farington were: Charles, of Boston, England; Emma; and Jennie, who married William Wheatcroft, of Sheffield, England.

Until three years prior to his marriage Mr. Hoyles remained with his parents, but at that time began working among the farmers, so continuing until 1863, when he began operating a hotel in Lincolnshire, where he remained for five years. His next work was on one of his father's farms, and he continued there until the latter's death in 1877, when as trustee, he was engaged in settling the estate. In 1879 he emigrated to Canada, and settled in Chatham township, renting a farm on the river Thames for four years, and then rented his present property from the George Best estate. In politics he is a Conservative, and he has served as school trustee for three years, taking a deep interest in educational matters. He and his wife are consistent members of the English Church. Mr. Hoyles is a well educated gentleman, well posted on current events and an excellent and entertaining conversationalist, and he is a man who makes and retains friends, standing very high in the estimation of his fellow townsmen.

FRANCIS DUBUQUE, proprietor of the "Halfway House," at Big Point, and a general merchant and farmer of Dover township, was born in that township Nov. 15, 1856. His

parents, Francis and Mary (Martin) Dubuque, of Montreal, were married there and remained in that city until 1840, at which time they removed to Niagara Falls, and thence to Dover township, settling at Pain Court, where the father worked among the farmers until he earned sufficient money to purchase a farm of 100 acres at Big Point. This land was in a wild condition, but he cleared fifty acres, and disposed of the other fifty, for he was an expert lumber hewer and found it more profitable to work at his trade than to devote his time to agricultural pursuits. His death occurred April 29, 18—, when he was sixty-six years of age, and his wife died in 1866; they are interred in Pain Court cemetery, at Big Point, having been members of the Pain Court Church. Nine children were born to this union: Mary Ann (deceased) married Peter Giroux; Julia is deceased; Alex. C. died young; Marias married Louise Carter, of Dover township; Alex C. (2) is deceased; Francis is mentioned below; Paul is a resident of Dover township; Julius is a farmer of Dover township; Josephine married William Rose, a farmer and hotel man of Oldfield.

Francis Dubuque remained at home until his marriage, when he assumed charge of his pleasant hostelry, known as the "Halfway House," a fine brick structure, built in 1900, replacing an old frame edifice. The new building was erected at a cost of $9,000, and is thoroughly modern in every respect. The cuisine does credit to Mrs. Dubuque's management, and the hotel enjoys a constant and satisfactory patronage from residents of Big Point as well as from the traveling public. Mr. Dubuque also owns a fine farm of 200 acres, and conducts a store in connection with his hotel, so that his time is fully occupied, and he is taking his place among the leading men of the community. In politics he is a Reformer; he has never consented to hold office. He and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and fraternally Mr. Dubuque is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

In May, 1878, Mr. Dubuque was married, in Pain Court, to Mary Rose; no children have been born of this union. These good people have reared seven children to useful manhood and womanhood, and are not happy unless caring for some one who needs help and kindness. Old grandmother Rose found with them a happy and peaceful home until she passed away at the age of ninety-four years. Their charities are many, although the world often knows nothing of them, and they are Christians in the true sense of the word.

Mrs. Dubuque was born in Montreal in 1860, a daughter of Stephen and Tharille (Laberge) Rose, of Montreal, who came to Dover township in 1874, locating in Pain Court, where the father was a farmer. He purchased a hotel and had conducted it only a week when he died, in June, 1883, aged fifty-four years, and was buried in Pain Court. The mother, who still resides on the homestead in Pain Court, was born in March, 1828. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose: Alford, a farmer of Pain Court; John, a farmer of Big Point; Mary, Mrs. Dubuque; William, a farmer and hotel man of Oldfield township; Josephine, deceased; Aurelia, who married Cerial Toulouse, a farmer; and Alphonsie, who married Julius Benoit, of Pain Court, Ontario.

RICHARD B. DALE, a thrifty farmer and prosperous resident of Raleigh township, is a descendant of one of the early settlers of the County of Kent, his grandparents having been Richard and Ann Dale, natives of Collingham, Yorkshire, England.

Early in the thirties, Richard Dale and his family, emigrated to America, settling near Ridgetown, County of Kent, where they made their home for the remainder of their lives, and they are interred in Boothroyd cemetery in Howard township. Among their children was a son named Charles, who, in due course of time, became the father of Richard B. Dale.

Charles Dale was born in Collingham, Oct. 15, 1815, and was there christened. He came with his parents to the County of Kent, and there married Mary B. Gregory, a daughter of Robert Gregory, and she died at the age of seventy-two years. Charles Dale purchased fifty acres of land in Lot 24, Concession 9, all unimproved, which he cleared up, and made into an excellent farm. He died at the age of sixty-six years. Politically he was a Conservative. The family all belonged to the Church of England. The following children were born to the parents: Richard B. Frances,

who married Sidney Scaman, of Raleigh township; Annie Jane, who married Robert Wright of Chatham township.

Richard B. Dale was born on the homestead farm July 20, 1855, where he grew to manhood's estate, and was educated in the 5th section school. He has always carried on the homestead farm, with the exception of one year, when he traveled in the far West for his health.

In July, 1901, Mr. Dale was married to Sarah J. Ashley, and both are consistent members of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Conservative. Mr. Dale owns and operates the homestead farm of fifty acres, carrying on mixed farming, and also devotes considerable attention to sheep buying, preferring a small flock. Energetic, thrifty, understanding thoroughly every detail of farm work, he is naturally successful, and he and his young wife are very popular in the neighborhood in which they make their home.

WILLIAM SOMERSET, a successful general farmer and prosperous citizen of Chatham township, residing on a fine 100-acre farm on Lot 8, 7th Concession, has made it his home since 1897. He was born in York, Ont., March 3, 1844, a son of William Sr., and Ann (Staggs) Somerset, of York.

William Somerset, Sr., died in Toronto, Ont., in 1845, while the mother died in 1887. William, our subject, was the only child born of the marriage of his parents. After the death of Mr. Somerset, the widow married James Paul, and had these children: Francis, a farmer of Florence, Ont.; Zaccheus, a farmer of Camden township; Jarvis, a farmer of Dawn, Ont.; Jeremiah, of Dawn, Ont.; Salena, who married Charles Coutts, of London, Ont.; Sabina, deceased; Lavina, deceased; Georgiana, deceased.

On Aug. 19, 1868, in Florence, Ont., William Somerset married Ellen McCrae, and the children born to this union were: Georgiana married Ross McMillen of Camden township; Mary J. married Sidney Berk, of Blenheim, Ont.; William married Jennie Stinson, now deceased, and resides at home; Sabina married Alfred Jenner, of Raleigh township; George C. is a farmer of Raleigh township; Wellington, Nellie and John A. are at home. Mrs. Somerset was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1841, daughter of Colin and Mary (Fowley) McCrae, of Scotland, the former of whom, a mason by trade, removed to County Lambton, Ont., in 1854, and followed the trade of a blacksmith at Florence, Ont. His death occurred in 1878, when he was seventy-five years of age, while the mother died in 1846, in Scotland. The children born to the parents of Mrs. Somerset were as follows: Colin, of Glasgow, Scotland; James, who died in Scotland; William, in Scotland; Ellen; Mary, who married Paul Huff, and died in County Kent; George, who died in County Kent.

Mr. Somerset remained with his parents until his marriage, at which time he rented a farm in Camden township, and there remained twelve years, after which he located on the river Thames. There he rented another farm for four years, but in 1897 he purchased his present property, which his efforts have developed into an exceedingly fine farm. Fraternally Mr. Somerset is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the Foresters, and he is very popular in both organizations. Both he and his excellent wife are members of the Methodist Church, and take an active part in its good work. Politically he is a stanch Conservative, but does not take any active part in local affairs. Energetic, hard working and industrious, Mr. Somerset has accumulated a handsome competency, reared a family of children of whom any one might well feel proud, and he and his wife are now enjoying the fruits of their labors, being held in high esteem by all who know them.

THOMAS MASON, a prosperous general farmer residing on Lot 15, Concession 6, in Dover township, upon the fine farm of fifty acres which he has occupied since 1896, was born in Lincolnshire, England, June 20, 1855. His parents, John and Caroline (Hindley) Mason, of the same locality, were married there, and came to the County of Kent in 1857, for seven years residing in Chatham, Ont. They then removed to Raleigh township, where they spent the following three years. Their next change was made to Genesee county, Michigan, where they lived upon a farm until they died, the father passing away April 4, 1892, aged sixty-eight years, while the mother died June 30, 1873, aged fifty-three

years; both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were: William, chief of police of Akron, Ohio, who has served on the police force sixteen years, and was in the American Rebellion for four years; John, who died in 1898; Fred, of Mt. Morris, Michigan; Thomas; Charles, who died in 1875; George, of Mt. Morris, Michigan; Mary, of Minnesota, married to Dr. John A. Gossley, a physician; Sarah, of Flint, Michigan, who married William Lowell; and Lottie, of Bay City, Michigan, who married Peter Lee.

On May 7, 1879, in Chatham, Ont., Thomas Mason was married to Miss Selina A. Stacey, and their children are: Mary E., Lela J., John H., George V., Lottie, Elsa A., Fred W., Lena G., Caroline, William E. and Myrtle G. Mrs. Mason was born in Devonshire, England, Feb. 8, 1854, and is a sister of William H. Stacey, of Dover township, and a daughter of James Stacey, who died Oct. 21, 1893, aged sixty-four years.

Thomas Mason remained with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, after which he worked among the various farmers until 1887, at which time he purchased a farm in Michigan, cultivating same for four years. Then selling it, he located in the County of Kent, and for ten years rented in Dover township, at the end of that time buying his present farm, where in 1901 he built his pleasant brick residence, which is supplied with all modern improvements and conveniences. In religious belief he is a Methodist, and in politics a Reformer; however, he takes no active interest in party affairs. Enterprising, energetic, thrifty, he has made many friends in his township, and firmly established himself in the confidence of the community as a man of real worth.

WILLIAM W. EVERITT, one of the successful farmers of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 5, Concession 3, was born at his present home March 8, 1856, a son of William and Jane (Nasmith) Everitt, one of the county's old pioneer families.

William Everitt was born in Howard township, County of Kent, Oct. 15, 1811, son of Adam and Nancy Everitt, who came from Pennsylvania as United Empire Loyalists during the war of the Revolution. The Everitt family is of Welsh descent, and was founded in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war by David Everitt. The sons of this family were Adam, David and William, who came to Canada, and John, who remained in Pennsylvania, and later became the father of Hon. Edward Everett, of that State. William and David settled in Chatham township, where they lived and died, and Adam located in Howard township where he spent his life and died leaving a large family; Joseph, Adam T., John, Seth, William, Mary, Rachel (Mrs. Alexander Whitesell, of Howard township), and Betsy, all now deceased except Adam T. and Mrs. Whitesell.

William Everitt, father of William W., grew to manhood on the old farm in Howard township, where he received a limited education, there being no schools in the county during those days. In 1840 he married Miss Jane Nasmith, who was born in 1827 in Scotland, in which country her parents died. Her mother's maiden name was Ellen Boone, and Jane Nasmith was brought to Canada and reared by her aunt, Miss Boone. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Everitt settled on the old homestead, which was then wild land, and they made a clearing in the woods for a little log cabin, which was their dwelling-place for a number of years. Later they replaced it by a large house, in which their family was born and reared. In 1857 he erected the present large brick house where he and his wife resided during the remainder of their lives, his death occurring March 17, 1896, and hers in October, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Everitt were among the first founders of the Methodist Church in the County of Kent, and active in church work, as well as prominent in having schools established in the locality. For many years Mr. Everitt served as school trustee, and he was an active Conservative. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Everitt were as follows: Agnes married Neil A. McGeachy, one of the prosperous farmers of Harwich township, and has two sons, William and John A. Andrew married Jane McNaughton, of Harwich, and resides on a part of the old homestead, where he follows farming. A. R., who resides on a portion of his father's 200-acre farm, married Miss S. J. Findlay, of Harwich township, and has three children, Edgar C., Elsie G. and Rose Pearl. Miss Ellen J., who was finely

educated, is now in charge of the old homestead. Elsie A. died in young womanhood. William W. is mentioned below. Mary B. married W. H. Carswell, of Chatham, one of the leading contractors and builders of that city, and has three children, Bruce, William W. and Nellie May.

William W. Everitt grew to manhood on the old homestead, where he followed farming, and for a number of years he was manager. At the death of his father he purchased the property from the other heirs, and now owns the entire farm, which is one of the best in the county. Politically, he is a Conservative, but never aspired to office. Fraternally, he is a member of the order of Foresters, uniting with Lodge No. 504, of Chatham.

The Everitt family has always been connected with the government, and various members of it have proven themselves loyal subjects of the Crown. Adam Everitt was in the war of 1812; William Everitt participated in the war of 1836-37, under Capt. Field, and also furnished his own horses to carry prisoners to London, Ont., where they were confined. William W. Everitt has upon many occasions demonstrated his loyalty, and he is proud of the record made by his predecessors. He is most highly esteemed in the community, and is a man of good business ability and keen foresight.

HENRY B. PARKER, a retired farmer of Howard, Talbot Road south, Lot 96, County Kent, Canada, was born in Howard township on Lot 99, Lake Shore, Jan. 18, 1832, son of John and Roxanna (Shippy) Parker, pioneers of County Kent, who settled in this locality at a very early day.

John Parker was born on the Atlantic ocean in 1775, son of William Parker, born in England, who came to Nova Scotia, but later located with his family in County Elgin, Ont. In this locality, his sons located land and made homes for themselves out of the wilderness. William Parker was an officer of the British government, and his land was given him as a reward for his services. Both he and his wife died in County Elgin, and are buried in the Union cemetery. They had three sons and two daughters: George settled and died at Yarmouth, County of Elgin; William and his brother joined farms in Yarmouth, where they lived and died, being buried in the Union cemetery, County Elgin, and both left families; Betsey is the deceased wife of Jesse Page, who settled and died in Yarmouth, leaving no family; Anne married David Patterson, a copper-smith of Buffalo, New York, and died, leaving two sons, David and John; John is mentioned below.

John Parker, the father of Henry B. Parker, was a self-educated man, for there were no schools in Canada when he was young, but he learned much from reading and association with men. In 1810, he married, and leaving his young wife at home, joined the British army and participated in the war of 1812, being in the battles of Lundy's Lane, Fort Erie and Kingston Heights, and numerous smaller engagements. During the three years' service Mr. Parker gave in support of his government's rights, his father-in-law, Zebulon Shippy, a Loyalist, emigrated to Canada, which, on account of his sentiments, he decided would be a more congenial home than the New England States. In 1816, John Parker removed, with his family, to Howard, County Kent, settling on the Lake shore, where he took up 400 acres of land as a reward for his services from the government. On this property, on the lake front, he erected a log house, and in it he resided for about twenty-five years, clearing up a good portion of his farm. He traded this farm for one in County Elgin, Malahide township, on which he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, he dying there in February, 1848, and his wife passing away in 1861. In religious matters they were Universalists, and took an active part in the work of that denomination. His political views were those of a Reformer. The first wife of John Parker was Harriet Dilts, who left a family of nine children: John, Hyder, Nelson, George, Harriet, Malinda, Matilda, Sophia and Jane. All are deceased, except Jane, who is the wife of James Murray, a veterinary surgeon, of Howard. For his second wife, John Parker wedded Roxanna Shippy, daughter of Zebulon Shippy, and to this union came two sons, William and Henry Bingham.

William Parker, the eldest son, was born in 1826, and grew to manhood in Canada, where he married Miss Amanda Powers of that colony. They removed to Wabash county,

Indiana, where he died. During the Civil war, he was a participant in the great struggle, being in thirty battles, and was twice wounded, although he survived for some years, but finally died from the effects of these wounds. At his death, a wife and two daughters, Harriet and Louisa, were left to mourn him. The daughters both reside in Indiana.

Henry B. Parker was educated in County Elgin, and, being very ambitious, took advantage of every opportunity offered him to increase his store of knowledge. He learned the trade of cabinet-maker, which he followed for some time after his marriage, but as his leanings were in the direction of an agricultural life, he adopted farming, and made a great success of it, and is now living retired from active business life, justly enjoying a pleasant rest in his declining years, surrounded by comforts his own hands have earned.

On Christmas Day, 1854, Henry B. Parker married Miss Sarah Kennedy, of Howard township, born June 28, 1835, daughter of John and Jane (Graham) Kennedy, old and honored pioneers of County Kent, Ont. John Kennedy and his wife were born in Belfast, Ireland, but came to Canada from Ashtabula, Ohio, where they first settled, after leaving their native land. In 1825, upon emigrating to Canada, they settled in Howard, on the 11th Concession, where the Tapes now reside. By trade John Kennedy was a mason, and followed his calling in connection with farming, with success in both lines. In 1846 he traded that farm for the homestead, which he made his home until 1850, when he returned to Ireland, and, sad to say, died a few days after reaching his destination, the trip being too great a tax on his strength. His wife survived him until 1875, and died full of years and held in great esteem. His five daughters were: Margaret, born in Belfast, is the deceased wife of Simon Smith, who settled on Concession 11, in Howard township; Jane, born in Ohio, married John Shippy, of Howard township, where both died; Mary A., born in Howard, is a widow who resides in Michigan; Nancy, born in Howard, is the wife of Nathan Woods, of Morpeth; and Sarah.

Mrs. Sarah (Kennedy) Parker was reared on her father's homestead, and after her marriage with Mr. Parker, he assumed charge of the estate, even while he was following his trade at Morpeth, but later he purchased it from the other heirs, and it has been his home for many happy years. In 1865 Mr. Parker erected the present comfortable and finely fitted house and commodious barn, and from time to time he has made other improvements to both residence and land, until his property is justly regarded as one of the finest in Howard. The greater portion of the farm was cleared through the efforts of Mr. Parker, after he assumed charge of affairs. The following very interesting family has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker. (1) William H. died in childhood. (2) Henry B., born in 1858, grew to manhood on his father's farm, and now resides in Los Angeles, California; he married Amanda McCann, and has one daughter, Lena. (3) Sarah A., born in May, 1860, is the wife of John Rogers, of Tilbury East, County Kent, where he owns and operates a farm; they had the following family, Alta, Pearl, Erie, Melbourne, Myrtle, Lisle, Reginald and Rogers. (4) William Nelson, born in January, 1862, is a blacksmith at Morpeth; he married Miss Janie Jackson, of County Perth, Ont., and has five children; Maud, Edna, Anna, Violet and May. (5) Roxanna, born in January, 1864, married Abram Jeneraux, of Blenheim, and among their children are Myrtle, Monroe, Lloyd, Garfield and Glen.. (6) Albert, born Sept. 28, 1867, is now a farmer in County Essex; he married Miss Frances Watson, of Howard, and has one son, Earl. (7) John, born in June, 1870, when a young man became a student of the violin, becoming one of the finest performers on that instrument in this locality, and he is now leader of the orchestra of a Presbyterian Church, of Detroit, and gives numerous concerts each season, being director of several musical clubs of that city; he married Miss Eva Johnston, of Detroit, an artist, who makes a specialty of decorating. They have no family. (8) Minnie, born in September, 1872, was educated in the schools of Morpeth. On Nov. 22, 1900, she married Edward D. Casterline, of California, the ceremony being performed in the old log house where she was born, it being decorated with evergreens and flowers, illuminated with Chinese lanterns and wax candles, making a very pretty effect, and one which was much admired by her family,

all of whom were present, and numerous friends. The young couple now reside in Los Angeles, California, where Mr. Casterline is engaged in business. (9) Frank, born in December, 1874, now resides at Sault Ste. Marie, where he is a prosperous grocer; he married Alberta Atkinson of Orford township, and they have one son, Vernon.

Politically Mr. Parker has always been identified with the old Conservative party. Mrs. Parker is a member of the Methodist Church, although her family are all Presbyterians. Formerly Mr. Parker was a member of the Orangemen's Order. He deserves more than passing mention in this work of prominent men of this locality. From his grandfather down, all the members of his family have played important parts both as soldiers and private citizens, in England, Canada and the United States, and reflected honor upon every community in which they have made their homes. They were men of sterling qualities, and the name of Parker will long be remembered in both Canada and the United States. Mr. Henry B. Parker is a man of genial, cheerful disposition. Modest and retiring, he has never sought or desired political distinction, taking his happiness in his home and family, of which he may be justly proud. When it can be said of a man who has passed seventy years in earnest endeavor to do his duty, as he viewed it by the light of the Golden Rule, that he has never knowingly wronged a fellow creature, but always advocated the rights of man; that he was on the side of the oppressed in every instance; that he worked unceasingly to bring up his children in the paths of righteousness; and that he set an example of rectitude that can never be forgotten, both he and his posterity may well feel that it is said of him: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

DAVID EAGLE, now living retired in Blenheim, County of Kent, was engaged in farming in Harwich township throughout his active years. He is a native of Harwich township, born Sept. 16, 1847, son of Thomas and Mary A. Eagle, of England, who came to Canada in 1842. They took up fifty acres of land in Harwich township, County of Kent, on which they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Eagle was a miller, and followed that trade for a few years after coming to Harwich. He also spent nine months in California, gold hunting. He was fifty years old at the time of his death, in 1864, and Mrs. Eagle died in September, 1866, when fifty-five years old. They are buried in the Crawford cemetery in Raleigh township. Both were members of the Established Church of England. They had the following named children: Hester, who died in infancy; Thomas, who is deceased; Mary, wife of David L. Gardiner; Jeremiah, a resident of California; Hester, wife of Thomas Coatsworth, of Harwich township; William, a farmer of Stonewall, Man.; David, mentioned below; and Anna, deceased.

David Eagle grew to manhood in his native township, and there received all his early training, attending the public schools during his earlier years. He had practical instruction in farming, and continued that occupation in Harwich until his retirement, in 1900, since when he has made his home in Blenheim. Mr. Eagle became quite prominent as one of the prosperous farmers of his locality, and he deserves the good fortune which has come to him, for he has been an honest, industrious man all his life, and has won success by his own efforts.

On June 5, 1872, in Chatham, Ont., Mr. Eagle married Caroline Huffman, and two children blessed this union: Tillie M., wife of Alexander McDougall; and Pearl B., wife of William J. Muckle, a farmer of Troy, Ont. Mr. Eagle attends the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Conservative.

Mrs. Caroline (Huffman) Eagle was born May 15, 1854, in Harwich township, daughter of John and Ruth (Fields) Huffman, the former of whom was born in 1819. He came to the County of Kent in 1834 with his parents, locating in Harwich township, where he passed the remainder of his days, engaged in farming. His wife died in 1860. They were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman were married in Harwich township, and were the parents of the following named children: Sarah, widow of Alexander Dezelia, of Windsor, Ont.; George; Peter, of Harwich township; Catherine, Mrs. William Dalson, deceased; Matilda, who married Frank Drewery, a farmer of Harwich township; Caroline, Mrs. Eagle; and John W., a farmer

of Harwich township. The mother of this family dying, the father married Keziah Boyle, and there were two children by this union: Ai, who is with his father; and Maggie, married to Reuben Harrington, a farmer of Chatham, Ontario.

ALEXANDER D. McDOUGALL, who is engaged in general farming on a tract of 100 acres in Concession 2, Lot B, Harwich township, has resided on that place since 1893. He is a native of Ontario, born in November, 1866, in the County of Huron, son of John P. and Elizabeth (McCune) McDougall, and grandson of Peter McDougall, who came from Scotland with his family to Canada in 1853, and settled in the County of Huron. There he passed the remainder of his life.

John P. McDougall was born in August, 1830, in Scotland, and there learned the trade of smith, which he followed in his native country, doing shipbuilders' work. His occupation was farming after he came to Canada, making the trip with his father when a young man. In 1857 he married, in the County of Huron, Ont., Miss Elizabeth McCune, who was like himself a native of Scotland, born in Perthshire in 1835, daughter of John and Isabella (Robinson) McCune, who came to Canada in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. McDougall came to the County of Kent in 1876, locating in Harwich township, where he purchased the Gregory farm, a tract of 200 acres in the 1st Concession, Lots 17 and 18. Later he bought another of 200 acres, and still later 500 more, in what is known as the broken front, these latter purchases including the McLachlan farm of 400 acres. Mr. McDougall was an extensive farmer, working and improving all his holdings, putting up buildings thereon, and in other ways constantly increasing their value. He was active in various ways, and became well and favorably known all over the County of Kent, and his death, which occurred in May, 1890, when he was aged sixty years, was regarded as a public calamity, and mourned throughout the community. He was interred at Blenheim. Mrs. McDougall, now nearly seventy years of age, still survives, residing at the old home. She belongs to the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. McDougall was an active member and liberal supporter. We have the following record of their family, all but the youngest born in the County of Huron: (1) Isabella, born in 1858, is the widow of Henry Vanauken, a prominent merchant of Rochester, New York, where she still resides, with her three children, Stella, Martha and Albert. (2) Peter, born in 1860, married a lady named McGregor, of the County of Huron, and resided on one of his father's farms in Harwich, where he died in October, 1898, leaving his wife and two children, Herbert and Percy. (3) John is a farmer of Harwich township. (4) Jessie died when three years old. (5) Jennie, born in 1864, married Westley Canard, a farmer of Harwich, and has one son, Frank. (6) Alexander D. is mentioned below. (7) Annie, born in 1868, married David Hastings, and has seven children, Thomas, Jennie, John, Herbert, Russell, Harley and ————. They reside on her father's farm. (8) Catherine, born in 1873, married Sherman Hubbert, a farmer of Harwich, and has one son, John. (9) Hugh, born in Harwich, married Miss Bessie McLaren, of the County of Kent, who for some years was a successful teacher of the county, and they have one son, John. They reside on the old homestead.

Alexander D. McDougall remained with his parents until a few years prior to his marriage, and received the advantages the common schools afforded. Upon marrying he purchased his present farm, upon which he has made his home ever since, and by industry and good management he has won success, being now in comfortable circumstances. He has the satisfaction of knowing that his prosperity is the result of his own efforts and he holds the esteem of his many friends and neighbors.

Mr. McDougall was married in Harwich township, in December, 1894, to Miss Tillie M. Eagle, who was born in Harwich township in 1873, daughter of David and Carrie (Huffman) Eagle. Four children have blessed this union. Mr. and Mrs. McDougall are members of the Presbyterian Church, and socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Foresters. Politically he is a member of the Reform party.

WILLIAM JACKSON, residing on his pleasant home on Lot 19, 11th Concession, in Dover township, owns a fine farm of fifty

acres there and profitably carries on general farming. He was born on that farm April 28, 1853, a son of William and Agnes (Spinks) Jackson, of Ireland.

The parents came to Dover township in 1845, locating on the farm now owned by their son William, then consisting of 100 acres of wild land, where they remained, clearing away the forest trees. The father died in 1856, when he was forty-five years of age, while the mother survived until 1894, dying aged sixty-seven years. They were buried in Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. Both were members of the Church of England. Children as follows were born to them: Hannah (deceased) married John Rankin; Eliza J., of Dover township, married R. J. Rankin, a farmer; Mary A., of Chatham, married Robert McFalls, of Ontario; Agnes, of Dover township, married James Rankin; John is deceased; William is mentioned below; Martha died young. The paternal grandparents, John Jackson and his wife, of Ireland, came to Dover township in 1845, and resided with their son George. He died in 1861.

William Jackson has always lived on his present farm, and also owns another farm of fifty acres in Chatham township, and he carries on general farming, making a success of that calling. He remained with his mother until his marriage, which occurred Dec. 4, 1878, in Dover township, to Catherine McFaul, and the following children, all at home but Ada L., who is deceased, have been born to this union: Clara M., William H., Ada L., Flora J., Laura B., Gilbert R., Milton, Maggie A., Emma I., Estella M. and Orlo. Mrs. Jackson was born Aug. 10, 1860, in County Addington, Ont., daughter of William and Jane (Trotter) McFaul, of Ireland and Kingston, Ont., respectively. They came to the County of Kent in 1870, located in Chatham for five years, and then rented a farm in Chatham township, where the father died in 1875, aged fifty-four years, and the mother died there in 1893, aged seventy-two years, and both are buried in the Methodist Church cemetery in Dover township. They were members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, respectively. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. McFaul: Archibald is a resident of Chatham; Mary A., of Fraserville, married David Lusk; Jane, of Chatham, is married to Edward Reardon; Matilda, of Tweed, married Joseph Lusk and later a Mr. Kenderson; Bell, of Arden, is the wife of George Hellem; Robert lives in Chatham; William is a resident of Chatham; Ruth, of Chatham, is married to George Derbe; Lizzie, of Toronto, married George Taylor; Margaret, of Philadelphia, is married to Seth Law. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Jackson were natives of Ireland who emigrated to Ontario at an early day, settling in Kingston, and remained until their death.

Mr. Jackson is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, in which he is deservedly popular. He and his family are consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Jackson is a Conservative, but he is not active in such matters and has no desire for office. The success which attends his efforts is but the just reward of his years of effort.

MALCOLM CAMPBELL is a well-known farmer of County Kent, located on Lot 9, in Howard, and is one of the most highly esteemed residents of his community, being prominent in political life, and useful in local matters.

The birth of Mr. Campbell occurred in February, 1843, on his present farm, and, as his name indicates, he is of Scotch ancestry. His parents were Neil and Flora (Johnston) Campbell, the former of whom was born in 1808, in Scotland, and the latter in 1818, in Utica, State of New York. Neil Campbell was a son of Malcolm and Nancy (Smith) Campbell, who emigrated to America from Scotland, landing in New York, and locating on a farm within twelve miles of the city of Utica. Some twelve years were passed there, and then the parents decided to move to Canada. As this was prior to the building of the railroads, they were transported by canal to Buffalo, and from there to County Kent, by boat across Lake Erie. They settled in Howard on Lot 4, Concession 12, and were among the early pioneers. Here Malcolm Campbell cleared up a farm, and lived upon it until his death. His wife passed away soon after locating in Canada, and Malcolm was sixty-five years of age when he died. A family of four sons and two daughters survived them, namely: John, who died unmarried; Peter, who lives in Portage, near

Winnipeg; Duncan, who lives in Blenheim; Neil, who became the father of Malcolm; Mary, deceased wife of Dougal Campbell; and Margaret, deceased wife of Benjamin Bell, who settled in Harwich, where they reared a family.

Neil Campbell acquired his education in the State of New York and married there, later coming to Canada. His land was also purchased through Col. Talbot, being the same on which his son now resides. His start was as a pioneer in the dense woods, and the privations and deprivations of the pioneer life probably hastened the death of his wife, who passed away at the age of thirty-nine years. Mr. Campbell survived until 1880. They had a family of seven children, these being: (1) Isabella, born in New York in 1836, was the wife of John R. McKinley, of near Ridgetown, and they had a family. (2) Flora, born at the present home in 1838, is the wife of Rev. C. Sinclair, of the Disciples Church, of St. Thomas, and they have four sons: Dr. Duncan (of Woodstock), Neil (of St. Thomas), Burnett (deceased) and John (of St. Thomas). (3) Mary, born in 1841, became the wife of Rev. Hugh McDiarmid, now deceased, who was a professor in Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, where his widow and children still reside, the latter being: Campbell (a leading barrister of Cincinnati), Erritt (a professor in a Minnesota college), Norman (a resident of Cincinnati), Bell (wife of a Mr. Ritchie) and Ethel (a resident of Ohio). (4) Malcolm is next in the order of birth. (5) Archie, born in 1851, grew up in the old home, and is an M. P. of the West shore, located at Toronto Junction; he married Miss M. Burt, of County Kent, and has a family of six children: Maud (the wife of Spencer Stone, a merchant of Chatham), Nellie, Mabel, Archie, Douglas and Norman. (6) John, born in 1853, is engaged in the milling business at St. Thomas; he married Miss Mary Smith, of Harwich, and they have four daughters, Maggie, Mary, Florence and Helen, all residing at home. (7) James W., born in 1856, married Miss Catherine Campbell of this county, and they settled on the old homestead, where he followed farming until his death in 1895, this being caused by an accident in his brother's mill at Toronto Junction. A widow and three children survived him: Blanche, Gordon and Clara, the last named being Mrs. John Balmer, of Manitoba.

Malcolm Campbell grew up in his home, and, after he completed his education in the Ridgetown schools, followed farming. In March, 1874, he married Miss Sarah Campbell, the estimable daughter of John and Christine (McFarland) Campbell, both of whom were born in Argyllshire, Scotland. They emigrated to Canada in 1841, and settled in County Middlesex, where Mrs. Campbell was born in 1845, and where she was reared and educated. There her parents both died, her father having long been a very prominent teacher in Middlesex and Kent; he was a scholarly man, who had been well educated at Glasgow, Scotland. His daughter was given every advantage, and also became a teacher, following the profession for some eleven years in Counties Middlesex and Kent. After marriage Mr. Campbell and wife settled on the old homestead, where they still reside, and during the intervening years many improvements have testified to the excellence of Mr. Campbell's agricultural methods, as well as to the prosperity which has attended him. The home of the Campbells is one of the most comfortable, as well as attractive in this locality.

A family of five children has blessed this marriage, their names being: Flora, who was born in the present home, was educated in the Ridgetown schools, and for five years has been one of the successful, efficient and popular teachers of the county; Louis, who was educated in the local schools, taught school for two years, and then graduated from the Toronto Medical College, and is a practicing physician; Mamie, who was born in the present home, is a graduate of the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and is a popular teacher in Howard; Pearl was also educated in the Ridgetown Institute; and Neil, liks his sisters, received the excellent educational advantages offered in the Ridgetown Institute. This family is one of the intellectual and highly cultured ones of the county, and takes a leading position socially.

In politics Mr. Campbell, as his father and grandfather, has always affiliated with the Reform party, has been a member of the County council, and also a member of the council in Howard, for a number of years being chair-

man of the former body. Both he and wife are leading members of the Baptist Church of Ridgetown, generally known as the Disciples Church.

It is meet on closing this very incomplete sketch of this representative of one of the most prominent families of County Kent, to recall their early location here, their honorable perpetuation of the name, and their prominence in several communities as founders of educational enterprises and promoters of Christian activities. The Campbells wherever located are known as intelligent, honest, industrious and ambitious men and women. Malcolm Campbell inherits the attributes which have reflected credit in all times upon this family name. The esteem in which he is held in his community is only equalled by the respect and affection with which he is regarded in the family circle.

JAMES L. STEPHENS, a very extensive general farmer and successful citizen of Chatham township, County of Kent, who owns 155 acres on Lot 214, Concession 9, and also another farm of 375 acres in the same township, came to his present farm in 1881 from Harwich township. He was born in County Northumberland, Ont., July 21, 1852, son of William H. Stephens, and brother of George and N. H. Stephens, of Chatham, Ontario.

On Sept. 12, 1882, in Dover township, Mr. Stephens married Elizabeth Pickett, and the following family was born to this union: Barry C., Daisy D., D. Gerard and Angelina, all at home. Mrs. Stephens was born in County Wentworth, Ont., Dec. 27, 1861, a daughter of David and Rachel (Winter) Pickett of Bay Quinte and County Wentworth, respectively, who came to County Kent in 1862, and located on Lindsay road in Chatham township. David Pickett was born in Canada, but reared in Pennsylvania, returning to Canada, however, a short time prior to his marriage. He was a bookkeeper in Hamilton prior to his location in County of Kent. Until 1877 Mr. Pickett was a farmer, but at that time he removed to Chatham, where he remained three years, and then purchased a farm in Dover township. After three years he sold it and purchased another farm in Chatham township, where he died Oct. 2, 1885, aged sixty-nine years, and he is interred in Maple Leaf cemetery. Both he and his wife early connected themselves with the Church of England. She is living and resides in Chatham, a lady of advanced years, having been born Aug. 15, 1829. The children born to the parents of Mrs. Stephens were: Esther married Silas W. Knight, a farmer of Port Lambton; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Stephens. The paternal grandfather was Rev. Daniel Pickett, whose third wife was Anna Corbin, a school teacher, and they were of New Milford, Connecticut, and Bay Quinte, Canada, respectively. The grandfather was a Methodist minister for over fifty years in Canada, being sent to Canada to minister to the early settlers. The Rev. Mr. Pickett was married three times, his first wife being a Miss Bates; the second wife a Miss Ingersol, by whom he had two children.

Mr. Stephens continued with his parents until his marriage, when he purchased his present farm, upon which he located, and since then has made many valuable improvements. In politics he is a Liberal, and has been sent by his party to the council of Chatham township for three years, and for four years he acted as school trustee, and four years as secretary and treasurer. Although not a member of any church, he attends services in both the Methodist Church and the Church of England, and gives liberally toward the carrying out of any work he believes will tend toward the elevation of the moral tone of the community. Such, in brief, is the record of the life of James L. Stephens, honorable citizen, incorruptible public official, model family man and firm friend.

ALFRED LUTHER BISNETT. The opening up of a new country affords untold opportunities for the ambitious and energetic young man, whose creative force and executive ability make him a potent factor in the development and progress of his community. Among the prominent men of the County of Kent, whose own endeavors and upright life are responsible for financial success and high reputation, is Alfred L. Bisnett, general farmer, stock raiser, lumber dealer, first reeve and first mayor of Blenheim, but now living practically retired on his fine farm in Harwich township. He was born at Mallorytown, County of Leeds, Nov. 23, 1836, son of Charles and Louisa (Mallory) Bisnett.

Charles Bisnett was engaged in farming

at Mallorytown until 1849, when he removed to the County of Kent, locating in Blenheim, where he remained until his death. His wife, Louisa Mallory, survived him many years, and died at Blenheim at the age of eighty years. In politics he was a Reformer, and in religion both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: James; Sarah Jane, wife of Joseph McGeorge; Electy, wife of Otis Ingalis; and Alfred L.

The death of his father threw Alfred L. Bisnett on his own resources in boyhood. He began without a cent, and found his first work in a sawmill at fifty cents a day. This opened up the way for him to acquire a knowledge of the lumber business, and the boy was shrewd enough to grasp every opportunity that offered itself for legitimately bettering his condition. He became, in time, proprietor of a successful business that included lumber, carriage bent goods, etc., which he carried on for thirty years with unvarying success, employing from thirty to 125 men. At the same time he operated a sawmill in the County of Lambton. He was an excellent manager, possessing a natural instinct for business, and was just and wise in his relations with his employes. Firmly believing in his town and county, he lent himself readily to any measure looking to the advancement of the moral and material welfare of the community, and probably was as closely identified with the best interests of Blenheim as any other one person. When the place was incorporated as a village he was made the first reeve; and when the village grew and assumed the proportions of a town he was elected the first mayor, an office he held with great credit for two years. He gave an able administration of public affairs, and could always be counted upon to do his part in whatever work there was to be done. In politics he is a member of the Reform party.

In June, 1892, Mr. Bisnett retired to his farm of 800 acres along Lake Erie, on Lots 1, 2, D, E and F, Concessions 3 and 4, Harwich township, one of the most delightfully situated homes in the whole Province. The farm is well stocked with cattle, and its general appearance of thrift and comfort makes it an ideal spot for rest after the turmoil of a busy life. Mr. Bisnett has won it for himself, not by luck, nor by influence, but by honest endeavor and upright dealings, that have received the merited high esteem of his fellow citizens.

On Feb. 11, 1861, Alfred L. Bisnett was united in marriage with Elizabeth Cameron, a native of Howard township, who died Oct. 14, 1886, aged forty-six years, two months and nineteen days, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery, at Blenheim. Her parents emigrated from the Highlands of Scotland in an early day, and settling in Howard township became prominent among the pioneer settlers there. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bisnett: (1) Alvérdue E., a lumber merchant at Rodney, Ont., married Margaret Shaw, and has one son, Monroe. (2) Elizabeth married O. M. Arnold, an attorney at Bracebridge, County of Muskoka, and had four children, Retta (deceased), Fred and Eric, and another deceased. (3) Jean married Dr. C. B. Langford, of Blenheim. (4) CHARLES LUTHER, a stockdealer and farmer on part of the homestead in Harwich township, married Lucinda Leitch, and has two children, Jean G. and Charles A. The family all attend the Presbyterian Church. When the local lodge of the I. O. O. F. was formed at Blenheim, Alfred L. Bisnett was one of its charter members, and he has always taken a great interest in its work. He is a man of brotherly impulses, kind and helpful to others, and he has many warm friends in the community where his whole life is known.

JOHN HARDY MICKLE (deceased). The death of John Hardy Mickle removed from Wallaceburg one of the old and highly respected citizens who was a representative of a fine old family, and who left honorable and esteemed descendants. Mr. Mickle was born Jan. 7, 1825, in the County of Essex, Ont., and he died at Wallaceburg, Jan. 9, 1902, and was buried in the Little's private burying grounds in the Gore of Chatham. His parents were Capt. William and Sarah (Brush) Mickle, the former of whom was born in Scotland and the latter in Canada.

Capt. William Mickle was a farmer in the County of Essex, where his death occurred March 17, 1855, when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife, who was born in 1802, died Feb. 5, 1868. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He gained his title during the War of 1812, when he was captain

of a company of militia, and he also received a silver medal for gallant conduct. The children born to these parents were: William, a retired farmer of the County of Essex; John H.; Thomas, deceased; George, a farmer of Malden, Ont.; Alexander, of the same place; Wilhelmina, deceased, who married William Bartlett; Mary, deceased, who married William Johnson; Amelia, of Kingsville, wife of Adolphus Woodward.

In September, 1854, in the Gore of Chatham, John Hardy Mickle, was married to Anna Little, and they had the following named children: W. Dexter, of Wallaceburg; George L., a farmer of the Gore of Chatham; Albert, a custom house official of Port Lambton; Charles J., a farmer of the Gore of Chatham; Louisa, who married George Forshee, a farmer of Camden township; Sarah, with her mother; Russell, a farmer of the Gore of Chatham (his mother and sister reside with him on the homestead farm). Mrs. Mickle was born in the Gore of Chatham, Jan. 8, 1832, a daughter of George and Anna (McCollum) Little, of the County of Essex, Ont., and Scotland, respectively. They were married near Mt. Clemens, Michigan, but removed to County Kent in April, 1825, locating in Chatham, where he took up 100 acres. There his death occurred in April, 1876, and the mother died April 1, 1870, aged seventy years; they are buried on part of their old homestead in a private cemetery. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. He was captain of a company in the militia during the war of 1812, but participated in no engagements. The children born to Capt. and Mrs. Little were: Emily, deceased, who married Samuel Foley; Robert, deceased; Sarah, of London, Ont., widow of George Rogers; Daniel, deceased; Mary, who died unmarried at the age of fifty-nine years; Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of sixty-eight years; Anna; Louisa, of Amherstburg, Ont., who married George Mickle; Justice, deceased; and Charles and George, who both died young.

Our honored subject farmed during his earlier life, coming to the County of Kent in 1850, and located on the farm, Lot 21, Concession 2, where his widow now makes her home. At one time he owned 625 acres of farm land in the Gore of Chatham, but sold portions of the property from time to time. In the spring of 1898, he retired and located in Wallaceburg, where his death occurred, as before stated. In politics he was a Reformer, and he served as township reeve, but after a few years resigned. He was also a member of the township council for some time, and was always interested in public matters. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as is his wife, and in his life showed forth the teachings of his creed. In 1902 Mrs. Mickle returned to the farm, where she is now enjoying the comforts of life, provided by her husband's loving care, and surrounded by those she loves. The farm is one of the best in the township, and shows that a master hand is in charge of affairs. No family in the community stands higher than does the one which bears the name heading this sketch, and all of its representatives are honorable, hard-working, enterprising citizens, and courteous, generous-hearted people.

GEORGE H. KIME, a prosperous general farmer and fisherman of Mitchell's Bay, Dover township, County of Kent, was born in Lincolnshire, England, Dec. 27, 1848, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Richardson) Kime, natives of the same locality. The parents emigrated to Ontario, locating in Dover township, County of Kent, in 1874, where they lived retired. The father had been a farmer in his native land. His death occurred in 1876, when he was sixty-five years of age, and his wife died in 1878, at the same age. Both are interred in the Methodist Church cemetery of Dover township, having been consistent members of that denomination. Their children were: Thomas M., a contractor and builder of Chatham; Joseph, a veterinary surgeon; and George H. The paternal grandparents, William and Mary Kime, lived and died in England, and he followed the occupation of a farmer.

George H. Kime remained at home upon the farm with his parents in England until he was twenty-three years of age, when he emigrated to the County of Kent and located in Dover township. After a few months spent upon a farm there he went to the United States and traveled through the Black Hills region, Colorado, Michigan and other portions of the country for two years, returning to Dover township. For six years he lived upon a rented

farm. Then he purchased a farm, cultivating same until 1888, when he rented it and accepted the position of manager of a shooting club in Dover township, which he held for seven years. He then located in Mitchell's Bay and engaged in the fishing business, which he has successfully carried on ever since, catching, buying, selling, etc., supplying a large market. Mr. Kime also conducts a farm, making his agricultural pursuits as much of a success as his other interests, and the prosperity which attends his efforts is well merited.

In Chatham Mr. Kime married Jane Ann Cartwright, who was born in Dover township, a sister of G. W. Cartwright. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kime. Mr. Kime is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in political faith affiliates with the Conservative party. One of Mr. Kime's favorite diversions is the raising of dogs, his specialty being English setters, one of which won a handsome large silver cup presented by the International Field Club to the field of American and English Clubs for the finest dog. Some of his other dogs are fine animals, and he is noted for them. In his pleasant home, surrounded by the comforts of life, Mr. Kime dispenses a cordial hospitality, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading sportsmen of the County of Kent, and a man of whom nothing but good can be said.

JOHN PEET, the genial proprietor of the "Hotel Marquis," at Merlin, Ont., is a much esteemed citizen of that village, and is a descendant of good English stock, that can trace an ancestry back to the time of the persecutions of Huguenots.

The Peet family fled from France during this persecution and settled in Lincolnshire, England. In the church register of a little parish of that shire, amongst the earliest entries, is the marriage of John Peet, a weaver in woolen, in 1682, and in regular succession, to the birth of Major Flintham Peet, brother of our subject's grandfather, there appear no less than thirty different entries of this family. Major Flintham Peet left his native village when a young man, and located at Holbeach, where, for nearly forty years he successfully carried on business as a wine merchant. At one period he took a great interest in the management of town affairs, and at various times served in responsible positions. For many years he was a member of the Wesleyan Society, and until shortly before his death, was actively and faithfully engaged in different kinds of service in connection therewith. He was kind to the poor, and the aged and infirm were especially remembered by him, a large number profiting by his benevolence. He died in 1900, in his seventy-ninth year, and was one of the most respected citizens of Holbeach, Lincolnshire, England.

John Peet, brother of the above, and grandfather of our subject, always resided in Lincolnshire, where he followed the trade of shoemaking. In advanced years he lost his sight. He married a Miss Grummett, and the children born to them were: Mary, born March 5, 1822, married Mr. Hawbroks; John, born May 10, 1825, is deceased; Ann, born Feb. 15, 1829, is deceased; William was born July 15, 1831; Joseph, born Oct. 25, 1838, is deceased; and George, born June 15, 1843, resides in England.

John Peet, deceased, father of our subject, was born in Lincolnshire, and resided there until his marriage with Rebecca Daybold. For some time he was overseer of roads. The children born to John Peet and wife were: John, born Feb. 1, 1851, at Sleaford; Richard, born May 6, 1853, who died Dec. 12, 1870; Major F., born Aug. 9, 1855, and married to Sarah Ann Bartholomew; Benjamin, born Sept. 4, 1857, and married to Fanny Stalks, in October, 1880; George Samuel, born Aug. 5, 1859, and married to Mary Jane Wilkerson, July 5, 1883; Ellis, born Jan. 13, 1863, and married to Alice Leach, Dec. 26, 1887; Mary Ann, born Oct. 10, 1865, and married to Job Lyne, May 17, 1887; and Rebecca, born Aug. 12, 1867, and married to Robert Handley, March 26, 1887.

John Peet was born Feb. 1, 1851, at Sleaford, Lincolnshire, England, and lived at home until twelve years old. He was variously employed at farm work, and at the age of nineteen enlisted in the 101st Royal Bengal Fusileers. After a short service he secured his discharge at Fleetwood, and then returned home. Soon after his marriage, in 1875, accompanied by his wife, he came to County Kent, and for a time was employed on the Lake Road in Raleigh township. In 1877 he bought a part of Lot 9, Concession 15,

and later Lot 10, Concession 14. This property was all wild land, and Mr. Peet courageously started in to accomplish its clearing. He erected a substantial brick house, manufacturing the bricks himself. He engaged in general farming, and also did much contract ditching. After nineteen years of hard work and much prosperity, Mr. Peet disposed of his farm, in 1896, and rented a hotel in Merlin. Here he found conditions favorable for a first-class house, and he began the erection of one, resulting in the building of the "Hotel Marquis," a fine three-story brick structure, with thirty-seven rooms, fitted in modern style, including heat, acetylene gas and running water, a hotel which would do credit to a city of several thousand inhabitants. At the time he started his enterprise, the village contained but two score houses, but the amount of business the "Hotel Marquis" has done, shows that Mr. Peet displayed good judgment in his selection of a locality in which to invest his money. The house cost $12,000.

Mr. Peet is a member of the Merlin Court of Foresters, and also of the Sons of England, of Chatham. On June 30, 1874, he was married to Emma Sharp, born July 5, 1854. Their children are as follows: Hannah, born May 19, 1875, married Dec. 28, 1892, James Graham; William D., born March 24, 1877, married Alice Corbin, of Chatham; Emily Rebecca, born May 3, 1880; Maggie Adalaide, born Oct. 24, 1882, married, in 1903, Bruce Gleason, a farmer of Raleigh; Alice May, born Sept. 7, 1885; Sarah Elizabeth, born Jan. 22, 1888; Helen, born May 3, 1891, died May 13, 1891; and James Frederick, born June 27, 1892. The religious connection of the family is with the Church of England, in which Mr. Peet's daughters take a very active interest. The family is one of social prominence in Merlin, and has a wide circle of friends.

ARCHIBALD McLACHLAN, a leading farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 18, Concession 7, was born June 4, 1837, in the County of Elgin, a son of Archibald and Catherine (McCollum) McLachlan, old and honored pioneers of that county.

Archibald McLachlan, Sr., the father, was born near Caledonia, New York, in 1807, and lived there until he was brought to Canada by two brothers and three sisters, at a very early day. They settled near Alma, County of Elgin, where they followed farming during the remainder of their lives. All of the original family are deceased, Archibald, Sr., being the youngest. After his marriage, to Catherine McCollum, who was born in Scotland in 1807, he removed to Westminster, Ont., bought a well improved farm, and lived there until his retirement from active life, when he located in London, Ont., and there died in 1889. He and his wife were the parents of the following family: Archibald; Duncan, who married and now lives in the County of Middlesex; Malcolm, who was married in Westminster, and who came to the County of Kent, where he and Archibald purchased 400 acres of land near the Eau in Harwich township, there lived until 1881, when he moved back to Westminster, and died, leaving a wife and three daughters, now living in London: James, now a resident of the old home in Westminster, where he has a family; Mary, who married Robert McMillan, a retired farmer of Dutton, and they have two children; Isabel, who married Daniel Melton, a resident of Dutton, and has two children; Catherine, born in Westminster, who married A. C. Stewart, a professor of a London, Ont., school, and they have a family.

Archibald McLachlan received his early education in a little log school house in County Elgin East, and later attended the schools of Westminster, and worked upon the farm. As he grew to manhood, he learned the trade of carpenter, and became a contractor and builder and continued in this line for fifteen years. During this time, he purchased one hundred acres of land near Yarmouth. In 1872 Mr. McLachlan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Patterson, of Yarmouth, born in that city in 1847, a daughter of Alexander Patterson of the same place. Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan resided at Rondeau in Harwich township, where he and his brother owned a large property, and remained there for some eleven years. In 1881, Mr. McLachlan sold his interest and purchased his present pleasant home, known as the English farm on the 7th Concession, at one time the property of Captain Cochran. After purchasing the place Mr. McLachlan erected a large brick house upon it, in 1895, and also rebuilt all the barns and outbuildings. In all he owns 271 acres of

land, well cultivated, in a single farm, and his property has all been accumulated through his own energy and thrift. The following family has been born to himself and wife: Alexander, the eldest, born in Delaware, Ont., in 1873; Catherine, born at Rondeau, in 1875, died when twelve years old; Archibald, born in 1878, is unmarried and at home; Ellen, born at Rondeau, in 1880, is unmarried and at home; John, born at Rondeau, in 1883, is unmarried and resides at home; George, born at the present home in 1886, is at home.

Politically, Mr. McLachlan has always been identified with the old Reform party, but has never aspired to office. The religious connections of the family are with the Presbyterian Church, in which they are active workers. Mr. McLachlan is one of the solid men of his community, is prosperous and has made his own way in life by sheer ability and industry. He is a man of many excellent qualities, and one who is highly esteemed throughout the county.

WILLIAM GARTON, a prosperous retired farmer of Ridgetown, was born in Yorkshire, England, in January, 1833, a son of John and Anne (Ingram) Garton, both natives of the same shire, where they lived many years. In 1855, the mother died, and the father then came to the Dominion, where he died at the home of his son, in 1890. He and his excellent wife had three sons and one daughter, who came to the new country, of whom William, who came in 1857, was the first to follow his father to Canada; Mariah, born in England, in 1837, there married Charles Gilder, and came to the Dominion in 1861, settling on a farm in County Wellington, where she died in 1891, leaving children; John, born in England, came to this country with his father and brother Ingram, in 1855. The young men were both unmarried and settled as farmers in Orford township, where they married. John, who still resides on his farm, married Elizabeth Eloughby, of England, and has three children, Frank, Charles and Annie; Ingram married Eliza Pool, and died in Orford township, in 1890, leaving a wife and four children: John, Joseph, Alice and Lizzie.

William Garton received a fair education in his native land, and there became foreman for a wealthy land owner in England, continuing thus for five years prior to emigrating to Canada. After reaching New York, he took passage from Albany to Canada, landing at Hamilton, and he worked for a merchant for two years at Fingal, delivering goods. In 1860, he came to Elgin, on the town line of Kent, where he bought a partly improved farm of 200 acres, and improved it until 1888, when he retired from the farm, and, removing to Ridgetown, purchased a fine house on Harold street.

In April, 1862, Mr. Garton married Miss Catherine Buchanan, daughter of Robert and Margaret Buchanan, old pioneers of Orford township, where they were among the first settlers. Mrs. Garton was born in Orford township, in August, 1834, and was reared and educated in the union schools of County Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Garton have one son, John W., born in Orford township, County Kent, Jan. 25, 1863, and there educated, and he now resides on his father's farm; he wedded Miss Lucinda Maine, daughter of William Maine, a well-to-do farmer of Orford township and they have two children, Viola and William L. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. William Garton are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. While a consistent member of the Conservative party, Mr. Garton has never aspired to public office, although he has held the position of postmaster for several years. From poverty he has worked his way to his present enviable position, and he enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

EDWIN OWEN is a successful general farmer of Dover township, and first came to this fine farm of 100 acres in January, 1834. It is located in Lot 17, 12th Concession. Mr. Owen was born in London, Ont., Sept. 15, 1826, a son of Michael and Roxy (Peaslee) Owen, natives of Maine and Lower Canada, respectively.

Michael Owen came to the County of Kent in 1838, with his wife and six children, from the County of Middlesex, locating on Lot 17, 11th Concession, Dover township, where he took up 100 acres of wild land. He made a clearing in the woods for the primitive log cabin, which was built by him and his son Edwin in one day. His death occurred at this home, three days before Sebastopol was taken, in 1855, when he was fifty-three years of age. The mother died in 1896, aged eighty-

nine years, and both are buried on a portion of the farm, which Mr. Owen has set aside for a cemetery. He has also donated land to the Methodist denomination for their edifice, his parents having been consistent members of this church. They had children as follows: Edwin; Malinda, widow of Robert Dunlap, of Dover township; Louisa, who married John Dunlap, of Dover township; John, deceased; Luke, who died in Michigan; Caroline, deceased wife of David Burke, of Dover township; Susan, who married George Bishop, of County Lambton; Mary, widow of Isaac Heath, of Dover township; Oliver, a farmer of Dover township; James, who died young; Wade, a farmer of Dover township, residing on a part of the homestead; and Luman, unmarried, residing in Dover township with his sister, Mrs. Heath. The paternal grandfather, Luke Owen, a native of England, was pressed aboard a British man-of-war when young; was injured and left on an island, from which he was taken by an American vessel. By it he was taken to the United States, and settled in Maine, marrying a native of that State; her name was Cummins. After his marriage he emigrated to Canada. The great-grandfather was a native of Wales and married an Irish woman in County Connaught, Ireland.

On Nov. 28, 1854, Edwin Owen married Jane Dunlap, and children as follows were born to this union: Robert, a farmer of Dover township; Oliver, a farmer of Dover township; Isabella, deceased, who married John Steen, of London, Ont.; Mariah, Mrs. A. Shoemaker, a widow, residing with her father; Caroline, of Chatham, Ont., who married James Lang; Jane, wife of David McCreary, of Chatham township; and Arpha, who married Edward Wemp, of Dover township. Mrs. Owen was born in Glasgow, Scotland, died in 1874, aged fifty years, and is buried in the family cemetery. She was a daughter of Robert and Jane Dunlap, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who came to the County of Kent in 1838, locating on the river Thames, in Dover township. By trade he was a weaver and followed that calling.

Mr. Owen remained with his parents until he attained his majority, although he early commenced hiring out to the surrounding farmers. After his marriage he located on his present farm, which he has brought to its present fine state of cultivation. In 1891 he built a fine brick house, which was destroyed by fire Jan. 2, 1901, and he very shortly afterward replaced it with a like structure, two stories in height, which is now completed and is very modern in every respect. In politics Mr. Owen is a member of the Reform party; he has never desired office. In religious matters he is a member of the Methodist Church, and has done as much probably to aid in its extension in Dover township as any other one man. Although Mr. Owen has passed many useful years he takes an active part in the work of his farm, manages all the details of his business, and retains to a remarkable degree the use of his faculties. No man is more highly respected and esteemed in the community than he, and the success which has followed his efforts is certainly well merited.

JOSHUA ARMSTRONG, general farmer of Chatham township, residing on Concession 1, owns and operates a farm of twenty-five acres, to which he came in the fall of 1894, after some years engaged as a contractor. His birth occurred in Northumberland, England, May 8, 1848, and he is a son of John and Jane (Tweddle) Armstrong, of England, where they spent their entire lives, engaged in farming. John Armstrong passed away in 1863, aged forty-six years, and his wife in 1860, also aged forty-six years. The children born to them were: Frank, a farmer of Chatham township; Joshua; Margerie, deceased, who married Fred Brocket; Elizabeth, of England, who married Benjamin Wilcock; James, of New York State, who married a Miss Hildridge; and Mrs. James Reed a farmer.

Joshua Armstrong was married first, in June, 1876, in Chatham township, to Sarah Wickens, and they had these children: Jane, who married William McNaughton; John, in the bakery business at Wallaceburg; William and Joseph, at home. Mrs. Armstrong was born in Huntingdon, Ont., and died in 1883, aged twenty-five years. She was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Wickens, of Huntingdon, Ont., who came to County Kent in 1875, locating at Tupperville, where he farmed until his death in 1890, aged fifty-seven years; his widow still resides in Tupperville. The second wife of Mr. Armstrong was Miss Anna

Pake, whom he wedded in Chatham in 1884. Their two children are, Mary and Susie. Mrs. Armstrong was born in Belleville, Ont., a daughter of Amos and Susan (Hunter) Pake, of Belleville, the former a carpenter now deceased. The mother now resides at Monkton, Ontario.

Joshua Armstrong worked in a ship yard in England from the time he was sixteen years of age until he was nineteen, and then he and a brother, Frank, came to Canada, locating in Chatham towship. He there purchased a wild farm of 100 acres, on Concession 15, where he resided from 1869 until 1893, at which time he removed to the property he now occupies. During the years he has lived in Canada, Mr. Armstrong has become very prosperous, and has served the Conservative party in the council of the township for four years. Fraternally he is a Mason, and he is a very popular and highly respected resident of Chatham.

JAMES CLENDENNING, one of the leading and substantial farmers of Harwich township, who has been closely identified with her agricultural advancement for many years, was born Dec. 21, 1847, in County Huron, Ont., a son of William and Isabella (Dunbar) Clendenning, the former of whom was born in 1822, in County Tyrone, Ireland, and the latter in 1827, in Inverness, Scotland.

The mother of James Clendenning was a daughter of James and Mary Dunbar, who came from Scotland to London. Before coming to Canada James Dunbar was a soldier in the British army. He died in Scotland, leaving six children, the only survivors being Mrs. Clendenning and a sister, Mrs. Mary McIntosh, who lives in County Huron.

William Clendenning was a son of John Clendenning, who was an early settler in County Huron, Ont., where both he and wife died, leaving a family of children, as follows: Isaac, deceased; John, who was accidentally killed while hauling wheat to mill; George, who died in County Huron and left a family; Eliza J., the widow of William Elliot, of County Huron; Sarah, deceased wife of George Elliot, of County Huron; Robert, a retired business man of County Huron; and William, the father of James Clendenning.

William Clendenning grew to manhood cultivating habits of industry, and until he was prepared to begin farming for himself, he worked in the lumber yard of John Gary, at London, Ont., for a number of years holding the position of foreman there. His first purchase of land was in Goderich township, County Huron, where the family resided until 1860, when he sold that farm and removed to Turnberry township, in the same county, thirty miles north of his former home, buying there 200 acres of land. This was wild and unimproved, but he succeeded in turning it into one of the fine homesteads of the locality. He died at this place in June, 1882, but his wife still survives, residing in the town of Wingham, County Huron. William Clendenning and wife were the parents of nine sons and five daughters, viz.: (1) Eliza, born in 1845, married Robert Wells, of Manitoba, and they have children, Mary A., Robert, William, Elizabeth, Isabella, Clare, George and Ellen. (2) Isaac, born in March, 1846, married Ellen Forbes, and they reside at Marshall, Minnesota. Their children are: Isabella, deceased, born in 1871; Alexander, deceased, born in 1873; Margaret E., born in 1875; William W., deceased, born in 1878; F. A., born in 1880; Mary L., born in 1883; Wilber A., deceased, born in 1885; Albert I., born in 1887; H. George, born in 1889; Joseph D., deceased, born in January, 1891; and Albert, born in 1893. (3) James is mentioned in full below. (4) Mary A., born in May, 1849, married John Forbes, who lives in Raleigh township, County Kent, and they have children, Annie, Alex, James, Mary A., Emma, Margaret, Isabella, Vinie, John (deceased), Nellie, John and Clare. (5) John, born in March, 1851, for thirty years has been a resident of Eureka, Nevada. He is married and has three sons. (6) William, born in April, 1853, is unmarried and lives with his mother. (7) Sarah J., born in March, 1855, married William Montgomery, who settled in Manitoba, where she died in July, 1891, leaving four children of whom the only survivor is Laura. (8) George, born in October, 1856, married and settled in Sioux City, Iowa. (9) Robert, born in August, 1858, married and removed to Dakota. (10) Wilson, born in 1860, died in August, 1881. (11) Joseph, born in June, 1862, died Oct. 18, 1899. (12) Isabella, born in May, 1864, died in 1896, the wife of William Montgomery. (13) Janet, born in March, 1866, died unmarried, in Sep-

tember, 1902. (14) Donald E., born March 12, 1868, died in February, 1901, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Sarah J. Price, of Wisconsin.

James Clendenning grew to manhood in County Huron, where he obtained his education. He remained with his father on the farm until of age. On Aug. 22, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Townsend, daughter of John and Mary (Brighton) Townsend, the former of whom was born in England, and the latter was born in the village of Waterloo, County Waterloo, Ont., in 1837. After marriage they moved to the State of Michigan, where Mr. Townsend died, but his widow resides with a daughter in Blenheim. Mr. and Mrs. Clendenning settled on a farm in County Huron, where they remained until he sold it purchasing another in Harwich, on the lake, where he owns 145 acres. Mr. Clendenning has always been very industrious, renting and cultivating other land, in addition to cultivating his own. In 1890 he rented, and removed to the Johnson M. Soper farm, of 100 acres, in Harwich, and in 1902 he purchased it, paying $10,000 for it. Mr. Clendenning is a practical and well-informed agriculturist, and the fine condition of his land is a testimonial not only to his industry, but also to his excellent methods. Mr. Clendenning is the kind of farmer Ontario wants, and also the type of citizen, honest, industrious, law-abiding and progressive, a man of strength of character and a moral force in his neighborhood.

A family of seven children was born to James Clendenning and wife, namely: Mary D., born in County Huron, March 22, 1879, died Jan. 6, 1884; Charles L., born in January, 1881; Isabella D., born in December, 1882; Lillie M., born in August, 1885; Olive E., born Sept. 28, 1890; Russel W., born in April, 1893; and James O., born in 1898.

In religious belief, the Clendenning family has long been identified with the Presbyterian Church. Their political attitude for generations has been one of true loyalty, and both John and William Clendenning assisted in suppressing the rebellion of 1836-37. James Clendenning supports the Conservative party. He belongs to the Loyal Orange Association, and the Order of Foresters. He is a man of genial manner, whose optimistic views make him a cheerful companion, and he counts his friends by many score.

EDWIN MORRISON, one of the prominent citizens, general farmers and grain merchants of the Gore of Chatham, was born on a farm located two and one-half miles from Wallaceburg, on the North Branch of the River Sydenham, County of Kent, April 18, 1842.

His parents were John and Elizabeth (McDonald) Morrison, the former of whom was born in Scotland, and the latter in the United States. John Morrison came to the County of Kent with his parents, who settled at Wallaceburg. He engaged first in lumbering, but later purchased a farm in the Gore of Chatham, which was at that time in Sombra township, County Lambton. In 1898, he removed to Concession 15, Lot 11, in Chatham township, dying there in the following March, aged seventy-six years. The mother passed away in 1884. The former was interred at Dresden, the latter at Wallaceburg. They were attendants of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Charles and Elizabeth, both deceased; Edwin; Agnes, of Bad Axe, Michigan; William W., deceased; Christina, who married William Taylor of North Dakota. The paternal grandfather, James Morrison, died at Baldoon, in County Kent.

Until he was eighteen years of age, Mr. Edwin Morrison remained at home, attending school and assisting in the farm work, and then spent nine summers sailing on the lakes, and in 1873 he settled on his present farm. It contains 113 acres, and is located in Concession 1, Lot 26, near Tupperville. Here Mr. Morrison has a very pleasant home, and a valuable, well-tilled farm, which he cleared from the wilderness. Since 1886 he has been actively engaged in the grain business at Tupperville.

In July, 1866, at Marine City, Michigan, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage with Mary J. Taylor, born in the Gore of Chatham, on the North Branch, in 1846, daughter of William and Matilda (Campbell) Taylor, of Lower Canada, who came to County Kent at an early day, settled in the Gore of Chatham, and there engaged in farming. The father died in 1850, aged thirty-seven years, but the mother survived until 1897, dying at the age

of seventy-nine years. They were buried in the County of Kent and the County of Bruce, respectively. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Robert, deceased; Thomas, a farmer of the County of Bruce, Ont.; Elizabeth, deceased; Isabella, widow of Charles Morrison, of Chatham; Mary J.; William, a carpenter in North Dakota; and Joseph, a farmer in County of Bruce. The mother married (second) George Turner, and the two children of this marriage are: Rebecca, wife of Frank Beemer, of Algonac, Michigan; and Martha, wife of Joseph Stansel, a farmer of County of Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison have reared a very interesting family all but one still surviving and prominent in the locality, namely: Napoleon, a farmer of Chatham township, married Martha Wickens; Edwin, of Sarnia, Ont., married Ada Hyatt; Iona I. died young; Miss Alvina; John, of St. Catharines, Ont., married Etta Hopple; Burton is a boilermaker at Bay City, Michigan; and Bertha, Laura and Daisie are at home.

In politics Mr. Morrison affiliates with the Reform party. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. He is widely known, and is regarded as one of the pioneers of his section, and as one of the substantial and upright citizens of this locality.

JOHN SHANKS, a retired farmer of Concession 6, Lot 16, Harwich township, belongs to an old pioneer family, of the County of Kent. He was born March 13, 1828, in Tilbury township, that county, son of Robert and Mary (McDonald) Shanks. The latter was a daughter of John McDonald, who came from Scotland to Canada, among the first settlers, and bought wild land on the lake shore in Tilbury, where he lived and died, leaving a family of which Mrs. Robert Shanks was the last survivor; she died in 1900.

Robert Shanks, the father, was born in 1792, in Yorkshire, England, and came to Canada in 1816. He took up land from Col. Talbot, in Tilbury township, and began life in the wilderness. His elder brother, James, came to Kent in 1834, settled for a time in Romney township, and took up land, but later moved to Essex, where he engaged in farming until his death. James Shanks married Mary Jackson, and their descendants still live in the County of Essex. Robert Shanks married while living at Tilbury, but some years later he traded his land there for a farm in Romney township, where he lived through the balance of his life. His widow continued at the old homestead with her son James, until her own decease. After coming to Canada, both he and wife became connected with the Methodist Church. In politics he was a Reformer. The seven children born to these worthy people were: James, who still resides on the old homestead, married Margaret Simpson, of Romney; Mary A. married James Smith, of Romney township, and at death left children, Robert, Peter, George, John, William and Belle; John; Hannah married Richard Brayne, who settled in Canada for some years, and then moved to Astoria, Oregon, where she died leaving one daughter, Mary J.; Captain Robert, born in 1834, followed steam boating on the lake for a number of years, married Mary Smith, of Chatham, then moved to Spokane, Washington, where he died leaving widow and children, Alice, Mary, Robert and Edith; Eleanor, born in 1836, in County Kent, is the widow of Zachariah Sales, who moved to Montana, where she and family reside; and William, born in 1839, married Ellen Broadbent, of Chatham, and moved to Montana, where he is now one of the wealthy ranchmen and a large shipper of stock to Chicago.

John Shanks was the third member of the above family, and he grew to manhood on the Romney township farm. His educational opportunities were limited, and the greater part of his youth was spent in hard work. In January, 1855, he married Elizabeth Collison, born in March, 1834, daughter of Robert and Ann Hall Collison, both of whom were born in England, the former April 4, 1790, and the latter March 29, 1796, in Yorkshire. They came to Canada at a very early day and settled in Mersea, County of Essex, where Mrs. Shanks was born. They died there the parents of these children: Maria, born in May, 1826, in Canada, married Fred Scott, of Highgate; Ann, born in 1828, married Robert Ellison, of Kingsville; Ruth, born in 1831, married Robert Collison, of County Essex; Elizabeth; Seth, born in 1837, is a retired farmer of Leamington, and Eliza, deceased, born in May, 1840, was the wife of Isaiah Churchill.

In the year following their marriage Mr.

Shanks and wife settled on the present home, which was then all wild land, showing few indications of the fruitful farm which he now owns. He cleared up this large property of 150 acres, and has made excellent improvements, and he also owns 100 acres on Concession 5, in Harwich, and a fifty acre farm on Concession 7.

The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shanks were: Emily died in December, 1866, at the age of eleven years; Seth, born in 1857, in Harwich, married Hattie Sales, of Raleigh, County of Kent, where they reside, on a farm of Mr. Shanks', and they have one son, Clarence S.; Robert H., born in 1858, died in September, 1866; Miss Jessie, born at the present home, was well educated in the local schools; Miss Annie, after finishing the course in the Blenheim High School, took the classical course at the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and fitted herself for teaching; and Bertram is the capable manager of the home farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shanks are valued members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he has affiliated with the Reform party for many years, but is liberal in his views. To say that Mr. Shanks is a good citizen is but a simple tribute to his life and character. In every emergency he can be counted upon to do just what is right, for his country, his community, his church and his family—in other words, he is one of the best citizens of Harwich township.

DONALD FERGUSON (deceased) was a farmer on Concession 10, Lot 6, of Howard township, County of Kent, and was born in Perthshire, Scotland, Oct. 25, 1832, a son of Hugh and Mary (Robinson) Ferguson, both of whom were born in Scotland.

Hugh Ferguson, the father of Donald, came to Canada in 1836, and settled on Concession 10, in Howard, where he died when Donald was quite small. His widow later married John McGregor, who also settled and died in Howard. By her first marriage she left three sons, namely: Donald, John and James. John Ferguson, the second son, was born in County Kent, Ont., in 1836, and is now engaged in farming in Manitoba; he married Miss Margaret Campbell, of County Kent, and their two children are: Archie and Donald. James Ferguson, the third son, was born in Howard and married Katie Campbell, and settled for some years as a farmer, but later he moved to Ridgetown and died there, leaving quite an estate.

Donald Ferguson was four years old when his parents came to Canada, and he grew to manhood at his present home, where he received the benefits of a district-school education. On May 1, 1863, he married Miss Sarah E. McKinley, the estimable and worthy daughter of Duncan and Sarah McC. McKinley. Mr. McKinley was one of the old pioneers of County Kent. Both he and wife were born in Scotland, and after coming to the Dominion settled on the Ridge Road, in Howard, where he became one of the successful pioneer farmers. During the latter part of his life, he resided in Ridgetown, retired from active work, and there he died. Mr. McKinley was twice married, his first wife dying when Mrs. Ferguson was quite young. Her two daughters were Margaret and Sarah Ellen. Margaret went to Oregon, and married Charles Matthews, who still resides in that State, but Mrs. Matthews died some years ago, leaving two sons and two daughters, namely: Duncan, Charles, Ellen and Sarah. The second daughter, who became Mrs. Ferguson, was born Feb. 14, 1846, and was educated in the schools of Howard and Ridgetown Road.

After his marriage Mr. Ferguson brought his young wife to the present home, which was handed down from father to son, although the present comfortable buildings and substantial improvements were principally the results of the latter's energy. His life was spent in this home, where he became a successful farmer and accumulated large means. His death took place Jan. 20, 1902, leaving his wife with two sons, Hugh and Duncan, the former of whom, after a thorough education in the local schools, most efficiently fills the responsible position of teller in the Traders' Bank, of Ridgetown; he is unmarried. Duncan, like his brother, was born in the old home, was also locally educated and is the very capable manager of the home farm. Three daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were: Mary, Annie and Katie, who died in childhood.

Religiously Mr. Ferguson, wife and family belonged to the Presbyterian Church. At the time of his death, he was one of the elders, having filled that office for many years, and was very prominent in all the work of the church, and one of its strong supporters. Politically

he was always identified with the Reform party but never aspired to local office, and his influence is continued in his sons, who are stanch Reformers.

Mr. Ferguson was a man well known for his strong religious character, and through life was guided by the teachings he had received in his youth. As the world knew Mr. Ferguson, he was modest and retiring, caring nothing for popularity, but to those of more intimate acquaintance, his finer nature was revealed in all the brightness of the morning sunshine. Mr. Ferguson was an eloquent pleader for justice to all men, and his life was lived in accordance with the Golden Rule. His kind advice and ready sympathy gave many an unfortunate an impetus to a higher and a better life. As a practical farmer, he was always interested in the advancement of agriculture, and his fine farm is a monument to his industry and intelligence. In his death, his community lost a wise counsellor and friend, the church a faithful member and his family a kind husband and affectionate parent.

Mrs. Ferguson, the faithful wife who survives, is a lady of many virtues, whose acts of kindness have endeared her to the community where she was born and reared, and where she still lives.

WILLIAM HENRY STEEN, residing on a pleasant farm of ninety-nine acres in Lot 15, Concession 12, is a general farmer and successful business man of Dover township. He was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in May, 1841, a son of John and Elizabeth (Kelly) Steen, of County Monaghan and County Cavan, respectively.

In 1843 the family emigrated to Canada, locating on Lake Ontario, whence they removed in 1844 to Raleigh township, and in 1848 they settled in Dover township, where the father had purchased 100 acres of land on the 11th Concession, all of which was in a wild condition. On this property he built a log cabin in which the family resided for several years. He purchased 300 acres more, making 400 in all, a portion in the 10th Concession, where he resided. Later he located on the present farm of his son William H., Lot 15, 12th Concession, where he was taken ill, and he removed to Chatham for treatment, dying there Oct. 16, 1868, aged sixty-eight years. The mother died at her home in 1883, aged eighty-seven years, and both are interred in Maple Leaf cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and died in that faith. The children born to their union were as follows: Robert, deceased; Jane, of Chatham, who married William Brown; Lucinda, deceased, of Dover township, wife of Alexander Hardy; Margaret A., who died in infancy; Rachel, of Chatham, who married Otis Harland; William H.; and Margaret A., who passed away in Dover township at the age of eighteen.

William Henry Steen was reared upon the farm he now occupies and well remembers the time when the grain was hauled to Chatham by oxen, via Big Point Road, thence through Pain Court. In winter time he has often walked in front of the oxen and broken the ice through the march. Looking at his fine farm, a portion of the old homestead, it is difficult to realize that it has all been redeemed from a wilderness and that where now wave fields of grain once roamed the wild creatures of the woods.

On July 13, 1870, Mr. Steen was married in Chatham to Mary R. Green, and the following children have been born to this union: Wesley, Sarah (a graduate of the Canada Business College, now a bookkeeper), Victoria, E. Lillie, Clara, Rufus and Janet, all at home. Brought up in the faith of the English Church, Mr. Steen has adhered to its doctrines, and is now warden of the church at Mitchell's Bay, to which he gave the name and of which he has always been an enthusiastic supporter and contributor. Mr. Steen is a great Bible student, having read the Scriptures through seven times in addition to studying various portions frequently. In politics he is a member of the Conservative party. Few men have done more to elevate the general moral tone of the community than has Mr. Steen, and he enjoys in highest degree the confidence and respect of all who know him.

Mrs. Steen is a native of Cambridge, England, born in 1851, a daughter of Charles and Susan (Crowden) Green, of England. Mr. and Mrs. Green emigrated to New York State in 1853, settling near Albany, where he was a shepherd for two years. Then the family came into Canada, locating in Howard township, County of Kent, and for two years he engaged in farming. The next change was

made to Chatham, where Mr. Green embarked in a teaming business and introduced the sprinkling of the streets in that city, holding the contract for that work for fifteen years. While living in that city he erected the well known hostelry, the Green Hotel, and conducted it very successfully a few years. Mr. Green then located at Freeport, Illinois, where he has ever since worked in a gas plant, now being superintendent of the same. His birth occurred in 1815, while his wife was born in 1822. They are both very heavy, Mr. Green weighing 204 pounds and Mrs. Green 200 pounds. They are both members of the Church of England. Children as follows have been born to them: Mary J., of Harwich township, who married James Brush; Fanny, of Plainville, Nebraska, who married Samuel Axford, and (second) Joseph Miller; Charles, deceased; Sarah, of Anamosa, Iowa, who married George Bemrose; Charles E., deceased; Lillie, Mrs. Cavanaugh, of Freeport, Illinois; Alfred, of Freeport, Illinois; Thomas, deceased; William H., of Freeport; Caroline, who is with her parents; Thomas, also with his parents; Edward, deceased; and Mary R., Mrs. Steen.

CHARLES SCAFE, proprietor of the old Scafe homestead in Howard township, is a young man of enterprise and rare practicability. The farm he succeeded to—hewn out of the wilderness by his grandfather over seventy years ago, and since greatly improved and kept thoroughly intact—would have completely satisfied many a less ambitious man, but he has found occasion to enhance its value by remodeling the buildings and making other desirable improvements. His pushing qualities and his excellent judgment he has undoubtedly inherited from his good English ancestors.

James Scafe, grandfather of Charles, was abundantly supplied with energy and the right power of directing it. At an early date, he with his family left England, and, in 1828, settled in County Kent. With faith in the growing prospects of the region, after a short residence here, he purchased of Col. Talbot 200 acres of wild land, on Concession 9, Lot 5, in Howard township, and, erecting his log hut, began wrestling with the usual pioneer hardships. Courage and determination had their reward, and before he died he had cleared and put under cultivation large areas, and had replaced his first rude dwelling by a comfortable frame house. By his wife, Eliza, who came with him from England, Mr. Scafe had eight children, the first three of whom were born in England: Anthony, who is mentioned below; Margaret, who married Thomas Rushton, of Michigan, and has had several children; John, who died in Canada some years ago; Ellen, who married Hiram Gage, and settled on Concession 5, Howard township, where she died, leaving two children: Eliza and George, both of whom are now deceased; Mary, who married Thomas Butheright, a farmer of Howard township, and died leaving four children: Annie (who married a Mr. McCerney), Lizzie (who married Alfred Street, of County Kent), Ambrose (deceased), and Maggie (who married John Mackintyre, of Howard township); Jane, who married Edward Mitton (now deceased) of Howard township, and had four children, Joseph, Edgar, Hanna and Annie, the two last named now deceased; James, who has never married, and is now living in County Kent; Betsey, who married Samuel Newcomb, of Harwich (both deceased), and of their several children, only two are now living; Jerusha (who married George Morgan and resides in Blenheim), Mary A. (who married Philip Monks, and resides in Michigan), and Andrew, Benjamin and James (deceased).

Anthony Scafe, father of Charles, inherited both the old homestead and his father's ability to make the most of it. Born in Yorkshire, England, in 1816, he was but a lad when his father came to Howard township, where he grew to manhood. As the schools of his neighborhood were but poorly organized in those days, he received only a limited education; but in assisting his father in clearing up the homestead, he received valuable training for his life work. In 1842 he married Maria Shaw, who was born in Howard township, in 1827, daughter of John and Polly (Palmer) Shaw, English people, who, at an early date settled in County Kent. Mrs. Scafe died at the Howard township homestead, Jan. 31, 1891, at the age of sixty-three years. By this union there were eleven children: (1) James, born Sept. 30, 1851, and educated in the public schools of Ridgetown, resides on his farm in Howard township; he married Lizzie Johns, of Canada, and they have two sons, Charles E. and John. (2) Miss Eliza, born Feb. 10, 1853, resides

at the home. (3) Amasa, born Oct. 14, 1856, married Anna Finn, of Howard township, where they have since resided. One son has come of this union, Welbry. (4) Maria died in 1897. (5) Anthony, born at the homestead, in 1857, has never married, and is now living in County Kent. (6) Mary A., born Feb. 10, 1861, married Joseph Tabor, of County Kent, and they settled in Ridgetown, where he died. She afterward married Alexander Marsh, and they now reside on Concession 12, in Howard township. By her first marriage there were three children: Lilla M., now deceased; Herbert; and Ethel. By the second marriage there has been one son, Wilfred. (7) Jonathan, born in May, 1862, married Mina Samons, of Oil Springs, and they have one son, William. (8) David, born in 1863, has never married, and now lives at home. (9) Samuel, born in December, 1867, died during his young manhood, in November, 1896. (10) Rachel, born April 14, 1872, received a thorough education in the public schools, and is now living at home.

After his marriage Mr. Anthony Scafe settled upon the family homestead, where he remained for the rest of his life. Carrying on the farm along the lines his father had established, he met with excellent results, and from time to time made many improvements. In 1872 he erected the handsome brick house still to be seen on the place, and ten years later he put up another brick residence, some distance from the first, for one of his sons. He remained on the farm, where he had spent so many fruitful years, until his death, which occurred May 21, 1894. Mr. Scafe's work on the old homestead speaks for itself of his rare business ability. In religious sentiment he was a Methodist, both he and his wife being leading members of that Church. In politics he affiliated with the Conservatives, but though keenly interested in public affairs, he was wholly disinclined to office-seeking.

Charles Scafe was born on the farm, where he has since passed his life, Aug. 16, 1865. In the district schools of his neighborhood he received a good practical education, developing traits of industry and self-reliance, which have since characterized him to a marked degree. Under the wise supervision of his father, in the performance of his home tasks, he also received excellent training in agriculture. Deciding, upon leaving school, to make this the business of his life, he gave his entire attention to assisting his father on the home place. Upon the death of his father he and his brother Samuel succeeded to the farm, and a year later the brother died, leaving Charles the sole possessor. During the several years of his ownership Mr. Scafe's work on the place has by no means fallen short of that accomplished in a similar period by his predecessors. He has rebuilt the barn, made desirable changes in the house, and improved the place in other respects. Keeping himself well-informed upon the best methods of agriculture, he is meeting with exceptional results.

In February, 1898, Mr. Scafe married Carrie Brown, of London, Ont., who was born in that place in 1877. Her brother, Rev. Alfred Brown, is a popular minister in the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Scafe have one daughter Queeny Brown, born Dec. 19, 1899.

Mr. Scafe is a born leader, and as such is recognized among his townsmen. In religious circles, in local affairs, and in educational matters his word especially carries weight, and he is now serving with marked efficiency as a trustee of the district schools of his community. His honesty and integrity of character have won him the confidence of the community, and his shining social attributes a wide popularity.

HUGH MORROW, one of the substantial men of County Kent, and a representative of one of the prominent old pioneer families of Ontario, was born July 27, 1853, a son of John and Eliza (Nichol) Morrow, and a grandson of Hugh and Elizabeth Morrow.

Hugh and Elizabeth Morrow came to Canada from Ireland in 1835, via Quebec, spending nine weeks on the ocean. They settled on Lot 13, Concession 10, Harwich township, then but a tract of wild woodland, but Mr. Morrow was strong, vigorous and hopeful, and he entered upon the hard and strenuous life of the Canadian pioneer with a determination to make a good home for his family of little ones. Five daughters and two sons were born to him in the old country, and all grew to maturity in the woodland home in the new land. They were: Margaret, deceased, was the wife of the late Robert Campbell, who settled in Harwich on Concession 9; Agnes was the wife of the late Robert Smith, and she, with her children,

lives on the Cross Road home in Harwich; Mary J. is the widow of George Huffman, and lives in Blenheim; Ann is the wife of Joseph Carswell, of Chatham; Catherine is the widow of Duncan Campbell, and resides with her children in Blenheim; James married Maria Brown, and settled in Harwich for a time, and then moved on the ridge, and afterward to Missouri, where he lived for some time, finally going to Illinois, where his widow and children still live; and John.

John Morrow was born in April, 1822, in Ireland. He was thirteen years old when his parents came to Canada, and he grew up participating in all the hardships of that early time. On many occasions he and his brother carried their grain nine miles, on their backs, to Chatham and returned home through the almost trackless woods. Those were days which made boys into men, strong, self-reliant and robust, ready to met danger half way. He grew to be a practical farmer, and in 1850 married Eliza Nichol, who was born in Scotland, a daughter of Hugh and Betsey Nichol, one of the early Scotch families in Harwich. They settled on his father's old homestead and there he spent his life, also owning an adjoining 100 acres. Mr. Morrow did much improving of his property, and he left it all with excellent buildings. His wife died at this home in 1855, leaving him three children: Bessie, born in 1851, who married Thomas Montgomery, of Concession 5, Raleigh township, and they had children, William, Eliza, Nina, John, Hugh, and Arthur; Hugh; and Annie, who married William Lee, of Concession 5, Raleigh township, and has children, Charles, John and Edward.

Hugh Morrow remained until maturity on the old homestead, and obtained his education in the little log school-house in the neighborhood. In December, 1877, he married Mary A. Manning, born in 1853, in England, daughter of Arscott and Elizabeth Manning, a family of prominence in Harwich. Mr. Morrow and wife settled on his present home, which he purchased from his father, and later he bought the Thomas Carter farm, adjoining, and in 1900 he bought his grandfather's original estate, now owning 300 acres in one body. He has placed all this land under excellent improvement, and his buildings are of such a character as to call forth favorable comment.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morrow have come three sons and two daughters: Charles W., born in 1882, at home; James A., born in 1884; Lillian, born in 1889; Pearlie, born in 1893; and Hugh F., born in 1898. In religious connection both Mr. and Mrs. Morrow belong to the Methodist Church, in which he is a steward and one of the trustees. His parents and other members of the family have been Episcopalians. Politically Mr. Morrow has been identified with the Reform party, and he justly takes his place with the prominent and representative men of the locality. No family in the township stands higher in public esteem.

JOHN G. ROSE, residing on Lot 36, 14th Concession, on West Baldoon street, in Dover township, owns a fine farm of 322 acres there. He was born in Ross-shire, Scotland, June 13, 1837, a son of George and Janet (Dallas) Rose, natives of Scotland, who lived and died in that country. For many years the father was in the employ of the excise office, and served as bailiff of the county town for twelve years, holding that position at the time of his death, which occurred in 1853, when he had reached the age of sixty. His wife survived him until 1892, when she passed away aged seventy-three years. They were consistent and devout members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born them were: Jessie, of Marine City, Michigan, who married William Addison; Christena, of Dingwald, Scotland, who married True; John G.; Duncan, a traveling salesman between the Atlantic and Pacific, who resides at Toronto, Ont.; and William, in the fruit business at Benton Harbor, Michigan. The paternal grandfather, John Rose, was a farmer of Scotland.

After attending school for some years John G. Rose commenced teaching, and though he was only twelve years old when he first taught he had pupils twenty-two years of age. After six months in a school about thirty miles from home he returned and accepted a position in his alma mater, where for five years he was one of the popular instructors. One of his first pupils was afterward a member of Parliament, Sir Lewis McIvor. Mr. Rose holds a silver medal presented by Sir James M. Matherson, baronet, M. P. for Ross and Cromarty, which he obtained in a competition open to the county. He won it twice for general proficiency and good

conduct in 1853. In 1856 Mr. Rose emigrated to Canada, locating in the town of Cornwall, where he became head master of the school at that place for two years. Having accumulated some money he went to Toronto, and attended normal school, obtaining a first-class certificate. The late Dr. Tighe, of Chatham, Dr. McLean, of Sarnia, Ont., and Dr. Kellog, D. D., were schoolmates of his at the normal school. While Mr. Rose was alternately attending school and imparting knowledge to others, he located on his present farm, in 1877, when it was a complete wilderness, and he made his home in a log cabin. Having noticed in a Toronto paper that land was for sale at low prices in Dover township, he selected that locality, and first bought 200 acres, to which he has added until now he not only owns his home farm, but 100 acres in the 17th Concession. For six years after locating in the township he taught school, but then retired from that calling, and has since devoted himself to his farm duties, although he is remembered as one of the best teachers the county has ever known. In politics he is a member of the Reform party, but will not accept office. During the taking of the census he acted very ably as enumerator, but aside from this has been content to attend to his private affairs. For many years he has been a popular Sunday-school teacher, having for the past nine years had a Bible class in which he is greatly interested. His religious belief makes him a devoted member of the Methodist Church to which he is a very generous subscriber.

Mr. Rose has been twice married, his first wife having been Anna Innes, of County Oxford, whom he married in 1858, and she bore him a son, David, a farmer of County Oxford. In 1890 Mr. Rose was married to Miss Jessie Finister, and four children have been born to this union: Garnet J., Elmer D., George G., and Carmen R. Mrs. Rose was born in Dover township, a daughter of John and Agnes (Dunlop) Finister, of Scotland, who came to this county in 1846, settling in Dover township, where they took up land and remained until his death. The father was a farmer and fisherman and died in 1892, aged sixty-seven years. He is buried in the Methodist Church cemetery. The mother still survives, making her home in Dover township; though born in 1828, she is still very active for her years. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Finister: Agnes, of Knoxville, Tennessee, married R. D. Niles, a railroad engineer; Sarah, of Battle Creek, Michigan, is the widow of George Wheat; Elizabeth, who died in 1901, was the wife of Louis Martin; Jessie is Mrs. Rose; John died at the age of twelve years; Isabella died young. The paternal grandfather, John Finister, married Elizabeth Woods, also a native of Scotland, where he was a farmer, and they lived and died there.

WILLIAM BROWN, one of the successful and enterprising farmers residing on the River road, Raleigh township, was born in Lincolnshire, England, March 15, 1828, son of Thomas Brown. The latter was born in Nottinghamshire, England, and was there reared and educated. He married Ann Thrassell, who died in July, 1881, aged seventy-six years.

In 1845 the father emigrated to Canada, and located in Raleigh township, engaging in farming on rented property, but later he purchased a small place, upon which he died Dec. 21, 1893, aged eighty-eight years. To these parents were born children as follows: William; Thomas, a retired farmer of Michigan; Mary Ann, who married Joe Thomas, of Raleigh township; Frances, widow of Samuel Hoiles, of Chatham; John, a farmer of Essex Center, Ontario.

William Brown received the rudiments of an education in his native land, and in 1850 he located in County Kent, and began working for William Evans. For several years he followed farm work, and in 1864 he purchased the Goose place on the River road, which comprised 200 acres. He has since sold a portion of the farm, and built a substantial brick house on the remainder, where he carries on his farming operations with great success. When the Canadian Pacific railway was being constructed, Mr. Brown took the contract to do fifteen miles of grading, and so successful was he with it, that since then he has had similar contracts, both with the Canadian Pacific and in Michigan. Politically Mr. Brown is a Grit, and has served as roadmaster, and for nine years was school trustee. In his religious affiliations, he is a Methodist.

Mr. Brown has been twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Sophronia

Boley, and these children were born to them: Ida Ellen married John Awell, of Maryland; George is a farmer on his grandfather's homestead in Raleigh township; Albert Luther occupies a portion of the home place with our subject; Harry Hebert resides in Indiana; Edward William resides in Raleigh. For his second wife Mr. Brown married, Dec. 25, 1892, Ann Eliza Thackery, a native of Yorkshire, England, daughter of William Thackery, who came to Chatham about 1842, there engaging in a harness business. He was one of the first choir masters of the Methodist Church, and introduced into the church the first musical instrument, a small organ which rested on his knees when played. Later in life he located in Raleigh township, where he purchased a farm, prospered, and his name is sustained in the township by several sons who are successful in life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are well and favorably known in the township, where they have many friends. The success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Brown is well merited.

WILLIAM W. WALTERS (deceased) was for many years a successful farmer and a highly esteemed resident of County Kent. His home was Lot 87, Talbot Road, and his farm one of the most productive and finely improved in this locality. He was born in New Brunswick, Nov. 19, 1830, a son of Robert and Hannah (Hall) Walters, the former of whom was born in New Brunswick in 1807, and the latter in 1805.

Robert and Hannah (Hall) Walters came to Canada in 1837, and settled on the Talbot road, where they lived through the remainder of their lives, one of Howard's most prominent and wealthy families. They had these children: John, who resides in Morpeth; Sarah, who is the wife of John Johnson, of Highgate; Rachel who is the wife of Alvin Goff, of Palmyra; Matilda, deceased, who was the wife of John Palmer, of Howard; Ellen, who married Joseph Stokes, lives in Blenheim; Robert S., who died in Morpeth; and William W.

William W. Walters grew to manhood on the home farm in Howard, and received the advantages afforded by the district schools. In February, 1854, he married Miss Jane Shuburg, who was born in 1824, in the present family home, a daughter of Francis and Nancy (Martin) Shuburg, a family of stability and prominence. In politics Mr. Walters was a strong Conservative, but he never aspired to office. After his marriage he settled on the homestead of Mr. Shuburg, and still followed his trade of cabinet-making. After locating on the farm he began to make many improvements, erected the house, barn and all of the other substantial and appropriate buildings now standing, and on this place he lived until his death in September, 1901. His widow with four children, survives, the latter being: William, who resides on a fine farm in Howard, married Miss Elizabeth Spencer, of Howard, and they have one daughter, Dora; Alice, who is the wife of James Zeitzel, of Detroit, has six children, Adda, Percy, Reginald, Irene, Hope, and Alva; Albert, born at the old homestead, settled on a farm near Morpeth and married Lizzie Bevin, and they have three children, Austen, Ethel, and Mary; and Adaline, born on the old homestead, well educated, married David Beadle, who resides at the Walters homestead and manages the estate, and they have one son, Dewey Beadle.

Religiously Mr. Walters was a consistent member of the Church of England. He was well and favorably known all through County Kent, on account of his integrity of character and his many Christian virtues. His friends speak of him with unstinted praise. He was indeed a man whose life and character reflected not only credit upon his family, but also upon the community. His memory is tenderly cherished by his family.

FRANCIS SHUBURG, the father of Mrs. Walters, was one of the first children born on the river Thames. In the war of 1812 he was a valiant soldier, and later took up land on the Thames, given him for his services. It comprised 200 acres and he settled on it and erected a log cabin in the wilderness, starting out to make a comfortable home and productive farm. He was one of the energetic and hard-working pioneers, to whom this section of Canada is much indebted for its present prosperity. He married Nancy Martin, widow of John Coll. She was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of John Martin, who was a native of Scotland, and an early settler in Pennsylvania, who removed to Canada about the time of the Revolutionary war. His family, with the Colls, were the first settlers on the Talbot Road, in Howard. Some few years later they were

joined here by the Walters family, of which she later became a member by marriage. John Shuburg died in 1829, and his widow in 1874. They were the parents of three daughters and one son, the latter, Martin, dying in infancy. The daughters were: Eleanor, who was born in Howard, in 1822, is the widow of Leon Paline, and resides on her farm in Morpeth; Maria, who was born in Howard in 1826, was the wife of George Lane, and died at her home on the Shuburg homestead, leaving three children, William, a resident of Detroit; Matilda, the wife of Lewis Bentley, and Frank, a resident of Chatham. The third daughter was Jane, the widow of William W. Walters, and she was born and reared in the home which she still occupies. She is a lady who enjoys the respect and esteem of the community, and the loving affection and care of her children and grandchildren.

PHILIP BLAIR (deceased). Among those who were instrumental in the development of Dover township, and played an active part in securing the present prosperity of that section, was the late Philip Blair, who was born in Quebec, and who died on the Blair homestead, Dec. 8, 1899, at the age of seventy-three years, and is buried in Pain Court cemetery.

Three brothers, Philip, Baptiste(a farmer of Chatham township), and Peter (a farmer of Tilbury township), came to County Kent in 1845, and thus founded the family of Blair in this locality. In 1859, in Pain Court, Mr. Philip Blair was married to Philomene Ravenel, and these children were born to their union: Rose, of Dover township, married Octave Tanguay; Josephine, is the widow of Joseph Ouellett, of Dover township; Emma died young; Lena married Jules Perrot, of Dover township; Joseph died at the age of four years; Joseph is mentioned below; Alphonsie and Evalina are at home; Midas lives in Dover township; and Emil died young. Mrs. Blair was born at St. Vincent, Montreal, Feb. 4, 1840, a daughter of Isaac and Calestie (Constans) Ravenel, of Quebec, who came to County Kent in 1853, with five children, settling in Pain Court, until they died, he in 1868, aged sixty-four years, and she in 1892, aged ninety-one years. They are interred in Pain Court and Tilbury township. He was a farmer by occupation. They had these children: Mary, deceased, married Leon Belli; Angelic married Paul Normany, of Dover township; Rose, deceased, married Maxim Dupee; Mrs. Blair; Margartel, deceased, married Benjamin Cumsineau.

Philip Blair spent his life engaged in farming, and from 1878 he resided upon the farm which is now the Blair homestead, and where his widow, with several of the children, still lives. He was a member of the Conservative party, and for fourteen years was a township councilor, and acted as school trustee during the time he lived in the township, his wise counsel being deeply appreciated in both positions. His religious affiliations were with the Catholic Church, as are those of his wife and children. In his death, the township lost one of its best citizens, and the family a kind father and loving husband.

JOSEPH BLAIR, son of the late Philip Blair, was born on the farm adjoining the homestead and was there reared until the family located on the present one, in 1878. At the death of his father, Mr. Blair became owner of the property, which consists of sixty acres of fine farming land, on which is a comfortable brick residence. Like his father before him, Mr. Blair is a Conservative and Catholic, and he is also becoming very prominent in township affairs, although as yet his many duties have prevented him from holding any office. All of the family are highly respected, and they have many friends in the neighborhood, where they have resided for so long a period.

JOHN R. BENTLEY, one of the well-known farmers of Harwich township, County Kent, was born Oct. 23, 1864, on the farm he now occupies, located in Lot 21, Concession 3. His parents were Jonathan and Susannah (Story) Bentley, one of the old pioneer families of this locality.

Jonathan Bentley was born in 1827, in Howard, County Kent, a son of Samuel and Mary (Bell) Bentley, who came to Canada from England, and settled first in Howard, but later moved to the farm now occupied by Byron Bentley. Samuel Bentley afterward retired to Blenheim, and there both he and his second wife, (who was a Miss Scratch) died. His first wife was a Miss Bell, and her three children were: Ira, who lives on the Lake

shore, in Howard; James, who died in Michigan, leaving a family; and Jonathan, the father of John R. At the time Jonathan Bentley settled in County Kent, the country was almost entirely wild land, and his little log cabin was far from that of any neighbor. Mr. Bentley however, made his farm one of the excellent ones of the township, and at his death, in 1880, left a competency for his family. His widow still resides at the old home. She was born in 1827, in Raleigh township, County Kent. Mr. Bentley was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, and he was mainly instrumental in its early establishment in this section, while his efforts as class leader, and in other positions did much to increase its usefulness. Politically he belonged to the Reform party, and was ever ready to work in its interest. The children born to Jonathan Bentley and wife were: (1) Catherine, born in October, 1849, at the present home, married Sampson Gosnell, who resides on a farm in County Essex; their children are: Susanna and Burton. (2) Michael J., born May 27, 1854, married Permelia Todd, of Harwich, where he owns a farm, but they reside in Muskoka, Ont., where he also owns land; their children are, Lena, Howard and Lillie (who died in young womanhood). (3) Wesley, born July 25, 1859, married Annie Buston, of County Kent, and they reside on a portion of the old farm, where they have a fine home; their children are, Lorne, Jonathan and Mary. (4) Emma, born in July, 1862, married Norris Mallory, and they reside on Concession 3, Talbot Street, Harwich; they have three children, Hazel, born in 1887; Edgar, born in 1893; and Glen, born in 1901. (5) John R. (6) Ada, born in September, 1866, in the present home, married Joseph Jenner, and they reside on Concession 14, Raleigh township, County Kent; their children are, Earl, Garnett and Susannah.

John R. Bentley grew up on the old homestead where he has been manager ever since his older brothers went to farms of their own. In November, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Lora Jenner, born in May, 1870, in Harwich, daughter of Thomas and Phoebe (Mallory) Jenner, an old family of the county, who still reside in Harwich. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bentley settled on the old homestead, which is one of the best farms in the township. Here he has made many substantial improvements, owning the farm equally with his brother Wesley. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, Leila W., born in October, 1892. His beloved mother is also a member of his household. Both Mr. Bentley and wife are members of the Methodist Church, where he has long taken an active part in the musical part of the services. In politics he is identified with the Reform party.

This family is prominent in County Kent, where they all are well known for business integrity and good citizenship. The sons worthily represent a father who was universally recognized as a really representative citizen.

KELSEY McDOUGALL, a prosperous general farmer of the Gore of Chatham, County of Kent, residing on Lot 11, Concession 4, owns a fine farm of fifty-five acres, on which he has lived since 1902. His birth occurred in Wallaceburg, Ont., April 8, 1856, and he is a son of Angus and Elizabeth (Kincade) McDougall, of Wallaceburg and County of Middlesex, respectively.

Angus McDougall, who was born April 4, 1820, was a farmer, and he died in Wallaceburg, March 8, 1895, aged seventy-four years. His wife died April 16, 1857, aged thirty-six years and both are interred in the cemetery at Wallaceburg. They were strong in the faith of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were: Lydia, deceased; John W.; Rachel, who married (first) Richard Bell, and (second) David Boyd, and is now a widow residing in Manchester, New Hampshire; Elsa lives in Albion, Michigan; Anna (twin of Elsa), of Manchester, New Hampshire, married Walter Green; and Kelsey. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary (McPherson) McDougall, were of Scotland, and they came to the County of Kent with Lord Selkirk in 1804, taking up 200 acres, which they cleared.

On Dec. 27, 1877, in Wallaceburg, Mr. Kelsey McDougall married Charlotte Ann Watson, and the children born of this union were: Minnie A. L., at home; James, who died in infancy; Charles G., at home; Oscar, who died in infancy; and Russell A. and Kenneth D. at home. Mrs. McDougall was born in Madoc, Ont., a daughter of Samuel and Eliza J. (Ben) Watson, of Canada (the former born in 1842), who later moved to the States and remained until the outbreak of the American Rebellion.

when they returned to Madoc, Ont., and there engaged in farming. The mother died Oct. 12, 1874, aged thirty-seven years. They were both consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Watson were: Charlotte; John died at the age of thirteen years; Hannah E., of Wallaceburg, married Hiram McGarvey; and Samuel is a steam engineer of Sarnia, Ont. The paternal grandparents were John and Susan Watson, of Scotland, who came to the County of Kent at an early date and engaged in farming.

Until he was twenty-three years of age our subject remained with his father on the farm, and then began sailing upon the river and lakes, between Kingston and Chicago. For two seasons he was an engineer on the steam barge "Victoria," then was on the steam barge "Coral," and still later on the steam barge "Ireland." He next engaged in the manufacture of potash in Wallaceburg, and for four years was fully occupied along that line, but in 1898 he removed to his present farm, and in 1901 purchased the adjoining fifty acres, and has operated it together. In July, 1902, he sold a portion of the old homestead to the Sugar Beet Refining Company for a new site on which to erect their works. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. His religious connections are with the Presbyterian Church, and he is one of the most liberal supporters of that body. In politics he is a Reformer, but he has never aspired to office. During the early days in the County of Kent the settlers had to endure many hardships. The greater portion of the land was under water and journeys were made by canoe. It is difficult to realize that the beautiful country which lies all about in western Ontario, was once a tangle of wild brush, or a dense forest, almost impassable for the treacherous swamp under foot. Too much credit cannot be given the sturdy pioneers of old, who braved the dangers and discomforts of such a life, and brought the land out of bondage into its present enviable state.

EDWARD DREW (deceased). For many years the late Edward Drew was one of the widely known and highly esteemed citizens of County Kent. He was a man of sterling virtues, of loyal, Christian character, and was born in August, 1837, in Raleigh township, a son of Martin and Catherine (Cook) Drew.

His parents were both born in Ireland, and they came to Canada and County Kent as early as 1836. Although Martin Drew was possessed at that time of only small means, he secured a farm which, at his decease, he left a valuable one. For a number of years he was tax collector of Raleigh township. Three sons and three daughters survived him: William and Stephen, both deceased, were residents of Raleigh township; Catherine married William Coats, of Tilbury; Mary married James Carroll, of Chatham; Ann married William C. McGregor, of Tilbury; and Edward.

After a boyhood and youth spent in assisting his father in the clearing of his land, and in limited attendance during the winter sessions of school, the late Edward Drew purchased a tract of land in Harwich, and there he and wife settled in 1856. The latter was Mary Kelly, born in Harwich in 1838, daughter of John and Mary Kelly, who settled in Harwich as early as 1824. John Kelly's father, Patrick Kelly, came to Canada from Ireland, in 1812, and settled at Brockville, but later came to Harwich, and located in the dense woods on Concession 12. Here he reared a large family, namely: Michael married and settled in Michigan, where he died leaving a family; Thomas did the same; Margaret married Edward Reardon, of Chatham, and left a family; Ellen, born in Harwich, married Patrick O'Flyn, a cooper for many years in Chatham, where both died; Julia married James O'Keef, and they lived many years in the old home in Harwich, where she died leaving children; and John was Mrs. Drew's father.

John Kelly was a large land owner and a prominent man in this locality, where he died in 1881, his wife surviving until 1890. Mr. Kelly reared a family which has been a credit to both him and the county. He was a pillar of the church, and a valuable citizen in every line of activity. The children of John and Mary (Lamb) Kelly were: (1) Mary, born in 1838, became Mrs. Drew. (2) John, born in 1840, lives in Chatham. (3) Julia, born in 1843, in Harwich, was the wife of Thomas Casey, of Fingal, Ont., and at death left five daughters, Annie, Agnes, Julia, Ellen and Lizzie. (4) Patrick, born in 1846, settled in Harwich, and then moved to Dresden where he died; he married (first) Bessie Lanigan, who had one son, Ernest. His second wife was

Maggie Howard, and their children were: Mary, Joseph, Edward, Clair and Pearl. (5) Edward, born in 1848, was a merchant for some years at Chatham, later took a law course at Ann Arbor, Michigan, after which he settled in Chicago and remained until his failing health caused his return to Chatham, and he died there unmarried in 1898. He was very prominent in County Kent. (6) Sarah married Timothy O'Neil, of Dover township where she died leaving children, Mary, Maggie, Stella and Edward. (7) James, born in Harwich, married Ellen Coutts, daughter of Andrew Coutts, member of Parliament from County Kent, and they reside at Chatham. Their children are: Gertrude, Blanche, Nellie, Ursula, Herbert and Eileen. (8) Ellen married J. J. Anger, of Dakota, and they have children, Birchman, Mary (educated in the convent at Chatham), Clair and Madeline. (9) Daniel, died on the old homestead, unmarried. (10) Thomas died in childhood.

Mrs. Drew was reared on the old homestead and obtained a fair education in the local schools. After her marriage, as noted above, she and Mr. Drew settled on his land in Harwich on the Communication Road, where they remained until 1875, when he purchased the John Curtis homestead, on Concession 12, and this has been the family home ever since. Here Mr. Drew erected the present admirable buildings and made all the substantial improvements, and here his death took place in 1882. Mr. Drew was noted for his honest and upright character. He was a devout Catholic. Like his father he was a Conservative in politics. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Drew were: Martin, born in Harwich, is still unmarried, and is holding a responsible position in Chicago; John is a business man of Chatham, and is unmarried; Miss Katie, her mother's close companion, is a highly educated and popular young lady; Thomas who married Fannie Martin, of Chatham, and has two children, Marguerite and Clair, is engaged in the produce business; William P. married Sarah Fairbanks of Chatham, has one son Clarence, and is one of the leading hardware merchants there; Mary married Thomas Martin, a farmer of Chatham township, and they have one son, Augustus E.; Matilda married George Jacques, a large dry-goods merchant of Chatham, and they have one son, Norman; Eugene J. died in young manhood, deeply lamented by the community; Albert is a traveling salesman for a railroad firm, now in Mexico; J. D. is the farmer on the homestead; and Ethel B. married Andrew Jacques, a harness maker of Chatham.

Mrs. Drew resides on the old Drew homestead with her son and daughter. She has an intellectual and honorable family which is held in the very highest esteem in the community. Mrs. Drew has a wide circle of attached friends, her many pleasant personal characteristics endearing her to not only her family, but to all who are permitted to know her.

WILLIAM FAUBERT. This enterprising agriculturist of Dover township, whose well-cultivated farm with its handsome brick residence is at Bear Line, in Concession 4, is one of the leading men of his locality, not only in his special line of industry, but also in local affairs, having filled several public offices with marked efficiency. He comes of a family widely known in his vicinity.

His father, Peter Faubert, was for some time a resident of Montreal, and in a well ordered home he received careful rearing. Upon reaching manhood he married in St. Martin, Marie Touchette, of that place, and they had eleven children: Anthony, who is now a farmer of Chatham township; Margaret, who married Alexis Roberts, and resides in Dover township; Mary who married Joseph King (she is now deceased); Peter, a farmer of Dover township; Caroline, who married Levi Martin, of Dover township; Adeline, the wife of Alexis Bechard, a farmer of Dover township; Julia, who married Henry Bechard, and resides at North Pownal, Vermont; Theophile, a farmer of Dover township; Angela, who married Marcel Bechard, of Dover township; William, who is mentioned below; and Alexander who married Julia Corneau, and lives in Chatham township. In 1850 Mr. Faubert came to Dover township, where he settled upon a 100-acre tract of wild land and began developing its resources. Taking up his work with energy and laying good plans, he soon made some remarkable improvements in the property, and in time had one of the best farms in the locality. In 1874 he erected there a fine brick residence, where his son Theophile now resides. He made well out of his industry,

and had considerable property to leave to his heirs. His 100-acre farm he divided between his two sons, Peter and Theophile, giving each fifty acres. He died in December, 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife in 1874, at the age of seventy-one years. Both are buried in Pain Court, Ontario. Mr. Faubert, as a practical, progressive farmer, was long a leading citizen of his township. Both he and his wife belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, being influential members there.

William Faubert was reared in an atmosphere of strong activity. Born in Dover township, May 8, 1861, he there, on his father's well-conducted farm, grew to manhood. Put to farm work early, he was carefully drilled to habits of self-reliance, and a recognition of the value of each moment. Inherent ability for agriculture, as well as practical knowledge, decided him when a young man to continue in that line. In Pain Court, Nov. 9, 1880 he married Sophronie Brown, who was born in Lower Canada, Feb. 19, 1863, and of this union there have been nine children: Ozilda, Joseph, Paul, Jim, Willie, Emma, Eugene, Eva and Agnes.

After marriage Mr. Faubert settled upon the 100-acre farm, where he now resides. Much of the land was at that time in a wild state, but not afraid of grubbing and hard work, he soon cleared it and had extensive tracts of well furrowed fields, which produced the best of harvests, commanding the highest market prices. Wise in his financial management, he has been enabled to put new improvements upon the farm, and in 1894 erected there a large attractive brick house, where he has since resided. He has equipped the farm with all necessary implements, and now has one of the best places in his locality.

Mr. Faubert is one of the most public-spirited men in the township, especially interested in furthering education. For three years he served his township as school treasurer, evincing marked wisdom in the disposal of finances; and for a similar period he acted as pathmaster, discharging his duties with fidelity and ability. He is square in his dealings, true to his convictions, and a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church. Politically he espouses the cause of the Conservatives.

Napoleon Brown, father of Mrs. Faubert, is another leading agriculturist and prominent citizen of Dover township. Born in 1837, he was reared in Lower Canada, and there remained until 1871. Then, coming to County Kent, he purchased a splendid 150-acre farm, in Dover township, and there engaged in agriculture. A wise manager, not afraid of work, he has prospered in his industry, and is now one of the solid men of the township. By his wife Mary M. Brown, who was born in 1842, he has had ten children: Henry, deceased; Louie; Napoleon, a farmer of Dover township; Mrs. Faubert; Mary, who married Joseph Alexander, and resides in Dover township; Joseph, a merchant of Dover township; Emma, who married Frank Faubert, and lives in Dover township; Jim, who is engaged in farming with his father; and Lizzie and Solomon, who are living at home. The father of these has figured prominently in the local affairs of the township, and has served as school trustee for several years, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and efficiency. Both he and his wife belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

DR. DAVID GREEN, veterinary surgeon of Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., and one of the leading men of his profession in this county, was born in Howard township, County Kent, in October, 1847, a son of Levi and Nancy (Whitesell) Green, of Howard township, where he was born about 1821, on Talbot Street, and she in 1823.

Levi Green was the son of Freeman Green, born in Canada, the son of Adam Green, who was born in New Jersey.

Freeman Green, father of Levi, and son of Adam, settled in Howard township, on Talbot Street, and was among the very first settlers. He built the road from St. Thomas to Ridgetown, by contract—the first road built through this county. The remainder of his life was passed upon his farm, and he died leaving five children: John, a farmer, now deceased; William, who died in Manitoba; Levi; Richard, who died on the old homestead; Betsey, who married Mathew Wilson, now deceased.

Levi Green, father of our subject, was reared in Howard township, and bought land on Concession 11, which he cleared up, making of it a first class farm before he died. His first farmhouse was made of logs, but later he bulit one of frame, with good outbuildings, and there passed away Dec. 10, 1869, his widow surviving him until 1891. Both were members

of the Church of England. In politics he was a Conservative. Their children consisted of four daughters and two sons: Margaret, born in Howard married Palmer R. Wilbur, who is in business at St. Catharines, Ont., and they have two children, Levi and Lizzie. Freeman, born at Howard resides on the old Green homestead; he married Isabel McDermot, of Howard, and they have four children living: Annetta, Hugh, Lila and Warren. Elizabeth, born in 1849, is the wife of Charles E. Smith of Morpeth, County Kent. Mary A., deceased, born in Howard, married George Mitton, of Howard, and had no family. Nancy M., born at the old home, died unmarried in 1883.

Dr. Green grew to manhood at the old homestead, working on the farm until he attained his majority. Being interested in the diseases of animals, he early took up the study of veterinary surgery, and after studying at home for some time, in 1884, he attended the Ontario Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1888.

In January, 1867, Dr. Green married Miss Sarah J. Dempster, who was born in Wisconsin, Jan. 14, 1847, daughter of Archie S. and Sarah (McCuen) Dempster, of Scotland. Her parents moved to California, when Mrs. Green was a child, and there the mother died, leaving Mrs. Green, who was reared by Daniel Whitesell and wife, of County Elgin. Archie Dempster lived in California for a number of years after the death of his wife, and then removed to New Zealand, where he still lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Green first settled as farmers on Concession 12, and lived there for ten years, when, in 1876, he bought a farm in Orford, where he lived for ten years, following farming and his veterinary work, and in 1887 he purchased real estate in Ridgetown, where he now owns a very pleasant home on York street. Later, he built a house on Main street, but that he sold. Since locating in Ridgetown, he has devoted all his attention to his veterinary work.

Eight children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Green, two of whom are deceased; Levi D. and George D. died in childhood; Margaret E., born in Howard in April, 1868, married Frederick Judson, a decorator and painter of Chatham, and has four children, Theresa, Winona M., Lloyd V. and Alta V.; Emily, born in December, 1871, in Howard, married Frank Wagoner, who lives at Essex Center (they have no family); Miss Minnie C., born Feb. 13, 1873, has for twelve years been in the service of the Salvation Army, and is now an ensign located at Portage la Prairie; Elizabeth, born in 1876, married C. W. Lowes, of Chicago, shipping clerk for a creamery company; Roy and May, twins, were born Feb. 26, 1885; Roy is unmarried, living at home, and May resides with her sister in Chicago.

Politically Mr. Green has always been a Conservative, and taken an active part in local affairs. Religiously he and his wife are followers of the Salvation Army, and they have taken a very active part in the post at Ridgetown. Dr. Green is a member of the Order of Maccabees. Throughout a wide territory, Dr. Green and his family are favorably known, while in his profession the doctor is recognized as a skillful surgeon, thoroughly versed in his work. He is genial and pleasing in manner; is devoted to religious work, and has many friends wherever he has made himself known.

GEORGE T. CROW, a successful grain buyer and merchant of Prairie Siding, Raleigh township, is a descendant of one of the old families of County Kent. The first representative of the Crow family to locate in County Kent was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, who first settled in Pennsylvania after crossing the ocean. About the time of the breaking out of the American Revolution, he, being an United Empire Loyalist, left that state and emigrated to Canada, selecting County Kent as his new home. He was entitled to government land, but did not avail himself of this privilege, he purchasing all of his holdings. His several sons all grew to manhood and reared families, their descendants being included among the leading people of County Kent today.

The grandfather, William Crow, resided in Dover and Raleigh townships, and owned large tracts of land in both townships. His wife was from Pennsylvania, and she bore him the following children: Thomas; George; William; Roger; Daniel W.; Charles; Alfred; Lucinda married Charles Hall; Lucretia married Simon Hock; Eva married George Greenfield; Melissa married Charles Johnson, a farmer of Raleigh township. The father, Daniel W. Crow, is one of the prominent men of Chatham.

George T. Crow was born in Raleigh town-

ship, Sept. 13, 1867, where he was reared and enjoyed the advantages of the section school. When twenty-one years of age he rented property, on which he continued three years, and then purchased land of his father, 250 acres in all, but after conducting the farm for several years he disposed of it, and bought a small place near Prairie Siding, on which he erected a substantial brick house. In 1899 he commenced buying grain, and opened a small store at Prairie Siding, and has met with unqualified success, being a thorough business man. In politics he is a Reformer, and he is interested in local matters, although all of his attention is devoted to his private affairs. His religious home is in the Methodist Church, in which he is very prominent. Socially he is a member of the Foresters of Chatham.

On Jan. 11, 1891 Mr. Crow married Margaret Brosahan, and to their union were born the following children: John Roy, Oct. 24, 1894; Margaret Ellen, Sept. 16, 1896; Lawrence, Aug. 9, 1898; Frances Gordon, Aug. 17, 1902; and George A., Feb. 13, 1904. Mrs. Margaret (Brosahan) Crow, was born in Orford township, June 22, 1865, daughter of John and Hannah Joanna (Cane) Brosahan, of Ireland, who came to the County of Kent from Little York, Ont., among the earliest settlers, and settled in Orford township, where they have remained engaged in farming. The success which has come to Mr. Crow is the direct result of enterprise, untiring energy and good management and his future is especially bright.

MITTON. The Mitton Family, of which Edmund D. Mitton, of Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ontario, is a prominent member, is from Yorkshire, England. The first of whom there is any definite data was Edmund Mitton, the great-grandfather of Edmund D., who was born in Yorkshire, England, and there married Mary Stett. In 1819 they emigrated to Ontario, locating in the County of Elgin, where he farmed some six years, when he settled on Lot 10, Concession 9, Howard township, County of Kent. There he died Feb. 28, 1853, and his wife passed away Aug. 12, 1849. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: Robert, deceased; Edmund, deceased; John, deceased; William; James, living in Ridgetown; Jane; Mary; Ann.

William Mitton married (first) Ann Purdy, by whom he had the following children: George, Edward, Myron, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Ella. His second wife was Nancy Johnson, and their children were: Elgin; Leander; Durinda; Ann; James, who married Catherine McLaren, and had no children; Jane, Mrs. Wilson; Ann, Mrs. Toll; Mary, Mrs. Tyhurst; and John.

John Mitton, father of Edmund D., was born in England June 24, 1818, and was only a child when his parents brought him to Ontario. Upon attaining to manhood's estate he followed farming on Lot 9, Concession 9, Howard township, and there made his home during his active business life. In about 1882 he retired from the farm, and lived in Ridgetown until his death, Jan. 28, 1885. On May 1, 1844, he married Miss Jane Spence, who was born in England, Jan. 29, 1824, daughter of William and Mary (Mitton) Spence. She was about nine years of age when her family settled in County of Kent. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitton: (1) Mary Ann, born Sept. 8, 1845, died in infancy. (2) Edmund D. was born April 8, 1847. (3) Teectoar, born March 19, 1849, married Richard Young, of Harwich. (4) W. Welbury married Ida Lementine, and their children are Ernest Harold, Lynn and Beulah. (5) Pamela, born April 13, 1853, married Robert Porterfield, of Ridgetown. (6) Elizabeth Alice, born March 3, 1858, was a twin, of (7) Sarah, who died in infancy. Elizabeth A., married William Gosnell. (8) Hannah, married William Bogort, of Pincher Creek, Alberta.

EDMUND D. MITTON was born April 8, 1847, at Ridgetown. In 1874 he settled on half of Lot 11, Concession 9, which was known as the Tyhurst farm, and which is recognized as one of the finest farms and homes in Ridgetown; his elegant residence adds much to the natural beauty of the landscape. For a number of years Mr. Mitton has been very prominent in public affairs, has served as treasurer of Howard township since 1889, and he has also been assessor of Ridgetown for two years. In addition to his other interests Mr. Mitton acts as secretary and treasurer and manager of the Howard Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was organized in 1892, and Mr. Mitton was one of the prime movers in the organiza-

tion; he has been secretary and treasurer ever since. This company writes insurance in the three townships of Harwich, Howard and Orford, and has issued about eighteen hundred policies, covering about $2,500,000. Politically Mr. Mitton is a Liberal, and has always been a stanch supporter of the principles of his party.

On March 7, 1876, Mr. Mitton married Klista Kitchen, who was born March 7, 1853, in the County of Elgin, daughter of Jabez Kitchen. Their children are as follows: Milo Roland, settled in Alberta; Urville Manley is a student in the school of Pharmacy at Toronto; Cecil N. is with his brother, Roland, farming and ranching; and Hazel K. Mr. Mitton has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, and for five years has been a trustee of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, which institution has always benefited from his generosity; when it was established he donated the ground upon which its buildings now stand. Mr. Mitton is one of the leading men of Ridgetown, and enjoys in the highest degree the respect and esteem of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

JAMES CLUNIS, one of the prominent and highly esteemed farmers of Harwich, living on Concession 6, Lot 16, from River Thames, was born east of London, in December, 1849, a son of Donald and Isabella (Balmer) Clunis, the former of whom was born in Scotland in 1832, and his wife in 1833.

The founder of the family in Canada was Alexander Clunis, the father of Donald, who came to lower Canada at a very early date, and here he died leaving the following children: William, deceased; Alexander, Duncan and John, all reside in lower Canada; Donald; Ellen a widow now living in Pontiac, Michigan, and the mother of Andrew and Margaret (the wife of Edward Smith, of Ridgetown).

After his marriage Donald Clunis settled on a farm east of London, where he remained until about 1857, when he moved to Howard and bought 100 acres of brush land. Here he built a little log cabin, and while living here he purchased a tract of land on Concession 6, Harwich, which he cleared and there erected a frame house. With the assistance of his sons he cleared up his farm, and there he lived until his death in June, 1895. His wife, Isabella Balmer, daughter of James and a sister of John Balmer, who came to Harwich from Scotland, died in the same month and year. Donald Clunis and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Reformer, and he always took an interest in his party's affairs. His children were: Margaret, died in childhood; James; Janet, born in Lower Canada in 1851, is the wife of Herman Warner, of Concession 6, Harwich, and has one daughter, Clara; Daniel, born in Howard, in 1854, now of Howard, married (first) Maria Barker, who died leaving a son, Roy, and he wedded (second) Dessa Sloan, who has borne him two children, Myrtle and Leonard; Jane, born in 1856, is the wife of Daniel Marsh, of Minnesota, and has one daughter, Jane; Isabella, born in Howard in 1858, was the first wife of Daniel Marsh, and is now deceased; John born in Howard in 1860, married Sarah Irving, of Chatham, resides on a part of the old homestead in Harwich, and they have two children, Berma E. and Elga; Margaret A., born in 1864, is the wife of John Sloan, of Concession 6, west of Central line, and has three daughters.

James Clunis received his education in the schools of Howard, and his early life was spent on the home farm, which he assisted his brothers in clearing up. In March, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Miller, who was born near Hamilton, in January, 1858, the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Miller, both of whom were born in Canada, where the latter died when Mrs. Clunis was still a young girl. Mrs. Clunis was educated in County Lambton. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller were: William; Albert, of Michigan; Patience C., wife of James L. Wilson, a leading architect of Chatham; Hannah, wife of David Clements, of Harwich, and the mother of three children, Ethel, William and Arthur; and Elizabeth.

To James Clunis and wife have been born the following children: Alexander, born in 1878, received a collegiate education at Ridgetown, married Pearl McKay, daughter of Robert McKay of Howard, and resides on Concession 8, Harwich; Edward, born in 1880, received a fine school education, and lives at home; Mabel, born in 1881, is the wife of Robert Adams, who resides on Concession 6, Harwich; and Norma, was born in 1897.

James Clunis purchased a part of the old homestead, and a part of the Robinson farm adjoining, and in 1878 he erected his present home, at the same time building several large and commodious barns. By his industry and hard labor he has now one of the best cultivated farms in his section. Politically Mr. Clunis has always been identified with the old Reform party, but never aspired to office. Religiously himself and family are all members of the Methodist Church, where he is steward and class leader, as well as being teacher in the Sabbath school. Fraternally, he is a member of the Canadian Foresters, belonging to Court No. 425, of Harwich. Mr. Clunis represents an old and honorable family of this township, and as such deserves a place in a work which is intended to record the representative citizens. In every respect he is a worthy citizen, and enjoys in the highest degree the esteem of all who know him.

JOHN I. MERRITT bears a name which connects the present with the early days of Chatham township, County of Kent, when his paternal grandparents came hither as pioneers, in 1829, and bravely settled down in the wilderness, on Concession 4, Lot 14. Here effort was made to clear up a tract of 100 acres of wild land, but removal was later made to another farm on Concession 3, Lot 20, where the family lived until after some improvement was made, and an orchard planted. The grandparents then removed to Chatham, but soon after went to Louisville, and finally settled down on a farm three miles from Chatham, on the Caledonian road, where they continued to reside until called away by death.

John I. Merritt was born July 1, 1842, in Chatham township, a son of James H. and Rebecca (Blackburn) Merritt, the former of whom was born in Nova Scotia, Dec. 22, 1820, and the latter in Chatham Sept. 25, 1817. The father and mother both died in the old homestead in Chatham township, the former Sept. 14, 1874, and the latter Jan. 4, 1865, and both were laid to rest in the Merritt cemetery. The last five years of the life of James Merritt were spent retired, on Lot 12, Center road, near Chatham. At one time he was a large land owner, possessing 448 acres in Chatham and Harwich townships. Both parents were members of the Baptist Church, in which he was a deacon for many years. These children were born to them: Mary J., born May 1, 1839, died Jan. 4, 1884, the wife of J. W. Arnold; Joseph B. born Aug. 16, 1840, died in 1891; Leonard H. and John I. were twins, and the former died in 1885; Nathaniel W., born July 8, 1847, died Sept. 3, 1847; William W., born Aug. 20, 1848, is a farmer in Chatham township; and Joseph A., born Sept. 17, 1853, is a farmer and thresher at Louisville, Ont. James Merritt was an active member of a military company during the Rebellion of 1837, and it is told of him that he, with Richard Houston, led the company across the plain between Chatham and Windsor, breaking the ice which covered the overflowed land, and by their intrepidity and courage, wading through water to their waists, inspired others to follow them.

Until his marriage, John I. Merritt lived with his parents, and after that the parents resided on the same farm with him, where he remained until 1900, when he rented that farm and removed to Chatham. Two years later he located on his present farm. On Dec. 18, 1867, Mr. Merritt married Catherine Arnold, born June 23, 1837, in Louisville, Ont., a granddaughter of Lewis Arnold, and a daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Bolten) Arnold, the former of whom was born in Chatham township, held many important public offices, was township councillor for many years, and a leading citizen. He was a shoemaker and tanner, also a farmer. His death occurred in Harwich township, where he was buried, Feb. 18, 1887, aged eighty-four years. The mother was born in New Brunswick, April 27, 1831, and died Jan. 20, 1852, and was buried in Chatham township. Their children were: Samuel E., a farmer in Harwich township; Anna M., wife of Stephen Reed, of Harwich township; David R., a farmer of Chatham township; Miss Eliza J., residing with John I.; William S., of Chatham, Ont.; John B., a carpenter of Chatham township; Catherine E.; Solomon A., a farmer of Harwich township; Stephen F., deceased; Mary Ann, wife of Joseph Merritt; Miles, deceased; Sarah, wife of William Livingston, of Stony Mountain, Manitoba.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt: Clara, who married Arthur Bedford, of Chatham, Ont.; and Lelah, who died at the age of nine months. Mr. Merritt is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. In politics he

is a Conservative, and in religion, has long been an active member of the Baptist Church. The whole family has been noted for its high integrity, its good citizenship and for lives which have exerted influences in the direction of morality.

GORDON PATTERSON has long since passed away, but his widow and family still live in Harwich, and are among the most highly respected residents of that township. Mr. Patterson was born in Canada in 1831, son of Lott and Susanna (Hager) Patterson, old and prominent residents of Harwich, and was reared and educated in that township. In 1867 he married Margaret A. Field, who was born May 5, 1842, in Louisville, Chatham township, County of Kent, and was reared and educated in the county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Patterson settled on the present homestead in Lot 19, Concession 1, River road, Harwich township, and here made a permanent home, Mr. Patterson dying here July 27, 1880. Mrs. Patterson was left with three children, namely: Herman, born in 1873; Myrtle, in 1876; and Howard, in 1878. All are still at home. Herman obtained his early education in the local schools, and then took a full commercial course at the Chatham Collegiate Institute. He and his brother manage the home farm. Miss Myrtle is one of the intelligent young women of the neighborhood. Howard is also well educated, and all are prominent in social circles. Mr. Patterson was a member, and at times an official, of the Methodist Church, with which Mrs. Patterson also unites. Politically he affiliated with the Conservative party, but was never desirous of office. He was a man of the most estimable life and character, and is kindly recalled by all who knew him. His death was greatly lamented and his widow had the sincere sympathy of the whole community in her loss.

In noting the oldest and most prominent families of this locality, the Field family, to which Mrs. Patterson belongs, takes a leading position. Her grandfather, Alexander Field, took part in the war of 1812. He was a man always noted for his sterling character, and coming to Harwich among the first settlers, founded a family which is now represented by some of the best citizenship of this part of the County of Kent. He and his wife, Ann, were both natives of Ontario, of English extraction. They reared five sons, of whom Daniel, the eldest, married Clarissa Patterson, and settled on a farm in Harwich, where he died, leaving a family of four sons and one daughter, all residents of the County of Kent. William, born in Harwich, married an adopted daughter of Mr. Patterson, and until the death of his wife resided in Harwich; then he removed to Michigan where he died, leaving five daughters, three of whom live in the County of Kent. Edward, born in Harwich, moved from Canada to Michigan, where he died leaving a family. John was born in Canada and married in the Dominion, but later moved to Michigan, where he died leaving six children, residents of that State. Samuel was Mrs. Patterson's father. Alexander Field, the father of this family, died at his home in Harwich township, on the river Thames. His wife, Ann, returned to Niagara for her health, and died there, and he subsequently married Mrs. Annie Reynolds, mother of the wife of his son, Samuel.

Samuel Field, father of Mrs. Patterson, was born in 1818 in Niagara, Ont., and was there reared and educated. After coming to Harwich he learned the wagon-making trade in Chatham, and, alternating, or rather in conjunction, with farming, followed it all his life. In 1841 he married Mary Reynolds, who was born in 1819, in Ohio, daughter of Edward and Annie Reynolds, natives of Ireland. After coming to America they lived for a number of years in Ohio, where their children were born, and thence migrated to Canada. Edward Reynolds died in Kent Bridge, Camden township, County of Kent, where he had settled, and, as previously stated, his widow married Alexander Field, Mrs. Patterson's paternal grandfather. After their marriage Samuel and Mary Field settled in Louisville, Chatham township, but in 1848 they removed to his father's old homestead farm, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Field died in January, 1873, his wife preceding him to the grave in 1868. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church, setting an example in their lives of the homely virtues which were worthy of emulation by those who came after, and they had the respect and confidence of the entire community.

Politically Mr. Field was a Conservative, and for a number of years he filled the position of councilman in Harwich. He and his wife had the following children: Margaret A., Mrs. Patterson, was the eldest. Walter, born in 1845, married Mary A. Cole, of the County of Kent, and they have four children, Cassidy, Clayton, Herbert and Kate; they are now located on a fine farm in Wood County, Ohio. Thaddeus, born in 1847, settled for a time in Thamesville, engaged in the blacksmith business, but some years later removed to Atlanta, Georgia, where he still resides; he married Alvira Myrick, and their children are Mary, Samuel, Ethel and Zenius. Pembroke, born in 1850, in Harwich, married Alice Mills, of Harwich, and they settled on the homestead, where he died leaving no family. Frank died at the age of five years. John, born in 1854, settled on the homestead, where he lived, unmarried, until his death.

THEOPHILE FAUBERT, who upon the death of his father succeeded to his present attractive farm with its handsome brick residence in Dover township, is carrying on one of the most flourishing agricultural industries in the township. As a wise manager he has by his own exertions amassed considerable property, and has increased the area of his farm by an additional purchase of a splendid 100-acre tract.

Mr. Faubert comes of an agricultural family. His father, Peter Faubert, originally of Montreal, received careful rearing and practical training for the duties of life. During his young manhood he married in St. Martin, Marie Touchette, of that place, and they had eleven children: Anthony, now a farmer of Chatham township; Margaret, who married Alexis Roberts, and resides in Dover township; Mary, who married Joseph King (she is now deceased); Peter, a farmer of Dover township; Caroline, who married Levi Martin, of Dover township; Adeline, the wife of Alexis Bechard, a farmer of Dover township; Julia, who married Henry Bechard, and resides at North Pownal, Vermont; Theophile, who is mentioned below; Angela, who married Marcel Bechard, of Dover township; William, a farmer of Dover township; and Alexander, who married Julia Corneau, and lives in Chatham township. In 1850 Mr. Faubert came to Dover township, County Kent, where he procured a hundred acres of wild land, and building a small house, he began clearing the land. Laying good plans and carefully executing them, he prospered in his industry and in time had one of the best cultivated farms in the locality. In 1874 he erected the handsome brick house, where his son Theophile now resides. A hard working, practical farmer throughout his active life, he made well out of his industry and left considerable property to his heirs. His fine 100-acre farm he divided among his two sons, Theophile and Peter, giving each fifty acres. He died in December, 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife passed away in 1874. Both are buried in Pain Court, Ont. Mr. Faubert's achievements, and his integrity of character won him the respect of all who knew him, and he was long a leading citizen of the township. Both he and his wife belonged to the Roman Catholic Church.

Theophile Faubert was born on the farm where he now resides, Oct. 3, 1856, and there grew to manhood. Like the average boy of his neighborhood, he was early set to work, and he assisted his father materially in clearing the family homestead. Naturally upon starting in life for himself, he chose farming for his occupation, and, settling upon the home place, he there pursued the industry. Carrying on the place along the lines established by his father, he prospered, and each year he added many improvements to the place, greatly increasing its value. In 1883 he purchased an additional tract, and in 1892, another, in all one hundred acres, so he now owns 150 acres, which is located on Lot 17, of the 3d Concession. He is fully developing the resources of this land, having it largely under cultivation. Keeping in touch with the latest agricultural movements, he is carrying on the land on sound scientific principles.

In Pain Court, Nov. 11, 1881, Mr. Faubert married Louise Barette, who was born in Dover township, April 7, 1865, and they have had ten children, all except one of whom are now living and residing at home: Louise, who acts as church organist; Delina; Ovilla; Arthur; Calixt; Anna; Alma; Solomon; Eugene; and Marie, who is now deceased. Mr. Faubert has for the most part concentrated

his energies upon one main industry. Thorough and energetic, he has reaped good money returns for his labors, and he is looked upon as one of the leading agriculturists. Though not an office seeker, as a well-informed Reformer, he is one whose word carries weight in local affairs. He and his wife are leading members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Anthony Barette, father of Mrs. Faubert, was born in 1836, and during his early life resided in Montreal for some time. He married Sophia Tatrault, of Montreal. She died in County Essex, in July, 1894, at the age of sixty-three. In 1865 they came to County Kent and settled upon a farm in Dover township, where he followed agriculture with much success until 1887, when he moved to County Essex. Here he still resides, engaged in farming, prospering well in his labors.

ROBERT STIRLING. One of the successful farmers of County Kent, now living somewhat retired from active participation in agricultural pursuits, is Robert Stirling, the owner of a fine farm in Concession 2, Harwich township.

Robert Stirling was born Sept. 15, 1831, in Norfolk, England, a son of William and Charlotte (Keeler) Stirling, the latter of whom was a daughter of the late John Keeler, who came from England to Canada as early as 1835, settling in Hope, County Durham, Ont., where he died.

William Stirling, the father of Robert, was born in 1806, in County Norfolk, England, four years earlier than his wife. He was a son of Robert, and a grandson of Simon, and a great-grandson of Roger Stirling, all of whom were born in the same parish, and there spent their days, their tombstones still to be found at Booton. William Stirling came to Canada in 1835, via Quebec, sailing on the steamer "Great Britain," and being on the ocean from April 6th to June 20th, landing at Cobourg. Here he remained for four years, during which time he engaged in farming on the present site of the magnificent structure, the College of Queen Victoria. He then removed to Hamilton, County Durham, where he rented a farm for some years, thence moving to Port Hope, and there working on the first brick building put up in that now thriving city. During the war of 1836-37, he enlisted under Capt. Clark of Cobourg, and served throughout the Rebellion. In April, 1860, he came to the home of his son Robert, in County Kent, where he lived until his death in 1867. His wife died in Wesleyville, near Port Hope, in May, 1854. Both were members of the Primitive Methodist Church and were known to be worthy, Christian people. They were the parents of fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters, three of whom died in childhood, and several of whom still survive. (1) Robert is the eldest. (2) John, born in England in 1833, in Canada married Louisa Curven, of County Durham, where he lived some years, and then moved to Blenheim, where he worked at his trade of shoemaker, until his death in March, 1890, leaving a widow and children. (3) James, born in 1837, in Canada, married Sarah Bassett, and died in 1884, in Harwich, leaving widow and family. (4) William, born in 1840, married Sophia Taylor, daughter of the late Henry Taylor, a soldier of the war of 1836-37, and they now reside, with eight children, in Harwich. (5) George, born in 1842, married Mary McLean, of Port Hope, where they settled, and where he worked at his trade of marble-cutter until his death in 1890. His wife died in 1886, and their six children live in Manitoba. (6) Samuel, born in 1845, married Sarah Reynolds, of County Kent, and they settled near the lake, in Harwich; they have a family of seven children. (7) Henry, born in 1847, in Hope township, County Durham, married Mary Lancaster, and they reside on Concession 3, Harwich; they have three children. (8) Sarah A., born in 1849, is the wife of Joseph Scarf, a retired farmer of Blenheim, and they have three children. (9) Phœbe, born in 1852, is the widow of George Jackson, of Windsor, where she lives with her four children, the sons being engaged in business there. (10) Walter, born in 1854, married Sophronia Patterson, of Guilds and they reside at Elk Rapids, Michigan, where he is a contractor and builder. They have one child, Elsie. (11) Charlotte, born in 1857, in County Durham, is the wife of Robert Lancaster, a farmer near Toledo, Ohio, and they have seven children.

Robert Stirling received his early education in the schools of Cobourg, but as he was the eldest of a large family, his schooling was limited, as it was necessary for him to assist in the maintenance of the home. This he did

to the best of his ability until he started out for himself. After his marriage he settled with his wife on a farm in Hope township, but four years later moved to Howard township, where he rented the farm of David Williams, on the Baldwin Corners. He also purchased sixty-one acres of bush land from Deacon William Reynolds, erected a house and cleared up a tidy little farm. After twenty-nine years of residence here, he lost his property through the failure of a banker in Ridgetown. For the second time, Mr. Stirling found himself at the bottom of the ladder. He spent one year in California, his wife and family remaining in County Kent, and in 1885 he purchased his present home, where he has resided to the present time.

In February, 1852, Mr. Stirling was wedded to his first wife, Miss Rosanna Watson, of Hope, County Durham, daughter of the late William and Mary Watson. Mrs. Stirling died in 1893, leaving a large family, namely: William R., born in 1854, in County Durham, owns the Plant conservatory at Ridgetown; Charlotte, born in 1856, died in 1861; Robert E., born in 1858, married Emma Rickman, and they reside at Tilbury West, with children, Hattie, Priscilla and John; Samuel S., born in 1860, in Harwich, is unmarried; Sidney S., born in 1862, was drowned in Rondeau, in 1877; Abraham Lincoln, born in April, 1864, a merchant at Rondeau, married Sarah Coulter, of Harwich, and they have one son, Robert; Henry S., born in June, 1866, resides with his family, at Amherstburg; James O., born in 1868, now of Chatham, married Florence Faulkner, of Ridgetown, and has sons, Arthur and Edgar; Hiram E., born in October, 1871, resides in Detroit; Luzetta, born in June, 1873, died in January, 1896, the wife of Jonathan Ogle, of Blenheim, and left one daughter, Goldie; Josephine, born in 1875, is the wife of Harvey Hildreth, who resides at Mull; Sidney S., born in 1878, resides at home; Dorathea P., born in August, 1880, is the wife of Frank Burk, of Concession 3, of Harwich township, and they have two children; and Sarah L., born in May, 1882.

Mr. Stirling was married (second) to Elizabeth Coulter, who was born in Ireland. She died in 1898, leaving no issue.

Mr. Stirling was married (third) in February, 1900, to Mrs. Martha J. (White) Taylor, daughter of Henry White, of England, where she was born in 1840. For many years Mr. Stirling has been a very active worker in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Port Hope, filling all the official positions. He organized the first Union Sabbath-school at Raglan, Harwich, and has devoted time and energy to all religious work. Politically he has always voted with the Reform party, and for five years he has been road commissioner in his locality, performing the duties of the office much to the satisfaction of the community. He is a man of upright life and character, self-made in every way and deserving of the high esteem in which he is held.

DONALD McLEAN. This well known agriculturist of Bear Line, Lot 20, Dover township, is one of the most prominent farmers of his locality. With only twenty-five acres he is carrying on an industry that would do credit to a man with twice that amount under full cultivation. He is alert and observing, and having had a wide experience in his line, he has become familiar with all the latest and most practical methods for developing the resources of various kinds of soil.

Mr. McLean comes of a family of successful agriculturists, his father John McLean, having long been engaged in that occupation. The latter passed his early life in Morrow, Scotland, under the refining influences of old and well conducted institutions. Preparatory to taking up the active duties of life he early learned the shoemaker's trade, which he afterward followed with success. Reports of excellent business openings in America decided him, after some years, to come to this country, and for some time he resided in County York, Ont. For occupations he followed both farming and shoemaking, and, being a hard worker as well as an efficient one, derived a good income from his business. He died in County Bruce, Ont., in January, 1878, at the age of sixty-eight years. During his young manhood he married Flora McDonald, of Scotland, who died in County York, Ont., in 1850. Of this union there were the following children: Hugh, deceased; Mary, deceased, who married Moses Ely; Donald, mentioned below; Katie, deceased, who married Neil McCloud; Sarah, deceased, who married

Finlay McCloud; Jennie, wife of John Brown, of Chatham; John, a farmer in Chatham; John (2), a farmer of Raleigh township; William, a carpenter of County Grey, Ont.; Archie, of Dutton, Ont.; and Annabella, the widow of Duncan Shell, in Port Elgin, Ontario.

Donald McLean was born in County York, Ont., Jan. 15, 1843, and in the public schools of his vicinity procured a good education. Reared to farm work, he continued on the home place until he attained his majority, and then for several years he worked for different farmers in his locality, commanding good wages. Desirous of making the most of his experience, in 1864 he rented a farm in County Bruce, and there for four years continued his pursuit, making well out of the venture. Hoping to better his fortunes he next moved to California, and, settling upon a farm in Sutter County there, under new environments, carried on agriculture for three years, acquiring a large fund of practical knowledge. At the end of this period he returned to County Bruce, Ontario, and soon afterward rented a farm in Chatham township, County Kent, which, proving a most desirable one, he worked for ten years, carrying on a highly successful industry there. Eventually, however, content with a smaller place, he purchased his present farm in Dover township, where he has since resided. He now has twenty-five acres, which he is carrying on with highly successful results.

In Port Elgin, Ont., in 1863, Mr. McLean married Mary McLean, who died in 1867. On March 16, 1878, he married Mary Brown, who was born in Bruce township, County Bruce, Ont., Jan. 5, 1862. By the first marriage there were no children; by the second there have been eight: Hugh is in Detroit, Michigan; Julia married Wesley Barbour, and died in 1902; Jennie resides at Walkerville, Ont.; and Katie, Allen, Stanley, Hazel, and Mabel are living at home. Mr. McLean is a well-informed, practical man of broad experience. He possesses a large capacity for work and has usually derived good money returns for his labors. His force of character and his winning social attributes have won him the esteem of the entire community, where he has also many warm friends. As a Reformer he is influential in local affairs.

Allen Brown, father of Mrs. McLean, was born in Scotland, Dec. 25, 1832, and in 1842, when about ten years old came to Canada, and settled in County Bruce, Ont. He chose farming for his occupation, and pursued that industry for many years. Since 1895 he has resided with his daughter, Mrs. McLean. He married Julia McDonald, a native of Scotland, who died March 29, 1881, at the age of forty-one years. Of this union there were seven children besides Mary, the wife of Donald McLean: A daughter, who married a farmer of Oregon; Kate, who married the late W. B. Cornell, and is residing in Detroit, Michigan; Daniel, a farmer of County Bruce; Julia, who married Daniel Brooks, and resides in Manitoba; Malcolm, a resident of Duluth, Minnesota; Allen, deceased; and Robert, a farmer in Michigan. Mr. Brown has been prominent in the various localities, where he has resided, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged.

ROBERT TEDFORD, a prominent and successful farmer residing on Lot 14, Concession 8, Harwich township, County Kent, was born at his present home, May 16, 1861, a son of Alexander and Margaret (Baird) Tedford, both born in County Down, Ireland, he in 1823, and she in 1829.

Alexander Tedford and wife both grew to maturity in Ireland, where they were educated. They were married in 1852, coming to this country in the same year, via Quebec. Upon reaching Canada, they journeyed to Harwich township, County Kent, Ont., where they purchased wild land on Concession 8, and began their pioneer life in a little log cabin, where they lived until Mr. Tedford's death in 1873. His wife survived him until May, 1902, in Blenheim, where she had made her home for ten years preceding her demise. Alexander and Margaret Tedford were the parents of nine children: (1) James died in childhood. (2) William B., born at the homestead in 1855, is a brick layer in Blenheim; he married Miss Kate Muckle, of Harwich, and they have three children, Herbert, Lena and Florence. (3) Samuel J., born in 1856, is a farmer in Chatham township; he married Miss Mary McBrayne, of Harwich, and they have children, Maggie, Neil, Leora, Isabell and Robert. (4) Maggie, born 1858, married Edward Griffith, of Harwich, and has children, John, Albert, Ar-

thur, Herbert, Mary, Florence, James and Gordon. (5) Robert. (6) David, born in 1863, married Miss Lois McCairn, of Howard township; they reside in Blenheim, where he is a tinsmith; they have two daughters, Hazel and Olive. (7) Alexander, born in 1866, received a commercial education, is unmarried and a farmer. (8) Miss Elizabeth, born in 1869, is a dressmaker in Blenheim. (9) George J., born in 1871, is unmarried, and a farmer of Harwich.

Robert Tedford received his education in the schools of Harwich township. As he grew to manhood he remained at home, and after the death of his mother, he purchased the homestead, where he now resides. His broad fields show the result of his careful labors, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading young farmers of the township. The religious faith of the Tedfords was that of the Presbyterian Church, and the children were all reared according to its teachings. The political convictions of the entire family are strongly Conservative, and all have borne their part in local affairs. The father was well known as a man of strict probity, sterling honesty and kindly disposition, which earned him the esteem of all who knew him. The gentle mother was deeply beloved for her Christian virtues, and both are mourned by children and friends. Robert Tedford is a worthy son of good parents, and the name of Tedford is honored wherever it is found.

THOMAS SCANE, of Ridgetown, has for over thirty-five years been a prominent surveyor of this section. As his services have been greatly in demand, calling him all over this county and into many adjacent ones there is hardly a better known man in this section of the Province than he.

The Scane family was also well known and highly respected, figuring prominently, as it did, in the early settlement of the region. His grandfather, Thomas Scane, came from England, and settled on land near Ridgetown, purchased from Col. Talbot, as early as 1824, when the place was a wilderness. Here he made a good home for himself, which is now in the possession of his descendants. Both he and his wife died on this family homestead.

Thomas Scane (2), son of Thomas and father of him whose name heads this sketch, was born in England, and in early life came with his parents to Ridgetown, where he resided for many years. In his young manhood he married Charlotte Reeder, who was born in England, and in her girlhood came with her parents to this country. Mr. Scane died in 1877, and his wife in June, 1875. By this marriage there were four children. Miss Jane and Miss Betsey now reside on the family homestead. Henry settled on the family homestead, where he engaged in farming for some years, and where he died, leaving a widow, formerly Mary Brien, of Howard (who died in 1891) and four daughters: Ellen, who married William Macise; Ada, the wife of Alexander Watson, of Canada; Katie, who married John Smith and resides in Ridgetown; and May, who married Archer Kenedy, and also resides in Ridgetown. Thomas (3) completes the family.

Thomas Scane, the third to bear the honored name, was born in Ridgetown, April 20, 1834. In the district schools of his neighborhood he received his early education. Displaying a mathematical bent, he later took a course in surveying under J. C. Livingston, of Chatham. Possessed of a bright intellect he mastered the science in a short time, and, at Toronto, in 1865, passed his examination, and received his diploma. Now prepared to take up the business of life, he started out as a regular surveyor, confining his engagements for a time to County Kent.

Mr. Scane has been twice married. His first wife, Katie Brien, of Ridgetown, died, leaving two children: Ann J. died young, and James A., who married Maud Miles, of Chatham, and has one son, James W., settled in Chatham, where he is now keeping a hotel.

In December, 1876, Mr. Scane married (second) Mrs. Sarah A. Coleman, who was born in Canada, June 9, 1843, daughter of James and Eliza (Marsh) Paugborn. In 1865 Mrs. Scane married her first husband, Walter E. Coleman, a prominent business man and large property owner of Ridgetown, who worked at the undertaking and cabinet making trades there for some years, and also owned and operated a gristmill. He died in April, 1874, leaving his widow and three daughters: Isabel, born in Ridgetown, married Sanford Reason, of Michigan, and they have three sons; Mary E. married James Philips, and lives in

Milwaukee; and Grace E. is the wife of Henry Gergens, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Scane had two children by his second marriage: Thomas, born in 1877, procured his education in the Institute at Ridgetown, and the Business College of Chatham, and resides at home; Letha L., born in 1881, attended the Institute at Ridgetown, and is a young woman of scholarly tastes.

Directly after his marriage Mr. Scane settled at the home in Ridgetown, where he now resides. Continuing the active duties of his chosen profession—surveying—he has fulfilled his engagements with a promptness and accuracy of workmanship which have commended him to people far and near. He has surveyed lands, not only in his own county, but also in many outlying ones, and as he has followed this business steadily, and has often been pressed with engagements, he has made it a paying one. A good finanicer, he has always invested his savings wisely and now owns a fine large farm, adjoining Ridgetown. In 1883 he replaced his first residence by a handsome brick one in which he now lives.

Thomas Scane, as a man of many attainments, and of the highest integrity, has won a name for himself throughout this section of Canada. His business dealings have always been marked by fairness, and even generosity; and his work by conscientiousness, thoroughness, and the highest intelligence. His home bears evidence of culture and refinement, where love and good will prevail. Well-informed upon all questions, his advice is often sought by his fellow men. He is genial in disposition, kindly by nature, and possesses many shining social attributes, which have won friends for him at every move in life. Both he and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Church. In politics he has always been an unwavering Conservative. Socially he and his family are classed among the first in Ridgetown.

JAMES PAUGBORN, father of Mrs. Scane, was born in Canada, of English parentage. After his marriage he resided for some time in St. Mary's but in 1854 he settled upon a farm in Howard township, where he carried on agriculture with much success for many years. Finally, desirous of a change, he moved to Livingston county, Michigan, where he died. During his young manhood, he married Eliza Marsh, whose people came from England to New York during the American Revolution, and soon afterward moved to Ontario, becoming one of the pioneer families of Ridgetown. Leonard Marsh, a relative, served in the War of 1812. Mrs. Paugborn died in Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Paugborn were born twelve children, of whom are now living: Priscilla married D. A. White, a well-to-do dentist in New Mexico. Sarah is mentioned above. Darius is engaged in farming in Livingston County, Michigan. Isaac is married and resides in Michigan. Calista married Henry Croft (now deceased), of Michigan, and they have had one daughter, Permilla. Sheba married Henry Everett, of Alpena City. Amelia married Alfred Smith, a merchant in Michigan. Charlotte married Andrew Gill, and they reside in British Columbia.

JOHN J. WALRATH, who passed away Oct. 10, 1903, was long a prominent farmer and influential citizen of Harwich township, his home being on Lot 16, River Thames. He was born in the County of Lennox, Oct. 25, 1835, a son of Henry and Nancy (Roof) Walrath, old pioneers of that county.

Henry Walrath was born in Ohio in 1805, and the first of the family in America was his father, who was a native of Prussia, and located in Ohio, where he died. Henry was his only son. He married Nancy Roof, also a native of Ohio, and they migrated to Canada, settling in the County of Lennox in 1834. He worked at his trade of cabinetmaker and also engaged in farming, clearing up a farm in that county from wild land, and lived and died on his first location. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and took an active part in all its work. In politics he was a Liberal, but did not aspire to office. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walrath: Nancy married John Vandywatter, of Napanee, County of Lennox, and they have three children. Julia A. (deceased) married William Clark, of Michigan, and left a family of two children. Solomon married Mary A. Cunningham, of the County of Lennox, and they had three daughters. John J. is mentioned below. Helkiah died single, when a young man. Sarah, born in the County of Lennox in 1840, married Derlin Somes, and resides near Toronto; they have four children. Rachel,

born in 1842, married John Anderson, a farmer of the County of Hastings, Canada. Victoria, born in 1845, married John Chamberlain, a merchant of Kinnabach, Canada, and has two children. Henry Nelson, born in 1848, resides at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he is a merchant; he is married and has a family. Charlotte, born in the County of Lennox, in 1852, married John Newman, a wealthy land owner of that county and has a family of children. Charles W. married Margaret Morgan and they have two children; he resides on the old homestead.

John J. Walrath grew to manhood in the County of Lennox, where he received an excellent education, and for ten years was one of the popular teachers of the public schools of the county. In 1860 he married Miss Maria Woodcock, of that county, daughter of Nicholas Woodcock, one of the old pioneers of the County of Lennox. Mrs. Walrath was born in 1839 in Lennox, and was there educated. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Walrath resided on a rented farm in the County of Lennox, and there continued until 1879, when they removed to the present home, which Mr. Walrath purchased from Calvin Stephens. Here he erected new buildings and made general improvements, until his farm is now one of the best in Harwich township. He also purchased two other farms, where his sons reside, becoming one of the large land owners of his section of the county. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walrath: (1) Alonzo M. married Rebecca Jewel, of the County of Lennox, and moved to the Northwest, where he died in 1893, leaving his widow but no family. (2) Angus R., born June 22, 1862, married Millie Tompkins, of Harwich township, where they reside on one of his father's farms; they have one daughter, Olive. (3) Frances A. died in young womanhood. (4) Alice A., born in 1861, married John McAgy, a farmer of Harwich; they have no children. (5) Harriet E., born Oct. 24, 1870, in Harwich township, was educated at Chatham, and married John Ferris, formerly a business man of Boston, who now lives retired on his farm in Harwich; they have a daughter, Gladys. (6) Willie B., born Dec. 4, 1872, was educated in the high schools of Chatham, and is now manager and clerk in a large wholesale dry goods store in Sacramento, California. He is unmarried. (7) Mary E., born at the present home, March 20, 1875, was well educated, and is now the wife of Sylvester Lemon, a merchant tailor of Chatham; they have two sons and one daughter, Lisle and Leslie, twins, born in 1901, and Bernice I. (8) Flora I. died at the age of fourteen years. (9) John C., born March 26, 1881, was educated at Chatham and is at home.

In 1864 Mr. Walrath went to the gold mines of California, via New York and the Isthmus, and for three years engaged in mining meeting with fair success and experiencing numerous interesting adventures, which he related in a manner worthy of a professional story teller. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, in the work of which he took an active part, and his remains rest in the Bethel Church cemetery. Politically he was always identified with the Reform party; he filled the office of school director for many years, and also acted as road master for twenty years. Mr. Walrath was a man of intelligence and education, fully posted upon current matters, and one who inspired the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Walrath is equally esteemed in the community. Like her husband, she is a member and active worker in the Methodist Church.

HENRY HOLMES, who has been identified with the interests of County Kent through a long and successful business life, now resides on his well cultivated farm on Lot 19, Concession 12, in Harwich. He was born in August, 1842, in Chatham, son of Jabez and Rosanna (McLaughlin) Holmes, the former of whom was born in 1800, in Syracuse, New York, and the latter in 1809, in Ireland. She was a daughter of Hugh McLaughlin, who emigrated from Ireland to Canada, prior to the War of 1812, and for gallant services in that war drew a pension from the Government. At its close he settled at Hamilton, Ont., later moving to Chatham, and, some years after, to Harwich township, locating at McKay's Corners, where he died leaving one daughter, Rosanna.

Jabez Holmes was of Pennsylvania German ancestry, who settled in New York, where his parents died. He emigrated from New York to Canada in 1820, settling at Chatham, where for many years he engaged in a milling business. In 1853 he came to Harwich, and, purchasing land near McKay's Corners, followed

a milling business until his death in 1860. His widow remained on the old homestead until her death in 1887. After locating in Canada, Mr. Holmes became a strong Conservative. To himself and wife were born the following children: Sarah, born in Hamilton, married the late Alexander McPherson of Chatham, and they died leaving two sons, Graham, of Chicago, and Charles, of Winnipeg, Man. La-Fayette, born in the States, in young manhood moved to Detroit, where he still resides, and has a family. Elizabeth died in young womanhood. Eliza, deceased, married James Cleve, of Chatham, and left four children. Hiram and Mary were twins of whom Hiram married and settled in Detroit, where he died leaving a family of three, and Mary married Joseph Winters, of Chatham, and both are deceased. Cornelius settled in the States. Demetrius engaged in the milling business, became one of the most prominent men in County Kent; he married Mary Clark, of Howard, who died in 1880, and he died seven years later. They left two children who have since died. Jabez died in Michigan in young manhood. Henry is next in the order of birth. James and William, twins, the former of whom married a Miss McCarr, and they live in Chatham; William was killed in young manhood by a log accidentally rolling on him. Samuel, born in County Kent, married Mary Clark, of Howard, and they reside at McKay's Corners, and have one daughter, Ada.

Henry Holmes grew to manhood in his native locality in County Kent, and had but few educational advantages. His early years were spent with his father in the milling business, and during his continuance in it, Mr. Holmes owned and lost by fire several valuable mills. In 1869 he married Miss Mary Maw, born in 1851, a daughter of Jacob and Susannah Maw, one of County Kent's old pioneer families. They came from England, and were among the very early settlers of Howard, where Mr. Maw resided until his death in 1898, and where Mrs. Maw still resides, living on the old homestead. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes settled at McKay's Corners, where he continued for a number of years in the saw and gristmill business. In 1869, at the same place, he embarked in a mercantile business, but in 1872, he traded that for his present farm, on which he has resided ever since. He has conclusively proved that he is as excellent an agriculturist, as he has been a competent mill man and successful merchant.

The nine children comprising the family of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are: Sarah, born in 1870 married Charles Llewellyn, the popular hotel keeper at McKay's Corners, and has one daughter, Minnie; Ellen died in young womanhood; Samuel, born in 1874, is unmarried and is engaged in farming in Howard; Rosie, born in 1876, married Albert McKay, a resident of Harwich, and they have children, Mabel, Harvey and Ruth; James, born in 1878; Susan, born in 1880; Charles, born in 1882; Frederick, born in 1885; and Harry, born in 1887. Politically Mr. Holmes has always been identified with the old Conservative party, but he has never consented to hold political office. He is a man of religious principles, and has always supported all educational and moral movements in his locality. Mr. Holmes started out in life entirely dependent on his own resources, and now can justly be considered one of the successful and representative men of this part of County Kent. Having lived an upright, honest life, devoted to the welfare of his family and the advancement of his locality, he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

GEORGE MIDDLEDITCH, of Ridgetown, Ontario, a foundryman and machinist of skill and reliability, was born at Amherstburg, County of Essex, Oct. 29, 1844, a son of Henry and Frances (Bell) Middleditch.

Henry Middleditch, the father, was born in 1815 in England, and his wife was born in 1826, in Toronto, Canada. Henry was a son of John Middleditch, a native of England, and his wife was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Bell, who lived for a number of years in London, England and died in Toronto, Canada. In 1837 Henry Middleditch came to Upper Canada and settled at Amherstburg, where he worked at his trade of wheelwright for a short time and then became superintendent of a distillery. This position he held a number of years, and olso operated a saw and gristmill. He was an active and successful business man, became possessed of ample means, and later purchased a large amount of real estate at Amherstburg, where he died in 1870, his wife surviving him but two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Middleditch were consistent and devoted members of the Church of England. In politics he

was a member of the Liberal party. A family of twelve children was born to them of whom only five are living, namely: George was the eldest. Harriet, who was born in Amherstburg in 1850, married David Bowlsby, of Amherstburg, now a business man of Windsor, and their children are Millicent, Edith, Nellie and Harry. Philip, born in 1856, married Sarah Hastings of Petoskey, Michigan, where they now reside, and where he is engaged in the machine business; their children are Isabella and Philip. Benjamin, born in 1859, married Lucy Eveleigh, a native of Devonshire, England, and is now a machine manufacturer in Detroit, Michigan; their children are Alpha, George O. and Evilee. Walter born in 1862, learned the trade of machinist under his brother George, married Annie Smedley, who was born in England, and now resides at Detroit, but he is superintendent of the machine shops of the Park Davis Drug Company of Walkerville, Ontario; they have no family.

George Middleditch was reared in Amherstburg and there attended the public schools, later becoming a student at Oberlin, Ohio, where he pursued a collegiate course during 1860 and 1861. He then became an apprentice in the machine shops of Barkley & Son, of Detroit, Mich., serving for about three years. In 1870 he started into business at Amherstburg, taking his father's place in the manufacture of agricultural implements, a business which prospered through sixteen years. In 1886 Mr. Middleditch sought a still wider field for his energies, and bought the Ridgetown Iron Works, manufacturing at this plant all kinds of castings and agricultural implements.

On March 16, 1870, Mr. Middleditch was united in marriage with Isabella Smith, daughter of the late Robert and Annie (Graham) Smith, who came from Scotland and settled in Harwich township near Chatham. Mrs. Middleditch was born at the homestead near Chatham in 1843, was educated in the schools of Chatham, and is a lady of intelligence and most pleasing manner. A family of nine children was born to this marriage, of whom Harry, born at Amherstburg, learned the machinist's trade with his father; he married Maggie McCall, of the County of Kent, who died at Bothwell, leaving one daughter, Maggie, who resides with her grandparents; his second marriage was to Floy Clark, of Chicago, where they now reside, and where he is a superintendent in machine shops. Anna, born in Amherstburg, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, like her brothers and sisters, and resides at home. Robert born at Amherstburg, also learned the machinist business, and is a foreman with the Park Davis Company, of Detroit, Mich. John is also a machinist, employed in Detroit; he is unmarried. Minnie is a very talented and scholarly young lady.

Mr. Middleditch has always been identified with the old Liberal party, and for three years has been a member of the council of Ridgetown. He was one of the volunteers at the time of the Fenian raid of 1866, and has a medal issued by the Canadian Government. All the members of his family belong to the Presbyterian Church, but Mr. Middleditch retains his love for the Church of England, in which he was reared. He is the present master of the Masonic lodge at Ridgetown, a position he has held for seven years—three years in Amherstburg and four years in Ridgetown; is a member of the A. O. U. W.; and also of the Foresters. His Masonic connection covers a period of twenty-nine years and he is one of the oldest Masons in Ridgetown. Mr. Middleditch is most highly respected for his sterling traits of character, his honesty, integrity, benevolence and public spirit, and is one of Ridgetown's representative citizens.

THOMAS JONES, who conducts a successful livery business at Ridgetown, County of Kent, and owns some very fine stock, is a leading business citizen. His birth took place March 11, 1860, in Liverpool, England, and he is a son of William and Susannah (Roberts) Jones, the former of whom was born in Wales, in 1825, and the latter in the same place in 1830.

In 1850 William Jones moved to England to accept a position as chemist with the Kirk Chemical Works, of Liverpool, and his last years were spent in Yorkshire as a pensioner of that firm, after forty-six years of faithful service. He died March 17, 1903, his wife preceding him to the grave in 1889. Eight of the thirteen children of William Jones and wife still survive. William and Eliza both died young, as did three unnamed infants. Mary married John Scott, and resides in England with her family. Silena Ann married James Gill, of Yorkshire, and they have children—

Flora, Fred, Elizabeth and Albert. William, born in England, was twice married, first to Maggie Hudson, by whom he had one daughter, Edith; there were no children by the second marriage. Edward, born and reared in England, married Elizabeth Hudson, and their one daughter, Lillie, was born during a visit in Canada. Jane is the wife of Thomas Williams, of Yorkshire, England. John came to Canada in boyhood and lived four years with his brother Thomas, and on his return to England married Ada Barrett; they have one daughter, Eva, and reside in Nelson, Lancashire. Dan was born and reared in Yorkshire, and there married Maggie Clark; they have three sons, William, John and Thomas. Dan is a boss weaver in Nelson.

Thomas Jones grew to manhood in England and was educated in Yorkshire and in the city of Liverpool. There he learned the trade of cabinetmaking and worked at this for one year prior to coming to Canada. In February, 1881, he was married to Miss Bridget Preston, who was born April 13, 1860, in Yorkshire, England, the estimable daughter of James and Elizabeth Preston, who both died in their native land, the father in 1885 and the mother in 1891. Five children survive them, namely: Anna, now Mrs. Edmondson, of Lancashire; Isabella, now Mrs. Frank Cartridge, of Yorkshire; John, unmarried, of Yorkshire; Robert of Yorkshire, who has a family; and Mrs. Jones. In March, 1883, Mr. and Mrs. Jones came to Canada, and to Ridgetown via Halifax, and here he engaged in work at his trade for four years and then began the training of track horses for different parties and became so successful that he has devoted much attention to it. One of the fine animals in which all racing people are interested, Elsie Goff, the property of Peter Campbell, of Ridgetown, and who is now racing in England with a record of 2:16, was trained and tracked by Mr. Jones. He purchased the colt Jimmy Scane, which has a record of 2:19¼ on the Guelph tracks, and he has also owned many noted horses, one of these being Ridgewood, with a record of 2:25. He is now the owner of that noted animal, King's Parole, sired by Parole, with a record of 2:16, of Maple Lawn farm, at Atlantic, Iowa. Mr. Jones's Parole shows great speed in harness but has not yet earned a record. In 1893 Mr. Jones engaged in a livery business and now conducts the largest and best appointed stables in the city. He is widely known and highly valued as a trainer, and will probably handle many more of the public favorites. As a business man Mr. Jones is self-made, for he has won the substantial position he enjoys through his own efforts.

Mr. Jones is a man of many pleasant characteristics, and his genial manner and kind heart make him many very sincere friends. Mrs. Jones is a lady of Christian character, esteemed for her wide charities and amiable disposition. Both she and her husband are devoted members of the Church of England. Politically, Mr. Jones is a Conservative.

ROBERT JUBINVILLE, one of the prosperous farmers of Dover township, residing on Lot 1, Concession 4, was born on this property, in February, 1855, a son of Joseph and Sophia (Crow) Jubinville, of County Kent.

Joseph Jubinville died in Dover township in 1880, aged sixty-two years, and is buried in the cemetery of St. Peter's Catholic Church, of which denomination, during his life, he was an active and earnest member. His widow resides in Raleigh township, aged nearly four score years. The children born to this union were: Joseph is deceased; Florence, of Bay City, Michigan, married Peter Monden; Robert; Philomena, of Bay City, Michigan, married Joseph Seamore; Frances died unmarried; Eliza married Frank Sterling, of Dover township; Ellen died unmarried; James is a farmer of Raleigh township; Mary married Isadore Labute, of Dover township; Caroline married Peter Larsh, of Detroit, Michigan; and William died after marriage.

In January, 1878, Mr. Jubinville married, in St. Peter's Church, Mary Chaleton, and the following children have been born to them: Robert, at home; Emma, deceased, who married William Sterling; Minnie, who married Fred Johnson, of Raleigh township; William, with his father; Lizzie, who married Mose St. Peter, a farmer of Dover township; and John, George, Gilbert, Josephine, Caroline, Rosa and Eleanora, all at home. Mrs. Jubinville was born in Tilbury township, a daughter of James and Ellen (Hill) Chaleton, of England, who married in County Kent, he being a farmer of Tilbury Center, Ontario.

Mr. Jubinville worked on the farm until his marriage, when he became the manager of it, and now owns it, the property comprising seventy-four acres of fine farming land. In addition to this, Mr. Jubinville owns and operates another farm in connection with his hometsead, and is very successful in all his work, he thoroughly understanding farming in all its details. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Conservative, and has become one of the leading men of the community through his industry, thrift and enterprise, and he has many friends throughout the township, where he has spent his life.

WILLIAM G. PEARCE (deceased), formerly a farmer of Howard township, Talbot Road, Lot 88, County of Kent, Canada, was born on the present home of his wife in January, 1843, son of Richard and Mary Pearce.

The Pearce family is one of the old and highly respected ones of this county. Richard Pearce was born in Iraceroa, Canada, son of John Pearce, who located in Pennsylvania upon emigrating from England; the latter's wife was Mary Chitteck, a native of Ireland. Richard Pearce and his wife first settled on Lake Erie, in Howard township, but after a time he purchased the present home of Mrs. Jennie H. Pearce, from Col. Talbot, which he cleared and converted into a fine estate, and here he and his worthy wife died, leaving five children, all of whom are now deceased: Sarah married James Duck, of Morpeth; John died when a young man; Mary A. died when a young lady; Fannie died young; William G.

William G. Pearce was reared to manhood on the old home, he being the only son to attain to manhood's estate. His education, an excellent one, was received in the schools of Howard. Mr. Pearce had been the manager of the home farm from an early age, his father dying when he was eight years old, and he took his wife home to the estate he had inherited, and where he lived until his death, in January, 1897. During his lifetime he made many improvements, erecting the present residence and putting up other buildings, his idea being to make of it a model home. In politics, Mr. Pearce was a Conservative, and he was council man in Howard, and also held other offices. His religious affiliations were with the Church of England, in which he took a deep interest, he being a trustee and official for a number of years. In his fraternal connections, he was a member of the Order of Select Knights, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Pearce was a man of whom nothing but good can be spoken. Few men have passed away leaving so many sorrowing friends behind, whose grief was sincere and deep felt. His is a name which will long be remembered for it recalls a manly man, one whose Christian character and uprightness of living entitled him to all respect, while his open-handed benevolence endeared him to many who benefited by his kindness of heart. To him all men were noble as he; if judgment had to be pronounced, it was a gentle one; he always looked for the good in men instead of evil, and seldom failed to discover some redeeming trait. Such a man could not help but be missed and mourned in any community, and, when it was one in which he had lived all his life, there is small wonder that his demise was felt to be a public calamity.

In June, 1882, Mr. Pearce was married to Miss Jennie H. Attwell, the accomplished daughter of John and Mary (Patterson) Attwell, members of several of the old and aristocratic families of the County of Kent. The Attwell family originated in Ireland, where John Attwell died, his wife coming to Canada in 1864, settling in Florence for a short time. Later she located in London, where she died in 1889. Her ancestry was Scotch, and she was a cousin of the prominent and distinguished Col. Patterson, who was a large land owner of Howard, County of Kent, but is now deceased, as are the other members of the family. Mrs. Attwell was highly educated in the schools of Scotland, and was a lady of great refinement and culture, and at her death, she left one son and two daughters: Mrs. Pearce; John Attwell, born in Ireland in 1862, was well educated and is a fine linguist, speaking several languages, and he is now a resident ranchman of South Dakota, where he removed for his health, and is very prosperous (he is unmarried); Lizzie, born in Ireland, in 1864, is the widow of Joseph Pierce of Canada, resides with her brother John, in Dakota, has three sons, fine manly boys, who reside with their mother, Victor, Attwell and George Pierce.

Mrs. Pearce was born in Ireland in July, 1860, and was highly educated in the private schools of Ireland; she is a lady of rare ability

and intelligence, and since the death of her husband, has managed her estate in a manner to call forth praise from the best farmers of the neighborhood. Thoroughly understanding scientific farming, she is enabled to take advantage of all advantages of climate and soil, and, under her care, her broad acres yield gratifying results. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Pearce was as follows: Richard, born at the present home, in 1884, is a resident of Dakota; Ernest, born in 1886, also lives in Dakota; Stanley, born in 1889, is a student of the Howard schools; Eva was born in 1892; and Wanda was born in 1894.

PETER ANTAYA, one of the prosperous farmers of Dover township, County Kent, residing on his fine property of 132 acres, West river front, was born on the old homestead, Dover township, Sept. 15, 1868, a brother of Joseph Antaya, and a member of one of the old established families of this section.

On Jan. 18, 1893, Mr. Antaya was united in marriage with Caroline Larsh, in St. Peter's Church, Tilbury township, and the following family has been born to them: James, William and Bell. Mrs. Antaya was born in Tilbury township, Feb. 9, 1872, a daughter of Joseph and Maggie (Trudell) Larsh, of Tilbury township, where they are general farmers. The father was born in 1840, and his wife in 1844, and they are consistent members of the Catholic Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Larsh were: Joseph, a farmer of Tilbury township; Ellen, married Anthony Reaume, a farmer of Dover township; Louisa, married William Ouelette, Tilbury township; Caroline; William, a farmer on his father's farm; Sophia, Bella and Lizzie, at home. The paternal grandfather was Joseph Larsh, and he married Sophia Bruso, of Tilbury township, where he was a prominent farmer; both died in 1902, aged ninety-six and ninety-two years, respectively.

Mr. Antaya remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located on his present farm, and has spent the succeeding years in improving his property, and in making it one of the best in the township. His political support is given to the best candidates, he being independent in his views. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church, as are those of his wife. Mr. Antaya is one of the thrifty, enterprising young men of the township, and he is destined to play a prominent part in the future of this section of the country, to judge by the present outlook. Both he and his charming wife are very popular in the neighborhood, and are worthy representatives of the families from which they have sprung.

ARCHIBALD McDOUGALL, a highly respected retired farmer of the Gore of Chatham, resides with his daughter Mrs. Young on the 4th Concession, Lot 2, where he is spending a peaceful old age. He was born Oct. 9, 1828, at Wallaceburg, a son of Hector and Ann (Parson) McDougall, the former of the County of Argyll, Scotland, and the latter of the River Thames, County of Kent. He was a farmer and he died at the age of eighty years, March 25, 1859, on his homestead near Wallaceburg; his wife died in 1854, aged sixty-three years. He held a number of the township offices, and during the Rebellion of 1837-38 was a captain of one of the military companies of his neighborhood. Both he and wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church. They reared these children: John, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Archibald; Elizabeth J., deceased; Ann, widow of Gilbert Field, of Wallaceburg; Sarah, deceased; Miss Margerie, of Wallaceburg; Salina, deceased wife of John Fowler; Sarah Ann, deceased; and Albert, a farmer near Gladwin, Michigan.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were John and Sarah (McPherson) McDougall, who came from Argyll, Scotland, in 1804, to County of Kent, with Lord Selkirk, and here took up 100 acres of land. He died in 1806, and his wife in 1833. The maternal grandparents came to the County of Kent, from England, at an early day and secured land along the River Thames.

On July 12, 1855, at Algonac, Michigan, Archibald McDougall married Elizabeth J. Vincent, and their daughter is Mary Anna, who married Adoniram Young, and has a son, Joseph Kenneth. Mrs. McDougall was born Nov. 24, 1833, near Wallaceburg, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (McDonald) Vincent, of Bay Quinte, Ont., and of County Kent, the former of whom was first a farmer, then a sailor for many years, and, finally, again a farmer. He died on his farm near

Wallaceburg, March 25, 1903, aged ninety-three years. His wife died in June, 1882, aged seventy years; and they were interred in a private burying ground on the old farm. They were members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Nancy, a widow of Richard Parr, of Chatham, Ont.; Elizabeth J.; Peter, of the United States; Ellen, wife of Michael Deschane, a retired farmer; John, deceased; Catherine, deceased wife of Toslin Hooktook; Samuel, a ship carpenter at Wallaceburg; Joseph, deceased; Mary, wife of William C. Smith, of Henderson, Maryland; George, of the United States; and Oliver, John and Daniel H., all deceased. Joseph and Eleanor Vincent, the grandparents, were early settlers in the County of Kent.

Mr. McDougall remained with his parents until his marriage, his work having for the most part been lumbering. After marriage he went to work on the old homestead, and operated the farm from 1855 until 1862, when he took charge of the ferry boat on the North Branch river at Wallaceburg, which he operated until the building of the bridges in 1870. Mr. McDougall then followed carpentering until he was injured by a fall from a scaffold, and since that has lived retired from active work. In politics he is a Reformer. Both he and wife belong to the Presbyterian Church. They are both very entertaining in their recollections of early days, and both are most highly esteemed here.

WILLIAM J. HUFFMAN, a prominent farmer residing at his pleasant home, Lot 15, Concession 10, Harwich township, County Kent, was born in that township, May 13, 1856, a son of George and Mary (Morrow) Huffman. George Huffman was born in County Leeds, Canada, in 1825, a son of Philip and Margaret Huffman, both natives of Ireland.

Philip and Margaret Huffman emigrated to County Leeds in 1836, and removed from that county to County Kent, locating in Harwich township, on a side road east of the Communication Road, west of Concession 2, and here they started their life as pioneers in the great woods, living in a small log cabin. No words of these days can depict the terrors of the wilderness or the hardships endured by those sturdy people who first trod the unbroken path, which now leads to commercial prosperity. Philip Huffman also participated in the war of 1836-37. His death occurred at their home. Of the children born to him and his wife all are now deceased, except John D., a prominent retired farmer of Concession 10. The eldest daughter, Caroline, now deceased, married William White, lately deceased, a resident of Blenheim, and they had one daughter, Emeline, wife of Rev. Jane, of York State; Margaret, born in County Leeds, married Samuel Port, who resided in Windsor, and left no family; George; Philip, born in County Leeds, married Mary Tuse, of County Kent, and settled in Harwich, where he died leaving his wife and three children, Wilbur, Marietta and Lillie; James died when twenty-four years old, while working for the Grand Trunk railroad; Samuel, born in County Leeds, married Lucy Stein, of Dover township, and settled on Lot 22, Centre line, where he developed a good farm, and where his wife still lives, and they had one daughter, Fannie, wife of Hugh Boden of Harwich.

After his marriage, George Huffman settled on a farm of wild land, where he cleared a good home for his wife and children, dying there in 1895, honored and respected, his wife still surviving and residing at Blenheim. Both he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church, and politically, he was a staunch Conservative, taking much interest in local affairs. The family born to himself and wife was as follows: Ann, born in Harwich, married James Fall, deceased, of Ridgetown; William John; Mary M. married (first) John Cundle by whom she had one son, George I., and she married (second) William Parrott, of County Kent, and has one son, Ernest; Miss Margaret resides with her mother in Blenheim; George W. and James H. are twins, the former of whom is farming the old homestead, and the latter is a farmer of Harwich; Cyrus, born in Harwich is married and has a family; Louisa H. married Thomas Parrott, a farmer of Harwich, and has no family; Edward, born in Harwich, is unmarried, and resides in Blenheim.

William John Huffman was born and reared at the old homestead where he received an excellent public school education. In 1876, he married Miss Rachel Campbell, of Rockford, Illinois, and they resided on the old homestead for five years. Mr. Huffman then purchased his present home, which he re-

deemed from the brush, and made into one of the most desirable and profitable farms in Harwich. On this property he has erected excellent buildings, and he keeps his farm in very good condition.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huffman: Col. Ward, born in 1879, married Laura Page; Mary M., born in 1883, married William Morris, and has a son, Charles R. In religious matters, Mr. Huffman and wife are members of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Conservative, and an active worker in local affairs, and has served with credit as school trustee of Harwich. The success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Huffman is well deserved, as it has been gained by the exercise of sterling traits of character, and he possesses many friends, not only in his immediate neighborhood, but throughout the county.

WILLIAM R. STIRLING, proprietor of the well known and popular Floral greenhouses, and a successful business man of Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., was born at Port Hope, that Province, June 8, 1855, son of Robert and Rosanna (Watson) Stirling.

Robert Stirling was born in England, in September, 1832, and his wife was born near Port Hope, Ont. Robert was the son of William Stirling, who was reared in his native land, but as early as 1836 emigrated to the Dominion and settled at Port Hope, where he lived and died. By occupation he was a farmer. The children born to William Stirling and his wife were as follows: Robert is mentioned below; William resides in Harwich; Samuel resides on the 1st Concession in Harwich; Henry is a farmer of Harwich township; Walter, born at Port Hope, is now a resident of Elk Rapids, Michigan; John died in Blenheim; Sarah married Joseph Scott, of Blenheim; Phoebe married George Jackson, of Windsor, Ont., who is now deceased; Lottie married Robert Lancaster, a resident of Tennessee.

Robert Stirling, the eldest of the family, started out in life as a farmer at Port Hope, and there remained for a number of years. In 1859 he removed to the Rondeau, where he purchased wild land, cleared it off, and made a comfortable home on which he erected necessary buildings, this being now one of the finest farms in the county. His wife died at this homestead in June, 1884. They had a large family of children: William R., is mentioned below; Robert is a farmer of the County of Essex; Samuel, unmarried, is a resident of the County of Essex; Abram L. is a merchant and postmaster at Rondeau, County of Kent; Henry S., born at Rondeau, is now a resident of Amherstburg, a mason by trade. James, born at Rondeau, is married and lives at Chatham; Hiram, unmarried, reisdes in Michigan; Sidney (1) was drowned when a boy of fifteen, while skating at Rondeau, County of Kent; Sidney, unmarried, lives at the old home; Josephine married Harvey Heldrith, a resident of Harwich, who works in a sawmill; Dorothy married Frank Burke, a farmer of the 4th Concession; Sarah L., unmarried, is the youngest of the family.

William R. Stirling grew to manhood at the old farm, near Rondeau, where he received the advantage of a good education, while working on the farm and in his father's brick yard, in the capacity of superintendent. For a number of years he remained with his father, during which time he also learned the trade of carpenter, and later followed that calling, in which he was very successful, having a natural inclination for this class of work. Samples of his skill as a carpenter and builder are shown in various buildings he has erected in Michigan, as well as in the Dominion. In 1896 Mr. Stirling embarked in the business of market gardener in Blenheim, and successfully carried it on for three years, and then removed to Amherstburg, where he engaged in the same line. His next change was to Rondeau, and there for two years he was occupied as a florist, he having erected his own plant. In September, 1901, he purchased real estate in Ridgetown, where he has erected numerous greenhouses, and thoroughly equipped them, and he carries on an extensive trade as a florist, operating his business under the name of the Floral Greenhouses, and carrying a full line of choice plants, shrubs, bulbs, vines, and a complete variety of finest cut flowers. Mr. Stirling is a thorough and practical florist, understanding every detail of his business, having made this branch of industry a study for a number of years. Politically, Mr. Stirling has been identified with the Reform party since casting his first vote. During the time he was a resident of

Rondeau, he was appointed postmaster and held that office for six years. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Church, as were his parents for a number of years. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, at Blenheim. Mr. Stirling is one of the most enterprising business men of Ridgetown, and has firmly established himself in the confidence of his fellow townsmen. Being a self-made man, the success which has attended his efforts is richly merited.

JOHN R. LONGMOORE, a farmer of Raleigh township, County of Kent, upon whom prosperity has smiled, is a grandson of Samuel, and son of Alexander Longmoore, the latter of whom was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1811, and in 1842 came with his father, four brothers and two sisters to Canada, locating at Kingston, Ontario. Five years later he removed to County Kent, and settled on Col. Talbot's property in Raleigh township, on Lot 4, 6th Concession. After three years he became a renter of the Reynolds estate, and died in 1852. He married in County Monaghan Mary, a daughter of John Longmoore, and she was born in 1822, and is still living, being now the widow of William Longmoore, a brother of her first husband. To Alexander and Mary Longmoore were born: John R.; Samuel died in childhood; Sarah, who died in 1884, married John Lee, of Raleigh township; William, a farmer of Raleigh township, married Margaret Mason, and has a family. By her second marriage Mrs. Longmoore had the following children: Martha, married to Thomas Eves, of Raleigh township; Samuel, a farmer of Raleigh township; and Susanna.

John R. Longmoore was born in the city of Kingston, Ont., June 9, 1843. He made good use of the advantages offered him for securing an education, attending both the Raleigh and Central schools at Chatham. At the age of sixteen years he started in on the farm, working there steadily for four years, and then embarked in the salt works at Bay City, Michigan, remaining there about two years. His first farm was located in Dover township, where he resided seven years, but in 1877 he purchased 100 acres of the Reynolds estate in Raleigh township, and has since resided there, engaged in general farming and meeting with success. Politically he is a Conservative, and has served as trustee of the 12th section school, but does not aspire to office. He is a great reader and keeps abreast of current events, especially with reference to political matters. In religious connection he belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Longmoore is a member of the Farmers' Institute of the West Riding of County of Kent, has served as its president eight or nine years, and is now secretary and treasurer; in fact, he has been in office as president or secretary-treasurer since the organization.

In 1867, Mr. Longmoore was married to Sarah Ann Beattie, a native of Seymour, County of Northumberland, Ont., and their children are: Robert Alexander, born Sept. 30, 1868, married Miss Winegarden, and is a farmer of Dover township; Mary Eleanor, born Aug. 3, 1870, married John A. McKinzie, of Manitoba; Anna Laura, born June 9, 1872, married Frederick A. Dolsen, of Raleigh township; William Henry, born Nov. 9, 1873, and now in the steel works at Sault Ste. Marie, married Miss Sarah Ann Smith; John, born April 23, 1884, is at home; and Grace, born Oct. 23, 1887, is at home.

JOSEPH BOOTH. The late Joseph Booth, who passed away Feb. 22, 1893, at the age of sixty-six years, on the farm now occupied by his son, Concession 2, Lot 19, came to the same in 1857. His remains now rest in the Wallaceburg cemetery. He was a son of Joseph and Maria (Eastwood) Booth, natives of Yorkshire, England, who came with their children, in 1827, to Canada, locating in County Lambton, Ont., where the father died in June 1893, aged ninety years, and the mother six months later, aged eighty-seven years. They were devoted members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Joseph; Edward, a farmer of County Lambton; Isaac, deceased; James, a farmer in County Lambton; Daniel and John, deceased; Henry, a farmer in County Lambton; David, deceased; Reuben, a farmer in County Lambton; Benjamin, a resident of Marine City, Michigan; and Hannah M., on the old homestead, wife of Elijah Lampkin, a farmer.

On Aug. 19, 1849, at St. Clair, Michigan, Joseph Booth married Sarah Jenner, and the children born to this marriage were: Sarah,

deceased, who married Walter Savage, and died aged forty-one; John, deceased, who married Cynthia Rogers; Sue, who married John McElroy, a farmer of County Lambton; Maria, who married John Howie, of Wallaceburg; Emma, who married George Pierce, of Wallaceburg, an engineer in the fire department; Bofred M., who married Anna Keeble; Joseph W.; James H.; Mary; and Georgianna.

Mrs. Sarah (Jenner) Booth was born Feb. 17, 1831, near Niagara Falls, Ont., daughter of John and Mary (Millhan) Jenner, natives of County Kent, England, who came to Canada in 1830, and located at Niagara Falls, where Mr. Jenner built a flouring mill. In 1837 he removed to County Kent and settled at Chatham Gore where he built a scow and operated it a few years, and he also built several mills in Canada. His last years were spent on the North Branch of the River Sydenham, on a small farm of ten acres, and there he died May 11, 1890, aged eighty-nine years, his widow following him to the grave on Nov. 29th of the same year, at the same age. Mr. Jenner was a man of prominence and intelligence, and served many years as one of the school trustees. Both he and his wife were members of the Church of England. Their children were: Jane, deceased, who married John Booth; Matthew, deceased, who was drowned at the age of seventy years; Mary A., who died young; Sarah, widow of Joseph Booth; Elizabeth, deceased, who married John James; John, a retired farmer of Wallaceburg; Frances, who married Walter Lewis, of Kansas; and Emma, deceased, who married James Longstaff.

Joseph Booth spent the greater part of his life engaged in agriculture, although in his younger years he worked at the coopering business at Sarnia, and, until his marriage, he worked more or less at lumbering. After that event he settled down to farming, and came to the present fine estate in 1857, when only five acres of the land had been cleared. He was a man of energy and enterprise, and he served as school trustee and in other positions in his township. In politics he was an adherent of the Reform party. Fraternally he belonged to the Masons, and religiously to the Methodist Church.

BOFRED M. BOOTH, a son of the above respected old pioneer, carries on general farming on his estate of fifty acres on Concession 4, Lot 17, Gore of Chatham, to which he removed shortly after his marriage. Until he was twenty-four years of age he remained at home, and then went sailing on the Lakes for five years, and purchased his farm in Chatham Gore four years later.

In April, 1894, at Wallaceburg, Mr. Booth married Anna Keeble, and three attractive and interesting little daughters have been born to this union, namely: Ethel, Mary E. and Sarah M. Mrs. Booth was born Sept. 23, 1869, in County Sligo, Ireland, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Minn) Keeble, who came from County Sligo to County Kent, and settled in the Gore of Chatham in 1886, where the father died in February, 1895, aged sixty-three years. The mother resides on the farm. They belonged to the Presbyterian Church. Their four children are: Anna, Mrs. Booth; George, who farms the old homestead, and Elizabeth and Rebecca, who reside with the mother.

Mr. Booth is identified with the Reform party in politics. He is one of the progressive and successful farmers of this locality, and, like his lamented father, is held in universal esteem in the community.

GEORGE F. SUTER, an enterprising young farmer of Raleigh township, was born in County Halton, Ont., a son of Robert Suter, who came from County Monaghan, Ireland at the age of sixteen years, and located in County Halton, where he followed lumbering and farming, and where he died in 1898, at the age of seventy-three years. He married Elizabeth Topp, who survives him, residing on the home farm of 140 acres, aged seventy years. In politics he was a Reformer. To himself and wife were born these children: John, a farmer; James, a large land owner of Clay county, Minnesota,; Robert, a farmer of Clay county, Minnesota, who died Feb. 19, 1901; George F.; Samuel, proprietor of the hotel at Cass Lake, Minn.; William, who resides on the homestead; David, a farmer; Sarah, who married George Hatter, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Rachel, who married John Phipps, of County Halton; Mary Jane, wife of John McCarthy of Hagersville.

George F. Suter was born Oct. 21, 1862, and grew up in his native County of Halton, attending the district school, and following

farming until he was twenty-seven years of age. At that time he came to the County Kent, and purchased of John Suitor 100 acres on Concession 6, Lot 10, and fifty acres nearby. Here he has since made his home, following general farming. During these years he has owned the property Mr. Suter has made many improvements, and has developed it into one of the best farms in this locality. Among his other improvements may be mentioned a grinding windmill, and a substantial barn. Mr. Suter is a large cattle buyer, and during the year perhaps raises and sells 100 hogs and keeps a herd of fifty cattle. In politics he is a Reformer. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian, and takes an active part in church work. His fraternal affiliations are with the Foresters of South Buxton.

On Sept. 24, 1890, Mr. Suter married Elizabeth Anna Suitor, a daughter of John Suitor, and their children are: Mary Ethel, born in 1891; Stella Bertha, born in 1893; John Arthur, born in 1896; Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1899; and Robert Milton, born in 1901. Mr. Suter is a very successful farmer and public-spirited citizen, and owes his prosperity to his good management and enterprise.

AMBROISE J. THIBODEAU, a prosperous general farmer on Lot 11, 3d Concession, Creek road, residing in a comfortable brick house built by his father in 1882, was born on his present property July 11, 1859, a son of Joseph and Adele (Belanger) Thibodeau, of Montreal, who were married in St. Peter's Church in 1851.

Joseph Thibodeau was born May 3, 1828, and came to the County of Kent with his parents when nine years of age, locating on a farm of seventy-five acres in Pain Court, removing to the farm now owned by our subject in 1881. After remaining two years he returned to the farm where he now makes his home, near Pain Court Corners. His first wife died in 1867, aged forty years, and is buried in Pain Court cemetery, having been a member of that church. Joseph Thibodeau was married twice, his first wife having been Adele Belanger, to whom he was united in 1851, in St. Peter's Church. She bore him children: Mary, married Fedime Bechard, a farmer of Dover township; Joseph is a miner in British Columbia; Ambroise J.; Cyrile is a farmer of Dover township; Ellemire is a sister in a convent at Winnipeg; Lucy married a Nelson; Daniel is a farmer of Dover township. The second wife was Lena Laplante, whom he married in 1872, in Pain Court and by whom there are no children. Mrs. Joseph Thibodeau was born in Montreal, and is a sister of Peter Laplante, of Dover township, whose sketch will be found elsewhere.

On Oct. 30, 1883, Ambroise J. Thibodeau married, in Pain Court, Miss Anna King, and their children are: Adele, Alphonse and Antoinette. Mrs. Thibodeau was born on the old farm in Dover township, Sept. 26, 1864, a sister of Thomas King.

Mr. Thibodeau has lived on his farm all his life, and has added to the original property ninety-six acres, so that he now owns 170 acres, all in excellent condition, and yielding good returns on his investment. He is a member of the C. M. B. A., and of the Catholic Church, as is also his wife. Politically he is a Conservative, and takes an interest in local affairs, although he has never aspired to public office, devoting his time and attention to his work, which in a measure accounts for his success. The family reside in a very handsome home erected by Mr. Thibodeau's father, which is one of the finest in the township, and there they dispense a pleasing hospitality, which welcomes all alike, and shows charity to those in need of help.

JOHN SMYTH, one of the successful and enterprising farmers of Harwich township, residing on Lots 10 and 11, County Kent, Ont., was born on his present home, Aug. 25, 1848, a son of John and Jennie (Small) Smyth, of Harwich, and members of pioneer families of that locality.

John Smyth, Sr., was born in Maghera, County Derry, Ireland, March 14, 1804, while his wife was born in Parish Ballymena, County Antrim, Aug. 3, 1909. They were married in Ireland, Feb. 1, 1828, and emigrated to Canada the same year. Their first settlement was at Brockville, Ont., where the father taught school for nine years, when the family removed to County Kent. The trip across the ocean was made in a sailing vessel, and nine weeks were consumed in the voyage. When the harbor of Quebec was reached, all were delighted, for they were weary with their long trip. In his native land John Smyth was a

teacher, having been fitted for that calling by a fine education, and he was also a clerk in the hardware store of his father James Smyth, one of the largest establishments of its kind in that portion of Ireland.

After reaching County Kent, John Smyth, in 1838, located in Harwich township, where he purchased land on Concession six, and cleared up a fine farm, where he resided until 1846, when he moved his family across the line into Ohio, but after a short residence in that State, he returned to Harwich, and purchased the present home of our subject, on the river Thames. There he erected a small log cabin and stable, and started in as a pioneer for the second time. On this home he died, Jan. 23, 1867, and his wife March 4, 1864. Religiously, they were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and founders of that faith in Harwich township. Politically, Mr. Smyth was a Reformer, and took an active part in local affairs, serving as magistrate for a number of years, and was well versed in legal matters. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: (1) Jane, born in Canada in 1828, now deceased, married Richard Alexander, also deceased, a millwright of Harwich township, and they had two children, Walter D., a telegraph operator, of Ohio; and Martha, deceased. (2) Margaret, born in 1834, married Alexander Robinson, of Grand Traverse county, Michigan, a prominent farmer of that county, who died in Michigan, leaving a wife and four children, John, James, Jennie (deceased, leaving a family) and Mary. (3) Hannah, born in Harwich township, in 1837, married Charles Atkin, a resident of his farm in that township, and they have three children: John, who married Mary Houghson; Hattie, who wedded William Stewart; and Jennie, who married William Neil, of Harwich township. (4) Thomas, born in Harwich township in 1840, married Mariah Wilson, born in Ireland, and they now reside in Beloit, Kansas, where he owns a large cattle ranch, seven miles from Beloit; they have had three children, Thomas, James and John (deceased). (5) Rachael, born in 1842, is unmarried, and resides with her sister, Mrs. Robinson, in Michigan. (6) Charlotte, born in 1844, married James Mitchell, of Chatham, and their three children are, George, Grey and Percy. (7) Mary, born in February, 1846, married James Wood, a prominent contractor of Chatham, who moved to Los Angeles, California, where she died in 1899, leaving no family. (8) Matilda, born April 7, 1851, deceased, married John McKay, of Chatham township, and left a family of three children, Jennie, Arthur and Alexander (deceased). (9) Mattie died young. (10) John.

John Smyth, Jr., grew to manhood on his father's farm, where he received a fair education, and when the latter's health failed, John took charge of affairs. On Dec. 25, 1867, Mr. Smyth married Margaret A. Sloan, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Cowan) Sloan, prominent pioneers of County Kent. Mrs. Smyth was born in Tilbury township, May 28, 1848, and educated in the schools of Harwich township. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smyth settled on the old homestead, where he has erected barns, made improvements, and brought the land into a high state of cultivation. This home farm was left to him and his brother Thomas, but later Mr. Smyth purchased his brother's interest, and also in addition 100 acres on the Side road in Harwich township, and now owns two excellent farms. To himself and wife the following family has been born: Martha J., born Dec. 14, 1868, was well educated in the home schools, and married O. W. Bedford of Chatham, who owns a farm in Harwich township, and they have three children, Gerald, Merle and Audrey; Samuel L., born Feb. 6, 1871, is unmarried and at home; John W., born in January, 1873, married Susie Jewell; Mary J., born in May, 1875, married Hugh McCulley; they reside on his farm in Harwich township, Creek road, and have one son, John; Edward, born Aug. 17, 1878, is unmarried and at home; Maggie, born Aug. 11, 1880, married Archibald Dick, resides on Concession 5, in Harwich township, and has two children, Vera A. and Harold; Luella, born in November, 1883, is a graduate of the home schools, is unmarried and at home; Minnie L., born in January, 1888, attended the home schools, from which she graduated at the age of twelve years, and she is one of the brightest pupils in the county, the pride of parents and teachers alike, now being educated in music at Chatham; she is a very fine organist. The religious affiliations of the family are with the Disciples Church, of Harwich township, and the two sons, Samuel and

John are both officers in that organization, while all take an active part in its work. Politically Mr. Smyth has always been identified with the Conservative party. Few people are more highly etseemed than Mr. Smyth and his family throughout all of County Kent, for they are justly regarded as excellent representatives of the best agricultural interests of that most fertile section, and members of old pioneer stock, their progenitors taking an active part in the civilization of Ontario, and making possible the prosperity of today.

FRANK SUITOR, one of the successful farmers and prosperous residents of Raleigh township, County of Kent, and a son of Samuel Suitor, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, April 16, 1848.

Samuel Suitor was also born in County Monaghan, and there was reared to manhood. He married Elizabeth Dawson, and after his death in 1860, his widow and six sons came to America, locating in Raleigh township. As some of the boys were grown, the family rented a farm from the Reynolds estate, and later these boys purchased the property. The names of these sons were: John, who died in Raleigh township, where he owned a fine farm, Lot 9, Concession 6; James, who lives retired in Chatham; William, a farmer of Raleigh township; Samuel, who located at Oil Springs, Ont., and there died at the age of fifty-six years, leaving a widow; Thomas, a farmer of Raleigh township; and Frank.

Frank Suitor was twelve years of age when brought by his mother to County Kent, and remained at home until he was seventeen, when he went to Oil Springs, Ont., where he operated a stationary engine for two or three years. In 1875 he returned to Ireland, remaining six months, and when he came back to County Kent he formed a partnership with Mr. Allen, the firm doing contract ditching for some time. He then purchased two farms in the 6th Concession, and he now owns 135 acres, on which he carries on mixed farming, selling some 200 hogs and sixty head of cattle annually, he being one of the large stock dealers in the county. In 1894 he erected a nice brick residence at a cost of $3,000, and has one of the most pleasant homes in the township.

In 1882, Mr. Suitor married Mary Graham Colville, a native of Middlesex, Ont., and a lady of refinement and culture. In politics Mr. Suitor is a Conservative, and fraternally he is a Mason. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and stand very high in that denomination. Although Mr. Suitor has won his own way in life, he has always been very successful, and in addition to winning fortune, he has made many friends, all of whom rejoice in his prosperity.

WILLIAM F. PRIMEAU, of the firm of Primeau & Bourdeau, of Pain Court, merchants, and one of the leading business men of Dover township, was born Oct. 20, 1869, at Chatham, a son of Francis and Esther (Goudreau) Primeau, of Pain Court and Quebec, respectively.

Francis Primeau has spent his life in Dover township, with the exception of seven years when he was at Chatham, returning to his native place in 1882. His birth occurred in 1827, and his wife was born in 1828, and both are consistent members of the Catholic Church. They have had children as follows: Joseph, deceased; Helen, married to Anthony St. Peter, of Dover township; Vital, deceased; Hubert, a carriagemaker of Chatham; Emma, of Chatham, who married Perry Ball, an auctioneer; Alice, married to Edward Green, an engineer on the transfer boat "Windsor;" Thomas, of Chatham; Cephore, of Windsor; Mary, deceased; and William F.

On Oct. 2, 1901, William F. Primeau was united in marriage with Miss Louise Bourassa; they have had no children. Mrs. Primeau was born in Pain Court, Dover township, daughter of Moses and Lucy (Thibodeau) Bourassa, prominent farming people of the County of Kent, located in Dover township. Mr. Primeau worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty years of age, when he engaged as a clerk in a grocery store until 1898. After this for eighteen months, he clerked at Windsor, but then returned to Chatham and for eleven months more was engaged as a clerk. His next employment was on a dredge boat, until he formed his present partnership with his brother-in-law, he and Mr. Bourdeau having married sisters. This firm was established in 1902, and, while a new one, the house has already secured a very enviable share of patronage, and their volume of business is steadily increasing. Both young men are very

energetic and enterprising, and their future prosperity is assured. Mr. Primeau is a member of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a stanch Conservative, but he does not aspire to office.

GEORGE W. BOURDEAU, junior member of the firm of Primeau & Bourdeau, merchants of Pain Court, Dover township, County of Kent, successors to S. Lacharite & Co., was born in Chatham, March 22, 1869. He is a son of Francis and Adelaide (Primeau) Bourdeau, of Quebec and the County of Essex, Ont., respectively, both born in 1843, and who were married in Dover township, whither the father had come with his parents when a young man. In early life Francis Bourdeau was a farmer, but later he became a wagon-maker in Chatham, as a member of the firm of Robert & Bourdeau, and conducted the establishment for twenty years. The product of his establishment was all handmade, and justly famed for excellence of quality. In 1890 he retired and returned to Dover township, settling on a farm. A few years later he returned to Chatham, where he was employed in the Chatham wagon works. The Gray Wagon works were established in 1890, and operated by steam, and the product sold at such low figures that competition was impossible. In 1897 Francis Bourdeau removed to the County of Essex, where he is engaged in the Melliner wagon works, being foreman of one of the departments. He and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a stanch Conservative, and was township collector for seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Bourdeau had the following children: Frank, now of Windsor, Ont.; Napoleon, a traveling salesman of London, Ont.; Bella and Louise, at home; George W.; and Delia, deceased.

On Nov. 11, 1890, George W. Bourdeau married Rose Bourassa, and three children have been born to them: Maud, Edna and Joseph G. Mrs. Bourdeau was born in Pain Court, Dover township, in 1837, a daughter of Moses and Lucy (Thibodeau) Bourassa, prominent farming people of Dover township.

Mr. Bourdeau remained with his parents until he was twenty-one, when he left his father's farm and rented one for himself in Pain Court, remaining there until 1892, when he embarked with his brother-in-law, W. F. Primeau, in their present enterprise, which already is showing a very flattering increase in volume of business, owing to the vim and business ability of the two young men. Judging of the future by the present, it is evident that the prosperity of the firm is a certain thing, and Primeau & Bourdeau are to be congratulated upon their success. Fraternally Mr. Bourdeau is a member of the C. O. F. and politically he is a stanch Tory. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bourdeau are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and highly respected in the locality in which they make their home.

JOHN ROSE, a retired farmer and prosperous citizen of Howard, County Kent, was born on Concession 11, near Ridgetown, in September, 1839, son of Donald and Mary (McGinnis) Rose, one of County Kent's old pioneer families.

Donald Rose was born on the Island of Mull, Scotland, in 1802, and his wife was a native of the same place, where they grew to maturity and married, coming to Canada as early as 1737. They settled near Ridgetown, on land purchased of Charles Grant. On this Mr. Rose built a log house, and they started life as pioneers. The wife passed away in 1849, but the father lived until 1884, residing upon his property. Both were strong Presbyterians, and Donald Rose was one of the founders of the church of that denomination at Ridgetown. Their family was as follows: Christine, born in 1837, married Henry Nicholas, a farmer of Harwich, and they have one daughter, Mary Rose; Mary Rose, born in 1841, married Malcolm Smith, of Howard, who settled north of Ridgetown on the Orford line, where she died, leaving seven children, Malcolm, Edward, John, Blake, Margaret (wife of Thomas Logan, who resides in Columbus, Ohio), Ethi (of Ohio), and Maryette (unmarried); Caroline, born at the old home in 1845, married James Robinson, of Ridgetown; Ephy, born at the old home in 1847, married George Thompson, and resides on the old Rose homestead; Margaret, born in Howard in 1849, unmarried; Neil died when nineteen years old; John is the eldest and only surviving son.

John Rose was reared to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his education at the schools of Ridgetown. When still quite young,

his father made him manager of the farm, thus starting him in business early in life. In 1868 he purchased fifty acres from Joseph Patterson, and on it he settled. This property was near the lake shore on the town line, and he continued to add to this purchase until he now owns 240 acres—all in one body—of as fine farming land as can be found in this section of country; all of this is well cultivated, and the greater portion of it Mr. Rose cleared himself and placed under the plow. His residence is a handsome brick structure, erected by him, and it is furnished with all modern appliances. Since settling upon this property, Mr. Rose has made many improvements, and his barns, outbuildings, fences and farm machinery are in excellent condition and the embodiment of modern ideas.

Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte A. Conway, daughter of David and Celesta (Lee) Conway, very prominent people of County Kent. David Conway was born in England in 1824, while his wife was born at Ochre, Canada, in 1833. They were married Oct. 10, 1848, and settled at Stony Creek, County Haldimand, remaining there for some time. In 1869 they removed to the Lake Shore in Howard, where Mr. Conway bought the Jewett farm and remained until his death, in March, 1901, his wife having passed away there in 1899. They were the parents of the following children: Charles W., of Southampton, born in 1851; Joseph M., born in 1855, a resident of Dunwich, Canada; John D., born in 1859, a resident of Botany; George B., born in 1863, who died in 1881; William P., born in 1871, resident of Harwich; Francis, born in 1878, now of Howard; Hannah C., wife of Elijah Smith, of Howard; Celesta A., wife of John Garman, of Tillsonburg; Miriam, wife of Charles Smith, of Orford; Mrs. John White, of Howard; Harriet E., who married John Walters of Howard; Louisa B., who resides in Howard; Alice M., who married John Fredericks, of Charing Cross; Mrs. Rose.

Mrs. Rose was born in 1849, and educated in the Hamilton schools, and she is a lady of culture and refinement. To Mr. and Mrs. Rose four children have been born: Alberta, born in 1871, was educated in the Howard schools, and now resides with her parents, a most accomplished young lady; Wallace, born in 1873, unmarried, manages his father's farm; Martha, born in 1877, is also a most charming young lady, and lives at home; Annie S., born in 1878, is the youngest.

The religious convictions of Mr. and Mrs. Rose make them members of the Presbyterian Church. All his life Mr. Rose has been actively identified with the Reform party. From the time Mr. Rose was made manager for his father, he began to save money with the idea of obtaining a home of his own, and as soon as he was able he purchased the first fifty acres. To this somewhat small beginning, he has added largely. His methods are modern, and he thoroughly understands the science of farming. Much observation, extensive reading and the power of understanding what comes under his personal notice, has made Mr. Rose a man of broad ideas, deep sympathy, and as he is gifted as a conversationalist, his influence is keenly felt in his neighborhood, while in his own family he is almost idolized. All who know Mr. Rose unite in praising his many excellent traits of character, and in testifying to his honorable, Christian character and upright manner of dealing, it being his purpose to govern his life by the Golden Rule.

RICHARD PORTER, a retired business man of Ridgetown, and one of the leading factors in the development of that community, was born in Lancashire, England, April 26, 1831, a son of William and Jane (Mitton) Porter.

William Porter was born in Lancashire, England, in 1807, and his wife, the estimable daughter of Joseph Mitton, an early pioneer of Ridgetown, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1807. William Porter was a contractor and builder of some note in his native land, where he died in 1854, deeply mourned as a kind and loving husband and father. Richard Porter, the eldest of the nine children, was then a young man of twenty-three, and upon his father's death he emigrated with his mother and brothers (except one) and sisters to the New World, where his maternal grandparents had preceded them, and he located on a home purchased in Ridgetown. Here the younger members grew up under the tender supervision of Richard and the mother.

Before leaving England, Mr. Porter had learned the trade of barber, but as Ridgetown

was then a village, he took advantage of the fact that he was well educated, and entered the store of Thomas Rushton as a clerk. As soon as the business would pay, he opened a barber shop, and for six years was very successful at his trade. About this time, he decided to go upon the road, and for a number of years was a traveling salesman in various lines, always meeting with success. As he was able to accumulate money, he judiciously invested it in Ridgetown real estate, and later erected the "Union," a store building, in one of the finest brick business blocks in the town. He also owns a pleasant home on York street, and is now one of Ridgetown's most wealthy and influential citizens. Although starting in life without any capital, and having the care of a widowed mother and eight brothers and sisters, he forged steadily ahead, and his remarkable and well merited success is not only gratifying to him, but also to those who know and appreciate his many excellent traits of character. Mr. Porter never married, his life being filled with the care of those left dependent upon him, in whose success he has always taken so deep an interest. To them all and their children he is doubly dear, for much that they have in life is due to his untiring efforts. The revered mother died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Van Alstine, in Ridgetown, in 1883, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which she had long been an earnest member. Her virtues were many, for she was a good, Christian woman, devoted to her home and children.

Mary E. Porter, who was second in the family born to Mr. and Mrs. William Porter, was born in England in 1833, and married in Ridgetown, J. V. Van Alstine of that locality, who was born in County Cornwall, Canada, in August, 1828. Their marriage took place in 1856, and they settled in Ridgetown, where Mr. Van Alstine worked at his trade of carriage builder, until within a few years of his death, in November, 1901, and he was one of Ridgetown's successful business men. When he died, he left his family a fine residence and other property located on York street. He was widely known in Ridgetown and the surrounding country, and had many friends, and he was an active member of the Methodist Church, and a high minded, Christian man. His family consisted of four children: Mary Emma, born in Ridgetown, there received a high school education, and for a number of years was a successful teacher in the public schools, but is now the wife of William Corkell, and they reside in the northwestern part of the Dominion (they have no family); Edith received an excellent high school education, and is now one of the leading teachers of County Kent, holding a No. 1 certificate from the county in which she is now teaching, and she is a lady of highest culture and refinement; James W., born in Ridgetown, unmarried, is a carpenter of Cleveland, Ohio; Nellie, born at Ridgetown, died at the age of twenty-three years.

Joseph Porter, the third child of William Porter, was born in England, in 1835, and married Miss Anna Ryckman, who died in Ridgetown, leaving two children,—John and Nellie. John is now a resident of Alaska, while Nellie lives with her father. In 1879, Joseph Porter moved to Portland, Oregon, where he resides, retired from active business life. After locating in Portland, Joseph Porter married again, but has no family by his second wife.

William Porter, born in England in 1836, remained in his native country, where he married, and now has two children.

Ellen Porter, born in England in 1838, married Henry Wilder, of Detroit, now deceased, and has two sons,—Henry and Charles.

John Porter, born in England in 1840, learned the trade of shoemaker in Ridgetown, but emigrated to the States when a young man, and has never been heard of since by his family.

Robert Porter, born in England, grew to manhood in Ridgetown, but when a young man went to Illinois, and after some time, located in Cherokee county, Iowa, and there has a fine farm and is the father of five children.

Henry Porter, born in England, was reared in Ridgetown, and early in life went to Detroit, where he learned the jeweler's trade, and later became a student of Columbia College, where he studied law. Later he located in the city of Detroit as an attorney, and married Miss Martha Ferguson of Cincinnati, a

member of one of the old pioneer families of that state. They have three children,—Walter, Eva and Alfred.

Anna J. Porter, born in England, was well educated in the Ridgetown high schools, and for some years was one of the town's most successful teachers. She is now the wife of Elijah Kitchen of Ridgetown, and they reside in St. Thomas, having two sons,—Roy and Charles.

Politically, Mr. Richard Porter has always been identified with the Conservative party, and for four or five years, has ably served in the Ridgetown council. A man who has proven himself so devoted a son and brother, an honorable public official, cannot but have many appreciative friends, and he is held in highest esteem, not only by them, but by all who know him.

STEPHEN LINDSAY, proprietor of Lindsay's brick yard in Gore of Chatham, and one of the enterprising business men of the township, resides on Lot 24, and owns a farm of sixty acres, upon which he erected his present plant in 1885. This plant has a capacity of 2,000,000 brick annually, and employment is given to thirteen people. Mr. Lindsay was born at Quinte, County of Hastings, Feb. 18, 1843, son of Henry and Martha (Morrison) Lindsay, of County of Hastings, who removed to Oil Springs, County of Kent in 1859, he being an oil refiner, but his declining years were spent in farming. His death occurred in Camden township, in 1879, when he was sixty-four years of age. Fraternally he was a member of the Orange Lodge and the Good Templars. His widow died in 1886, aged seventy-six years, and is buried at Dresden. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born to this worthy couple were: John, deceased; William V., a farmer of County Lambton; Matilda of Dresden, who married Jason Jackson; Stephen; Alfred, deceased; Martha, who married Daniel McGinnis, of Gore of Chatham; Sanford, a Canadian fisherman; Sarah E., of Dresden, who married C. Spencer; Irvin, a former of Gore of Chatham; Araminta, deceased, who married Ike Danford; and George, deceased.

Stephen Lindsay married twice, first, in 1867, in Camden township, Jane McGinnis, and she bore him the following family: George married Jennie Conoloff, of the Gore of Chatham; Olive married Henry Spencer, of the Gore of Chatham; Mattie married Edward Shaw, of the Gore of Chatham; Norris is deceased; and Noble is an engineer with his father. All the children are doing very well. Mrs. Lindsay was born in Glengarry, Ont.; she died in 1883, aged forty years, and is buried in the Salem Church cemetery. She was the daughter of Daniel and Olive McGinnis, of Glengarry, who were early settlers of the County of Kent. In 1887 Mr. Lindsay was married to Miss Ella Sutherland, and the children born of this union are: Earl, Lena, Dora, Odrey and Alton J. Mrs. Lindsay was born in County Lambton, daughter of James and Almina (Annal) Sutherland, of Scotland, who removed to County Kent in an early day, and now make their home in the Gore of Chatham, where he is a farmer.

Mr. Lindsay began the battle of life for himself at the early age of fifteen years, and for a few years engaged in whatever employment promised to give him a means of earning an honest living. It was not long, however, before he was contracting to drill oil wells, and by the time he was twenty-five years of age, he was able to purchase a farm, upon which he has resided ever since. Discovering that the soil of his farm was suitable for brick making, he worked for a brick manufacturer for a year, during which time he thoroughly mastered the details of the business, and then erected his present extensive plant, prospering accordingly. As he understands all the work, he is able to direct intelligently his operations. As his methods are strictly honorable, his product first class, he controls a very flattering and steadily increasing trade, and sells over a wide territory. In politics Mr. Lindsay is a Conservative, but he has been too much occupied with his private affairs to take an active part in public matters. He has many friends throughout the county, and is justly numbered among its representative and substantial farmers and business men.

HENRY BIRKINSHAW, a retired farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, residing on the 6th Concession, Lot 5, was born in Yorkshire, England, May 19, 1831, a son of John and Elizabeth Birkinshaw. The

parents were both born in England, the father in 1789, and the mother in 1807. John Birkinshaw died in England, leaving one son, Henry, and his widow married Benjamin Maplebeck, who came to Canada in 1861.

Henry Birkinshaw was reared in England, where he received a fair education. Believing that Canada offered more opportunities for advancement than the old world, he emigrated in 1858 to the Dominion, making the trip on a sailing vessel to Quebec, the voyage taking six weeks. While on the voyage, Mr. Birkinshaw met his wife, then Miss Emma Dawson, and this acquaintance ripened into love, so that on Jan. 25, 1859, the two were united in marriage, in Howard township. Here they settled on a rented farm in Howard township, and remained three years. By this time Mr. Birkinshaw had accumulated sufficient money to purchase fifty acres, a portion of his present farm. To this he added the farm owned by the Spencer heirs, on the Howard Road, and is now the possessor of two as good farms as can be found in the County of Kent. His outbuildings are in excellent condition, the land is cleared and very productive, and the prosperity which has attended his efforts is but the logical result of his energy, thrift and progressive methods. Mrs. Birkinshaw was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1840, and died at the home farm in 1892, leaving eleven children: John, the eldest, born in December, 1859, reared upon the home farm, moved in 1887 to San Francisco, where he is employed as a carpenter; he is unmarried. Henry, born in 1861, married Miss Maria Martin, who died leaving two sons, George and John H., who are unmarried and at home on the farm in Howard. Joseph, born in July, 1863, died in young manhood, in 1889. George, born in 1865, married Miss Jessie Wittington, of Harwich township, and has seven children, William, Charles, Lena, Ivan, James, Emma and Elsie; he resides in Howard, on his farm. James, born in Howard, Dec. 4, 1867, reared at home, in 1887 moved to Ventura county, Cal., where he is engaged in general farming and fruit growing, and is one of the wealthy young men of his locality; he is unmarried. Thomas, born April 4, 1870, is employed on a farm at Charing Cross, Raleigh, County of Kent, and is unmarried. Samuel B., born in May, 1872, married Miss Nettie Smith, of Ridgetown, and they now reside on the 6th Concession, where he is engaged in farming; they have two children, Earl and Beulah. Mary, born in October, 1874, married John McEntyre, and they live on a farm in Harwich; they have no family. William, born in August, 1876, unmarried, spent a few years with his brother on the Pacific coast, and is now manager of the home farm. Margaret, born March 29, 1879, married George Goodman, who resides at the home of Mr. Birkinshaw, and they have a daughter, Emma V. Maria, born Sept. 28, 1883, unmarried, resides on the Pacific coast, and with her Mr. Birkinshaw spent a most delightful winter during 1902, remaining until June of that year.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Birkinshaw were both members of the Church of England, but after coming to Canada they connected themselves with the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Birkinshaw has been very active, having acted as class-leader, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and in various other capacities. Though a staunch Conservative, he never has aspired to office. The family is one well and favorably known throughout all of the County of Kent, its members being men of probity and honor, and successful in their various vocations. Mr. Birkinshaw's example has always urged his children upward and onward, and among his wide circle of friends he is justly regarded as a man of gentle Christian character and large charities, one who endeavors to live up to the faith he professes.

STANISLAS GERVAIS, one of the successful farmers of Dover township, residing on Lot 2, Concession 4, County Kent, was born in Pain Court, this township, Nov. 26, 1849, a son of Stanislas and Mary (Alliar) Gervais, of Montreal.

Stanislas Gervais came to County Kent in 1844, settled in Pain Court, and there remained, engaged in farming, and became postmaster of Dover Station, continuing in the same office eleven years. For several years he also served as license inspector. His death occurred in 1872, when he was aged forty-seven years, while his wife died in 1881, aged fifty-seven years, and they are buried at Plain Court cemetery, being members of the church of that name. In politics Mr. Gervais was a

Conservative and a prominent man. The children born to him and his wife were as follows: Joseph, a clerk of St. Paul, Minnesota; Stanislas; Mary, who died young; Anthony, a clerk in Los Angeles county, California; Henry, of Alaska; Fedime, of Chicago, Illinois; Halbert, who died in 1893. The paternal grandparents were Joseph and Derota Gervais, of Montreal, where they were engaged in farming, and where they died.

On Feb. 11, 1873, Mr. Gervais was married to Mary Peltier, and their children are as follows: Emma, who married Noah Cassidy, a farmer of Dover township; Jennie, who married Vital Duphette, a farmer of Dover township; Theodore, a farmer of Dover township; Louisa, Jeremiah, Helen, Hannah, Bella, Maud, Dolore, Vital and Gaspard, all at home; and Joe, Solomon and Mary, deceased. Mrs. Gervais was born in Dover township, in May, 1856, a daughter of Louis and Jennie (Beaugrand) Peltier, of County Kent, where the former was a farmer.

Mr. Gervais remained with his parents until their deaths, when he moved to his present farm of fifty acres, with 100 acres adjoining, in October, 1860. This property, under his able management, has become very valuable, and he is regarded as one of the most prosperous agriculturists in Dover township. In politics he is a Conservative, and from 1891 to 1902, he was township assessor continuously, with the exception of two years. He and his wife are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church, and their children have been reared in the same faith.

JOSEPH M. SMYTH, a prominent farmer of Lot 13, Concession 13, Harwich township, was born in that township, July 1, 1869, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Lundy) Smyth, old pioneers of County Kent.

Henry Smyth was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in April, 1820, and his wife, Elizabeth Lundy, was born in April, 1840, in Hamilton, Ont., a daughter of Robert Lundy, who came from Ireland at a very early day, locating in Hamilton, where he lived for some years, and then, in 1844, moved to Harwich township. There he remained until his death. The parents of Henry Smyth were William and Bridget Smyth, who emigrated to Canada in 1844, a year after their son, Henry. These parents settled in Harwich, and there lived and died. They had three sons and one daughter: William, a saddler, was one of the very early settlers of Chatham, where he died, leaving a family of six children; Robert died on the old homested in Harwich, leaving a family of thirteen children, of whom George and his mother still live on the home farm; Eliza, now deceased, married James Smyth, who came from Scotland, settling on a farm near Chatham, where they both died, leaving seven children, of whom Robert M. is still on the old homestead; and Henry.

Henry Smyth, father of Joseph M., grew to manhood in Ireland, where he received a good education, and he was a well read and scholarly young man when he came to Canada. For about ten years after locating in Canada he spent every winter in the lumber regions of Michigan. In 1849, fired with excitement, he emigrated to the gold fields of California, where he spent three years as one of the successful gold miners, making considerable money by his labors. In 1853, he returned to Canada, and settled near his father's farm in Harwich township, and married. His property was wild when he purchased it, but he made many improvements upon it, and left a fine property to his children, when he died, in 1897. His wife, Elizabeth Lundy, resides in Chatham. Mr. Smyth was a man of probity, enterprise and genial manner, and one who made friends wherever he went. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smyth: Maggie, the only daughter, died in childhood; Robert L. Smyth, born in 1861, married (first) Miss Lavina Knapp, who died leaving two children,—Henry and Susan, and he married (second) Miss Sophie Moore, of Harwich, by whom he has one son, Samuel. They reside on Lot 21, Concession 1, Communication road. James F., born in 1864, residing on Lot 23, Concession 2, married Miss Grace Neil, of Harwich, and has had seven children, Elizabeth, Neil, Maggie, Grace, Susan, Joseph (deceased), and Annie; Harry R., born in 1871, now resides on the old homestead, married Miss Bertha Moore, of Harwich, and has one son, Henry; and Joseph M.

Joseph M. Smyth was reared upon the homestead farm, and during the winter months attended school, while in summer he worked on the farm. In 1889 he settled on his present home of 150 acres, purchased for him by his

father, and which was then known as the Kelly farm. This property he has greatly improved in every way, and made of it one of the finest farms in the township.

In December, 1893, Mr. Smyth married Miss Bernice Bedford, of Harwich, born in June, 1873, the daughter of Albert and Maria (Winters) Bedford, pioneers of Harwich. Albert Bedford was the son of Abram Bedford, who came from Pennsylvania during the War of 1812, and settled on the river Thames. Mr. and Mrs. Smyth, who have no children of their own, have an adopted daughter, Miss Violet Arnold, a charming young girl, upon whom is lavished much tender love and care. Mrs. Smyth is a very accomplished and pleasant lady, whose circle of friends is large, and who enjoys in highest degree a well deserved popularity. Mr. Smyth, like his father, is a strong Conservative, and although he takes an interest in local affairs, has never desired office. Religiously he was reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, to whose good work he gives very liberally. Few families occupy a higher position in the pioneer history of Canada, than does that of Smyth. Although its representatives are not sung of in verse, or their deeds exploited in stirring historic accounts, yet they all bore more than their part in the development of Canada, and made possible the wonderful state of civilization now existing, and cleared the path for the progress of the car of advancement. Joseph M. Smyth is sustaining his part of the work, and is public-spirited and charitable, lending his influence and substantial aid to all objects calculated to prove of benefit to the community or to the public at large.

NAPOLEON CARON, one of the successful young general farmers of Dover township, and conducting a prosperous threshing business at Pain Court, was born Dec. 23, 1863, and remained with his parents until his location upon his present farm. This valuable property consists of 100 acres, all of which was wild when he settled upon it. During the first three years, so energetic was he, he succeeded in clearing off fifty acres. All the buildings, including a modern brick residence erected by him in 1899, are in excellent condition, and the entire premises indicate that the owner is prosperous, enterprising and thrifty. Besides his farming he is also engaged in the threshing business, in which he has been very successful. His enterprise and good management have enabled him to forge ahead, and he is justly regarded as one of the solid, substantial men of Dover township.

In February, 1884, in Pain Court, Mr. Caron and Emile Bechard were married, and they have had a large family of children: Louis, Lena, Hector (deceased), Dolore, Ladislas, Ozios, Wilfred, Elsa (deceased), Real, and Ernest (deceased). Mrs. Caron was born in Pain Court, and is a sister of H. U. Bechard, of Dover township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Caron are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are very active in its good work. In politics Mr. Caron is a Conservative, but has never taken an active part in local affairs.

FEDIME BECHARD, a successful and enterprising farmer on Lot 5, 4th Concession, Dover township, County of Kent, located on the Ticky Tacky and 4th Concession roads, was born near Montreal, Feb. 10, 1857, a son of Moses and Lena Bechard, of Montreal, where they were married and remained until 1870. At that date the parents came to Dover township, and there farmed, the father dying in 1882, aged fifty-seven years; he is buried in Pain Court cemetery. The mother, who was born in 1832, resides in Dover township. She is a member of the Catholic Church, as was her husband. The children born to this union were as follows: Phimmie is married to Philbert Bourassa, a farmer of Dover township; Rev. Alfred, a priest, educated at Montreal, is now at Belle River, Ont.; Fedime is mentioned below; Lizzie remains with her mother; Mary is also with her mother; Gergina married Joseph Yott, of Merlin, Ont., who is in the hotel business; Joseph is deceased; Frank resides in Chatham; James is a druggist; Emeddie is with her mother.

On Nov. 28, 1879, in Pain Court, Mr. Bechard was married to Mary Thibodeau, and their children are: Anna, Alfred, Alma, Joseph, Napoleon, Henry, Mary L., Wilfred and Eva. Mrs. Bechard was born in Pain Court, Feb. 6, 1856, a daughter of Joseph and Adele (Belanger) Thibodeau, of Montreal, the former of whom came to Dover township at the age of nine years, and resides

in Pain Court; he is now seventy-five years of age.

Mr. Bechard remained with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on his present farm of 150 acres and since then has carried on successfully the work of operating his property. Under his able management his farm has become one of the best in the township, and he takes a pride in his belongings. He is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and is very popular in that order. All the members of his family are connected with the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Bechard gives his political support to the Reform party, but he has never desired office. Enterprising, thrifty, public-spirited, he is one of the representative men of the community, and one who holds and deserves the respect of his neighbors.

JAMES RUSHTON. The Rushton family is of Welsh extraction, and the first of whom any definite information can be obtained is Isaac Rushton, the great-grandfather of James, a native of Wales, who emigrated to the States prior to the Revolution. On the outbreak of the war he emigrated to Nova Scotia, being one of the United Empire Loyalists, and there died. He married and in his family of children were: Esther, Philip, Jacob and others.

Jacob Rushton, the grandfather of James, was born in Nova Scotia, and married Nancy Brown, a native of Nova Scotia. In 1825 they located on the present site of Rushton Corners (named after the family), Lot 7, town line Range, of Howard township, County of Kent, Ontario, and there the grandfather died in about 1847, and his wife in about 1838. They were the parents of the following children: Richard B., Thomas, Esther, George O., Charlotte (Mrs. James W. Brown), Jasper and Jeremiah.

Richard Brown Rushton, the father of James, was born in Nova Scotia in 1813, and was a mere child when brought to the County of Kent by his parents. Upon reaching manhood's estate he followed farming and the trade of a carpenter, owning a fine farm on Lot 8, town line Range, Howard township, and there his death occurred in 1857. In politics he was a Liberal and held the office of justice of the peace and assessor of Howard township. Religiously he was a member of the Methodist Church, in which he took an active part and was very popular. In 1832 he married Miss Nancy Lambert, and one child, James, was born to this union.

James Rushton was born on Lot 8, town line Range, Howard township, County of Kent, November 23, 1833, and there he lived, engaged in farming, until 1878, when he settled in Ridgetown, and embarked in the grain business, also dealing largely in stocks. He met with unqualified success in this line. He has always been prominently identified with local affairs, and has held most acceptably the office of reeve of Ridgetown for two years; is justice of the peace; was member of the council of Ridgetown for twelve years; was assessor of Howard township for two years; and in 1889 was elected as treasurer of Ridgetown, and has held this office ever since. So highly were his services as treasurer appreciated in the A. O. U. W. lodge at Ridgetown, of which he has been a member for twenty-one years, that when he retired from that office he was presented with a fine gold watch. While living in Howard township he was a member of the town school board for sixteen years, and has filled the same position in Ridgetown for eighteen years, having been in such position altogether thirty-five years. His political opinions make him a Liberal, and he has always been very firm in his support of the principles of that party.

Mr. Rushton was married, in 1857, to Mary Smith, of Howard township, born in that township in 1835, a daughter of Angus Smith. To this union were born the following children: Margaret, who married William Rowe, of Elenheim, has two children, Cecil and Luila; Richard died young; Nancy died young; Angus died young; Alice married John Craig, and has one daughter, Lula; Liva married Wilbur Scane, and has three children, Neda, Harold, and Jean; Ella married Prof. Workman, of Chatham; Rolland is in the Northwest; Mabel is at home; Edith married E. S. Hugles, who is station agent at Comber.

Although now seventy years of age Mr. Rushton is very active, looking after his large interests and taking part in local affairs and educational matters, and is justly regarded as a leading representative of the pioneers of this locality. His pleasant, genial manner has

gained for him many friends, and he is highly esteemed throughout the county, as well as among his intimates. In the A. O. U. W. and Masonic fraternities he is very popular.

JOHN C. SIMPSON, a retired farmer and one of the prominent and representative men of Gore of Chatham belongs to an old family of County of Northumberland, Ont., where he was born, in Brighton township, Oct. 12, 1823.

The Simpson family is of English extraction, and was first founded in America in the State of South Carolina. In 1797 its members left the Colonies and came to Canada, settling in County Northumberland. The parents of Mr. Simpson, Jeremiah and Jerana (Weas) Simpson, came to County of Kent in 1851, and located in the Gore of Chatham, where the father died in 1864, aged seventy-one years. The mother survived until 1900, reaching the patriarchal age of ninety-five years. They were most estimable people, and long were valued members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Malissa, deceased wife of Moses Herrington; Matilda, deceased wife of Stephen Vincent; Peter, who died in young manhood; John C., of this sketch; Obediah, deceased; Catherine, deceased wife of Jonathan Vincent; William, a farmer at Oswald, Ont.; George, deceased; Sarah, wife of James Way, of County of Northumberland; Jeremiah, who died in 1901; Edwin, deceased; Edgar, of Bay City, Michigan; James, deceased; Norman, a carpenter at Dresden, Ont.; Hiram, of Chatham Gore, deceased; Davis, of Michigan; Emily A., wife of Asa Comk, of Courtright, Ont.; and Benjamin, a farmer of Lambton, Ontario.

Until he was nineteen years of age, Mr. Simpson remained with his parents, during this time attending school and learning the practical duties of farming. Then he spent three years as an apprentice to the cabinet-making trade, and subsequently worked at the same for ten years, as a journeyman. When he began farming he rented land in Yarmouth township, County of Elgin, for two years, from his mother-in-law, and then came, in 1854, to his present farm. It consisted of ninety acres on Concession one, Lot 30, but he has disposed of all but forty acres. This property has been well managed, and has yielded a very satisfactory return, making one of the very attractive and comfortable homes of this section.

Mr. Simpson was married (first) at Brighton, Ont., to Lieucealieal Penny, and the children of this union were: Gabriella R., who married Lanson Mickle, a farmer of Amherstburg, Ont.; Cornelia M., deceased, the wife of Washington Walker; Helen O., who died young; Lieucealieal, who married James Henderson, of Michigan. The mother of these children was born June 24, 1825, in Jefferson county, New York, and died Feb. 20, 1853, and was interred in Yarmouth township, County of Elgin. On Jan. 10, 1854, in Yarmouth township, Mr. Simpson was married (second) to Almira Huff, born in County of Elgin, Jan. 31, 1834, daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Heaton) Huff, the former of Bay of Quinte, and the latter of New Jersey, both of old Quaker families. Abraham Huff was a farmer, and died in County of Elgin in 1851, aged forty-four years. His widow died in Michigan in 1873, aged sixty-six years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Huff were: Sarah, deceased wife of Hiram Wilson; Mary, who died young; Lydia, who died young; Almira; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Manderville, of Michigan; John, who died in 1902; William, of Baldwin, Kansas, and James, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Simpson were: Sarah J., widow of Ira Forshee, of Dresden, Ont.; William H., an engineer at Hamilton, Ont.; Miss Emma R., at home; Alonzo, who died aged two and a half years; and Dr. John M., a dentist, residing at home.

In his political preference Mr. Simpson has always been a Conservative. At various times he has filled offices of responsibilty, serving as school trustee for twenty years, and for one year as township councillor. His discharge of all public duties was honest and upright, and met with the approval of his fellow citizens. Both he and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Church at Tupperville.

Mr. Simpson belongs to the band of pioneers in this locality, and has taken a vital interest in the development of all this section. Retaining all his mental powers as well as physical activity, Mr. Simpson proves a delightful host, and his recollections of this part of the county, its early struggles and triumphs,

and of the coming and going of many families, make the biographer regret that space prevents the interesting recital from appearing here. Both he and family are held in the highest esteem in the Gore of Chatham.

JOHN REGAN, one of the successful farmers of Harwich township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 13, Concession 3, was born in that township in November, 1864. He is a son of John and Johannah (Donovan) Regan, old pioneers of Harwich township, who were born in County Cork, Ireland, and came to Canada in 1848. They were married in Canada, and then located in Detroit, Michigan, remaining there until 1857, when they came to Harwich township and settled on the present homestead, which was then wild land. Their first dwelling was a little log cabin situated in the midst of dense woods. In time, through industry and perseverance, a fine farm was developed, and the father lived to see the wilderness develop into one of the best farming communities of the Dominion. His death occurred in June, 1893, but the mother still survives and is still living at the old homestead, aged over seventy-eight years. In religion Mr. Regan was a consistent Catholic, as are his wife and family. Their children were as follows: Annie married Joseph Zink, a prominent farmer of Harwich township, and they have a family. James, born in 1857, was reared on the homestead and there lived until his death, in 1893. Ellen, born in 1859, died in young womanhood. John, the youngest, is the subject proper of this sketch.

John Regan was brought up on his father's farm, receiving a fair education. He and his brother James assisted their father in clearing up the large farm, consisting of 180 acres, and since the death of the father, John has been general manager of the homestead. He is an energetic, progressive farmer, public-spirited and interested in all matters tending toward the good of the community. Always taking an interest in educational matters, he is one of the active trustees of the school board of Harwich township, and politically he is a Conservative and one of the workers of his party. Mr. Regan is one of the sterling characters to be found in communities where the men are upright and the women high minded.

With her husband Mrs. Regan endured the many trials and privations incident to pioneer life and brought up her family in the fear of the Lord. She is not only beloved in her immediate family, but throughout the entire neighborhood, and her stories of the days when the country was young, half a century ago, are entertaining enough to be placed in book form. John, her only son now living, is a man of worth, as was his father, and he is esteemed by all who know him for his many manly qualities, exemplary character and unswerving integrity.

SAMUEL SUITOR, a prosperous young farmer of Raleigh township, County of Kent, is a grandson of Samuel Suitor, a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, where he lived and died, passing away in 1860. He married Elizabeth Dawson, who, with her six sons emigrated, and located in Raleigh township.

John Suitor, the eldest of these sons, and father of our subject, made the trip a short time prior to his mother and brothers, and rented of the Reynolds family. In 1875 he purchased the farm of 100 acres in Lot 9, which he had been occupying, and later bought another farm of 130 acres adjoining, both of which properties he possessed at the time of his death, which occurred Feb. 20, 1897, when he was sixty-two years of age. In politics he was a Conservative, and in religious matters was a Presbyterian. In Raleigh township he was married to Elizabeth Graham, who died at the age of thirty-six years. To this union were born in the following family: Samuel; Sarah married Thomas Dixon of Allegany county, N. Y.; Elizabeth married George F. Suter, a farmer of Raleigh township.

Samuel Suitor was born on the present John Lee farm in Raleigh township, Nov. 8, 1865, and he enjoyed the advantage of the township schools. After he grew to manhood, he inherited the homestead farm, and here he carries on farming, making a success of his life work. In politics he is a Conservative, and takes an interest in local affairs, although he has never desired office. He and his wife and family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally Mr. Suitor is a member of the Foresters of Buxton.

On Nov. 11, 1896, Mr. Suitor married Ida Rouse, daughter of the late Samuel Rouse, of Harwich township, one of the early settlers of

the County of Kent. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Suitor: Elizabeth Anna, John Sylvestor and Edward Clifford. Although still a young man Mr. Suitor is one of the township's representative men, and he enjoys in highest degree the confidence of the entire community. His farming operations are carried on upon lines which insure success, as he thoroughly understands the science of farming, and his profits upon his investment are very satisfactory, owing to his ability, enterprise and good management.

JOHN GRANT. As a successful overseer of one of the best improved farms in Dover township, manager of the solidly prosperous Hedge Fence Company, of Chatham, and an influential member of the county council, Mr. Grant is proving himself a man of many resources, well qualified for almost any position in life. Possessed of a keen, active intellect, he discharges his various duties with ease and thoroughness.

Mr. Grant was born on the farm where he now resides, Oct. 2, 1862, son of William and Mary (McIntosh) Grant. William Grant, son of James and Elizabeth (Brown) Grant, is now a retired agriculturist residing with his son John on the family homestead. He was for years one of the most prominent men in Dover township. Born in Coldingham, Berwickshire, Scotland, April 24, 1827, he was about fifteen years old when he came to Ontario and settled in Chatham township. Here he learned farming, and upon reaching manhood chose that occupation for his life work. In Chatham, April 10, 1856, he married Mary McIntosh, who was born in Scotland in November, 1831, daughter of Robert and Jane (James) McIntosh, well-to-do farming people who were also engaged in the hotel business in their native country. Mrs. Grant died Jan. 29, 1889, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant: Robert, who died young; John, mentioned below; Thomas, a blacksmith, residing in Jackson, Mich.; William, a farmer of Northcote, Minnesota; Mary, twin of William, who married James Jack, a farmer of Dover township; Robert, a farmer of Dover township, and Maggie, who married David Barr, a farmer.

In 1855, the year prior to his marriage, Mr. Grant settled upon a 100-acre tract in Dover township, where he has since resided. From year to year he has cleared up new tracts, put large areas under cultivation and added many valuable improvements, making the place one of the most attractive and valuable farms in his vicinity. The buildings have not been neglected, and the fine brick house is one of the best residences in the township. Having made well out of his industry, he, in 1890, retired from active work, turning over the management of the place to his son John. He still, however, resides here. Mr. Grant has long been exceedingly active in public affairs, serving for thirty years as justice of the peace, and for twenty-five years as school trustee. He has sound judgment, is thoroughly well informed upon legal matters generally, and has evinced marked efficiency in the discharge of his various duties. He is a man of the highest integrity, possesses strong religious convictions, and is a highly esteemed member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he espouses the cause of the Reformers.

John Grant started life under favorable conditions. On his father's well regulated farm he was trained to habits of industry, order, and self-reliance, gaining at the same time practical knowledge of both agriculture and business, and he was given sufficient leisure for the cultivation of intellectual pursuits. As a young man he spent nine months upon a farm in the State of Iowa, adding to his knowledge of agriculture, and broadening his views of the world and people. Returning to Dover township in 1882, he there assisted his father in carrying on the farm, and in 1890 succeeded to the full management of the place. Taking up his work with new interest, he has not only kept the place from running down, but has greatly improved it, each year applying to his industry the latest scientific discoveries adapted to his special needs. A wise financial manager, he has done well, and is now one of the solidly prosperous men of the township. Interested in the promotion of local industries, he has purchased considerable stock in the Hedge Fence Co., established in Chatham in 1898, with a capital of $35,000, and is now acting as manager of that company. Under his oversight the corporation is doing a large business and gaining a prestige among similar companies far and near.

In Dover township, Oct. 15, 1890, Mr. Grant married Viola Smith, who was born in Clark township, County of Durham, Oct. 9, 1872, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Frederick) Smith, of the County of Durham, who in 1874 settled upon a farm in Dover township, County of Kent, where he engaged in agriculture until 1899, when they retired and moved to Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have three children: Mary B., Lena and William J.

Mr. Grant has long evinced a decided taste for politics, and is one of the most popular candidates for local offices in the township. In 1893 he was elected township councilman, and for four consecutive years, through the merited esteem of his fellow citizens, was retained in the same office, and for the next three years was made township reeve. So general was the satisfaction which he gave that on Jan. 5, 1903, he was elected county councillor, a place which he is still filling with his usual fidelity and efficiency. The previous year he served as school trustee. Politically he affiliates with the Reformers. He is social, popular in all circles, and belongs to the Sons of Scotland. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, he is a consistent member of the church.

ALEXIS ROBERT, one of the leading and progressive Frenchmen of the County of Kent, is now living retired on his farm in Dover township, in a section of land known as the Pain Court Block. The meaning of "Pain Court" in French is "Short of Bread," but so far as Pain Court in Dover township is concerned is certainly a misnomer, inasmuch as there are few places in the world where the land is richer, more productive and its tillers better supplied with the necessaries. This tract was given its name by an old French Catholic priest, and it is thickly settled with families.

Alexis Robert was born in the City of Chatham, Ontario, April 4, 1842, son of Alexis, Sr., and Phoebe (Munier) Robert, of Bournier and St. John Madawisher, Quebec, respectively. Alexis Robert, Sr., was brought by his parents to Chatham when quite young. Upon reaching man's estate he became a steamboat engineer, and was well known in his calling. About 1856 he removed with his family to Pain Court, in Dover township, and made his home there for the remainder of his life. He entered into rest May 21, 1902. Although he had owned a fine farm of seventy-five acres, he had never engaged in its cultivation, but had lived retired on same all the latter years of his life. His remains rest in the cemetery of the Pain Court Church. For nine years he served most efficiently as school trustee. His widow, now aged more than four score years, is still living on the old farm. They were the parents of the following family: Francis, a miller by trade, married Elmere Belentier, and died in 1893, leaving six children; Alexis is mentioned below; Olive married Anthony Fauvert, a farmer of Chatham, and has had ten children; Joseph, an engineer of Detroit, Michigan, married first Kitty Paquette, and second Margaret Campbell; Peter, a liquor merchant in Chatham, Ont., married Julian Goudreau; Mary, of Windsor, Ont., is the widow of Louis Charboneau; Davis, a miller of Grand Junction, Colorado, married Mary Belanger; Rosie married John B. Bechard, and lives in Cohoes, New York; John is a miller in Kansas.

Alexis Robert, the subject proper of this review, remained at home with his parents until his marriage. He then came to his present farm, which at that time consisted of but one hundred acres, and this he was obliged to clear. He had paid $300 for the first fifty acres, and later had purchased fifty more. In those days no road led from this part of the township to Chatham, and all was in its natural uncultivated state. Mr. Robert was by nature industrious and far seeing. He bravely set to work to carve out his home, and how well he succeeded one needs but to see his broad acres of well cultivated and improved land to judge. He continued to buy land until he acquired 240 acres, and then he distributed it among his children and settled down in retirement to enjoy the fruit of his well directed efforts. Mr. Robert has always been a man of progressive ideas, and always quick to grasp any suggestion that meant improvement. In spite of the hours of labor it was necessary for him to spend upon his land he never lost sight of public affairs, but on the contrary made a careful study of all subjects of public interest, until he is one of the best versed men in his township. In politics he is a Conservative, and has been returning officer since 1874, and school trustee for the past fifteen years.

On January 31, 1863, Mr. Robert was united in marriage with Marguerite Faubert, who was born in St. Martin, Quebec, April 12, 1831, daughter of Peter and Marie (Touchette) Faubert, of Quebec, but who came to the County of Kent, Ontario, in 1854, and remained here engaged in farming. To bless this union have come the following children: Peter, Henry and Julian, all three farmers in Dover township; Ellen, wife of Albert Barlatte, a farmer of Belle River, Ont.; Celina, who died young; and Joseph, a farmer on the home place, who married Celia Carron. The religious connection of the family is with the Pain Court Church. Honorable in all his dealings, wise in his judgment, and upright in his private life, Alexis Robert is a man of whom any community might well be proud. He has lived his life and reared his children in a most exemplary manner, and no citizens in the county are more deserving of the high esteem in which they are held.

MIDAS BLAIR, general farmer and well known citizen of Dover township, resides in Pain Court, where he was born June 6, 1876, a son of the late Philip Blair and his wife Philomene (Ravenel) Blair and brother of Joseph Blair, also of Dover township.

In 1901, in Pain Court, Mr. Blair was united in marriage with Rose Bordeau, who was born in Pain Court, June 4, 1872, a daughter of John and Mary (Laterneau) Bordeau, of New York State and Quebec, respectively. Mr. Bordeau was born in 1841, and came to County Kent in 1862, and engaged in farming until 1901, when he removed to Wallaceburg, Ont., and is now engaged in the manufacture of beet sugar. Mrs. Bordeau was born in 1849. They are both members of the Catholic Church. The children born to this union were: John; Mary, married Joseph Rose, of Dover township; Rose; Fred; Emma, married Henry Thibodeau, of Dover township; Paul; Henry; James; Albert; Frank; Ernest; William, and Ida. All are living. The paternal grandparents, Jacob and Frances Bordeau, of New York State, remained there until 1840, when they came to Dover township, and engaged in farming, and here both died. The maternal grandfather was Fred Laterneau, of Quebec, who came to Dover township about 1852.

Midas Blair resided with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, when he lived with his sister, Lena, one year. At that time he married, and brought his bride to the comfortable brick house he had built for her reception, and where they have continued to make their home. They are both members of the Catholic Church, as are all their connections. In politics Mr. Blair is independent, but takes an active interest in local affairs. He is a good farmer, thrifty, enterprising and successful, and he occupies an excellent position in the estimation of his neighbors and friends.

JOSEPH SIMPSON, a prosperous retired farmer of the Gore of Chatham, residing on Lot 25, Concession 1, where he owns a farm of fifty acres, came to his property in 1857, from County of Middlesex. The birth of Mr. Simpson occurred at Brunton on the Tyne, in Northumberland, England, Oct. 22, 1819, and he is a son of Thomas and Nancy (Henderson) Simpson, of Northumberland, England, where they remained. The father was a miller by occupation, and he and his wife died highly respected by all. This couple had children as follows: Robert died in England; Margaret, who died in England, married Pickerine Armstrong; Thomas lives retired in Gore of Chatham; Joseph.

At Gretna Green, England, Joseph Simpson was married to Margaret A. Jackson, and the children born to them were: Thomas, a carpenter of Wallaceburg, married a Miss Powers; Margaret M. married John Holmes, of Dawn Mills; Jane A. married William Tiffin, of Chatham township; Joseph W., a farmer of Gore of Chatham, married Hannah Arnold. Mrs. Simpson was born in Northumberland, England, and died in 1900, aged seventy-eight years, and is buried in the Wallaceburg cemetery. She was a daughter of Thomas and Nancy Jackson, successful farming people of England, where they lived and died.

Joseph Simpson came to Canada in 1848, settling in County of Middlesex, where he worked among the farmers until 1857, when he secured his present property. At that time the entire country was a wilderness, and the only improvement upon the farm was a small log cabin. From this small beginning, he has developed a fine farm, which is now operated by a grandson, and he has become one of the lead-

ing men of his locality. All this has been accomplished through untiring energy, foresight and ability. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and has done much to forward its good work in the community. In politics he is a Reformer, but has never taken a very active part, aside from holding the office of school trustee, for his life has been devoted to his business and that has been the making and retaining of a good home for his wife and family. Few men are more highly esteemed than this good old gentleman, who is so true a representative of the sturdy pioneers, who through privations and hard work have brought about the present existing state of affairs, and made Western Ontario one of the most desirable portions of the Dominion.

PETER McKELLAR, one of the representative farmers of the County of Kent, residing on Lot 10, Concession 5, in Harwich township, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Jan. 16, 1842, a son of Archie and Susanna (Turner) McKellar. The parents were born in Argyllshire, Scotland, where their fathers, Archie McKellar, Sr., and Archie Turner, the latter of Inveraray, were engaged in farming all their lives.

Archie McKellar was a shepherd in Scotland. In 1855 he came to Canada, being nine weeks on the voyage from Glasgow to Quebec, and he first settled as a share farmer in Raleigh township, County of Kent, Ont., in 1855. In a year he rented a farm, which he conducted for some time before purchasing the present McKellar homestead in Raleigh. His death occurred in 1858 when he was aged sixty-eight. He left his wife with four sons, who bent their energies toward clearing up the farm and making out of it a fine property. Of the sons Peter is the eldest. Archie, the second son, was born in Scotland in 1844, and educated in his native land, and he now resides on his farm in Harwich township, where he has become well-to-do; he married Linda Sloan, of Harwich township, and has four children, Herbert, Turner, Mabel and Mattie. The third son, Neil, was born in 1848, in Scotland, married Miss Jessie Gray in Harwich township, and then settled in Dover township on the farm, where his wife died, leaving six children, Archie, Peter, John, Susan, Sarah and Jessie. John, the fourth son, was born in Scotland in 1850, but received his education in the Canadian schools; he is still unmarried and resides on the present homestead.

Peter McKellar commenced life in Canada as a farmer, and after the death of his father and the settlement of the estate he joined with his brothers in making a home for the widowed mother, who passed away at his home in 1880, aged sixty-five years. She was buried in Maple Leaf cemetery, Chatham. The boys erected excellent buildings on this farm, Peter doing the carpenter work, for which he had a natural inclination, and he has always followed the calling to a limited degree. Mr. McKellar has never married, he and his brother John living together since the death of the mother. Politically they both are Reformers and take an active part in public affairs, Peter having served as school trustee for three years. Religiously they were all brought up in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and give it their earnest support. These sons were left poor at the death of the father, but by their industry, good management and thrift they have all become wealthy, and stand very high in the estimation of their fellow citizens. Peter McKellar is a man of genial manner and kindly disposition, and of exemplary character, and he makes friends wherever he goes. His life sets a most excellent example for the rising generation.

JACOB ZINK (deceased), for many years one of the prosperous farmers of Harwich township, County of Kent, lived on Lot 15, Concession 4. He was born in the County of Welland, Ont., in October, 1849, son of Alois and Mary A. Zink, both natives of Germany.

Alois Zink settled in the County of Niagara, Ont., there remaining until 1865, when he moved to Harwich township, County of Kent, among the first German settlers of that locality. He cleared up a good farm, and there he died in July, 1892; his wife died in 1886. Eight children were born to Alois Zink and his wife: Barbara, who married Francis Gerber, of Harwich township; Mary, who married Louis Roesch, of Harwich township; Eva, who married Alois Roesch, of Harwich township; Frances, deceased, who married John Miller, of the County of Essex; Pauline, who married George Sharp, of Chatham; Joseph, of Harwich township; Michael, of Harwich township; and Jacob.

The late Jacob Zink received a fair educa-

tion before locating in the County of Kent, but after that devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, assisting his father in clearing off the land, and making a home in the woods. After his marriage he settled permanently in the old home, and during his lifetime all of the present buildings were erected, and the greater part of the clearing was done under his supervision. He died at his home in October, 1891, in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, to which all his family belonged. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and for a number of years he held the office of school trustee, always being actively interested in educational affairs.

On Oct. 4, 1875, Mr. Zink was married to Miss Josephine Dilliott, who was born in Howard township, in 1855, daughter of Sebastian and Anna (Schindler) Dilliott, who were born in Germany in 1811 and 1822 respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Dilliott came to Canada when young people, and were there married, settling in Howard township, where they cleared up a farm; he died in 1877, but his wife survived, living with her son Sebastian on the old homestead in Howard township. Mr. and Mrs. Dilliott were the parents of five children who grew to maturity: (1) Lewis died in young manhood. (2) Josephine became Mrs. Zink. (3) Xavier, born in the County of Kent, resides in Howard township; he married Miss Belle Thompkins, and they have two children, Joseph and Kathleen. (4) Theresa married Joseph Rhody, of Howard township, and has four sons, Frank, William, Norman and Bernard. (5) Sebastian married Lettie Tompkins, of Ridgetown, and they have five children, Anna, Lewis, Marie, Frances and Monica; they reside in Howard township on the old homestead.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zink: John W., born in 1876, is unmarried and manager of the homestead farm; he is an intelligent, well-educated, enterprising young man. Annie, born in 1878, was educated in the home schools, and is one of the popular young ladies of the township. Ella, born in 1880, was educated in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and is one of the County of Kent's popular teachers. Miss Clara, born in 1882, resides at home. Ollie, born in 1884, is a student of the home schools. Albert, born, in 1886, is a student of the home school. Bertha, born in 1888, is at home. Joseph was born in 1889.

The late Jacob Zink was beloved and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a man of kindly disposition, upright life, a good citizen, a stanch churchman; no higher tribute can be paid to him, than the statement that his every act was in accordance with the dictates of his conscience and the promptings of a noble, charitable heart. He left a host of friends to mourn his loss. His children have proven worthy of the parents who bore them, and they have been a great solace to the mother in her widowhood.

JOHN BALMER, one of the prominent retired farmers of the County of Kent, residing on the 3d Concession, in Howard township, was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, April 20, 1818, a son of James and Jane (Lamb) Balmer, the former of whom was born in the same county, in 1795, and the latter in 1800.

In 1829 James Balmer emigrated from Scotland, coming to Quebec, and thence by way of Montreal and Toronto, to the County of Cardwell, Ont. Settling in the township of Caledon, he purchased a large tract of land, and at the time of his death, in June, 1876, at the age of eighty years, he owned 300 acres, and had cleared 180 acres and put it under cultivation. His first wife, the mother of John Balmer, died in 1826 in Scotland, leaving four children, John being the eldest; Jane, born in Scotland in 1820, was the wife of Thomas Preston, who moved to Manitoba, where she died in February, 1902, leaving children—James, Thomas, Phoebe, the wife of the late Rev. Mr. Galoway, and Janet (now Mrs. Cox, of Manitoba); Isabella, born in Scotland in 1822, was the wife of Donald Clunas, who settled in Harwich, where she died leaving children—Jessie, Maggie, Jane, James, John and Daniel; William, born in Scotland in 1824, married Margaret McCarty, now a retired farmer in Ridgetown, and has a family. The second marriage of James Balmer was to Janet Minto, who was born in Scotland and died on the old farm Nov. 6, 1874, the mother of six children, namely: Mary, born in Scotland in 1828, was the wife of Alexander Dick, of Howard; Elizabeth, born in November, 1829, in Canada, married William Preston, who settled in Lower Canada, where she

died, leaving three children; George, born in 1831, in Canada, resides on the old homestead in Caledon township (his children are James, John, William, George, Annie, Jennie and Mary); Janet, born in 1833, in Canada, is the wife of John Standing, who resides near Brantford, and has a family; Miss Margaret, born in 1835, lives on the old homestead in Caledon; Ellen, born in 1837, is the widow of Joseph Acket, who lives near the old home in Caledon (she has no family). James Balmer was a worthy Christian man, long a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Balmer had fortunately enjoyed excellent educational advantages prior to coming to Canada, for here his days were fully occupied in assisting his father in the clearing of his land. However, he took advantage of the night schools, and was thus able to gain a very fair education. Until he was twenty-one years of age he gave his services to his father, and then started out for himself, his cash capital being represented by seventy-five cents. Although he received for his services but $10 a month, Mr. Balmer was so provident, realizing that without money he could make but little headway, that he had soon saved enough money to purchase 100 acres of land now included in his present home place. This land was bought of the Canada Land Co. and at that time was entirely unimproved and in its natural condition. Mr. Balmer built a log house on his land, one of those structures which have never been surpassed for comfort or adaptability to the needs of the pioneer, and whose picturesque chimneys rise still in every early settled region. Here in 1845 he brought his young wife, formerly Maggie Cameron, who was born in Scotland, daughter of John and Ellen Cameron, natives and residents of Perthshire, Scotland, until 1831, when they settled in Caledon. Mrs. Balmer was born in 1819 and was well educated in her native land. She died Oct. 29, 1855. Her three children were: Ellen, born at the present home in 1847, is the wife of Angus Johnson, who resides in Howard, on Concession 4. James, born in 1850, died in 1856. John, born in 1852, married Mary A. Street, of Howard, and they reside on Concession 4. He is a prominent man and an elder in the Presbyterian Church; his children are Margaret, Annie, Maud and Ruth.

In March, 1862, Mr. Balmer was united in marriage to Mary Campbell, daughter of Archie and Emily Campbell, old pioneers and prominent residents of the County of Kent. Mrs. Balmer was born in 1824, in Scotland, and her first home after her marriage was in the little log house, which was soon supplanted, however, by the handsome brick residence erected in 1866. In 1864 the great frame barn was built, and since that time other barns have been added to accommodate the large and generous yields of Mr. Balmer's fields. By later purchase Mr. Balmer increased his acreage, and now own 280 acres of very fine land, all productive and 170 acres under cultivation. Few men starting out in life at the same time as John Balmer, and under similar conditions, find themselves so well placed as he does, and it must yield him great satisfaction to know that his large means have been acquired through legitimate methods, and not at the expense of the happiness or prosperity of any one else. A man of honor and integrity, he is truly a representative citizen of the great County of Kent.

Mrs. Mary Balmer died in November, 1888, the mother of three children: (1) Emily, born in 1863, was given excellent school opportunities; she is now the wife of James McMillan, who lives in Howard township, on Concession 4, and her three children are John F., born in June, 1890; Archie, born in 1892; and Mary, born in 1897. (2) George W., born June 24, 1864, grew up in the old home, where he is the efficient manager; on April 1, 1891, he married Nancy Spence, who was born in Howard in 1869, daughter of Robert and Catherine Spence, and a member of one of County Kent's old pioneer families. Robert Spence was born in 1819 in Yorkshire, England, and emigrating to Canada located in the County of Kent, where he died in 1884; his most estimable wife, now a resident of Ridgetown, was Catherine, daughter of Neil and Janet Campbell, a pioneer family from Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Balmer reside on the homestead; they have no family. (3) Archie, the youngest son, born in August, 1869, is one of the successful young ranchmen of Manitoba.

Politically, Mr. Balmer is a Reformer, and he held many local offices in Howard, during his active years, but latterly has declined political activity. His son John is a councilman and

prominent in the affairs of the community. For many years Mr. Balmer has been a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife clung to the Baptist Church.

AUGUSTUS CADOTTE, a successful general farmer and prosperous resident of Dover township, County of Kent, living on Lot 7, Concession 9, was born at Cape Vincent, Ont., March 23, 1865, a son of Joseph Cadotte. Remaining with his parents until 1881, Mr. Cadotte went to Bay City, Michigan, and worked in the sawmills, shipyards and lumber woods for fifteen years, after which he located at Big Point and rented a farm of fifty acres for five years. This farm he later purchased and still possesses, it being a good piece of property, in an excellent state of cultivation.

On June 29, 1896, Mr. Cadotte married Miss Adas Emery, who was born on the present farm, a daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Abert) Emery, of Montreal, the former of whom came to Dover township with his parents when five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Cadotte have no children of their own, but they adopted Petchria Maloney, when she was only three years old. The year of his marriage Mr. Cadotte located upon his present home, a highly cultivated farm, with pleasant house and substantial buildings, comprising fifty acres. In religious faith, Mr. and Mrs. Cadotte are Roman Catholics, and politically Mr. Cadotte is a Conservative. He and his wife are numbered among the representative people of the County of Kent, where they are so well and favorably known to a large circle of friends.

CHARLES W. WRIGHT. During the seven years in which this well known agriculturist has operated the family homestead in Dover township, he has, by his efficient management and close application to business, evinced an ability which would insure him success in almost any walk of life. He is alert, practical and progressive. His power of turning off work is quite remarkable, and in addition to farming he finds time for public affairs, and as township councilman, is discharging his duties with wisdom and fidelity.

Mr. Wright is now about thirty-five years old and comes of a well known family in his section. His father, John Wright, was of Yorkshire, England. Coming to Canada in the first half of the nineteenth century, the elder Mr. Wright remained near Toronto for some time, and later proceeded with his mother to Dover township, where, in 1851, shortly after their arrival, she died. Settling upon a farm in that locality he there made his home for the most part throughout the rest of his life. He cleared wild tracts, put his place under excellent cultivation and in time made a very attractive home for himself. He was never afraid to put into operation advanced theories in his work, and seemed very fortunate in selecting those especially adapted to the needs of the farm. In November, 1896, having done his full share of hard work, Mr. Wright retired and moved to Chatham. In that place, March 25, 1898, at the age of sixty-eight, he died, and he is buried in Chatham cemetery. After settling in Dover township Mr. Wright married Ruth Copeland, of Toronto, after her death, Susan McPherson, and later, Mrs. Mary (White) Bragg, who is now living in Chatham. By the first marriage there were two children: Harriet, who married Elliot Hardy, a farmer of Kent Bridge; and Charles W., who is mentioned below. By the second marriage there was one child, John, who now resides in Chatham. There were no children by the third marriage.

Mr. Wright was one of the foremost men in opening up Dover township to settlers, and was especially influential in establishing there equitable laws and progressive institutions. From the opening of schools there in 1871, until his retirement in 1898, he served as trustee on the board of education. As township reeve for many terms, deputy reeve for a considerable time, and county warden for one year, he rendered efficient service in the management of local affairs. As an acknowledgment of his popularity he was elected reeve by acclamation for four different terms. He was long interested in the promulgation of Presbyterian doctrines, and assisted in firmly establishing that church in Canada. Fraternally he affiliated with the Grangers.

Charles W. Wright was born upon his father's farm in Dover township, March 2, 1868. In the primitive schools of his neighborhood he procured his early education, and on the family homestead, practical training for the duties of life. A wholesome respect for agriculture as well as practical knowledge of it, de-

cided him upon reaching manhood to follow that pursuit. His father's farm offered him a good opening, and settling there, he has since continued to operate it. Upon his father's retirement he succeeded to the entire management of the farm. Though the place was then in an excellent condition, he has each year added new improvements, materially increasing its value. It now embraces eighty-one acres which are largely under cultivation. Among his buildings is an old granary, prized for having been used as the first frame school house opened in Dover township. Laying wise plans and carefully executing them Mr. Wright is now working the farm to the very best advantage. Having made well out of this industry he is contemplating branching out in business, and for this purpose expects to move to Chatham in the near future.

In Dover township, Dec. 25, 1889, Mr. Wright married Lillie J. Stacey, who was born April 29, 1870, daughter of James Stacey, a butcher of Devonshire, England, who came to County Kent in 1879, and died in 1893. His wife, Mary Stacey, also of Devonshire, England, still resides in Dover township. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have two children: Clara Beatrice and Ethel Pearl. Mr. Wright is one of the popular young men of his locality, and, as an ardent Reformer, has for three years served as township councilman, discharging his duties with ability and conscientiousness. Fraternally he affiliates with the A. O. of F. and is at present chief ranger; he was formerly secretary.

JOSEPH McGARVIN, a successful agriculturist of that fertile belt of Harwich township lying along the river Thames, is a representative of that courageous energetic Irish race many of whom in the early days brunted the battle with tractless forests and wild beasts in opening up the County of Kent and other sections of Canada to settlers.

Patrick McGarvin, grandfather of Joseph, came from Ireland to the County of Kent when that section was a wilderness, and acquiring a tract of land along which the Creek road has since been opened, began hewing out a farm for himself. He had erected comfortable buildings and made a good start when he was cut short in his activities by an untimely death, being drowned in the river Thames in 1812. During his young manhood he married Susan Traxler, who was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who soon after the war came with his family to Canada and settled near the river Thames. After the death of her husband Mrs. McGarvin remained upon the new homestead, which, with the assistance of her children, she continued to improve.

Michael McGarvin, son of Patrick and Susan (Traxler) McGarvin, and father of Joseph, continued the pioneer work begun by his father. Born on the river Thames, in Harwich township, in July, 1806, he was reared in that locality. Only a small boy when his father died, he early assumed the responsibility of farm management, and by close application to work soon developed a thorough mastery of his duties. He was ambitious to make the most of himself, and managed between times to procure an education sufficient for the practical business of a farmer, which he later supplemented with reading and observation. In Chatham, in March, 1831, he married Olive Wood, who was born in Canada in 1810, daughter of Joseph Wood, who came from the United States and settled in Morpeth, Howard township, County of Kent. Mrs. McGarvin died in September, 1895. Ten children were born of this union: (1) Susan is the widow of David Wilson. (2) John, born in Harwich township in August, 1835, now a farmer of Dover township, married Marion Smith, of Harwich township, and they have had five children, Annie, Eliza, Robert (deceased), Walter and Jane. (3) Joseph, is mentioned below. (4) George, born in 1841, now a farmer on Concession 5, residing near the old homestead, married Marion Smith and they have two children, Jennie and George. (5) Catherine, born in 1844, married Robert Smith, of Dover township, and they have one son, Robert J. (6) Patrick, born in 1846, now a farmer of Dover township, married and has three children, Ella, Janet, and John. (7) Louisa, born at the old homestead, now a resident of Harwich township, married Bruce Holmes (he is now deceased), and they had five children, Dora, Theodore, Catherine, Marvin and Thomas. (8) James, born in Harwich township, met his death by an accident, being killed in 1897, by the bursting of a boiler while threshing; he was unmarried. (9) Peter, who has never married, now resides at the old home-

stead. (10) Robert, the youngest, born at the family homestead, now a lumber dealer of Chatham, married Edith McPherson of that place.

After his marriage Mr. McGarvin continued on the home farm, of which he eventually came into possession, and here he remained throughout the rest of his active life. A capable, hard-working farmer, he made many improvements in the homestead, among which was the erection of a splendid brick house, now occupied by his son, Peter. Engaging in nearly all lines of general agriculture adapted to his locality, he carried on an extensive and flourishing industry, and, being a wise financial manager, he amassed considerable property. He lived to be over ninety, dying at the fine old homestead in November, 1899. Mr. McGarvin combined with the hardier traits of character, such as forcefulness, sound judgment, honesty and decision—which go into the make-up of a successful pioneer, inherent refinement, delicacy, courtesy and a kindly disposition, which made him beloved both by his family and his neighbors, and his memory is still revered in Harwich township. In the development of the resources of his section he long took a leading part, and as a public-spirited citizen he encouraged the establishment of every local enterprise that promised to become beneficial to his community. As a strong Conservative, he was active in local politics.

Joseph McGarvin has inherited his father's taste and ability for rural pursuits. Born on the family homestead on the Creek road, in Harwich township, March 30, 1838, he there grew to maturity. In the schools of his vicinity he received his education, and, by assisting his father on the homestead, acquired a large fund of practical knowledge of agriculture. Both environment and inclination decided him upon reaching manhood to follow farming for his livelihood, and in 1872 he purchased a fine old homestead upon the river Thames in Harwich township, which had been opened up by his great-grandfather, Peter Traxler, years before. This property embraces 132 acres of the most productive land in Harwich township, and here he settled and engaged in several lines of general agriculture with marked success. Making well out of his industry he made many improvements on the farm, and after some years erected attractive and commodious buildings. After about twenty years' residence on this place he purchased in 1892 the more desirable residence known as the Pikeville Mills property, near Chatham, where he and his family have since resided. He still, however, carries on the Peter Traxler farm, from which he derives a handsome income.

In 1875 Mr. McGarvin married Jennie McMullen, who was born in September, 1853, and was reared and educated in Harwich township. Of this union there have been three children: Michael J., a graduate of Toronto University, class of 1903, was born in Harwich township, graduated from the Collegiate Institute of Chatham, in 1895, and taught school two years previous to his entrance into the university, in 1899. Phemia, born in Harwich township, has graduated with honor from the high school of Chatham. Olive, born in Harwich township, is now engaged in office work in Chatham.

Mr. McGarvin is a splendid manager, possesses excellent business qualifications, and as an agriculturist keeps himself well posted upon the latest movements in his line. He has achieved success by concentrating his forces upon his one main industry, preferring to perfect himself in one line rather than scatter his energies over many. As a Conservative he is keenly interested in local politics, but he has not aspired to office holding. He and his family are favorably known in all circles, and are leading members of the Presbyterian Church.

Peter McMullen, father of Mrs. McGarvin, a prominent pioneer settler of Harwich township, was born near the river Thames, in July, 1828. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon land along the river Thames, and did his share of clearing up that section of the country. He died at his homestead in August, 1893. He married Euphemia Reid, who was born in the city of Detroit, in the only brick house at that time standing in the place. She is now over sixty-eight years old and is residing in Canada. To Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were born several children, eight of whom are still living.

JOSEPH LEBLANC, one of the successful farmers of Dover township, residing on the Creek road, Lot 14, was born in Lower Canada, Nov. 2, 1864, a son of Hubert and Marceline (Bourrassa) Leblanc, also of Lower Canada, who came to County Kent in 1865, locating in

Dover township, where they have since remained engaged in farming. The father was born Oct. 1, 1827, and the mother was born Oct. 2, 1827, and both are consistent members of the Catholic Church. The children born to these parents were: Emma, deceased, married Frances Ouellette; Marceline, deceased, married Henry Daniel; Eliza, at home, unmarried; Hubert, Hubert (2), and Levi, all deceased; and Joseph, at home.

On Jan. 25, 1885, in Pain Court, Ont., Mr. Joseph Leblanc married Miss Mary Yott, and their children are: Arize, Emma and Georgianna. Mrs. Leblanc was born at Kingston, Ont., Jan. 25, 1862, a daughter of Frank and Martha Yott, of Kingston, who came to County Kent in 1862, and located in Dover township, where they farmed and both died, he in 1872, aged thirty-eight years, while the mother passed away in 1894, aged sixty years; they lie buried in Pain Court cemetery. They were consistent members of the Catholic Church. The children born to them were: Francis, an agent at Melbourne, Australia; Joseph, in the hotel business in County Kent; Edward N., a brick layer, North Adams, Massachusetts; Alexander, of North Adams, Massachusetts; Louis, deceased; Mattie, of Pain Court, wife of J. F. Emory; Mary; Kittie, of Pain Court, married Alphy Cheff; Elizabeth, deceased; Lucy, and Mrs. Leblanc.

Until 1897, Mr. Leblanc remained with his parents, and he then came to his present farm of twenty-five acres, on which he has a pleasant brick residence, fully supplied with all modern conveniences. Fraternally, Mr. Leblanc is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. In religion he is a Roman Catholic, as is his wife. His political faith makes him a Reformer, but he has never desired office. While he is yet young in years, Mr. Leblanc has proven himself a good farmer, a solid business man, and a loyal subject, and he is held in high esteem by all who know him. The name of Leblanc is of French origin, and the English version of it is White, but the family have retained the original way of spelling it.

JAMES GARDNER, a farmer of prominence and a representative member of one of the oldest and most honorable families of Howard township, where he owns a fine farm on Concession 3, was born in 1841, in Perthshire, Scotland, son of James and Clementina (Kermichael) Gardner, both of whom were natives of that country.

James Gardner, the father, was born in 1814, and his wife in 1817. They grew to maturity in their own land, married there and remained until 1855, Mr. Gardner following agricultural pursuits. Having learned of the agricultural opportunities offered settlers across the sea, with others of their locality they took passage in a sailing-vessel, landing in the city of New York, and reaching the County of Kent, Ont., their destination, by way of the Erie canal to Buffalo. Their first settlement was made on Concession 12, in Howard township, where Mr. Gardner worked some eleven years for John McKarracker. At the time the Indian lands were placed on sale by the Canadian Government he purchased land on the town line, on Concession 11, and although it was yet unreclaimed from the forest he industriously set to work, cleared the same, and erected habitable buildings, making this his home until within a few years prior to his death, which occurred in 1891. His latter days were spent in Ridgetown, where he passed the balance of his life in well-earned ease. His widow, at the age of eighty-five years, still resides in Ridgetown. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner had a family of seven children, four born in Scotland, and three in Canada, the eldest of the family being James, whose name introduces this record. Janet, born in Scotland in 1843, is the wife of John Glassford, and they live on the 1st Concession, in Howard. John, born in 1848, in Scotland, married Kate Curry, and is a farmer in Orford township; they have two sons. Robert, born in 1849, in Scotland, married a Miss Fletcher, settled in Harwich as a farmer, and died there in 1896, leaving a wife and family. Duncan, born in Canada in 1855, married Kate Ellison, of Aldborough, where they reside on a farm; they have a large family. Colin, born in 1857, in Howard township, is a resident of the city of Duluth, State of Minnesota. William, born in Canada in 1860, married Rachel Barton of the County of Kent, and they reside on the town line in Howard; their children are Clara, James, Elizabeth and Belle.

James Gardner was mainly educated in the schools of Perthshire, Scotland, attending one winter after coming to Canada. Realizing that he must acquire some capital in order to carry

out his plans for the future, the young man put his hand to every honest task that came in his way, splitting rails at the rate of twenty-five cents per hundred being one source of income. In 1869 he purchased eighty acres of wild land, now his valuable home place. It was located in the woods and was awaiting the energy and perseverance of just such a man as James Gardner. Gradually from the uninviting prospect came cleared and cultivated fields, good buildings of all kinds necessary to make a comfortable home were erected, and here for eight years the young man labored alone. On March 15, 1877, occurred his marriage to Malinda Lee, daughter of Henry and Mary J. (Lincoln) Lee, who were among the very first settlers of Morpeth, and among the prominent and well-to-do residents of Howard. Henry Lee was born in 1808 in Ireland, married in Canada, and was one of the most active business men of Morpeth, where he died in 1865. Mrs. Gardner was born in 1858, in Howard, and is the youngest of eight children, of whom six survive: Edward, of Flint, Michigan; Christopher, a merchant in Hamilton; Margaret, wife of George Smith, of California; Hannah, wife of Robert Hall, of Michigan; Jane, wife of John Tape, of Howard; and Malinda, Mrs. Gardner. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardner has been born a family of six children, namely: James H., born in 1877, was well educated in the schools of Ridgetown, became a successful teacher, and now occupies the responsible position of bookkeeper for the Northern Elevator Co., in Winnipeg; Miss Mary A., born in 1879, is a well educated young lady; William was born in 1881; Clementina, born March 11, 1886, holds a graduate's certificate from the Howard schools; Christopher, born in 1889, and Beulah, born in 1893, attend the home schools. All of Mr. Gardner's children with the exception of his eldest son are still members of the home circle, and all have been given excellent educational advantages. Religiously the family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Gardner is identified with the Reform party, and has labored actively for its advancement. For ten years he has held the position of postmaster, proving a very efficient and popular officer. Both the Gardner and Lee families have long been leading ones in the County of Kent, good citizenship marking their lives in every demand made upon them. They have been noted for their support of educational and religious work, and are esteemed in the communities where they are located.

ALVAH MARTIN, a successful general farmer and prominent resident of the Gore of Chatham, County Kent, residing on Lot 30, Concession 4, owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres, and also has another in the same township. He came to this locality in 1864. His birth occurred in Hinchinbrooke, Ont., Sept. 13, 1857, and he is a son of Ira A. and Margaret (Quigley) Martin of County Lennox, who came to County of Kent in 1878, and located on the farm of our subject, when the entire locality was a wilderness. An old shanty stood on the site of the present home, and it was surrounded by a heavy wood. There the father died June 29, 1891, aged sixty-two years, and was buried in Blackburn cemetery, Camden township. In politics the father was a Conservative, and both he and the mother were Methodists. Their children were: Alvah; Lucy, deceased, married Samuel Hodgins, and had two daughters; Matilda of Dawn, Ont., married Hugh Dunlop, and has four sons. The paternal grandparents were William and Nancy (O'Neil) Martin, farming people of County of Lennox, where their lives were passed. The maternal grandparents were Ogden and Betsy (Ferris) Quigley of New York State and Canada, respectively.

On Sept. 14, 1875, in Camden township, Mr. Alvah Martin married Grace Dunlop, and the children born to them are: Osgood, a farmer on the old homestead, married Lucilla Campbell; and Westley and Garnet are at home. Mrs. Martin was born at Oil Springs, Ont., March 18, 1856, a daughter of James and Janet (Wilson) Dunlop, of Scotland, born in 1828, and 1830, respectively, who came to Canada in 1851, and settled north of Toronto, but five years later removed to County of Kent, now making their home in Chatham township, where they operate a fine farm. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop were: William, of Chatham, Ont.; Hugh, a farmer of Dawn, Ont.; James, of Wallaceburg, Ont.; John, a bookkeeper of Detroit, Michigan; Fullerton, a farmer of Camden township; and Grace, Mrs. Martin.

Alvah Martin came to his present farm with

his parents, and since that time has resided upon it. By industry and thrift he has developed it into a very valuable piece of property. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Conservative, and is one of the representative men of the community. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Chosen Friends, in which he is very popular.

WILLIAM L. ROBINSON, a prosperous general farmer residing on Lot 26, Concession 4, Gore of Chatham, County of Kent, has lived on his present property of seventy-five acres since 1899, and in the county since 1876. He was born in County Hastings, in April, 1848, a son of Thomas and Lucy (Lear) Robinson, natives of Ireland and Prince Edward Island, respectively, but who were married in Belleville, Ont., in 1842. In April, 1876, the father removed to County of Kent, settling on Concession 3, Lot 27, where he died in January, 1899, aged ninety-nine years, and he is buried in the Wallaceburg cemetery. His widow resides with our subject, and although born in the year 1819 is very active and enjoys excellent health. She is a member of the Church of England, as was her husband. The children born to these good people were: Abraham, deceased; William L.; Hugh M., deceased; Sarah J., deceased; George, a farmer of the Gore of Chatham; Robert, deceased; and Westley, a farmer of Camden township. The paternal grandparents were James and Emma (Richardson) Robinson, of Ireland, where the former was killed during the religious disturbances of those early days. The widow came to Canada with two children, Thomas and James. Later she married again, and had two children: Mart, deceased; Jane, of County of Hastings, Ont., widow of Charles Sanford. The mother of our subject was born in Prince Edward Island, in 1819, daughter of William and Rebecca (Boardman) Lear, of England and the States, respectively. William Lear came to Canada when a boy, and settled in County Prince Edward, on the bay, and there remained, dying in 1847, aged seventy years, while his widow survived until 1850, and then passed away, aged sixty-seven years; both were members of the Church of England. The children born to William Lear and wife were: Betsy, deceased, married John Smith; George, deceased; John, deceased; Sarah, deceased, married Hugh Morrison; Lucy; Benjamin, of Picton, Ont., is a retired farmer; Jane, deceased, married James O'Hara.

William L. Robinson is one of the most successful farmers of the township, and has always cared for his mother, who lives most happily with him, and looks after his household. His family resided for forty years upon the farm in Madoc township, County of Hastings, prior to locating in this locality, and the name of Robinson is highly esteemed throughout County of Hastings and County of Kent. In politics Mr. Robinson is a Conservative, and he is interested in the improvement of the township, although he has never desired office. All of his life has been spent in hard work, and he is rewarded by the success which attended his efforts, and can look with pride on his fine property of 100 acres, which is admitted to be one of the best farms in the Gore of Chatham.

JOSEPH A. KING, a prosperous retired farmer of Dover township, residing on Concession 3, Lot 18, on his farm of 175 acres of excellent land, was born on his present farm, Feb. 24, 1860, a son of Andrew and Bridget (Hickey) King.

On Nov. 15, 1887, in Pain Court Joseph A. King and Genevieve Bechard were united in marriage. They have no children. She was born in Pain Court, Feb. 4, 1865, a daughter of Cresie and Mary (Thibodeau) Bechard, of Montreal, who were married in St. Peter's Church, Tilbury township. The father came to County Kent with his parents, and died there in 1867; he was buried in Pain Court cemetery. His widow married Moses Caron, and resides in Pain Court. She was born Feb. 21, 1834. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bechard were: Cresie, of Chatham; Mary P., of Chatham, married John Labourber; Euphrasie, of Pain Court, married Regis Trudell; Esie, a farmer of Dover township; and Genevieve.

Mr. King has remained upon his present farm, adding 150 acres to the original homestead, after the death of his father. The fine brick residence was put up by his father in 1878, and Mr. King has himself built a two-story farm building, in which his two tenants reside, he renting out his farm in two portions. He is a member of the C. O. F. Both he and his

wife are consistent Catholics, and take an active part in the good work of the church. In politics he is a Reformer, but has never aspired to office. In 1900 Mr. King retired from active life, but he takes an interest in current affairs. He and his wife and mother make a happy household, and show a warm hospitality to all guests who come within their home. Few men stand any higher in the community than Mr. King, and his popularity is well merited.

WILLIAM LAURIE, a progressive farmer of Raleigh township, County of Kent, is a son of William Laurie, Sr., who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1801, and came to America about 1826.

For several years William Laurie, Sr., resided in New York City, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith, and then came to Chatham, and there continued his calling until, in 1843, he purchased a farm one mile north of Charing Cross, in the township of Harwich. This property consisted of 225 acres, and on it he found plenty to occupy his time, farming and working at his trade. About 1848 he died, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham. In politics he was a Reformer, and he took a lively interest in local affairs. In Edinburgh, Scotland, William Laurie, Sr., married Catherine Hook, who died at the age of fifty-eight years, the mother of the following children: Agnes is married and lives in the State of Washington; William; James is the owner of a sawmill in British Columbia, where he resides.

William Laurie was born in Chatham Oct. 29, 1839, in a house which stood on the property now occupied by the market and the Austin store. His education was obtained in Chatham, and also in the school conducted at that time by R. J. Morrison, now county representative. Mr. Laurie remained at home until his marriage, and in 1867 he bought of the Canadian company his present farm of 240 acres, Lots 16 and 17, Concession 8, then practically unimproved. Beginning with clearing the land, Mr. Laurie developed a fine farm, erected good buildings and now owns one of the best farming properties in County Kent. In 1882 Mr. Laurie erected his handsome brick home, and takes great pride in it, his premises and entire property. He has expended years of hard work and thoughtful care upon this farm, and has prospered in his undertakings. Politically he is a Reformer. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is very liberal in his support of the latter.

In 1865 Mr. Laurie was married to Mary Jane Jordan, now deceased, a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Gorby) Jordan, the former of whom was born in Kings County, Ireland, where he was reared and married. At the age of twenty-four years he came to Canada and settled in Raleigh township, County Kent. About 1838 he purchased the place where his son George now resides, and was one of the first settlers of that portion of the township. His death occurred in that township in 1895, and his family were: William, of Leavenworth, Kansas, an engineer in the water works; Ann, who married Charles Granboys, of Raleigh township, who died in the States; Mary Jane, deceased, who married William Laurie; Richard, of Chatham; George, a large farmer of Raleigh township; Edward, of Chatham. The children born to our subject and wife were: Annie, at home; William, at home; George, who married Annie Rhodes; James, a farmer of Harwich township, who married Miss Maywood, and has a son. All of the sons of William Laurie are prosperous farmers and excellent citizens, who are a credit to their father.

CYRUS HUFFMAN, of Harwich township, whose attractive farm residence stands on Concession 2, on the East Communication Road, has come to the front both as an agriculturist, and a man of public affairs; and, being still young, he has even better prospects for the future.

Mr. Huffman comes of a family long known in this section. His grandfather, Philip Huffman, a thrifty, capable man, came from Germany, and settled in Canada in the early days. He married and had children as follows: Philip, George, John, James, Samuel, Margaret and Catharine.

George Huffman, father of Cyrus, a prominent agriculturist, was born in Canada in 1835, and was well reared, being especially trained to habits of industry and thrift. A thorough knowledge of agriculture and good openings in that line determined him upon reaching manhood to engage in that work, which he followed for the most part throughout his active career. He married Mary Jane Morrow, who is now

living in Blenheim, and of this union there were nine children: (1) William J., of Harwich, married and had two children. (2) George and (3) James (twins), farmers, have each married and settled in Harwich township. (4) Edward, born in Harwich, has never married and resides in Blenheim. (5) Annie, born in Harwich, is the widow of James Fall, and has had three children, Walter, James and Mary. (6) Maggie, born at the old homestead, has never married, and resides in Blenheim. (7) Malissa, married John Cundee, and, after his death, William Parrott, and they reside in Harwich. By the first marriage there was one son, George J., and to the second marriage has also come a son, Ernest. (8) Nettie married Thomas Parrott, farmer, and they reside in Harwich. (9) Cyrus is mentioned below.

After marriage George Huffman settled upon a tract of wild land in Harwich township, and in a little log cabin began the life of a pioneer. Possessed of energy and determination, he soon opened up many acres to cultivation, and began a flourishing industry. Continuing to prosper, he in time erected substantial and attractive buildings and made many other improvements. In the course of his lifetime he cleared 100 acres of wild brush land, converting it into one of the most desirable farms in his locality. He died in May, 1895. Mr. Huffman was a typical pioneer, hardy, energetic, and persistent. In the pursuit of an object he was never deterred by any obstacle, and as a result made a success of whatever he undertook. Politically he was a strong Conservative.

Cyrus Huffman inherited both his father's business ability and has large capacity for work. Born on the 1st Concession, East Communication Road, in Harwich township, Dec. 3, 1865, he was reared upon his father's well-managed farm. Intellectually inclined, he availed himself of every opportunity of continuing his studies, and in the district schools of his neighborhood had good drill in the rudiments, which he has supplemented by extensive reading. Accustomed to farm work, and possessed of a wholesome respect for that occupation, upon reaching manhood he followed that pursuit for some years upon the home farm, acting as manager until 1900. Carrying on the farm along the lines established by his father, he made a thorough success of his work, and improved the property in many respects. By economy and wise management Mr. Huffman was enabled to purchase the well improved William White farm, and after his marriage settled upon that place, where he has since resided. He has engaged in all lines of general farming with good results, and he has also improved the place in many respects. In his methods he is progressive and scientific, and has established for himself an excellent reputation among farmers. Throughout his career he has evinced marked business ability and skill as a financier, and he now owns two splendid farms in the township.

In May, 1900, Mr. Huffman married Meritta Bustin, who was born in Howard, in April, 1869, and was reared in Harwich, receiving in the public schools of her neighborhood and Alma College a very thorough education.

Mr. Huffman's practical knowledge, sound judgment and force of character, as well as his achievements, have won him the confidence of the community, and in 1892 he was elected collector of Harwich, a position which he has filled with marked ability. He has also served as assessor for three years, being one of the youngest men of the township to fill so responsible an office. Politically he affiliates with the Conservatives. A man of broad culture, he is influential in all circles, and stands high in the Canadian Order of Foresters, Lodge No. 49. The Methodist Church counts him and his wife among its most earnest members.

John Bustin, Sr., grandfather of Mrs. Huffman, made his home in Ireland, and there died. His children were: John, who is mentioned below; Thomas, who lives in Harwich; and Richard, George, Edwin and Eliza, residents of Ireland.

John Bustin, Jr., father of Mrs. Huffman, and a prominent farmer of Harwich township, was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1832, and as a poor boy of fourteen came by himself to Canada. By pluck and industry he succeeded in gaining an education, and earning enough money to start in business for himself. Opening a store in London, Ont., he there engaged in mercantile business for some time with much success. Having purchased in the meantime a fifty-acre tract of wild land in Howard, he eventually settled there, and began making improvements. In 1858 Mr. Bustin married Mary Gosnell, who was born in 1838, daughter of George and Abigail (Baker) Gosnell, pioneer people of the County of Kent. To Mr. and

Mrs. Bustin were born three children: (1) Joseph, who now resides upon the family homestead, married Maggie Thurston, of Harwich township. (2) Annie, born in Howard, married Westley Bentley, and they reside on the lake shore in that place. Three children have come to this union, Joseph L., Jonathan and Mary. (3) Meritta, Mrs. Huffman, has been mentioned.

After marriage Mr. Bustin settled upon his new farm in Howard, where he remained several years, engaged in clearing and cultivating it. Then he purchased a more desirable farm on the 1st Concession, East Communication Road, in Harwich townhip, where he settled and continued agriculture. Prospering in his industry, he has remained there ever since, and he is now one of the well-to-do farmers of the township. Mr. Bustin is a man of influence, well known in all circles. The Methodist Church, of which he was a founder, and has since served as a trustee, counts him and his wife among its leading members.

THOMAS MERRITT. This prominent agriculturist of Dover township, now residing upon his well-improved 136-acre farm, on Lot 8 along the River front, has attained his present prosperity by sheer pluck and determination. Starting life for himself at the early age of thirteen, he has since worked at anything that came his way with indefatigable energy, and in addition to farming, has each season for years, followed the threshing business.

Mr. Merritt comes of an old Canadian family. Gilbert Merritt, his grandfather, a man of prominence and ability, spent many years of his life in Nova Scotia. Impressed with favorable reports of Ontario, in 1851, with a party of fellow citizens, he came to that Province and settled in County Kent. Here he procured several farms, which he managed with success, establishing for himself a leading place among agriculturists.

Nathaniel Merritt, son of Gilbert and father of Thomas, possessed much of his father's business ability and courage in making ventures. He passed his early life in Nova Scotia, and there procured the ordinary rearing of a boy in comfortable circumstances. Faith in the growth and development of Western Ontario led him, as a young man, to try his luck in that section, and, settling upon a farm in Chatham township, he there engaged in agriculture. Competent and energetic, he cleared up new tracts, kept the buildings in excellent repair, and in a short time had a thrifty, prosperous looking farm. During this period he married Susan Arnold, of Chatham township, who died in February, 1872, at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried in Arnold cemetery, in Louisville, Ontario. By this union there were six children: James H., who is now a farmer of Chatham township; John A., who is carrying on the old homestead in Chatham township; Matilda A., who married John H. Blackburn, and resides in Chatham township; William, who died at the age of four years; Thomas, who is mentioned below; and Alonzo, who died at the age of one year.

Mr. Merritt continued his farming after marriage for many years, making a very comfortable home for his wife and family. About 1851, however, hoping to make his fortune, in company with the Traxler Bros., he went to Australia in search of gold. This, however, was the last that was ever seen of him in this country. Of his safe arrival in Australia, the family were assured, receiving three letters from him after he left home. The last reported a gold find that would make them rich for the rest of their lives, but from that time no word has ever been received.

Mr. Merritt was a man of solid worth, highly respected wherever he was known. With his wife he was prominent in religious circles, both being esteemed members of the Baptist Church.

Thomas Merritt was born in Chatham township, Feb. 6, 1846, and there, under the protecting care of a wise and efficient mother, received careful rearing. Early feeling the necessity of shouldering life's responsibilities, at the tender age of thirteen he started out cutting cord wood. Determination and energy enabled him to earn a good living, and soon opened up to him more desirable positions. After some years he hired out with a crew of threshers, and, readily becoming familiar with the business, soon commanded high wages.

In Chatham, in August, 1871, Mr. Merritt married Elizabeth French, who was born in Chatham, Nov. 15, 1852, and they have had five children, none of whom are married: Herman M., Thomas F., Anna G., Henry R. and Nathaniel M.

Working out as a farm hand, engaged in the threshing business each season, Mr. Merritt continued for about twenty years after his marriage. In the course of time, with a friend he took charge of a threshing company, and, carrying on a profitable business, they finally purchased a machine of their own. After two years, however, in 1900, Mr. Merritt sold out his interest to his partner in order to give his entire attention to farming. Previous to this, in 1891, he purchased the large farm where he now resides. Taking up his work with a keen interest, he here made a splendid success of it. He has equipped the place with everything necessary for carrying on all kinds of general agriculture, and putting each section to the use for which nature evidently intended it, he is making it pay for all it is worth.

Mr. Merritt's achievements have won him the entire confidence of the community, and there are few men there more highly respected and honored. Through his various activities he has become widely known, and his admirable traits of character and keen intelligence have won him friends in all circles. He is public-spirited, large hearted, a splendid neighbor and most loyal citizen. As a strong Conservative, he is influential in local politics.

Peter French, grandfather of Mrs. Merritt, was originally of Pennsylvania, coming of a fine old Dutch family there. As a young man he chose farming for his occupation, and he followed the same for the most part throughout his active career. Hoping to better his fortunes, he came to Ontario in the early days and settled upon a splendid tract of wild land in County Kent. This he cleared up and improved, making a fine home for himself and family. He lived to the age of eighty-two years, dying upon the old homestead in 1878. During his early manhood he married Lena Blackburn, also of Pennsylvania, and among their children was a son Peter.

Peter French, son of Peter and Lena French and father of Mrs. Merritt, passed his early life in County Kent, making Chatham his home for some time. Like his father, he, too, chose farming for his life work, and as a man of ability and energy, prospered in his industry. He died June 9, 1900, at the age of seventy-six years. During his early manhood he married Ann Atkinson, daughter of William Atkinson, a prominent farmer of Howard township, where his son Thomas now resides. Mrs. French died in November, 1866, at the age of thirty-four years. Both she and her husband are buried in Arnold's cemetery, at Louisville, Ontario. To her and her husband were born six children: Elizabeth, who is mentioned above; Edgar, a farmer of Chatham township; William, a resident of Chatham; Elmira, who married Leonard Holmes, a farmer of Dover township; Byron, who carries on the old homestead; and James, who is engaged in business in Chatham.

E. S. WILLIAMS, a retired farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his locality, was born on the old Williams homestead in Howard Sept. 7, 1822, a son of John and Harriet (Sanford) Williams.

John Williams, the father, was born in 1800, on the river Thames, in the County of Kent, and was a son of Isaac and Susan (Arnold) Williams, the former of whom was born in Wales and the latter in Germany. Grandfather Isaac Williams came from Wales to Montreal, by way of Quebec, in 1798, moving later to a tract of land on the river Thames which he obtained from the English government, where he began the life of a pioneer in the then unbroken forest. For many years the families of Williams and Arnold were the only settlers on the river in Howard township. They, more than any others, felt pioneer privations, but at the same time grew brave and strong from the strenuous lives they were obliged to lead. Although they never cared for the surplus things of life it required courage and industry to procure even the actual necessities. Isaac Williams was a saddler by trade and for many years supplied the needs of the county in this line. He and his wife passed away at the old home on the river, leaving two children, John and Mary. The latter married William Call, who became a soldier in the war of 1812, and was the father of William Call, who resides on Talbot street.

John Williams, son of Isaac, and father of E. S., married and settled first on Talbot street, but six years yater, in 1828, he moved back to the river, where he built a hotel, near the Howard bridge, and during the balance of his life combined innkeeping and farming. Here he and his wife died, and their last resting place,

on the old farm, is marked by an appropriate monument. The mother of E. S. Williams was born in 1804 in Montreal, daughter of Ephraim Sanford, a hatter in that city, a man of German ancestry. Both parents were consistent members of the Church of England. Their six children were: E. S., born in 1822, is mentioned below. Susan, born in 1824, on Talbot street, married E. R. Vanallen, of Chatham, and became the mother of Dr. Vanallen, formerly of Colorado; Mildred, the wife of William Ball of Chatham; Edmund, a lawyer of St. Thomas; and Hattie, the only survivor, now Mrs. Ager of Winnipeg. John L. married Mary J. McKnight, and both died on his home in Howard, leaving no family. Elijah, born in the County of Kent, settled near the old home, married, and died leaving children—David S., J. L. (at the homestead), and Charles, Hattie and Martin, all three deceased. Mary A., born in the County of Kent, married Charles Melville and settled in Howard township, and both died there, leaving no children. George died at the old home when a youth of fifteen years.

E. S. Williams was given the best schooling the times and locality afforded, and he remained on the home farm as his father's chief assistant until his marriage, which took place in October, 1852, to Catherine McMullen, who was born in March, 1827, near Chatham, a daughter of James and Magdalena (Traxley) McMullen, people well known in the County of Kent. James McMullen was born in 1800, in Detroit, Michigan, a son of Col. James McMullen, an English dragoon, who was killed while in the service. His widow moved from Detroit to Windsor, Canada, where she died a few years later, leaving a son daughter, the former the father of Mrs. Williams, and the latter, Catherine, the wife of John Arnold; she died at Amherstburg, Canada. James McMullen settled on a farm near Chatham, and also engaged in mercantile business in Chatham, and conducted a store on his farm. He was one of the progressive business men of the county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McMullen: Peter, deceased; Catherine, the wife of Mr. Williams; Susan, now Mrs. Pickard, of Thamesville; James A., on the old homestead; Rebecca, deceased, who married Andrew Dirk, of Chatham; Barbara, wife of Michael Leonard, of Chatham; Daniel C., a teacher in Chatham; and Ellen, the wife of David Neilson, of the State of Alabama.

After their marriage Mr. Williams and his wife settled at the present home, although but small improvement had previously been made upon it. Their first residence was a small frame house near the river, but this was, in the course of a few years, replaced by the present commodious and comfortable residence, where they enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. This is one of the fine farms of Howard township, well cultivated and most carefully managed by George C. Williams, the very capable son of this experienced farmer. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams included eight children, namely: Miss Hattie assists her mother in the hospitalities of the home. James C. died at the age of eight years. John C. married Jennie Williston, of Camden, resides on a farm adjoining that of his father, and is one of the prominent business men of the township; his four children are Lewis J. S., Verna M., Percy J. C. and Jennie Virgie. Edwin C., who lives at home, has had poor health for some years. George C. ably operates the home farm. Miss Mary E. M. is, like her sister, well educated, both being accomplished in literature and music, and both belong to the best social circles in their community. Leonard C. F., a very intelligent young man, was educated in the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute. Catherine Augusta died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Williams, with his sons and like his father, is identified with the Conservative party. His father was one of the first councilmen of Howard, a position filled by John Williams for a number of years. With his sons John and George Mr. Williams belongs to Masonic Lodge No. 245, at Thamesville. The whole family are members of the Church of England, and all are prominent and most highly regarded in the vicinity.

LIBOIRE ANTAYA, now living in retirement on his well-improved, pleasantly located farm, on Lot 1 along the river front, in Dover township, has for the most part confined his activities to agriculture. A strong, capable, energetic man all his life, he has been remarkably prosperous, and has won a leading place in the county.

John Antaya, father of Liboire, and a hardy pioneer, figured prominently in the earlier history of Dover township. A manufacturer, as well as farmer, he started one of the first wagon factories ever opened in this section. During his early years he resided in Quebec, and there became familiar with the trade of a wheelwright. About 1827, being impressed with the favorable reports of Western Ontario, then being opened up to settlers, he went there and settled upon a splendid tract of wild land. With energy and determination he cleared up large areas, put them under cultivation, and, with careful management, he became prosperous. From year to year he made other improvements, and in the course of time erected good, substantial buildings, making the farm the equal of any in this section. His wagon factory was an establishment which was thoroughly appreciated and widely patronized by the early settlers. As population increased he found it necessary to enlarge his business, and in time he was conducting a highly flourishing and prosperous industry. Furnishing work to many a needy new comer, as well as readily supplying a perfectly reliable and necessary article, the factory was long a blessing to the community. For about twenty-four years this energetic, able pioneer labored in this vicinity, and here, in 1851, at the age of seventy-six years, he died.

After coming to Dover township Mr. Antaya married Frances Moran, also of Quebec. She died in 1884, at the age of seventy-five years. Both she and her husband were buried in St. Peter's Church cemetery. By this marriage there were ten children: Margaret, who married Anthony Trudell (she is now deceased); John, a retired citizen of Detroit; Adeline, who married John Billette, and resides in Manistee, Michigan, (he is now deceased); Augustus, who died young, Nicholas, who is also deceased; Liboire, who is mentioned below; Valentine, a retired citizen of Dover township; and Joseph, Mary A. and Helen, who are now deceased. Mr. Antaya possessed energy and the ability to apply it wisely to the affairs of life. He was not only a hard worker, but one who reaped good money returns for his labor. In the welfare of the new settlement he ever evinced the keenest interest, and was one of the most public-spirited men among the early settlers.

Liboire Antaya was the product of hardy pioneer life and careful, upright home training. Born on the family homestead, in Dover township—the place where he now resides—Aug. 2, 1837, he there grew to manhood. Assisting his father on the home place, he early acquired good training in agriculture, and also procured considerable knowledge of business. A taste for farming as well as plenty of experience in that line, decided him upon reaching manhood to make that occupation the business of his life, and, making his home with his parents, he worked as a farm hand among neighboring farmers for several years. A competent and conscientious workman, he usually found his services in demand, and he was able to command good wages. In 1884, upon the death of his mother, he purchased the family homestead, which he has since carried on. He has cultivated large areas, equipped the place with all necessary machinery for economizing labor, and has here engaged in all branches of general farming. This place embracing sixty-one acres of land, largely under cultivation, with well kept-up buildings, neat grounds, and attractive trees, is a striking evidence of the thrift and prosperity of the owner.

In St. Peter's Church, Feb. 12, 1862, Mr. Antaya married Millie Coran, who was born in County Kent, Ontario, in 1842, daughter of Gregory and Theresa (Ouellette) Coran, of Quebec, who came to this section in the early days, and here in his eighty-eighth year the father still resides. Mrs. Antaya died Feb. 11, 1886, in her forty-fifth year, and is buried in Pain Court cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Antaya were born the following children: Liboire was drowned in the Detroit river; Joseph, a thrifty, and successful farmer, is now carrying on the family homestead; Theodore resides in Tilbury township; Peter is a farmer, in Dover township; George is a farmer in Raleigh township; James is deceased; Alfred and Albert are farmers of Dover township; Mary, who has never married, resides at home; B. Ella is deceased; and Caroline and Emaline, twins, are living at home.

Mr. Antaya possesses those strong traits of character, which would have achieved success for him in almost any walk of life. Energetic, determined, far-sighted, and possessed of excellent judgment, he has all the requisites of a splendid business man, and these traits

he has turned to thoroughly good account in the management of his fine old homestead. In all the affairs of the township he has taken an ardent interest, and, as a Conservative, is influential in local politics. He is honest and square in his dealings, and has hosts of warm friends. The Catholic Church counts him among its substantial members.

JOHN HATTON, a prosperous farmer of Lot 14, 4th Concession, was born in the city of Liverpool, England, Nov. 28, 1836, a son of William and Catherine (Jones) Hatton. The father was born in Chester, England, in 1798, the mother in Wales in 1788, and both died in Liverpool, England.

John Hatton was the only child of his parents, and was reared in the land of his birth, receiving a fair education. There he married Mrs. Catherine (Conwries) McMannus. In 1862 he brought his wife and three children to Canada, by way of New York, the ocean voyage, which was made in a sailing-vessel, taking six weeks. At first he settled in Howard township, on the 6th Concession, his farm consisting of fifty acres, given him by his uncles, Edward and Richard Jones, his mother's bachelor brothers, who were among the earliest settlers of this locality, coming to the Dominion in 1820. They never married. Mr. Hatton cleared off this fifty acres, on which he erected various buildings and made a home for his family. In 1876 he sold this home and purchased 100 acres, which he also cleared, and made all the improvements upon it, and he has since resided upon this property. His first wife died at this home in February, 1895. Their three children were: William C., born in England in 1857, married Miss Eliza Bailey, of Howard, and settled in Pontiac, where he died in 1894, leaving his wife, who resides in Detroit, and two children, Lucy and Helen. John, born in England in 1861, married Miss Elizabeth Brown, of the County of Kent, and resides in Pontiac; he is a conductor on the railroad; they have one son, Ernest. Anne, born in England in 1862, married Fred Kelly, a business man of Detroit, and has one son, Fred.

In September, 1897, Mr. Hatton married Mary H. Oswald, who was born in England in 1876, and is an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hatton. One little daughter has come to this union, Edith Jane, born in 1898. Mrs. Hatton had an only sister in England. Religiously Mr. Hatton has been connected with the Methodist Church, in which he has always taken an active part, holding the positions of steward, class-leader, Sunday-school superintendent and many others, and he has shown great zeal in this work.

During a long and useful life Mr. Hatton met with many entertaining and exciting experiences, which he relates in a very interesting manner. While crossing the ocean the vessel on which he had taken passage was wrecked, and fifteen of the crew were lost. For ten days the hapless people suffered untold privations, but were finally rescued by the sailing-vessel "Neptune," just as they were about giving up hope. In addition to being an intelligent agriculturist Mr. Hatton understands the trade of iron moulder, which he learned in England, and there followed it successfully for some years. Although he has devoted his time and attention to his farm work he has found the knowledge of this trade very useful, especially in the days when farmers had to perform many things which are now done for them in large establishments. No man is more highly respected in the community than Mr. Hatton, and his success in life demonstrates what can be accomplished by patient and conscientious endeavor, directed along the proper paths. In his home life he is a devoted husband and father, while among his neighbors he is a kind-hearted, Christian man, and one who sets in his daily life an example for the rising generation to follow.

ROBERT J. MORRISON, one of the prominent retired farmers of the county of Kent, as well as one of its best known political leaders, is the present county representative. He was born in County Down, Ireland, Feb. 5, 1825, a son of William and Jane (McClellan) Morrison, the latter a relative of Gen. George B. McClellan, who became so celebrated during the American Rebellion. The father died in Ireland, after which the mother and family came to America. Robert J. was the youngest of six children, and was sixteen years of age when the family emigrated and settled at Chippawa, County of Welland, Ont. There he learned the tanning and currying trade, remaining at Chippawa some four years.

He then went to northern Ohio to visit an uncle, and was prevailed upon to take a course at the Twinsburg (Ohio) seminary, at which institution he studied two years. He then began teaching, his first school being near Aurora, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and among his pupils was one James Garfield, afterward President of the United States. Young Garfield was an exceptionally apt pupil in mathematics, and kept his instructor on the alert to meet his questions. During the second winter Mr. Morrison taught a school on the outskirts of Cleveland, Ohio, and then returned to Chippawa, and taught for two years more. By this time he realized that a knowledge of business methods would be of benefit to him, he took a course in the business college of Cleveland, where he had for a classmate Mr. Bryant, who has since made his name famous as the head of business colleges throughout the world. In 1852 Mr. Morrison came to Chatham and taught a three-months school, and then taught a school on the River road, boarding in a house which stood on the present site of his beautiful home. The succeeding five years he taught the Middle road school and conducted what was known as the model school of the County of Kent. His salary for the first year was $275, and for the third and following years was $500. In 1858 he bought a farm on the Middle road, and there carried on farming until 1869, when he sold and came to the river, purchasing fifty acres upon which he resided for twelve years. In 1881 he bought his present farm, a mile east, and built a handsome brick house, where he has since resided, beautifying it and adding to his farm until he now owns several hundred acres. He has been remarkably successful, and his prosperity has been attained through untiring effort and good management. There is probably no man in Raleigh township who has worked harder than Mr. Morrison, and certainly none have been better rewarded for their efforts. In politics he is a Reformer, and first held office under the township government in 1863, 1864 and 1865, when he served as auditor. Then he was made inspector of schools of Raleigh and Tilbury townships, and he has served on the township council for upward of twenty-five years. In 1875 and 1876 he was reeve, and has taken so active a part in municipal affairs that he is familiarly called the "Father of the County Council." In 1892 he served as warden of the county, and is at present the county's representative. He is chairman of the governing board of the House of Refuge at Chatham. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Morrison is a liberal supporter.

In 1857 Mr. Morrison was married to Louisa Benedict, a native of Southold, and the following named children were born to the union: Elihu, a farmer of Raleigh township; Bertha Jane, who married Charles R. Stevenson; Charles, who died in 1900, aged thirty-five years; James Allen, at home; and Helena Louisa, at home.

DUNCAN GRAHAM, now living retired at his home on Lot 18, Concession 9, County of Kent, where he owns and formerly operated a fine farm of 100 acres, came to his present property in 1869, from Aldborough, County of Elgin.

Mr. Graham was born in the Highlands of Scotland, April 15, 1838, a son of Duncan and Sarah (Campbell) Graham, also Highland Scotch, who came to Canada in 1848 and located in the County of Elgin, taking up 100 acres. The father died in 1869, aged eighty-two years, while the mother died in 1849, aged sixty-six years, and both were consistent Presbyterians. The children born of this union were: John, who died in the County of Elgin; Laughlin, who died in that county; James, who was killed by a falling tree in County Elgin; Sarah, of County Elgin, widow of William Hoskins; Archie, a farmer of Mosa township, County of Middlesex, Ont.; Isabel, deceased, who married Daniel Guillis; Robert, a farmer of County Elgin; Peter, a farmer of County Elgin; Duncan; and Angus, a retired farmer of Scotland.

On Feb. 13, 1868, in Aldborough, County of Elgin, Duncan Graham married Margaret McMillan, and they have had children as follows: Daniel, a farmer of the County of Elgin; Duncan D., at home; Sarah, formerly a school teacher, now the wife of A. C. Brooks, of Orford township; John, a farmer of Manitoba; Dougal, a school teacher; and Mary J., at home. Mrs. Graham was born at Glengarry, Ont., Jan. 4, 1848, daughter of Donald and Jane (McArthur) McMillan, of the Highlands of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1848, locating in

Glengarry, but after a few months went to the County of Elgin, Ont., where they took up 200 acres in Aldborough township, and some years later took up 200 acres more. They died there, the father in 1867, aged sixty-four years, and the mother in 1895, aged eighty-seven years, and both were interred in Purcel's cemetery, in the same township. They were active members of the Presbyterian Church, of which the father was deacon for many years. The children born of their union were: Grace, of Aldborough, widow of Duncan Patterson; Nancy, who married Angus Guillis, of Aldborough; Dougal, a farmer on the old homestead; Margaret, Mrs. Graham; Duncan, a farmer of Aldborough; John, a farmer of Aldborough; Mary, of Dunwich, Ont., who married Archibald McVannel, a farmer; Jane, who married John McCollom, of Cass City, Michigan; and Donald, a farmer of Aldborough township.

Duncan Graham remained with his parents until his marriage when he settled on his present farm, the forest on which was so dense that he had to make a clearing in the woods before he could put up his log cabin. In 1884 he replaced this with a handsome brick house. He also owns another farm of fifty acres in the same township. His land is well developed, and he has made of his place one of the finest farms in the county. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer, and he served six years as school trustee. After passing through many hardships Mr. Graham and his excellent wife are enjoying the comforts their toil has gained them, and they are most highly esteemed throughout the community for their excellent traits of character.

SAMUEL W. COURTIS, a prosperous general farmer and enterprising citizen of the Gore of Chatham, resides upon Lot 16, 3d Concession, where he owns and cultivates 100 acres of about as fine land as can be found in the County of Kent, to which he came in 1901. His birth occurred in County Sligo, Ireland, March 10, 1863, and he is a son of Richard and Rebecca (Keeble) Courtis, of England, where they now reside, Samuel having been born while his parents were stationed in the above mentioned county in Ireland. Richard Courtis was a custom house official, but is now on the retired list. He was born in 1830, while his wife was born in 1834. Both are consistent members of the Baptist Church. The following children were born to their union: Richard, deceased; George, an officer in the British navy; Elizabeth, unmarried, residing with her parents; Samuel W.; Alford, deceased; Robert, an officer in the British navy; Thomas, an officer in the British navy; and Rebecca, unmarried and at home.

In November, 1901, Samuel W. Courtis married Catherine J. Estey, who came to Canada when only four years of age, and was reared by an aunt, Catherine Gauld, in the County of Elgin, Ont. Miss Gauld was one of the popular school teachers of Ontario for many years, and Mrs. Courtis also taught school prior to her marriage, being located for seven years in the County of Essex, after which she taught in the County of Elgin, finally coming to the County of Kent, where she married. Her birth occurred in Lynn, Massachusetts, and she is a daughter of Daniel and Isabella (Gauld) Estey, of Sharon, Massachusetts, and Nova Scotia, respectively. Daniel Estey was the descendant of a Revolutionary officer who came over with Lafayette, and then enlisted under Gen. Washington. Daniel Estey passed away in Massachusetts in 1881, aged sixty-nine years, and his widow still resides in Danbury, Massachusetts; she was born in 1834. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Estey: Catherine J., Mrs. Courtis; and George, of San Francisco, California.

Samuel W. Courtis remained with his parents until 1882, when he came to the County of Kent and worked upon a farm for a few years for others, then purchasing his present fine property, which he is cultivating to the best advantage, receiving from his land a good per cent upon his investment. Fraternally Mr. Courtis is a member of the Freemasons, being a Master Mason. Politically he is a Reformer, but as yet has been too much occupied with his private affairs to engage in public life.

JOSEPH C. TASSIE, general merchant and a prosperous business man of Dresden, Ont., was born in Nelson township, County of Halton, Ont., Oct. 10, 1846. His parents, James and Rebecca (Eager) Tassie, of Dublin, Ireland, were married in the County of Halton, Ont., in 1840.

James Tassie came to Canada with his pa-

rents when a boy, the family being six weeks upon the ocean. Upon attaining to maturity he settled in the County of Halton, where he took up a farm of 200 acres about 1835. His death occurred in 1894, when he was seventy-four years of age, while his wife died in 1881, aged sixty-nine years. They are buried in the Nelson burying-ground, four miles from their farm. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics the father was a stanch Conservative. The children born of this union were: James, a farmer of the County of Halton; Benjamin, manager of the Bank of Montreal, Cornwall, Ont., who died in 1887; Joseph C. and his twin brother, William T., the latter a retired manufacturer of Toronto, Ont.; Alexander, a traveling salesman; Charles, a merchant of Dresden; Rebecca, who died in 1891, wife of Rev. Alexander Russell; and her twin sister, Mary, of Watertown, Ont., unmarried.

On Oct. 5, 1881, in Dresden, Ont., Mr. Tassie married Margaret Tweedie, and three children have been born to them: Gilbert C., Rebecca W. and Sanford G. Mrs. Tassie was born in Toronto, Ont., in 1860, a daughter of Dr. Gilbert and Menerva (Martin) Tweedie, of Scotland and Oshawa, Ont., respectively, and they came to Dresden in 1877. The Doctor removed to Toronto in 1877 and took charge of an isolation hospital, and has continued there ever since.

Joseph C. Tassie remained with his parents until 1872, in which year he went to Northwest Manitoba as a surveyor's assistant, and there remained until 1878, when he returned to Ontario, locating in Dresden, and purchased his present store. The business has greatly prospered under his management, and is now one of the leaders of its kind in Dresden. Mr. Tassie is also prominent politically, having served as town councilman for ten years and a member of the board of health, while for a year he served as mayor. His political views make him a Grit. In religion he is a consistent member of the Church of England. The success which has come to Mr. Tassie is but the natural result of ability combined with energy, enterprise and good management.

ROBERT McGREGOR, now residing on the attractive and well-conducted family homestead, known as the "Bannockburn Farm" in Howard township, has, by his energy and well-directed efforts, proved himself a worthy successor of him who transformed the property from a wild piece of land to one of the best improved farms in the county.

James McGregor, father of Robert, was one of the old and influential settlers of Howard township. Born in Perthshire, Scotland, in August, 1789, he there spent many useful and energetic years. Before leaving his native land he was married twice. By his first marriage there were two sons, James, now a prominent farmer of Howard, who is mentioned elsewhere; and John, deceased. By his second wife, Ann Robinson, who was born in December, 1804, there were ten children, four of whom died in childhood. The others were educated in the public schools of Ridgetown and Howard. (1) Margaret, now residing on the home farm in Orford, married F. McKerracher, now deceased, and they had eight children: Findley, who after his marriage settled in Howard; Janet, who married Nathaniel Philips of Cass City, Michigan; Ann, the wife of Alexander McCullough of Aldborough; James, who never married and resides on the home place; Margaret; Bertha, who married Peter Learmouth, of Brantford, Canada; and Robert and John, who are unmarried and reside at home. (2) Mary, who was born on the home place, married John Thompson, and resided in County Haldimand, where they both died. They had seven children: Christie A., who married George Hobson, of County Haldimand; Barbara, wife of Calvin Brown of Harwich township; Lizzie who married and lives in Michigan; Margaret, who married James F. McGregor; and John, James and Peter, who reside in British Columbia. (3) Janet, born on the home place, which she managed for some time, has always resided there. (4) Annie, also born on the home place, married Robert Hepburn, of County Kent, and they now reside in Orford. To this union was born one daughter, Susan, who died at the age of nine years. (5) Robert is mentioned below. (6) Joseph, born at "Bannockburn Farm," now a miller and engineer of Harwich, married Georgianna Gilbert, of Howard, and they have three children: Robert I.; Annie May and James M.

In 1833, in his forty-fifth year, Mr. James McGregor with his wife and four small chil-

dren sailed for America. Having determined to make a home in the productive Province of Ontario, after landing in New York they proceeded by way of a canal boat to Port Stanley, and thence on foot, a distance of sixty miles, to Howard township. There Mr. McGregor purchased 100 acres of unimproved land, and in a little log cabin, he and his family began life in this then sparsely settled country. Taking hold of his work with energy he cleared up the place, which under his management yielded large and valuable crops. In 1850 he erected the spacious and substantial buildings which are still to be seen upon the farm. Generous, as well as energetic and thrifty, he gave homes to his two elder sons, John and James. Mr. McGregor was a well informed man, and always evinced a keen interest in public affairs. As a member of the Reform party, he was active in politics, and the first five councilmen of Howard were nominated by him. Both he and his wife were devout and substantial members of the First Presbyterian Church of Ridgetown, and also among its founders.

Robert McGregor was born on "Bannockburn Farm," where he now resides. In the public schools of Howard he received a thorough rudimentary education, and on the busy homestead considerable training in farm management. Inclination as well as preparation decided him upon reaching manhood to follow agriculture as a regular business. In 1880 he married Christina Reicker, who was born in Buffalo, New York, daughter of Martin and Susan Reicker, who were of German parentage, and members of pioneer families of Buffalo. Later they moved to Alpena, Michigan, where they now reside, and where Mrs. McGregor spent some years of her life. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor: Anna, born at Bannockburn Farm in 1881, procured her education in the Collegiate Institute of Ridgetown, and resides at home; James M., born in 1883; Charles Fred, in 1885; Donald G., in 1887; Robert Gorden, in 1890; and Joseph S., in 1894, are now attending school in Howard township.

Directly after his marriage Mr. McGregor settled upon the family homestead, where he has since remained. Taking a keen interest in his work, and exercising marked foresight in his management, he has made a thorough success of his farming. He uses both progressive and practical methods, which have won the commendation of agriculturists in his section. The farm is located on Lot 6, Concession 11, and is one of the most attractive places in the vicinity, being characterized by an air of neatness, elegance, and marked prosperity. As a man of high integrity and great forcefulness of character Mr. McGregor wields a wide influence in his community. He was one of the founders of the First Presbyterian Church of his place, and is still a leading member. His business success has been largely attained by centering his energies upon one main line.

WILLIAM H. MOREHOUSE, of Dover township, has, through his fourteen years' residence in that place, been known as a mill-hand, a butcher, and an agriculturist. Three years ago he purchased a fine 100-acre tract on Lot 19, Concession 2, and he is now giving his entire attention to the development of its resources. Mr. Morehouse was born near Nilestown, Ontario, Oct. 7, 1865, and is paternally descended from good English stock. His grandparents resided in New Brunswick, and were industrious, well-to-do people.

Humphry Morehouse, father of William H., also made his residence in New Brunswick for many years. He received careful rearing, being early trained to make a wise use of his time and to accept responsibility. Good agricultural openings in his section decided him as a young man to make that work the business of his life; and for the greater part of his short, but active career, he pursued that industry perseveringly. He made a success of his work and accumulated some property for the time of need. He died in 1882, at the early age of thirty-eight. During his early manhood he married Cynthia Raymond, of County Essex, Ontario, who was born in 1846. She is still living, residing in Rochester, Michigan. By this marriage there were nine children: Sarah, who married James Farley, and resides at Pontiac, Michigan; William H., who is mentioned below; Lizzie, deceased; Kittie, who married Horace Wilcott, and resides at Hillsdale, Michigan; Bert, a machinist of Rochester, Michigan; George, deceased; Wallace, who resides in Missouri; Ada and Ida, are twins, the former married Jim Bishop, and resides in Chatham, and the latter is the wife of Bert Brooks, and resides in Rochester, Michigan.

Mr. Morehouse was a man of enterprise and marked ability, and as a kind neighbor and responsible citizen won the esteem of all who knew him. In all good works he ever evinced the keenest interest, and the Baptist Church counted him among its leading members. Mrs. Morehouse belonged to the Methodist Church.

William H. Morehouse was reared in an atmosphere of strong activity. At the early age of eleven years he shouldered life's responsibilities, and as a farm hand worked several years in his own neighborhood. Hoping to better his prospects, a few years later he went to Metropolitan, Michigan, and secured a position in the mines, where, giving good satisfaction, he remained for three years. After a varied career, as engineer of a threshing machine at Riley, Michigan, for three years, and in winters as a workman in a sawmill, in 1890 he came to Dover township, and secured a good position in a lumber mill conducted by an uncle. He continued there faithfully for two years, and then went into the butcher business for himself. Being energetic and skillful, he soon had all the work he could attend to, and he continued in this line for five years. Then, renting a farm in Dover township, he engaged in agriculture. Encouraged by his success, after three years, in the fall of 1901, he purchased the farm where he now resides. During his work there he has made a most excellent beginning, and is rapidly improving the property. He is looked upon as an agriculturist who thoroughly understands his business, and one who is bound to be successful at it.

In Dover township, June 20, 1895, Mr. Morehouse married Anna Rankin, who was born Aug. 12, 1873, daughter of James and Agnes (Jackson) Rankin. Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse have one child, James H. Mr. Morehouse has won his own place in life and is a man of large experience and marked force of character. Energy, determination and decision are among his dominant traits. He is popular wherever he is known, and is a member in good standing of the I. O. O. F. He belongs to the Methodist Church, and in politics he is an unwavering Conservative.

ALEXANDER LAIRD, one of the substantial men of Harwich township, County Kent, retired from an active agricultural life, resides upon his fine property located on Lot 21, Concession 6. He was born Feb. 28, 1835, in Stirlingshire, Scotland, a son of James and Margaret (Gardner) Laird.

The Laird family is well known through County Kent. The parents of Mr. Laird left their native land on a sailing vessel, and after a long journey of nine weeks, reached the city of New York, in 1842, and came from there to Canada. The family resided for one year at Blenheim, and then the father purchased, from the Canada company, the land which now comprises the home farm. At that time it was wild and totally unimproved, but he erected a log cabin, and in this first home both parents died, the father in 1872, the mother in 1866. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and at the time of his death, Mr. Laird was one of the elders, as he had been for many years. A family of eight children was born to James and Margaret Laird, as follows: Margaret died in Scotland, in young womanhood; Joseph married Janet Stewart, in Scotland, and they also emigrated and settled on Concession 5, in Harwich, where he died in 1895, leaving a family; Janet, Mrs. Barclay, resided in Ridgetown; John married Isabel Carr, of Ridgetown, and they settled on a farm in Harwich where he died, in 1900, leaving children, James, Margaret, Isabel and Peter; Elizabeth married Robert Stephenson, who settled on Concession 5, where she died, leaving children, Robert, Maggie, James, Janet and Alexander; Mary married the late James Baird, who settled on Concession 8 in Harwich township, and at death left children, James, Margaret, David, Mary J., Elizabeth, Jessie, Rev. John (of Glencoe), Joseph and Ada; James married Margaret McLaren, of Howard, and some years later, moved to Harwich, and then to the Northwest where he died, leaving a family, now located at different points in Canada; Alexander is the youngest member of the family, all of whom were born in Scotland.

Alexander Laird had few educational advantages, on account of existing conditions in the locality in which his parents settled, but natural ability and quickness of intellect have long since supplied early deficiencies. He remained on the farm, assisting his father, until his marriage, on Aug. 6, 1858, to Miss Elvira Rowe, daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth (Brewster) Rowe, a prominent pioneer family of Canada.

Mrs. Laird is a sister to Major Rowe, of Harwich, and was born at Russeltown, in July, 1836. Her parents moved to Harwich when she was quite a young girl, and she was educated in the local schools.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Laird settled on the old homestead, where they lived until 1883, when he retired to Ridgetown, where they resided for some fourteen years. They then returned to the old homestead, and still live among the surroundings of their early married life. The five children born to them were as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1859, is the widow of Arthur Spicer, of Chicago, who died in 1893, and she is engaged in a millinery business at Detroit; James, born in 1861, learned the joining trade at Blenheim, removed to Rochester, New York, where he married Ida Granger, and now resides at Honeoye Falls, New York, and they have daughters, Gladys and Helen; Margaret, born in 1863, married George Mickle, of Ridgetown, who after having served as bookkeeper for fourteen years for Haggerman & Jull, is engaged in the bean and wool buying business, and their children are, Frank A., Ida L., Margaret A. and E. Laird; Mary, born in 1864, died in childhood; and Jessie died at the age of four years.

For forty years Mr. and Mrs. Laird have been members of the Presbyterian Church, and for a long period he has led the church choir in Harwich. Politically he is identified, like his father, with the old Government party.

Mr. Laird made many fine improvements on the old homestead farm, in 1876 erecting a fine brick residence, and he also has appropriate buildings of all kinds, making the old place most comfortable and attractive. Aside from being afflicted with rheumatism, which necessitated the amputation of his left limb, Mr. Laird enjoys life, and few men are better or more kindly known in his neighborhood. Both he and his wife are noted for their many acts of charity and generosity, and they have a wide circle of attached friends.

THOMAS REID, a prominent and successful farmer of Howard township, residing on Lot 17, 5th Concession, in the County of Kent, was born at his present home Feb. 25, 1850, a son of William and Charlotte (Bevin) Reid, natives of England, born Jan. 2, 1802, and March 26, 1807, respectively.

The parents grew to maturity in their native land, where they were married, at St. Paul's, in 1828. In 1831 they emigrated to Canada, and purchased land from Col. Talbot on the 5th Concession, in Howard township, where they commenced life as pioneers. Their first house, built by William Reid, was a log shanty, in which they lived until 1840, when he erected a larger log house which served admirably until 1868, at which time he built a comfortable frame house, the one in which Thomas Reid now lives. There he died in 1885. He and his son Thomas cleared off the land, ninety acres in all, making of it one of the best farms in the County of Kent, and their hardships were shared by the good wife and mother, whose death occurred in 1890, when she was eighty-one years of age. William Reid and his wife were members of the Church of England in England, but after locating in Canada Mrs. Reid joined the Methodist Church, with which she was connected for fifty years. They were the parents of nine children: William died in infancy in England; Ellen, born in 1835, is the widow of William Tyhurst, of Chatham, and has a family; Mary A., born in 1837, on the home farm, married Julius Colby, a resident of Mechanicsville, Iowa, and has a family; Harriet, born in 1839, married James Kennedy, of Ashtabula, Ohio, now retired; Charlotte, born in Howard township in 1841, married George Kinnedy, now deceased, of Ridgetown, and has the following family, William, John, Arthur, and Ada, the latter unmarried and living at home; Sarah, born in 1843, married Leonard Hines, of Iowa, and has one son, Elston, a teacher in the public schools of the County of Kent; Emily, born in 1846, married Arthur Robinson, of Howard township, and died leaving four children, Harriet, Irene, James and Arthur, of British Columbia; John B., born in February, 1847, grew to manhood in the old home, but while still a young man, moved to Nebraska, where he resides (he is married and has a family); Thomas is the youngest of the family.

Thomas Reid grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving a limited education in the public schools of Howard township, and was manager of the farm for a number of years prior to his father's death. In 1878 he married Miss Isabella McKinzie, daughter of Alexander McKinzie, of Howard. Mrs. Reid was

born in Howard in 1855 and died in 1886 on the present farm, where they settled after marriage. To this union were born four children, all still unmarried: Emily M., born in 1880; Matilda O., born in 1882; Eastabella, born in 1884; and Maggie J. In 1889 Mr. Reid married Miss Mary McCalister, of Orford township, daughter of Charles McCalister, and four children have been born of this marriage: Florence M., born in 1890; William C., born in 1893; Charles W., born in 1895; and Mabel J., born in 1900. Religiously Mr. Reid's first wife was a Presbyterian, while the present Mrs. Reid is a member of the Baptist Church. During his earlier life Mr. Reid was identified with the old Reform party, but is now independent in his political views; he has never desired or accepted office. During a useful and honorable life Mr. Reid has faithfully discharged the duties laid upon him, and has proven himself a good son, a devoted husband and father, and a loyal and public-spirited citizen, and the example he has set is one which the rising generation will do well to follow.

JOHN SMITH, who died at Charing Cross, in Raleigh township, County of Kent, May 14, 1880, at the age of forty-nine years, was one of the early farmers of Dover township, where, in 1862, he purchased 200 acres of wild land, which he improved and afterward cultivated for about seventeen years. He was a carpenter as well as a farmer.

Mr. Smith was of Scottish birth and parentage. His father, James Smith, a man of marked force of character, with the interest of his home and family thoroughly at heart, resided in Scotland for many years, and there married. He and his wife had six children: Withom, who resides upon the family homestead in the County of Elgin; Anna, who married David Walker, of Harwich township; John, who is now deceased; James, a resident of the County of Elgin, Ont.; David, who resides upon the family homestead in that county; and Mary, who married George Appleford, and is now deceased. In 1833, some years after marriage, Mr. Smith came with his family to America and located in the State of New York, where he continued for several years. The opening up of excellent farm land in Ontario finally induced him to move to that Province, and in the County of Elgin he made a permanent home, following farming for the most part throughout his active life. He was on the whole successful.

John Smith was born in Scotland about 1831, and was only about two years old when taken by his parents to America. He passed parts of his early life in the State of New York, and in the County of Elgin, Ont., receiving good rearing and preparation for the duties of life. Handy with tools, he learned the trade of a carpenter, which at various times he followed with marked success. A taste for adventure, and the hope of bettering his fortunes, induced him when a young man, shortly after his marriage, to make a trip to California in company with his brother James, in search of gold. After some prospecting in that region he was obliged for lack of means to give up gold hunting and turn his attention to his trade, the rapid growth of that section furnishing him plenty of work, and for three years he remained there. Though he made well out of his business he finally returned to Ontario, and remained in South Dorchester for some time, thence about 1862 coming to the County of Kent, where he purchased a 200-acre tract of wild land, embracing the present family homestead. This he improved, and after four years was enabled to sell 100 acres, making a good profit upon his investment. The remainder of his land he cleared and put under cultivation, making in time a very attractive farm for himself. Continuing to prosper he worked this place until 1879, when he moved to Charing Cross, where one year later he died of heart trouble. He is buried in the Maple Leaf cemetery, at Chatham.

In South Dorchester, Feb. 17, 1857, Mr. Smith married Mary Mitchell, who was born in Cowal, Scotland, Jan. 1, 1830, and when about eleven years old came with her father to Ontario. She has survived her husband, and is now living on part of the home farm in Dover township, where since her husband's death she has erected a pleasant residence for herself. She is remarkably active, and still performs her household duties. Spinning is one of her favorite occupations, and she has a rare four-foot wheel which came from Scotland, and is still in good running order, in spite of the fact that she has used it for forty-

six years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had two children: James, who died at the age of ten years; and Archibald, who resides on one part of the family homestead, which he now cultivates. He married Mary A. Walker, and they have two children, Bessie and John.

Mr. Smith always made the most of his opportunities, and was on the whole remarkably prosperous. He possessed good business qualifications, sound judgment, plenty of push, and a keen, alert intellect. Of an amiable disposition, social, well informed, he made friends at almost every step in life. In public affairs he always evinced a keen interest, and as a Reformer exerted an influence in local politics. His wife has long been an active member of the Disciples Church.

Archibald Mitchell, father of Mrs. Smith, resided for many years in Scotland, and there married Bessie Gillis. She died in 1838, at the age of twenty-nine, and he afterward married Violet McGregor. By the first marriage there were three children: Mary, Mrs. Smith, who is mentioned above; Betsey, who married Rev. James Kilgore, and is now deceased; and John, a farmer of the County of Elgin, Ont. In 1841 Mr. Mitchell came to the county of Elgin, where he made his residence for the most part during the rest of his life. For an occupation he followed farming, and possessed of much practical knowledge of that calling, sound judgment, and plenty of energy, he made a thorough success of the industry. He died April 27, 1861, at the age of sixty-six years, and is buried in the Disciples burying ground, at South Dorchester, Ont. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Disciples Church.

DUNCAN McMILLAN, one of the successful and prosperous farmers of Harwich township, County of Kent, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, Aug. 9, 1840.

John and Mary (McCall) McMillan, his parents, were both natives of Argyllshire. In 1851 John McMillan brought his family to Canada, the ocean voyage being made on a sailing vessel, six weeks being consumed in the trip to Quebec. Thence they came by boat to Chatham, County of Kent, Ont., where they resided one winter, after which Mr. McMillan purchased wild land on the 8th Concession in Harwich, where he settled in the woods as a pioneer farmer, in a little log cabin which he built. At this home both parents passed away, the father in 1863, and the mother in 1874. They were among the founders of the Presbyterian Church in that township, and Mr. McMillan was an active member of the Reform party. They were the parents of the following children, all born in Scotland: One died in Scotland when a child. Angus was educated in his native land, and now resides on a farm in Harwich township; he married a Miss McCall of Harwich, and has a family. Hector came with his parents to Canada, and remained until 1882, when he returned to his native country, dying there the same year, unmarried. Effie married Dougal McCall, who resides in Harwich township, on the 8th Concession, and she died leaving seven children, John, Mac, Sarah, Maggie, Duncan, Hector and Daniel. John was drowned at Chatham at the age of twenty-one. Mary was reared in Canada, and married Duncan Carmichael, a resident of Blenheim, and they have four children, Mary, Dorothy, Maggie and Hector. Duncan is mentioned below.

Duncan McMillan was the youngest of his father's family. He was educated in Scotland in the Gaelic, learning the English tongue in the schools of the County of Kent. He remained upon his father's farm until his marriage, in 1876, when he was united to Miss Mary McMillan, who was born in December, 1856, on their present farm, and reared there, daughter of Neal and Mary McMillan, prominent pioneer settlers of the county. Mrs. McMillan was educated in the Botany schools. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McMillan settled on the McMillan homestead, on the 8th Concession, in Harwich township, living there until 1901, at which time he purchased his father-in-law's old homestead on the town line, Lot 24, Concession 5, where they have since resided. In addition he owns a fine farm of 150 acres on the centre line in Harwich, and manages all three pieces of property. Eight children have come to himself and wife: Minnie, born Aug. 5, 1877, was educated in the Harwich schools, and married John Engram. Neal, born in July, 1879, manages the old homestead. Hector, born in August, 1882, lives at the old homestead. John, born Oct. 17, 1885, is a student in the Ridgetown high

school. Duncan A., was born in 1888; Maggie, in 1892; Ethel, in 1897; Christina M., in May, 1899. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. McMillan have been members of the Presbyterian Church for a great number of years, and he has served as collection officer, working faithfully with much credit to himself and benefit to the church. Politically he has always been identified with the old Reform party.

Mr. McMillan is one of the progressive, public-spirited men of the township, and the success which has attended him is but the result of honest industry and true national thrift, directed along proper channels.

WILLIAM R. WALKER, who carries on general farming on Lot 27, Concession 8, Tilbury East township, has risen to his present position of affluence and trustworthiness as a result of inherent ability and determination. Starting life with a fifty-acre tract left him by his father, he has enlarged and improved his property until he now has 136 acres of some of the most productive land in the vicinity. Born on the family homestead, on part of which he now resides, Oct. 7, 1862, he is the son of Charles and Martha (Davidson) Walker.

Charles Walker, a man of unusual enterprise and practical ability, achieved his success in the field of agriculture. He was born in Herefordshire, England, and there grew to manhood. When a young man, hoping to better his prospects in life, he came to the United States, where for several years he passed a varied career, making his residence at different times in various States, going as far west as Minnesota. Eventually, however, accompanied by his brother, John Walker, he came to Ontario, where, in Tilbury East township, County of Kent, they purchased Lot 23, 8th Concession, Charles taking up his log cabin residence on the east 100 acres. Braving the hardships of pioneer life, he soon transformed the wild tracts into well cultivated fields, erected good buildings, and, purchasing his brother's share, became possessor of the whole lot. Branching out in his industry from year to year, he continued his labors throughout the rest of his active life, winning a leading place among the agriculturists of his section. Practical and scientific in his methods, and a wise financial manager, he kept steadily upon the rising plane of life and amassed considerable property. In 1899, upon the death of his wife, he retired from active work, and removed to Aylmer, where he has since made his residence.

Mr. Walker married Martha Davidson, of Tilbury East township, daughter of William and Margaret (Boyd) Davidson, who are mentioned below. Mrs. Walker died at the age of sixty-eight years. Five children were born to this union: William R., who is mentioned below; George, a farmer of Tilbury East township; Jane, who married Samuel G. Pedit, and resides at Aylmer, Ont.; John, a farmer of Renwick; and Martha, who married Ralph Lowe, a farmer of Romney township. Mr. Walker's many admirable traits of character, as well as his achievements, won him the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He possessed indomitable courage, great energy, sound judgment and a large capacity for work. Public-spirited and generous, he had at all times the good of his community thoroughly at heart.

William R. Walker inherited his father's strong personality and force of character. Reared on the family homestead, he there received excellent training in agriculture, which has been his life work. At the age of twenty-five, coming into possession of fifty acres of the home place, he settled there and began working for himself. From the start he has made an unqualified success of his work, and, enlarging his place, and opening up new areas to cultivation, he was soon enabled to branch out in his industry. He has made improvements in his property, adding both to his stock and to his farm implements, and he has erected on the place new and attractive buildings. In his methods he is both progressive and practical, and his word in agricultural matters carries weight in his community.

Mr. Walker has been twice married, his first union being with Mary Pedit and his second with Jane A. Warnick, daughter of Samuel Warnick, a well known resident of Tilbury East township. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker: Charles Samuel, Ada, William Harold, Edwin Allen, and another daughter.

Mr. Walker is a man of many interests, but he always finds time for public affairs, and is now acting as trustee of school section No. 9. Fraternally he stands high, affiliating with the Foresters at Quinn, and the I. O. O. F. at

Tilbury. As a Reformer he is influential in local politics.

William Davidson, maternal grandfather of William R. Walker, was born in County Down, Ireland, and there married Margaret Boyd. About 1834 he came with his family to Quebec, Canada, and settled at Thornall. Two years later, in 1836, he came to Tilbury East township, and secured the south half of Lot 27, M. R. S., which he later improved, making there an excellent home for himself and family. He died in 1870, at the age of eighty-four years, and his wife in 1884, at the age of eighty-eight years. Of this union there were five children: Jane married William Cartright, who is now deceased. Martha is mentioned above. John, who married a Miss Malott, resided on the Middle Road, and he died in 1901. Elizabeth has never married. William R., who married Margaret Hornick, is a successful farmer of Tilbury East township.

JOHN JINKINS, whose attractive 100-acre farm is located on Lot 7, Concession 14, Gore of Chatham, is a man of large resources, who, at the same time, conducts successfully many lines of business. While carrying on a flourishing agricultural industry, he has at the same time been engaged as thresher, lumberman and common laborer.

Mr. Jinkins comes of good Scotch and Canadian ancestry. His father, James Jinkins, a prominent farmer and lumberman, was born in Canada, and there grew to manhood. Ambitious to win a place for himself in life, he early found a good opening in County of Kent, eventually embarking in the lumber business there. A skillful manager he soon put the industry on a solid foundation, and, working up a large trade, he gradually branched out in it. Continuing to prosper, he conducted it for many years, establishing for himself a leading place among the business men. Finally, however, with advancing years, he disposed of his business, and settling upon a piece of wild land, in County of Kent, he turned his attention to agriculture. He opened up large areas to cultivation, made improvements in the buildings, and in time became one of the prosperous farmers of the locality. He passed his last days here, dying in 1899, at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Jinkins married Ellen Cruth, who was born in Scotland, and now, nearly four score years of age, is making her home at Tupperville. By this union there were ten children, four of whom are now living. Mr. Jinkins was a typical Canadian, energetic, determined and practical. Actively interested in the development of the resources of County Kent, he was a power for good in building up local industries there.

John Jinkins moved from County of Hastings to County of Kent with his parents when a small child. In the public schools of the last named locality he sedulously cultivated his studies for several years, becoming thoroughly well grounded in the rudiments. Ambitious to start life for himself he then accepted the first position chance offered, which happened to be a place at sawing wood for a railroad company. The next year he took a place with a lumber firm and went into the woods. Here, commanding good wages, he remained for some time. The need of assistance on his father's farm, then decided him to take up his residence at home, and for several years he worked at clearing, breaking, and improving the family homestead. Gradually he assumed the entire management of the place, which, since the death of his father, has come into his possession. The place now embraces 100 acres, which are largely under cultivation, and is equipped with machinery and other things necessary for carrying on a successful agricultural industry. Its splendid orchard, embracing one hundred apple trees, yearly yields an abundant supply of fruit. Many years ago, in fact when he was only sixteen years old, Mr. Jinkins started out threshing, and, making well out of the business he has since continued it.

Mr. Jinkins married Belle Stewart of Toronto, daughter of George Stewart, a farmer, who was born in Canada and who now makes his residence in Sombra. He married Margaret Jones, who was also born in Canada, and they have had eleven children, of whom Mrs. Jinkins is the fifth in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Jinkins have been born eight children: Kate; Agnes; William J.; Sarah B.; Vina; Dennis; Thomas, deceased; and Archibald.

Mr. Jinkins possesses a remarkable power of turning out work, his ability in this line being a marvel to his friends. He is at the same

time alert, up-to-date, and progressive. His achievements and his force of character have won him the entire confidence and respect of the community; and as a Conservative he is influential in local politics. Fraternally he affiliates with the I. O. F., Court No. 1973, of Tupperville.

JOHN B. CURTIS (deceased), who for many years was a prominent farmer on Lot 22, Concession 3, in Harwich township, County of Kent, was born in Lower Canada in January, 1832, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Butler) Curtis, who came from England in an early day. The parents first settled in Toronto, where Benjamin Curtis engaged in merchandising for some years, but later they came to the County of Kent, where they were pioneers, and here they died. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel died in Toronto; Charles died in Harwich township; William died when a young man; Benjamin died when a young man; Sarah A., is also deceased; Maria married William Warden of Michigan; John B. is mentioned below; Mary J. married and died in Carlisle, Ontario.

After his marriage, in 1857, to Miss Margaret Pickard, John B. Curtis began his life as a farmer upon the homestead on which his widow still resides. She is a daughter of William and Sarah Pickard, pioneers of this section and natives of Pennsylvania and Brockville, Canada, respectively. Mrs. Curtis was born in Camden township, County of Kent, in November, 1839, and was educated in the county schools of that township, where she was reared. Her parents both died on their old homestead in Camden township, and of their six children two are still living: Elias Pickard settled in Harwich, married Elizabeth Everett, and both are now deceased; they left a family. Eliza A., born in Lower Canada, married Carson Shaw, of Camden township, and died leaving a family. Amos, born in Lower Canada, died in Thamesville, Ont. Rev. Mahlon, born in Lower Canada, is a minister of the Methodist Church in Camden; he married Miss Harriet Kelly, of Camden, and they have a family, one of their sons, Charles, living on the homestead in Camden township. Catherine, born in Camden, is the widow of Charles Fleming, and lives in Chatham, Ont.; she has a daughter, Candes Dawson, of Detroit, Michigan; her son, Owen, died at the age of eighteen. Margaret is Mrs. Curtis.

When Mr. and Mrs. Curtis settled on their farm it was wild land, but by hard work and thrift, they brought it into a fine state of cultivation, and in 1878 erected the comfortable house which still shelters Mrs. Curtis. Here it was that the angel of death visited the happy home and bore away the spirit of Mr. Curtis, Sept. 16, 1901. He had been a consistent member of the Church of England, and earnestly lived up to his faith. His widow and the following children were left to mourn his loss: Sarah, educated in the district schools, married Clark Hogarth, now one of the leading business men of Wayne county, Michigan, and they have three children, Murray, Forest and Glen. Elias married Matilda Bassett, of Windsor, and they have two children, Irene and Neil; they reside on the farm. William is one of the prominent grocers of Sombra, near the St. Clair river, and is also well-known as a Mason and an Odd Fellow; he married Clara Willison, of Blenheim, and they have one son, Arlie. Hamilton, a farmer on the River Road in Harwich, married Maud Stonehouse. George, who married Jennie Cook, of Sombra, is a merchant in Ontario. Nellie, who died Sept. 2, 1903, was the wife of Fred Arnold, of Kent Bridge, where he is a successful farmer; they had no family. Delbert married Laura Hales, and they reside on the homestead; they have a daughter, Nellie, born in 1899. Murray, born in 1876, received a fair education and he has been one of the managers of the home farm since the death of his father.

Politically Mr. Curtis was identified with the Reform party, but he never aspired to office. Mrs. Curtis was reared in the Methodist Church, as were her parents before her, and is one of the most active members of that denomination. The late John B. Curtis was a man of sterling worth of character, whose influence for the good of the community can not be overestimated. While quiet and unassuming in character, his example of noble living was such as to inspire others to a better life, and his loss was deeply felt throughout the county.

CHARLES WRIGHT, one of the prominent and successful farmers of the County of Kent, is the son of a pioneer family and one

of Howard's most worthy citizens, the owner of one of her finest farms and a handsome brick residence which in modern fittings and conveniences is not excelled in the township. In every way he is a good citizen, and one whose life record is pleasant to write and instructive to read.

By birth Mr. Wright is a son of Canada, having been born on Concession 5, in Howard township, County of Kent, June 30, 1850. His parents were William and Mary (Simmons) Wright, the former of whom was born in Lincolnshire, England, in June, 1815, and the latter in the same locality in 1814. They were married in their native land, and with three children emigrated to Canada in 1845. A brother of William Wright, John by name, also came to Canada, but later moved to the State of Michigan, and his Canadian kindred know nothing of him. William Wright settled on land purchased from Col. Talbot, located in Concession 5, and began life in the new land with but a log cabin to shelter his family, but soon this picturesque dwelling gave place to a comfortable frame one, in which he and wife spent the remainder of their days, Mr. Wright living until 1883; Mrs. Wright passed away in 1874. They were devoted members of the Church of England in their own land, but under the new conditions of life found themselves separated from their own place of worship, and became active and useful members of the Methodist Church, opening their home to religious assemblages and diffusing an influence of piety through their neighborhood. The settlers were yet too far apart to support schools or churches, although these were the first fruits of their progress. Mr. and Mrs. Wright reared a family of eight children, namely: George, the eldest, born in England, resides in Sarnia, Canada; Thomas, born in England, is a farmer on Concession 5, Howard township, and has a family of six children; Emma, born in England in 1829, is the wife of George Field, and they have six children (they reside on a farm in Concession 5, Howard township); James, born in Canada, is now a prosperous farmer on Concession 4; Charles, the fifth member of the family, was the second born in Canada; Jane A., born in Canada, is the wife of Joseph Boothroyd, of Ridgetown; William, born in Howard township, is a farmer on Concession 5, and has a family; and John A., born in Howard township, resides in Blenheim, married Ida Stover, and has a family. The youngest of the family, Walter, died in childhood.

Charles Wright grew to manhood on the home farm, and because the opportunity was lacking received but a limited education, attending but a few months during the winter season. Those were the days when brawn and muscle were made by clearing land, chopping down trees in the timber and ditching for drainage, and in this last named work he gained a reputation of being able to do more rods in one day than two ordinary men. It was by hard, persistent work, with very little machinery, that Mr. Wright earned enough money to enter into a partnership with his brother James in the purchase of seventy-five acres of land from Mr. Watson, of Ridgetown. This was cleared by the brothers, and on his purchase Charles built a house and barn and lived until 1880, when he sold it and bought his present home farm of 270 acres. This beautiful tract has been mainly cleared and improved by Mr. Wright, his first home being a small frame dwelling, intended to suffice until he was prepared to erect a more suitable home. This plan took form in 1899, when he built his fine brick dwelling, all finished in hard wood and made attractive and comfortable in every way, and here he and his family live in great comfort.

Mr. Wright was married in January, 1871, to Annie Winter, daughter of Daniel and Eliza Winter, natives of Ireland, and among County Kent's highly respected pioneers. Mrs. Wright was born near Botany, Howard township, in September, 1848, and was there educated. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, as follows: Eliza, born in Howard, in January, 1873, is the wife of Matthew H. Smith and they live on the 5th Concession; they have three children, Annie P., Charles G. and John M. Thressa, born in 1874, is the wife of James Glassford who resides in Ridgetown; she was educated in the high school in Ridgetown. Osborn C. W., born in 1876, married Maggie Spencer, of Howard, and they are now residents of Ridgetown; they have one daughter, Violetta. Charles A., born in 1879, is engaged with his father on the farm. Harry A. was born in 1881; Pearl, in January, 1883; Clinton M., in 1886; and Clifford R., born in 1889.

This family has always been devotedly attached to the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Wright is identified with the Conservative party, and he belongs to the order of Orangemen, Ridgetown Lodge, No. 906. He has always been noted for the possession of the sturdiest kind of honesty, which combined with a never-failing industry and excellent business equipment, has resulted in the accumulation of the large property which he now owns. He is held in very high esteem in his community and enjoys the personal friendship of a large circle.

THEODORE B. CARRON, a general farmer of Dover township, owning a well cultivated and valuable farm of fifty acres in Lot 11, 6th Concession, has operated that place since boyhood and settled on it permanently after his marriage. He was born Feb. 9, 1861, on the old Carron homestead, now occupied by his brother, Gregory B. Carron, son of Benjamin and Orilla (Bouchard) Carron, the former of Three Rivers, Quebec, and the latter of St. Phillips, Montreal. Benjamin Carron came to the County of Essex with his parents in childhood, and remained until sixteen years old, and then went to Raleigh township, where he worked the Drake farm for some years. He then removed to Chatham and operated a farm adjoining the town, a few years later, in 1848, removing to Dover township, where he remained during the rest of his life. His farm comprised 175 acres. His death occurred in February, 1901, when he was aged eighty-eight years, and he was buried in Pain Court cemetery. He was one of the residents of Dover township who stood very high in the public esteem. His widow, born May 9, 1833, still resides on the old homestead.

Theodore B. Carron is one of the practical and successful farmers of this locality, and is a leading man of his township, where he has served as school trustee for the past five years. In politics he is identified with the Reform party. Both he and his family belong to the Catholic Church.

On July 10, 1886, Mr. Carron was united in marriage with Maria Charlton, in Tilbury township, and the three children born to this union are Sylvester F., Edith P. and Emma. Mrs. Carron was born Dec. 6, 1861, at Chatham, daughter of James and Ellen (Hill) Charlton, the former of Northumberland and the latter of Devonshire, England. The former came to Canada at the age of twenty-two years and settled at Toronto, removing later to Chatham. He was engaged as a railway engineer until 1866, when he removed to a farm in Tilbury township where he and his wife still reside. His birth took place in January, 1820, and hers in March, 1830. Their children were: Mary, wife of Robert Jubinville, of Dover township; Maria, Mrs. Carron; Sarah A., wife of James Mason, a farmer in Tilbury township; Ellen, deceased; Edith, at home; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Larose, of Wallaceburg; Mathew, at home; Caroline, wife of Jack Monahan, of Tilbury township; and Emma and Pearl, at home.

WILLIAM P. OUELLETTE, a general farmer on Concession 5, Lot 14, Dover township, who also follows the trade of plasterer, is one of the substantial and representative men of his part of the County of Kent. He was born Dec. 23, 1869, in Dover township, a son of Anthony and Margaret (O'Neil) Ouellette, of Dover township, who now live in Tilbury township. The father was born in 1834, and engaged in farming until 1870, when he removed to Chatham, Ont., and in partnership with John Welsh conducted a grocery store for five years. He then returned to Dover, and several years ago removed to Tilbury township. He is agent for the Native Herbs Co. After twenty-six years of teaching, at various times, which calling he followed while farming, Mr. Ouellette was retired from the educational field in 1896, with a pension. He served also several terms as township treasurer and assessor. His first wife died Dec. 21, 1888, aged forty-five years, and was buried in St. Anthony's cemetery. Children as follows were born to these most worthy people: Cephore J., of Manitoba; Agnes, wife of Richard Coveny, a farmer of Dover township; William P., a farmer of Dover township; Anthony T., also a farmer of Dover township; John J., deceased; Augustus, of California; Margaret and Anna, both nurses in St. Joseph's Hospital; John J., deceased; Ursale, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Coveny; and Ellen, a dressmaker in Tilbury township. The second marriage of the father was to Mrs. Mary (Reneau) Beuglet. The

Ouellette family is one of the oldest in this county.

In April, 1893, at Cincinnati, Ohio, William P. Ouellette was united in marriage with Anna Boyle, who was born in October, 1874, in Hartford, Connecticut, daughter of John Boyle, who was born in England and settled in Connecticut.

William P. Ouellette was very young when his father removed to Chatham, Ont., and was eight years of age when the family returned to Dover township. He remained on the farm until the age of twenty-two years, and then went to Cincinnati, where he engaged with the street railway company and served three years learning the plasterer's trade. Then he returned to the County of Kent and engaged in plastering until, in February, 1900, he settled on his neat little farm of twenty-five acres, which he successfully cultivates, and also engages in work at his trade. Mr. Ouellette is one of the representative men of his locality and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him. He and his estimable wife are members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Conservative.

DAVID JOHN DAVIES, a prominent business man and highly esteemed citizen of Thamesville, is a member of one of the early families of the County of Kent. The Davies family is of Welsh extraction, the first member of it of whom there is any definite record, being Timothy Davies, grandfather of David J. Davies, a native of Wales. For a number of years Timothy Davies engaged in merchandising in his native land, dying at the age of eighty-two years, his wife having passed away some years prior to his demise. The maiden name of his wife was Powell, and to them were born the following children: Gwenllion, deceased wife of Samuel Black, whose children were, Hannah, David and Samuel; John Powell, father of David John Davies; Daniel, of Australia; Miriam Powell, unmarried, living in Wales; David Powell, an English clergyman, who died in Somersetshire, in 1898, unmarried; Hannah, wife of William Williams, of Wales; and Esther, widow of James Davis.

John Powell Davies, father of David John, was born in Monmouthshire, Wales, in 1835, and emigrated to Ontario, settling in Thamesville. In 1858, at Paris, Ont., he married Mary Ann Black. Upon settling in Thamesville, he established himself in a furniture and undertaking business, and also was a contractor and builder, and he met with success in all his enterprises. His death occurred in 1876, while his widow survived until Oct. 2, 1899, when she too died, at Thamesville. The following children were born to this worthy couple: Sarah Jane, of Thamesville; Agnes, married Jerome R. Stanton, of Detroit, and they have two children, John Davies and Edward Roland; David J.; Miriam, of Thamesville; Thomas, of Thamesville, who married Margaret Buchanan, and they have one son, John Powell; and Harriett Powell, of Thamesville.

David John Davies was born in Thamesville, April 15, 1864, and was educated in the public schools of his native place. At the age of twelve years, he began the battle of life for himself as a clerk for Mayhew & Harmer at five dollars a month, and continued with this firm for thirteen years. At the expiration of this period, he assumed charge of the store of R. J. Linderman, of West Lorne, and continued that connection for nine months. In 1893, he purchased the stock of goods belonging to A. E. Huffman, of Thamesville, and for the past eight years he has been engaged in a general merchandise business in Thamesville, meeting with exceptional success, his honorable business methods and uprightness of character, gaining for him an excellent patronage, and the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

In July, 1890, Mr. Davies was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Twigg, and to this union has been born one son, John R., on Jan. 15, 1895. Mrs. Davies is a daughter of Thomas Twigg, a prominent business man of Thamesville. Politically Mr. Davies is a Conservative, and he is at present a member of the school board. His religious affiliations are with the Church of England, and he is a most worthy member of that body, while his social connection is with the I. O. F.

ALLAN ATKINSON, a worthy descendant of one of the old and highly respected families of County Kent, is one of the prosperous farmers of Howard township, and is located on Lot 15, 7th Concession. Much of his success in life is owing to his own energy and perseverance. Mr. Atkinson was born on his

father's farm on Concession 3, Howard township, a son of Robert and Mary A. (Wilson) Atkinson. William Atkinson, of Yorkshire, England, father of Robert and grandfather of Allan, came to Canada in 1830, and settled on Lot 5, in Howard township, County Kent, where he cleared up a home from the woods, living until he was able to enjoy some of the fruits of his labor. At his death he left five sons and four daughters. These were: Christopher, deceased; Robert; John, formerly of Howard; William, who died in young manhood; Thomas, who lives on the old homestead; Ann, wife of Peter French, of Chatham township; Mary, wife of Albert Mains, of the State of Michigan; Isabel, wife of Ethley Griffith, of the State of Michigan; and Jane, wife of Daniel McTavish, of Harwich township.

Robert Atkinson was born in England in 1830, but was reared in Howard township, County Kent, and assisted his father in the exhausting work of clearing up a farm in the wilderness. He was of athletic build, and was noted for his skill with the woodsman's axe. In 1856 he married Mary A. Wilson, daughter of John and Susan Wilson, who came from England to Canada in 1810, and settled on the River Thames. Mr. Wilson took part in the war of 1812, and also in that of 1836. After the close of the war of 1812, he settled in Howard, on Concession 7, on lands which Allan Atkinson now owns, buying 400 acres in one tract. Here he erected a log house and a barn, and made the necessary improvements for comfortable living. He was one of the typical pioneers, whose brawny muscle and constant industry helped to make the township what it is today. His wife died here in 1872, and he two years later, leaving children as follows: Mary A., the mother of Mr. Atkinson of this record; Hannah, the wife of Nixon Kennedy, of the State of Michigan; Lizzie, deceased, wife of Chester Gage, of Michigan; Maggie, deceased; Sarah, wife of Justin Joseph, of Dover, County of Kent; and Stephen, the only son, residing at London, Ontario.

Robert Atkinson settled on the 4th Concession, Lot 7, in Howard township, where he bought and cleared up a large farm, erected comfortable and substantial buildings, and lived in comfort during his life, his death occurring in 1885. After his death, his widow removed to Ridgetown, where she passed away in 1888. Both parents were consistent members of the Church of England. In politics Mr. Atkinson was a member of the Conservative party. They left a family of nine children. (1) William, born in 1859, in Howard, married Sarah Watson, of Ridgetown, and they now reside in Manitoba; their children are: Grace, John and Irene. (2) Susan, born in 1861, is the wife of John McBrain, of Howard, a farmer on Concession 6; they have two children, Ida and Adelia. (3) John married Mary A. Mitton, and they reside in Howard; their children are: Robert, Wilber, Flora and Nora. (4) Allan. (5) Sarah, born in 1864, is the wife of Albert Kennedy, and they reside in the city of Detroit, where he is the chief engineer of the Union depot; their two children are: Robert and Julia. (6) James W., born in 1867, married and settled in Detroit, his wife, formerly Alma Shaw, dying there, leaving one son, Roy. (7) Julia, born in 1870, is the wife of Thomas Inches, a farmer of Howard. (8) Bertha, born in 1872, is the wife of Alexander McBrain, a resident of Harwich township, near Blenheim, and they have one son, Neil. (9) Mary E., born in 1876, is the wife of George Eaton, and they reside in Eden, Ont., and have three children.

Allan Atkinson is the fourth member of the above family, and his boyhood was passed in assisting on the farm and attending the district schools. Some years prior to his father's death, he became the manager and operator of the homestead farm. In 1888 he purchased his present farm from his brother, erected a most comfortable residence, drained and cleared thirty acres of the land, and now owns a very valuable piece of property, to which he has given careful and intelligent attention. To this home he brought his bride after marriage in May, 1888. She was Annie Morrell, of Brantford, born there in 1867, the eldest of a family of eleven children born to George and Alice Morrell, one of the old pioneer families of Canada. Mr. Morrell is a car builder and a skilled workman, now a resident of Detroit, connected with the Michigan Central Railroad. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson are: Harry R., born in 1889; Frederick A., in 1891; Ethel, in 1893; W. Gordon, in 1896; Norman J., in 1897; and Frank I., in September, 1901. In politics Mr. Atkinson is much

interested, and is Independent, and he is identified with the leading public movements in his township. Both he and wife belong to the order of the Home Circle of Ridgetown, and they are leading members of the Methodist Church.

THOMAS ROE, a successful farmer of Harwich township, is a native son of the County of Kent, where he was born Jan. 4, 1839. Although he has engaged in other occupations at different times, his greatest success has been as a farmer, as is evidenced by his finely cultivated and well managed farm of 120 acres, on which he has lived for over thirty years.

The parents of Thomas Roe were John and Jane (Broadbent) Roe, natives of England, where they were married. In 1830 they came to the County of Kent, Ont., and settled on a farm of 100 acres in Raleigh township, where the remainder of their lives was passed. The father, who was born in 1808, died in 1881; and the mother, whose birth occurred in 1806, died in 1886. Both were members of the Church of England, and both are buried in Evergreen cemetery, at Blenheim, Ont. Their children were as follows: William, a retired farmer of Chatham, Ont.; Cornelius B., a farmer of Dover township; Caroline, wife of John Hyatt, of Dover township; Eliza (deceased), wife of Alexander McLaughlin; Thomas, mentioned below; Ann, wife of Patrick Gleason, of Raleigh township; Charlotte, wife of William Bennett, of Woodland, California; and John, living on the homestead farm at Raleigh.

Thomas Roe was born in Raleigh township Jan. 4, 1839, and remained at home until he was sixteen years old. He then worked two years in Dover township, and two years in Minnesota, after which he went to the gold fields of British Columbia. After five years of gold hunting he returned to his native county, and for another five years carried on a hotel at Charing Cross, Raleigh township. From there he came to his present farm, which consists of 120 acres in Lots 2 and 3 on the Communication Road. His industry, thrift and ability are shown in these well cultivated and productive acres, which are managed with efficiency and skill.

Mr. Roe married (first) in February, 1868, in Chatham, Ont., Ann Bennett, also a native of Raleigh township. Mrs. Roe was a daughter of George and Sarah (Hancock) Bennett, who came from England in 1845, and settled in the County of Kent, Mr. Bennett taking up a farm of fifty acres at first, and increasing his holdings from time to time until he owned several hundred acres. Mrs. Ann (Bennett) Roe died April 8, 1879, at the age of thirty-two, and is buried in Blenheim cemetery. She was the mother of two children, Edwin, who is at home; and Leslie, a carpenter in Blenheim, who married Sarah Graham, and has one son, Charles.

Mr. Roe married (second) Sept. 7, 1880, in Chatham, Jane (Lane) Boyd, by whom he has had the following children: Orville B., Alta M., Stella F. and Gertie N. Mrs. Jane (Lane) (Boyd) Roe was born in Merrittsville, Ont., daughter of Edward and Ann (Booth) Lane, of that place, who came to the County of Kent in 1853, locating in Harwich township, where Mr. Lane first rented, and later purchased land, on which he spent the rest of his life. He died in June, 1891, at the age of seventy-eight, and his wife died in October, 1903, aged eighty-seven. They were members, respectively, of the Universalist and English Churches, and Mr. Lane held several town offices at different times. Mrs. Jane (Lane) Boyd Roe was twice married, her first husband being Joseph Boyd, of Jarvis, Ont. They had no children, and Mr. Boyd died May 4, 1871, at the age of thirty-six. Mr. and Mrs. Roe are members of the Baptist Church, in whose work they take much interest. Mr. Roe is a Conservative in politics, a man of influence in his town, well known for his clever and agreeable personality.

DAVID HALLIDAY, one of the thrifty and prosperous farmers of Raleigh township, County of Kent, has been a resident of this locality since seven years ago, at which time he moved here from County Brant.

The grandfather, James Halliday, was a native of Scotland, and was there reared and married, but in 1846 he came to Canada, and took up 200 acres of land in Ontario, which is still in the family, and he died there at an advanced age. The father of our subject, also named David, was reared in Scotland, and came with his father to Canada, and like all his family was a Paisley shawl weaver. In Scotland he married Jean Lockheard, who has

attained the advanced age of more than ninety years, retaining her faculties unimpaired. After a short time spent in farming where his father settled, he attended the normal school at Toronto, and receiving the necessary certificate, began teaching, which occupation he carried on for several years. He then engaged in merchandising, but finally returned to the homestead and engaged in farming until his death which occurred in June, 1897, when he was seventy-eight years of age. The children born to the parents were: James, who for the past thirty years has resided in British Columbia; David; Thomas, who occupies the old homestead; and Agnes, who married Robert Jamison, a prominent man of his vicinity.

David Halliday, Jr., was born near Glasgow, Scotland, June 17, 1844, and was but a young child when the family came to Ontario, where he grew to manhood, and was principally educated by his father. He remained on the homestead until he was thirty-four years of age, when he purchased a farm of 200 acres, and for seventeen years conducted it successfully as a stock farm. Believing that by making a change he could better his condition, in March, 1896, he sold out and came to the County of Kent, where he purchased the F. B. Stewart farm on the line between Raleigh and Tilbury townships, at Fletcher. This farm consists of 190 acres, and he also owns and operates forty acres across the line in Tilbury township. The house which Mr. Stewart built on the place is a massive brick structure, containing sixteen rooms, and it undoubtedly is the largest residence in the township. Everything about the farm gives evidence of prosperity, showing clearly that Mr. Halliday and his sons understand their work. They make a specialty of stock raising, and have a herd of fifty head of cattle. Politically Mr. Halliday is a Reformer, but takes no active part in politics. The family are all Presbyterians.

In March, 1878, Mr. Halliday was married to Mary Tait, daughter of Samuel Tait. To this union were born the following: David, March 18, 1880; Maggie, July 29, 1882; Agnes Mary, May 1, 1886, Walter, April 14, 1888; Kate, April 27, 1890; Thomas, March 3, 1892.

The grandfather of Mrs. Halliday, William Tait, was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and her father, Samuel Tait was born in the same locality, where he grew to manhood and married Isabella McPhail, who was a native of Ramsey, County Lanark, Ireland. She survives aged more than seventy years, and makes her home with her youngest daughter in Manitoba. Samuel Tait died at the age of fifty-two years.

JOHN L. HOLWELL, a successful general farmer and ex-reeve of Chatham township, living on Lot 13, 5th Concession, came to his present farm with his parents in 1867, and owns 100 acres of as fine farming land as can be found in the County of Kent. His birth occurred in Exeter, County Huron, Aug. 1, 1847, a son of John and Ann (Cole) Holwell, born in 1822 and 1821, respectively, in Devonshire, England, where they were married.

In 1852 the parents emigrated to Canada, locating at Burford, from whence they came to Exeter, and made it their home until they settled in the County of Kent. The father was second engineer of vessels on the sea, prior to locating in Chatham township, although he combined farming with the other vocation. After settling on the farm now owned by our subject, he spent the greater portion of his time working as engineer in various mills, his family looking after affairs at home. In 1890 he retired, moving to Chatham. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born to this union are: Mary J., of Chicago, Illinois, widow of Edward Blackburn; Julia, widow of George Robinson, with her parents; Annie, of Peterboro, Ont., who married Lewis Jackson, a machinist; and John L.

On Dec. 28, 1887, Mr. Holwell married, in Chatham township, Isabella C. McKerrall, and the children born to this union were: Ella L., Harold M. and May I., at home. Mrs. Holwell was born in Chatham township, in 1868, a daughter of Hugh and Mary (McTavish) McKerrall, of Scotland, where they married and remained until 1852, at which time they emigrated to County Kent, locating in Chatham township. There they took up 100 acres of wild land, later increased the farm to 200 acres, and in 1888 retired to Dresden, Ont. After six years they located in Chatham and are now making that city their home. The father was born in 1822, and his wife in 1825. Both are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McKerrall

were: Margaret J., of Chicago, Illinois, unmarried; Mary I., of Cleveland, Ohio, who married Jacob French; Jennie, of Keady, Ont., who married Donald Curry; Duncan, a farmer of Dover township; Dougall, of Chatham, Ont.; Hugh E., of Battle Creek, Michigan; Isabella C.; Miss Helen, with her parents; John, of St. Louis, Missouri; Ada A., of Dresden, Ont., who married Sidney McWay.

In politics Mr. Holwell is a Conservative, and was elected member of the township council in 1890, and served continuously until 1900, when he was elected reeve, and thereby a member of the county council; he filled the office of deputy reeve for a number of years prior to that. His fraternal relations are with the I. O. F. and the I. O. O. F. and he is very popular in both organizations. His present farm is the one formerly owned by his father, upon which he has lived since locating in Chatham township. Since his father's retirement Mr. Holwell has continued to operate it alone, and he has made a great success of his agricultural pursuits. He is very prominent in the township, and his influence felt in party matters, he being recognized as a leader among the Conservatives in this locality.

NEIL McKELLAR, one of the very prosperous farmers of Dover township, County of Kent, is a native of Scotland, born at Argyll, Island of Jura, in March, 1841, a son of Archibald and Susan (Turner) McKellar.

Archibald McKellar was also born in Scotland. Seeing the advantages to be had in the New World, he brought his family to America in 1855, reaching Chatham, in the County of Kent, on Aug. 2d of that year. He made his permanent location in Raleigh township, that county, and there passed his remaining years, his death occurring March 13, 1863, when he was aged sixty-three years. His wife, Susan Turner, who survived him, passed away March 20, 1880, aged sixty-seven. Their remains rest in the beautiful little Maple Leaf cemetery. Both were faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, and reared their family in the faith and fear of God. Their children were: Peter, of Harwich township; Archibald, a farmer in Harwich; Neil; and John, a farmer in Harwich. Of these John and Peter are both unmarried.

Neil McKellar received his education in the schools near his home in Scotland and in Canada. His literary training, however, did not cease with his attendance at school, as he has been a constant reader all his life, and is an intelligent man. He has not confined his researches to any one line, but has, on the contrary, sought information on any and all practical subjects. He resided with his mother and brothers until his marriage, when shortly after that event, March 22, 1874, he located on his present fine farm of seventy acres, on Lot 24, 5th Concession, Dover township. There he has ever since had his home, and he has developed his land along modern lines until today he has one of the best cultivated and cared for farms in the township, with well cleared fields, and neat and attractive buildings. Success has attended all his efforts, and he soon expects to lay the burden upon younger shoulders, and pass the remaining years of his life in restful enjoyment of the competence his energy, thrift and perseverance have won.

On June 4, 1873, Neil McKellar was married in Chatham, to Jessie Gray, daughter of William and Margaret (Swann) Gray, of Stirling, Scotland, who came to the County of Kent about 1848. Mrs. McKellar died July 7, 1891, aged forty years, and was buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. The children born of this union were: Susan and Sarah, both at home; Archibald, who married Laura Vandusen, and is a farmer in Chatham township; and Peter, Jessie and John, all at home. The family attend the Presbyterian church, though not members, and they are ever willing to give of time and means to the furtherance of its benevolences. They are prominent socially, and are highly esteemed in the town in which their lives have been passed.

ADONIRAM B. YOUNG, a successful and representative general farmer of the Gore of Chatham, located on Concession 4, Lots 2 and 3, on a fine farm of 200 acres, has been established here since 1888. Mr. Young was born Dec. 23, 1826, in County Grenville, a son of B. and Jane (Brown) Young, the former a native of the State of Vermont and the latter of Prescott, Ont. The father came to Ontario with others, in 1812, on account of the troubles incident to the existing war, and at that time each member of the company, all good U. E. Loyalists, received grants of 200 acres of land,

irrespective of sex. The father died in Lower Canada, March 22, 1865, aged eighty years, and the mother died at Blenheim, Ont. They were members of the English Church. Mr. Young was an important man of his time, was well-educated, and served for many years as reeve and as councillor. The children born to this union were: Nathan lived at Blenheim, where he died at the age of ninety-six; Easter, widow of Hamlet Burt, resides at Burritt's Rapids, Ont., aged one hundred years; Stephen is a retired farmer and lives in Dakota, aged eighty-eight years; Polly died at the age of eighty-six, having married (first) Harry James, and (second) William Colburn; Eli died in Blenheim aged thirty-eight; Truman is a farmer and blacksmith at Grand Rapids, Michigan; Adoniram; Joseph is a farmer near Dresden, this county; Lois is the wife of George Vester, a retired farmer of Dresden; Hulda is the widow of Stephen Lane, of the Gore of Chatham; Joseph is a farmer of Dresden, Ont.; Adam died at the age of four years; Malinda, deceased, married Nelson Hurd; and Emma R. died at the age of four years.

Until he was twenty-five years of age our subject remained at home, and then came to County Kent, where he began work at lumbering; following this he was engaged in the manufacture of staves. In the meantime he bought and sold several tracts of land, and then purchased his present property, containing 200 acres, only a small part of which had been cleared. Mr. Young has here a valuable and very desirable home, and has long been considered one of the leading farmers of his locality.

In December, 1855, Mr. Young was married to Ann Bicum, at Blenheim, and children have been born to this union, namely: Eli, who died aged nine years; Hulda, who married Joseph Westley, and has a family of six children; Samuel, who died aged three years; Tamer, who died at the age of five years; Adoniram, a successful farmer on an adjoining farm, who married Mary A. McDougall, and has one son, Joseph K.; Ellis, who resides with his father, and who married Jane Meredith, and has one daughter, Mary; Alma, at home; Agnes, who married Thomas Gilbright, and has four children; Maggie and Levi, who both died young; and Eugenia, a young lady at home.

Mrs. Young was born Nov. 4, 1833, daughter of Samuel D. and Catherine (Bartman) Bicum, the former of Lower Canada and the latter of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Bicum came to County Kent and bought twenty-five acres of land in Harwich township, in August, 1848. Here the father died Feb. 9, 1885, aged eighty-five years, and the mother died in November, 1878, aged eighty-one years, both in the faith of the English Church; they were buried in the cemetery at Blenheim. Their children were: Robert, deceased; Sophia, deceased, wife of Charles H. James; Agnes, deceased, wife of James Emory; Ann, Mrs. Young; John, a farmer of Harwich township; Joseph, also a farmer of that township; and Margaret, wife of John Shindle, of Raleigh township.

In politics Mr. Young is identified with the Conservative party. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Church of England.

JOHN BLAIR, now residing upon his neat little farm on Lot 13, Concession 4, in Dover township, has long been a man of many interests. A carpenter and contractor and builder, he has assisted in the erection of many prominent buildings in his locality; as proprietor of an excellent threshing machine, he has carried on a large threshing business among farmers; and as an agriculturist of ability he is fully developing the resources of his land.

Mr. Blair comes of a family long known in this vicinity. His paternal grandfather was one of the early pioneers of Dover township, settling upon a tract of wild land on Concession 3, where he made a good home for himself and family. He had a son John, the father of John Blair, whose name introduces this sketch, and who was born in 1839. He was only a small boy when his parents came to Dover township, and there on the new farm he grew to manhood. Taking an active part in clearing the homestead and opening up this section of the country to settlers, he developed into a strong, vigorous, capable man. For some years he resided in London, Ont. During his young manhood he married Victoria Rock, of Montreal, who died in 1872. Of this union there were seven children: John, who is mentioned below; Henry, who went to the United States; Flevia, who married William Bellair, of London, Michigan; Mary, who married Peter Labadie, of Chatham; and Ubray, Vetal and Ely, who reside in De-

troit, Michigan. After marriage Mr. Blair settled in Dover township, and he has made his residence in this locality for many years. He has made a success of life in all his undertakings, and is considered one of the enterprising men of the locality. He now has an attractive home on the Baldoon Road in Dover township. Mr. Blair possesses much force and strength of character, and has always evinced a ready power of perceiving and grasping the opportunities life offered him. He is a good Roman Catholic, and in this faith his wife lived and died.

John Blair, Jr., was born May 25, 1861, in Dover township, and there grew to manhood. He received the ordinary schooling of boys of his locailty, and has supplemented same with reading and observation. Handy with tools, as a further preparation for life's activities he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed at various times. In Dover township, May 31, 1881, Mr. Blair married Delar Benoit, who was born in Chatham, Feb. 2, 1862, and of this union there have been six children, all of whom are living at home: Lawrence, Leno, Lena, Theophile, William and Abar.

After his marriage Mr. Blair rented a farm, which he worked on shares. A wise manager, not afraid of hard labor, he made well out of his industry, and he continued farming under similar conditions for eighteen years. During this period he found time to follow his trade of carpenter. Skillful workmanship and promptness in filling contracts won him a large business, and he gradually became a contractor and builder. His services have been sought far and near, and many public buildings as well as private residences in the county have been erected under his supervision. In 1892, desiring to branch out in business, he purchased a fine threshing machine, in company with Napoleon Caron, and they operated same each season for seven years, doing a large business among the farmers of the county. In 1899 they dissolved partnership, and Mr. Blair has since run a machine of his own. The same year he also purchased a farm of his own, where he now resides, the place embracing sixteen and two-thirds acres of some of the most valuable land in the township, and, though small, under his excellent management it produces excellent crops. Mr. Blair, through his various activities, is well known throughout the county, and is everywhere most highly respected. He is considered a good business man, being ingenious, expeditious and practical. Socially he is influential, and is a prominent member of the A. O. of F. He and his wife belong to the Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. Blair is descended from two old families of Canada, the Benoits and the Plantiers. Her maternal grandparents, Basil and Delyde Plantier, were of Montreal, and in 1837 came to Dover township, County of Kent, where he engaged in farming. Some years ago he retired from active work and moved to Chatham, where he died.

Jospeh Benoit, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Blair, made his home for the most part in Montreal. Joseph Benoit, father of Mrs. Blair, passed his early life in Montreal, and when a boy went to Chatham. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm in Dover township, where he followed agriculture and prospered. He died in Dover township, March 2, 1892, at the age of sixty-six years, and is buried in Pain Court. During his young manhood he married Archang Plantier, who was born in Montreal, in 1834, and when three months old was taken by her parents to Chatham. She is now living in Detroit, Michigan. By this marriage there were eight children: Joseph, who died in 1887; Antoine, who resides in Windsor, Ont.; Delar, Mrs. Blair; Julius, who resides in Dover township; Jula, who married Hubert Blair, and resides in Detroit, Michigan; Matilda, deceased, who married John Trudell; William, who is now deceased; and Calixte, who resides with his mother in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Benoit was long one of the influential citizens of Dover township. He was a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church, to which his wife also belongs.

Louis Rock, maternal grandfather of Mr. Blair, was a man of remarkable strength and vitality, and also of an adventurous disposition. He was born on the sea in 1795, while his parents were making a journey from France to New Foundland. When but sixteen years old he went west with a party of traders, and for seventeen years he there engaged in the fur traffic, having many encounters with Indians and narrow escapes. Returning to Canada about 1828, when about thirty-three years old, he married Margaret Paquin, who was then about fifteen years old. She died in 1900, at

the advanced age of eighty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Rock had thirteen children, twenty-nine grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren. After marriage Mr. Rock engaged for the most part throughout his active career in a sand carrying business on the Detroit river. His boat, a round-bottomed tow barge, 105 feet long by 25 feet beam, fastened with wooden pins, he constructed himself, and with this he carried on a very successful business. He was a hard worker and usually very prosperous. For fifteen years he reisded in Dover township, leaving in 1884. He died in Michigan Dec. 19, 1902, within three days of his one hundred and seventh birthday.

Mr. Rock was a prodigy of strength and not backward in displaying his power. On one occasion he won a wager by carrying 200 pounds of flour on his back five miles through eighteen inches of snow. He frequently shouldered a 280-pound barrel of salt, for the amusement of friends, and at logging bees he was considered the equal of five men in lifting.

HENRY LEATHERDALE, retired farmer and sawmill operator of Howard township, County of Kent, is one of the leading residents of that locality, and enjoys in highest degree the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

Henry Leatherdale was born in Essex, England, Feb. 20, 1835, a son of James and Elizabeth Leatherdale, who came to Canada in 1850, settling in Guelph, County of Wellington, where James Leatherdale died in 1878; his wife died in the year of the cholera epidemic, while on a visit to Toronto. They had five children: William, born in England, is now a resident of Chatham. Louisa, born in England, married James Boatey, of Galt, Canada. Sarah, married Robert Thompson, of the County of Simcoe, and after his decease married a Mr. Stubbs of the same locality. Hezekiah, born in England, resides at Windsor, Canada. Henry is the subject proper of these lines.

Henry Leatherdale was a boy of fifteen years when his parents emigrated to Canada, so that his early education was received in his native land. When a young man he learned the work of sawmilling, and for a number of years engaged in operating sawmills as a skilled machinist. He married Miss Isabella McLain, daughter of John McLain, who came from Scotland to the County of Simcoe, Canada, previous to the Rebellion of 1836. Mrs. Leatherdale was born in Canada. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Leatherdale settled in the County of Simcoe, where he followed his trade until 1866, when he located on the farm of his cousin, John Leatherdale, in Howard township, 4th Concession. There they resided until 1901, when he and Mrs. John Leatherdale purchased a home in Ridgetown, where they now reside. Henry Leatherdale received by deed the farm of John Leatherdale in consideration of his care and keeping of the wife of John Leatherdale for the balance of her life.

Henry Leatherdale and his wife have a family of five children, all born in the County of Simcoe: James married and is a business man of Georgian Bay; John married and settled in British Columbia; Henry is a business man of British Columbia; Donald married and lives in British Columbia, having a family of three children; Mary J. married J. Blacker, a resident of Aurelia, Canada, and has two children. Henry Leatherdale is connected with the Latter Day Saints, and is very active in church work. His political convictions make him a Conservative, and he has never aspired to office. All the members of the family are numbered among the leading people of Howard township, where their kindly Christian characters work wonderful influence for good among those with whom they are brought into contact. Although prosperous, they never forget the days when they were not possessed of a superabundance of this world's goods, and are always willing and ready to share with those less fortunate than themselves.

JOHN LEATHERDALE (deceased) was born in the County of Essex, England, in 1816, a son of Philip and Mary Leatherdale, who died in England. He was reared to manhood in that country, where in 1853 he married Miss Jane Cooper, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Stebbin) Cooper, members of good old families of England, who lived and died in their native land. Mrs. Leatherdale was born in July, 1831, and came to Canada with her husband in 1856. They took passage for New York on a sailing-vessel, which took six weeks to make the voyage, and upon their arrival in the Dominion settled on wild land in the County of Simcoe, where they lived the life of pioneers

until 1868. They then purchased a farm on the 4th Concession, in Howard township, County of Kent, where John Leatherdale made his home until his death, in 1898. There were no children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Leatherdale. He was a well-to-do farmer, active until six or eight years prior to his death, when he became an invalid. During his long and useful life he had proven himself a man worthy of every consideration, and one whose example the rising generation would do well to follow. His many charities, kindness of heart and gentleness of disposition were well known and appreciated, and his loss was deeply felt, not only by his immediate family, but throughout the community. His estimable wife is widely known and beloved for her admirable qualities, is a lady of intelligence and an ardent worker in the Church of Latter Day Saints. Mr. and Mrs. Leatherdale were originally members of the Church of England. The only brother of Mrs. John Leatherdale, Robert Cooper, is a large land owner of New Zealand.

JOHN L. BISHOP, a prosperous general farmer of Dover township, who owns and occupies a pleasant farm of 100 acres on Lot 18, 12th Concession, was born in Chatham township, this county, Jan. 1, 1844, a son of William and Mary (Hud) Bishop, of Gloucestershire, England.

The parents were married in their native land, coming to Canada in 1842. Upon their arrival in the Dominion they located in Louisville, Ont., where they remained about two years, and then settled on the present home of their son John L. At that time the place was a great forest. There were no horses in the neighborhood, and grain had to be conveyed in a canoe down the creek to Dawn Mills, above Dresden, about forty miles. This trip would take a week, and several of the farmers would go together, each taking about two sacks of wheat. While they were gone their families would often be obliged to live upon potatoes. William Bishop became a man of importance in the locality, serving as school trustee many years, and was offered other offices, but would not accept them. In time he became one of the most successful farmers of the county, owning at one time 400 acres of land. His death occurred in 1897, when he was eighty-four years of age; at the time he was on a visit to his son in Chatham. The mother died in 1895, aged eighty years. They are buried on a portion of the homestead set aside for that purpose. Both were members of the Methodist Church and died in that faith. The children born to these parents were: Henry, a farmer, who lived retired before his death, which occurred in Chatham; George is a farmer of Chatham township; Alfred, deceased, was a resident of Dover township; Mary A. died at the age of twenty; John L. is mentioned below; Edward died at Chatham.

On Sept. 5, 1864, John L. Bishop married Sarah Rankin, and children as follows were born to them: Mary E., at home; Samuel E., who died in infancy; Eliza A., married to John Mulligan, a farmer of Dover township; John S., who died at the age of twenty-six years; James B., at home; Joseph F., a farmer of Wallaceburg, Ont.; and Nancy R., who died at the age of two years. Mrs. Bishop was born in County Derry, Ireland, Feb. 2, 1839, a daughter of John and Nancy Rankin, of the same locality, who in 1842 emigrated to the United States, first settling in Albany, New York. Four years later they removed to Dover township, County of Kent, Ont., where the father took up 100 acres of land, all wild, and there he died in 1877, when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife died in 1873, also aged seventy-five years. They are buried in the private burying-ground in Dover township. They were members of the Church of England, and very highly respected people. Their children were: Robert, a farmer of Dover township; Eliza, who died in Ireland; Eliza (2) deceased, who married David Hayatt; Joseph, of Michigan; John, deceased; Margaret, of Greenwood, Michigan, widow of Samuel Strevil; James, a farmer of Dover township; Sarah, Mrs. Bishop; Nancy, who died on the journey across the ocean; and Mary A., deceased, wife of Edward Collup.

Mr. Bishop remained on his farm until 1880, when he removed to St. Clair, Michigan, and for nine years was engaged in farming in that locality. At the expiration of that time he sold his interests and returned to the homestead, to which he had been brought when an infant of five weeks, and since then has owned and operated the property, making it one of the finest farms in the County of Kent. In politics he

is a Conservative, but has never found time to take an active part in local affairs. Usually he attends the Methodist Church, to the support of which he contributes. Both he and his wife are very popular in the neighborhood, and they are recognized as leading representatives of the good substantial pioneer families of the county.

ARTHUR T. STEWART, a successful general farmer and auctioneer, ex-reeve and ex-county commissioner, residing on Lot 5, 2d Concession, Chatham township, owns a fine farm of 100 acres. He was born in that township, April 2, 1854, son of Arthur and Margaret (Cardwell) Stewart, of Ireland.

Arthur Stewart and Margaret Cardwell were married in Toronto, and came to County Kent about 1849, settling in Chatham, Ont. There they made their home for a few years, but in 1855 located on the farm now owned by our subject. This property, when purchased, was a wilderness, with no roads, and all kinds of game abounded. The father became township treasurer, the collections of the township amounting at the time to only $200. His death occurred in 1869, at the age of forty-seven years, while his wife died in 1867, aged forty-one years. The first road cut through from the railroad to Chatham township was made by him, and at the time he purchased his property there were but two families residing upon the concession, those of Edgar Slade and a Mr. Palussy. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were members of the Church of England. Their children were: William John, of Flint, Michigan, in the produce business; Susan, deceased, who married James Drake, of Ridgetown; Arthur T.; Robert, of Moose, Minnesota, a butcher; Mary, of New Mexico, who married Stanley Howard, president of the McCormick ranch; Lizzie, who married Walter Nichol of Bad Axe, Michigan; and Tomie, who died upon the homestead.

On Nov. 3, 1880, in Chatham, Ont., Mr. Arthur T. Stewart married Amanda Bedford, and these children were born to them: Russel E., a farmer of Chatham township, married Beatrice E. Vince; and Mary E., Myrtle E., Jessie W., Arthur L., Alvin B., Robert W. are all at home. Mrs. Stewart was born in Harwich township, Nov. 11, 1860, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Sicklespiel) Bedford, of Harwich and Chatham townships. Mr. Bedford was a farmer and died in Harwich township, in June, 1883, aged fifty-five years, while his wife died at the home of our subject, in November, 1902, aged sixty-one years. They are buried on part of the old farm and Maple Leaf cemetery, respectively. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bedford were: Amanda; Sylvia married Thomas C. Edwards, of Buffalo, New York; Oscar, is deceased; Nelson is a farmer, of Thamesville, Ont.; Daniel, of Granby, Quebec, is a vocal teacher. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Stewart were Ebenezer and Susan (Reynolds) Bedford, of Canada, where he was a farmer and died in Harwich township, where he was one of the early settlers, and where his father also died. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Stewart, David Sicklespiel, was one of the early settlers of Chatham township, where both he and his father died, and where he was the pioneer sawmill operator of this section.

Mr. Stewart was only nine months old when his parents located upon the farm he now owns, and he has spent the greater portion of his life upon it. Since casting his first vote, Mr. Stewart has taken an active interest in politics, representing the Conservatives, and he has held the office of third deputy reeve, to which he was elected in 1889, was a member of the township council for thirteen consecutive years, was reeve for two years, county commissioner for two years, and he has always discharged the duties of his several offices to the entire satisfaction of all. He is a member of the I. O. F., in which he is very popular, and his family attend the Methodist Church, toward whose support he is a liberal contributor.

NEIL McVICAR, a well known and representative farmer, residing on Lot 21, Concession 11, Harwich township, County of Kent, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, June 18, 1836. His parents, Archie and Barbara (McGeatchey) McVicar, were both natives of Argyllshire, the father born in 1800, and the mother in 1802.

Archie McVicar was a son of Neil and Catherine McVicar, who were born in Scotland, where Neil McVicar died. Mrs. McVicar and her sons came to Canada in 1836, living two years near Toronto before settling in the County of Kent, on the home now owned by Neil McVicar. Then the land was all wild, but the

brave woman and her children started their lives as pioneers with stout hearts. After locating in the County of Kent Mrs. McVicar married John McGregor, but there was no family by this marriage. The death of this most estimable woman occurred in Chatham in 1878. By her first marriage she had five children, of whom are mentioned Archie; John, who died near Toronto; and Neil, who died in Scotland.

Archie McVicar, the father of our subject, died on his homestead farm in 1848, and his wife died at Chatham in 1878. Five children were born to them: Neil is mentioned below; John, born on the present farm in 1838, married Catherine Grass, and they reside in Chatham; Duncan died in Harwich while still young; Catherine (deceased), born on the present farm, married William Taylor, of Harwich; Mary, born on the farm, married William H. Emerson, a business man of Detroit, and they have two children, William and Edward.

Neil McVicar, the eldest of the family, received but a limited education in the little log school house on Concession 10, and has always been engaged in farming on the old homestead. In 1866 he married Miss Margaret J. Woodside, daughter of John and Janet (Morrison) Woodward, of Prince Edward Island and Scotland, respectively. Mrs. McVicar was born in Prince Edward Island in 1845 and grew to young womanhood in Harwich township. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McVicar settled on the home farm, and in 1891 he erected a commodious brick residence and substantial barns, making his property one of the finest in the township. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McVicar: John, born in 1867, was educated in the Harwich schools; he is unmarried, and is conducting his father's farm. Archie, born in 1869, is now a teacher at Windsor, in the high school, and is a highly educated man, having attended the Chatham high school and the University of Toronto; he married Miss Katie McCorvie, of Harwich township, and has one son, Edward. Barbara, born in 1870, married Jospeh McEachran, a resident of Concession 9, Harwich township, and they have two children, Archie N. and Margaret. William, born in 1873, is unmarried and living at the old home. Mary, born in 1875, married Garnet Nash, a resident of Harwich township, but has no family. Duncan, born in 1876, is unmarried and at the old home. George, born in 1878, and Bella, born in 1880, are also at home.

The religious convictions of the family make them members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. McVicar's father was one of the founders in this locality. Politically Mr. McVicar is a Reformer, but, while taking an interest in local affairs, has never aspired to office. The entire family are well and favorably regarded in the community, where the name stands for strict integrity, thorough honesty and commendable thrift. The members of this family are important factors in the social life of Harwich township, and the success attained by them all is well merited.

JAMES LEATHERDALE, a worthy representative of one of the most prominent families of the County of Kent, occupies a fine farm on the 4th Concession, Lot 6, Howard township. He was born there Jan. 13, 1852, a son of Joseph and Sarah (West) Leatherdale, both of whom were born in 1818, in Colchester, England.

In 1846 Joseph Leatherdale and his family came to Canada, and lived several years in Lower Canada, coming then to Howard and establishing themselves in the woods, on land which the energies of the family have converted into one of the very finest farms in the township. A log house first sheltered the family, the work of his own industrious hands, and by its huge fireside grew and flourished his family of seven children. In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Leatherdale removed to a comfortable home in Ridgetown, and there he died in May, 1898. After twenty-five years in Canada it was permitted Mr. and Mrs. Leatherdale to make a most satisfying visit to the home of their early life in England, where they passed a year among old friends and relatives. Both were earnest workers in the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Leatherdale is still a consistent member of the Ridgetown Church. The seven children of these pioneers of Howard were: Emma, born in England, married Donald Campbell, of whom extended mention is made in another part of this work. Ellen, born in England, married John Spencer, of Howard, who died leaving four children, George, Harry, Dr. Frank and Herbert, of Michigan; she married for her second husband, John Smith, and resides in Ridge-

town. Emily, born in England, died in young womanhood. George, born in 1849, in Lower Canada, married (first) Janet Campbell, of Howard, who left three children, Clara (deceased), Roy and Walter, and married (second) Mary Gillis, of the County of Kent; they reside on one of the best farms and finest homes in Concession 4, Howard township. James was born in 1852. Elias, born in 1854, in 1883 married Katie Campbell, of Howard, who died leaving two children, Joseph and Ella; his second marriage was to a lady from Manitoba, by whom he had a large family; Mr. Leatherdale is now an extensive farmer in Manitoba. Sarah, born in 1857, married first William McCariger, and had two children, Walter (deceased) and Bertha; her second marriage was to Joseph Muckle, and the two children of this marriage are Garnett and Leta.

James Leatherdale was reared on the old homestead and obtained his education by attending the district school during the winter seasons. His time was fully occupied in assisting his father in clearing the farm, which was given to him and his brother George, and later it became his property by purchase. Here Mr. Leatherdale has made the great improvements in the way of building and drainage which make his property one of the most desirable in Howard township. His life has been one of agricultural activity and he has had very satisfactory results.

In February, 1879, Mr. Leatherdale was married (first) to Maggie Baird, of Harwich township, daughter of James and Mary Baird, old pioneers of the township. They settled on the old homestead, where she died in 1881, leaving one daughter, Mary Alice, born in April, 1880. In 1883 Mr. Leatherdale was married (second) to Isabel Lawton, of Howard township daughter of James and Margery Lawton. Her death occurred in 1887, a son and daughter surviving her—Emily, born in 1883, and Lorin, born in 1886. In 1888 Mr. Leatherdale was again married, this time to Charlotte Stanley, a daughter of John Stanley, of London, Ont., and three children have been born to this union—Eva, born in 1888; Wilbur, in 1890, and Orvie, in 1892.

Politically Mr. Leatherdale has always been identified with the Conservative party, with which his father was also connected. He and his wife are members of the Disciples Church of Howard and are among the most thrifty and highly esteemed residents of the township.

WILLIAM SLOAN, whose attractive farm residence in Tilbury East township stands on Lot 12, M. R. N., is an agriculturist of marked business ability and skill in his special line of work. Born on the family homestead July 2, 1862, he is a son of Joseph and Mary (Irwin) Sloan.

Samuel Sloan, grandfather of William, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, and in that locality grew to manhood, receiving from his earliest years careful rearing and thorough training for life's duties. When a young man he married, near the home of his birth, Mary Banning, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and of this union there were seven children: Joseph (who is mentioned below), John, William, Samuel, Robert, Letitia and Margaret. After marriage Mr. Sloan, hoping to better his fortunes, came to Canada, and with his wife and three sons—Joseph, Robert, and Samuel—settled upon wild land in Lot 13, Concession 10, Tilbury East township, County of Kent. Here he cleared large areas, and in time made for himself a good farm. A hard-working, practical man, he always provided a good home for himself and family, and as a man of integrity and force of character he commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Joseph Sloan, father of William, passed the earliest years of his business life upon the home place in Tilbury East township. Later, however, he went to Mersea township, County of Essex, and obtained a position at the furnace, where he remained for two years. During this period he married Mary Irwin, who is now living in Tilbury village, and of this union there were born twelve children: Samuel, who died in Tilbury village at the age of fifty-two years; Elizabeth, who married Mongo Stewart, of Tilbury village, and is now deceased; Letitia, the wife of John Richardson, Jr., of Tilbury village; Margaret, who married James Struthers, of Tilbury village; Jane Alspit, who married Samuel Pook, of Tilbury East township, and is now deceased; Joseph, who resides at Seattle, Washington; Martha, who married George Struthers, a farmer of Tilbury East township; William, who is

mentioned below; John, who married Elizabeth Gardiner, and resides on the home farm; Sarah, who married William Gardiner, a farmer of Tilbury East township; Mary, wife of John B. Gardiner, another farmer of Tilbury East township; and Isabella, who resides with her mother in Tilbury village.

In 1839, after his marriage, Mr. Sloan settled upon the 100-acre tract embracing the south half of Lot 13, M. R. N., for which, after making the required improvements, the first of which was a small log house, he obtained a government deed for twenty dollars. Not afraid of work, he wrestled successfully with the vicissitudes of life in a new country, and in time cleared and put under cultivation considerable land. In 1860 he erected the present dwelling. The log house remained until about eight years ago, when it was torn down. Continuing to prosper, he enlarged his farm by additional purchases, becoming the possessor of nearly three hundred acres. He spent the rest of his life in the development of this fine old homestead, and here passed away, Sept. 7, 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Sloan combined with a large capacity for work sound judgment and marked perseverance. He was not only an energetic man, but one who made every stroke of work count for good. His achievements were entirely the result of his own indomitable courage and enterprise.

William Sloan is the product of good country breeding. On the family homestead, part of which he now occupies, he grew to manhood, and in the public schools of his vicinity acquired his education. In assisting his father in the management of the home farm and in the clearing and breaking of it as well, he received the training necessary to make him a successful agriculturist. Starting life for himself in 1887, he located upon the east half of the home place, where he continued for a number of years. Encouraged by his successes, a few years later he purchased 100 acres of Lot 12, M. R. N., and there continued his industry. Gradually he branched out in his work, engaging in all lines of general agriculture, but making a specialty of raising corn and hogs. Untiring industry and well laid plans have had their reward, and he is now one of the substantial farmers of Tilbury East township. In addition to his fine home farm he owns other property in his locality, including valuable land south of the Middle Road.

Mr. Sloan married, in 1887, Elizabeth Reid, and of this union there have been born five children: Ethel Pearl, born June 4, 1889; William R. Lesley, Dec. 20, 1893; Joseph Wilfred, Feb. 19, 1895; John Darrel, Oct. 1, 1898; and Lorain, July 15, 1900.

Mr. Sloan is a broad, large-minded man, active in everything pertaining to the welfare of his community. Well informed upon current events, he takes an ardent interest in local politics, and espouses the cause of the Reformers. A man of integrity, square in all his dealings, he is in every respect a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church at Valetta, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he affiliates with the A. O. U. W. at Valetta, having first united with the order in 1892.

John Reid, grandfather of Mrs. Sloan, born at Strenroy, on the Clyde, in Scotland, passed many years of his life in that country. In early life he learned the trade of a ship carpenter, and upon reaching manhood followed that occupation. He married in Scotland Margaret Bennett, and of this union there were ten children, four of whom were born in Scotland, and seven of whom are now living. In 1834 Mr. Reid came with his family to America, and for the first two and a half years resided at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Taking up his abode in Mersea township, County of Essex, Ont., in 1837, he there remained until 1841, when he came to Tilbury East township, and located upon Lot 7, M. R. S., which he received from the government. Here he made a home for himself and passed his last days. In addition to farming he followed his trade in this country, and he prospered in all his ventures. He and his wife both died at the age of sixty-six years. Their children were: Agnes, who married William Black, and is now deceased; Robert, who is mentioned below; Ellen, who married William Robertson; John, who lives in Baker City, Oregon; Andrew, a resident of Detroit; Josephine, who married and lives in Washington; Henrietta, who died young; Alexander, who also died young; Margaret, who married Adolph Westford, of Boston, Massachusetts; and William, who resides in Detroit.

Robert Reid, father of Mrs. Sloan, was

about six years old when the family came to America, and thirteen when they settled in the County of Kent. Here he grew to manhood, and as a youth learned the trade of shipbuilding. Later he gave his attention to carpentry, and these occupations he followed with success for many years. In 1851 he purchased a farm on Lot 7, Concession 9, in Tilbury East township, where he has since made his residence. He has been successful in his various lines of industry, and is now one of the well-to-do farmers of his section.

Mr. Reid married Ellen Robertson, and to this union there have been born ten children: Ellen, who married George Sharp, of Detroit; John, who died young; Margaret, who married John W. Clark; Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Sloan; Isabella, who married Joseph Sharp, of Tilbury East township; William F., who is living at home; Agnes, who died at the age of eight years; Ann, who married Alexander Grant, of Tilbury township; Jennie, who married Charles Shivas; and Viola, who is living at home.

THOMAS INCHES, one of the substantial and public-spirited farmers of Howard township, residing on the 5th Concession, on the Howard Road, in the County of Kent, was born in Chatham township in August, 1859, son of Charles D. and Mary (Green) Inches.

The parents were both natives of England, the father born there in 1820, and the mother in 1827. Charles D. Inches was the son of Charles Inches, who came to Canada in 1826 and settled near London, Ont., where he reared his family, and was among the first settlers of that locality. He and his estimable wife left children as follows: Ellen married James McMullen, and resides in London, Ont.; Thomas was born near London, where he settled and died, leaving three children; John resides in Canada, and has a family of five children; Frances (deceased) married James Sutherland, of London; George is a resident of London; James moved to California, and has never been heard of since; Charles D. was the father of Thomas.

Charles D. Inches received the greater portion of his education in Canada, being but a small boy when his parents located in this country. When he reached his majority he purchased wild land in Chatham township, County of Kent, and there resided until 1865, when he bought the property now owned by Thomas Inches, and cleared off the entire farm, on which he erected good buildings, all of which still remain except the house, which was burned on Christmas, 1901. Here he and his wife passed away, Mr. Inches in April, 1901, and his wife in January, 1895. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Church. Politically he was an active Conservative and always supported the principles of that party. Seven children were born to them: Elizabeth, born in Chatham township in 1845, now deceased, married Samuel Bellmey, of Chatham, and had ten children, Mary J. (deceased), James, Robert, Samuel, Fred, Grace, Annie, Charles, Allen and George. Frances, born in the County of Kent in 1848, married Nathaniel Turner, a resident of Dover township, County of Kent, and has eight children, James, Edward, Anna, Charles, Thomas, George, Mary and Albert. Joseph, born in 1850, is a steamboat captain on Lake Erie; he married Rhodee Stewart, of the States, and they reside in Michigan; they have three children, Charlie, Chester and Annie. William, born in Chatham, County of Kent, in 1852, was drowned when a young man, near Detroit, in the St. Clair river. Mary died in young womanhood. Charles, born in 1858, married Miss Mary Graham, of the County of Kent, and resides in Dover township, that county, on a farm; they have four children, Maggie, George, Annie and ——. Thomas is the youngest of the family.

Thomas Inches was reared on the farm he now occupies and attended the schools of Howard township. For a number of years prior to his father's death he managed the farm and now owns this valuable property. In 1901 the old house burned, and Mr. Inches has replaced it with a fine modern brick structure, which is one of the most convenient residences in the County of Kent. On Jan. 3, 1900, he married Miss Julia Atkinson, of Howard, a daughter of Robert and Mary A. (Wilson) Atkinson, old pioneers of the County of Kent. Mrs. Inches was born May 27, 1868, and was educated in the Botany schools. They have an adopted daughter, Gertrude Kenedy, the child of a sister of Mrs. Inches. Mr. Inches has always affiliated with the Conservative party. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Inches were brought up in the Methodist faith and are members of that church. He is one of Howard

township's enterprising citizens, a man of high character and pleasant, genial disposition, which wins him many friends among his fellow townsmen.

JOHN M. TERRY, general farmer of Dover township, is a carpenter as well, and one of no ordinary ability, having for years been engaged in contract work, and assisted materially in the building up of his section. He now resides on his attractive 100-acre farm on Lot 24, Concession 3, a place which, under his careful management, has become the picture of order and prosperity. The large and substantial brick house, as well as the other buildings, all of which he has remodeled, are striking evidence of his skillful workmanship and his fine architectural taste. He was born on this farm November 1, 1851, son of John H. and Elizabeth (Glenn) Terry.

John Terry, grandfather of John M., was the first of the family to settle in Dover township, having come to this country with his wife from England. He settled upon 200 acres of wild land, comprising the present Terry farm, succeeding the original squatters, Mr. and Mrs. Strawbeck, in their rights. Here he cleared up a fine home for himself, and engaged in agriculture with success for many years. Later he settled in Oakville, Ont. He was a jeweler by trade, and also worked at that craft for some time. He died in Oakville.

John H. Terry, son of John, and father of John M., was born in 1824, and in a well ordered home received his rearing and practical training for the duties of life. For some years he resided in Oakville. Upon reaching manhood he married, at Grand River, Ont., Elizabeth Glenn, of that place, who died in 1862, at the age of twenty-eight, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. By this marriage there were four children: Elizabeth A., who married George Gordon, of Raleigh township; John M., who is mentioned below; William G., who is engaged in the bakery business at Chatham; and Charles A., a farmer of Chatham township. In 1849 Mr. Terry came to Dover township and settled upon the farm now occupied by his son John M. The country was then a wilderness, with not even roads about. A stump, known as the lighthouse, marking the township line, stood in front of the rude dwelling erected. Determining to make his abode here, Mr. Terry took up ninety acres of this wild land, and with great energy cleared it, converting it in time into an attractive and productive farm. Feeling the need of a change from this hard manual work, he in 1882 abandoned farming and, moving to Chatham, opened a grocery store in that place. Excellent service won him trade, and making a financial success of his business he continued it until 1892, since when he has lived retired from active labor. He still, however, makes his residence in Chatham. Mr. Terry is one of those strong, determined characters, eminently fitted by nature to make a success of almost any work. He has sound judgment, courage and a keen active intellect, combined with a large capacity for work. His views of life are large, and his character worthy of emulation. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belonged.

John M. Terry was reared on the family homestead in Dover township, where he still resides. He received the usual training in agriculture of farmers' boys of his day, and at an early age evinced much natural ability in that line. Handy with tools, he later apprenticed himself to a carpenter, and so rapid was his progress that before he had served his full time he was enabled to fill important contracts without directions from a superior. Fine business openings in his line in Chatham decided him in 1870 to settle in that place, and there he followed his trade for seven years, gradually rising from an ordinary carpenter to be a reliable contract builder. During this period, Nov. 12, 1874, Mr. Terry married, in Brantford, Ont., Maggie Glover, who was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, June 4, 1852, and when sixteen years old came to Canada and resided with her brothers, three of whom had settled there several years before her arrival. To Mr. and Mrs. Terry have been born eight children: Elizabeth M., who married R. I. Weaver, and resides in Chatham, Ont.; William, John, Robert G., George, Pansy, who are living at home; and Jinnie and Beverly, who are deceased.

About 1877 Mr. Terry returned to the family homestead in Dover township, where he has since resided, giving his attention largely to the development of the excellent resources of his place. A born farmer, he has had little difficulty in materializing his well-laid plans, and his crops have always been seasonable, and

commanded the highest market prices. He is scientific and up-to-date in his methods, and is considered one of the most progressive farmers in his locality. He has kept the place in good repair, and few if any farms in the vicinity have more attractive buildings or grounds.

Mr. Terry has achieved his success largely through his remarkable powers of concentrating his forces upon his line of work in hand. He is thorough in whatever he undertakes, as his eye for order can not brook a half finished or slovenly piece of work. His nobility of character, as well as his achievements, have won him the respect of the community, where he has many warm friends. He is interested in all good works, and in religious faith upholds the doctrines of the Christian Church. Politically he affiliates with the Conservatives.

William Glover, father of Mrs. Terry, was originally of Greenock, Scotland, where he married Anna J. Ferris. They afterward settled in Ireland, and there he engaged in farming. He died in 1883, at the age of seventy years, and his wife passed away in 1872, at the age of fifty-six. Both were consistent church members. Their children were: Jane, widow of John McCollough, who resides in Dover township; Robert, now a farmer of Dover township, who was engaged in teaching for about sixteen years; Thomas, of Gonzales County, Texas; James, a farmer of Dover township; Samuel, who is now deceased; Mary, deceased; and Maggie, who is mentioned above.

JOHN ALLISON, a general farmer of Chatham township, residing on the 4th Concession, Lot 21, owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres, as well as fifty acres in Lot 22, and sixty-eight in the 4th Concession, Lot 22. He was born in Toronto, Ont., March 3, 1848, being a son of James and Sophia (Harrison) Allison, natives of County Norfolk, England, who emigrated in 1836, and located in Chatham township in 1853.

Three months after their settlement in Chatham township, they removed to Harwich township, where he rented a farm, but later returned to Chatham township, where the father died August 17, 1891, aged ninety-one years. The mother died Aug. 7, 1891, aged ninety-one years, and both are buried in Arnold cemetery, being members of the English Church. The children born to this union were: Mary A., who married John Fox, of Chatham township; Richard, a farmer of Harwich township; William, deceased; Rachel, who married Patrick Henry, and is deceased; Robert, a farmer of Harwich township; Frances, who died young; James, a farmer of Chatham township; Charlotte, who married James B. Baxter, a baker of Dresden, Ont.; John; Rebecca, who married James Wilson, of Montague, Michigan; and Nicholas, deceased.

On June 17, 1874, in Harwich township, Mr. John Allison married Elinor Axford, and these children were born to their union: George J., of Chatham township, married Ethel Westcott; Bruce C. is deceased; Albert D., a farmer of Chatham township, married Lizzie Steeper, and has one son, Carleton Bruce; Herman R. is deceased; Myrtle E., Mabel M. and Ross H. are at home. Mrs. Allison was born at St. Thomas, Ont., Sept. 26, 1857, a daughter of George and Elinor (Richards) Axford, of Devonshire, England, and Wales, respectively. They were married in Wales, and there remained until 1856, when they came to Canada and settled at St. Thomas. There they lived until 1862, when they removed to the County of Kent, where, in Harwich township, the father died in April, 1874, aged forty-one years, while the mother died in August, 1874, aged forty years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Axford were: George, of Chatham, Ont.; Elinor; Annie, who married George Mills, of Prescott, Michigan; Benjamin (twin to Annie), a farmer of Harwich township; Richard, of the United States; John, with our subject; Elizabeth (twin to John), who married Nicholas Winters, of Dresden, Ont.; Jane, deceased; Jane, who married Henry Snyder, of Morpeth, Ont., Mary (twin to Jane) now deceased; William, of Wald Lake, Michigan; Laura, unmarried, at Ridgetown, Ont.; David, a sailor on the Great Lakes; Sarah, who married Albert Rousen, of Thamesville, Ontario.

Mr. Allison remained with his parents until his marriage, when he removed to Chatham township, and later located on his present farm, which he has developed into one of the best in the township, well supplied with comfortable buildings and other conveniences. For about fifteen years Mr. Allison has been a school trustee, and he has always taken a deep interest in educational matters. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist

Church, of which he has been a trustee for the past nine years, and one of its liberal contributors. Mr. Allison occupies a prominent position in the community, and enjoys in highest degree the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and friends, who know and appreciate his many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

AUSTIN BELL, the surviving son of one of the honorable old pioneer families of County Kent, a highly respected farmer of Harwich township, and a man of sterling worth and valued citizenship, was born Feb. 21,1858, near Morpeth, in Howard township, a son of David and Nancy (Wood) Bell, both also natives of Howard township.

David Bell was a son of Daniel and Arabella Bell, who came to Canada from England among the first settlers on the Talbot Road, near Morpeth. Daniel Bell built the first gristmill in that section of County Kent. Later he moved to Algonac, Mich., where he was killed by the bursting of a boiler. Of their nine children, John is the only one living in Canada, and he resides on the St. Clair River.

David Bell grew up in Morpeth, and engaged in the sawmill business for many years, then, in 1862, purchasing the farm on which his son Austin lives. At that time the land was covered with brush, and was uncultivated, but he lived to clear it up, and to transform it into a good farm. His death occurred in January, 1899, his widow, Nancy Wood, still residing at Blenheim. The children of Daniel Bell and wife were six in number, as follows: Theresa, born in Howard in 1856, married John Graham, a blacksmith in Blenheim, where she died, leaving one son, Oliver, now of Denver, Colorado; Austin; Maggie, born in 1860, married Dougal McBrain, of Walkerville, and they have children, Lloyd, Russell, Ora, Wilmer, Berenice, and Irene; Lemira, born in 1862, is the widow of John McPherson, a valued teacher of the county, and she resides at Blenheim, with two daughters, Mildred and Jessie; Mary, born in 1865, married James Watt, who lives in the States, and they have one son, Vernal; Nancy, born in 1868, married (first) Daniel Smith, who died in Morpeth, leaving children, Charles and Earl, and she married (second) James Davis, of Rodney, Ontario.

Austin Bell was given every educational opportunity the place and time afforded. He has always followed farming, with the exception of one year when he worked in Blenheim for Dr. Langford. In October, 1884, he married Rachel Fulmer, born in September, 1864, in County Essex, daughter of Francis and Ellen (Pease) Fulmer, an old pioneer family of Mersea township. Mr. Fulmer was born in County Essex, in 1833, and his wife in 1844, and he died in 1890, leaving but one daughter. Later Mrs. Fulmer married Thomas McCormick, of County Essex, and they have three children: Lillie M., wife of H. Henderson; Guy A.; and Maybird, wife of Elmo Giffenbaugh, of County Essex.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell settled on the old Bell homestead, and have continued to improve the place ever since, making it one of the most comfortable and attractive homes of the locality. Their one daughter, Lulu E., born in August, 1885, is a lady of education and culture, and, although young in years, is already numbered among the Canadian authoresses, her contributions to the magazines having appeared for a long period. A bright future awaits her. The religious connection of the family is with the Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Bell has always been identified with the Conservative party.

It is a matter of note that a fine military spirit has appeared both in the Bell and Fulmer families. William Bell, an uncle of Austin Bell, was one of the wounded soldiers in the War of 1836. Mrs. Bell's father was also a soldier in the same war, while her uncle Michael took part in the Civil War in the United States, and was slain at Gettysburg. Her grandfather, Henry Fulmer, served as soldier in the British army.

This family is one of high social standing, and every member enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends. In all that is for the benefit of his locality Mr. Bell takes an intelligent interest, and belongs to the truly representative men of the township.

HARVEY JENNER, one of the members of Raleigh township council and a well known citizen of Charing Cross, Ont., descends both on paternal and maternal sides from early settled families of the Middle Road, County of Kent.

Thomas Jenner, the grandfather, was born in Tenterden, County of Kent, England, in

1800, where he grew to maturity and married Eliza Cooper . In 1831 they came to America, and thence to County Kent, where they located on the present Middle Road, Mr. Jenner receiving from the government, a tract of 200 acres. This land is now owned and occupied by Peter Jenner and Mrs. Thomas Jenner, Jr. It was still in its wild state when the grandparents settled upon it. Mr. Jenner was a shoemaker by trade, and he found it to his advantage to follow that, and to hire the hardest part of the work done. In later years he discontinued work at his trade, and devoted his entire attention to farming. In politics he was a Conservative, and he took an active interest in all local matters. For many years he served on the municipal council, and during a long period was clerk of the township. Both he and wife were members of the Methodist Church. His death took place April 11, 1862, and his wife passed away in 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. The family born to them consisted of nine children, as follows: John, who died in infancy; Miss Sylvia, born March 3, 1830; Eliza, born Aug. 12, 1831, widow of Solomon Harvey, of Raleigh township; Thomas, born Feb. 8, 1833, died Jan. 9, 1902; Peter James, born May 24, 1834, a thrifty farmer of Raleigh township; Sarah, born Sept. 3, 1836, who married Silas J. Harvey, of Raleigh township; Lydia A., born April 13, 1842, wife of Nelson Shepley, of Tilbury township; Hester Jane, born April 24, 1847, who died aged ten months; and William B., born May 13, 1849, who married Kate Hawley, and resides at Botany, Ontario.

Thomas Jenner, father of our subject, was born on the homestead in Raleigh township, where all his life was passed. He inherited part of the 200 acres of land, lying on the Middle Road, and added to this by purchase, owning some 400 acres in Raleigh township. He was a life-time farmer, and was a successful business man. The family belongs to the Methodist Church of Charing Cross, in which he took an active part, and was long one of the trustees. Politically he was a Reformer. His death removed one of the township's most highly respected residents.

Thomas Jenner married Sarah Harvey, and to this union these children were born: Theresa, wife of Paul Russell, a farmer on Concession 14, Raleigh township; Harvey Ida, wife of George Bennett, a large farmer of the Middle Road; Clarence, who died aged thirty-four years; Belle, wife of Herbert Sullivan, of Concession 13, Raleigh; Fred Cooper, a farmer of the Middle Road; Eliza, wife of Richard Crackle, of Harwich; George, located on the homestead; Herman, a school teacher at Quebec; Leonard, who died in November, 1902; and John, at home.

Harvey Jenner was born April 5, 1862, on the homestead farm and received his education in section No. 8 school. From his father he received eighty acres of land in Lot 19, 11th Concession, and he purchased twenty-five acres in the adjoining lot and began farming there about the date of his marriage, when he erected comfortable buildings and has continued to live upon the farm ever since. Mr. Jenner is known as one of the practical and prosperous farmers of the Middle Road. Politically he is a Reformer, and has always been intelligently interested in the success of his party, taking a very active part in the politics of his locality. He collected the township tax from 1895 to 1900, was a member of the municipal council for the year 1902, and is also a school trustee.

In 1885 Mr. Jenner was married to Mattie Bennett, daughter of the late George Bennett, Sr., of Raleigh, Lot 15, 12th Concession, and the following children have been born to them: Eva, Nellie, Edith, Lorne, Ada and Flora. The family attend the services of the Methodist Church. Mr. Jenner is a member of the order of Foresters at South Buxton, and has taken quite an active part in this fraternal work, being Chief Ranger for the year 1903.

ANDREW GRAY (deceased), who for many years was an important factor in the life of Chatham township, County of Kent, was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, in 1833, and he died on his farm Feb. 9, 1885, a son of Thomas and Mary (Murdy) Gray, also of Roxburghshire, Scotland.

Thomas Gray and wife came to County Kent in 1854, locating in Chatham, and whence, after one year, they settled on Lot 10, 5th Concession, Chatham township, and there took up 100 acres of land. There Thomas Gray died in 1856, survived by his wife, who passed away in 1870, aged seventy-five years. Both are buried in McVicker's cemetery. They

died firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Thomas Gray and wife were: William died in British Columbia; Thomas died in Scotland; Andrew; James died on the homestead farm; Agnes died in Scotland; Janet married Andrew Mockison, and died in Louisville, Kentucky, and Ella died in Scotland.

In 1873, in Brant township, County Bruce, Ont., Andrew Gray married Margaret Rae, and their children were: Thomas; James; William; Andrew; Stephen, who died in 1890; and George. Those living are all at home.

Mrs. Gray was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, in 1846, a daughter of James and Margaret (Murdy) Rae, of the same locality, who came to County Bruce in 1852, and became pioneer farmers. There the father died in 1892, aged eighty-three years, and his wife in 1897, aged eighty-eight years, and both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rae had these children: Thomas died in South Carolina; Andrew C., William and James live in Bruce, Ont.; Isabella, of Bruce, Ont., married William Young; Jane, of Bruce, Ont., married Samuel Pipper; Margaret; Mary, of St. Mary's, Ont., married Richard Burrow; Agnes, deceased, married William Robinson; Jessie is the widow of Stephen Little, of Bruce County, and lives on the homestead; Alexander and Betsy, both unmarried, reside on the old homestead.

The late Mr. Andrew Gray came to County Kent with his parents, and was employed by the city of Chatham for a year, at the expiration of which time he removed to the home on which his widow now resides. For many years he was a successful farmer of Chatham township, and he made numerous friends, both among his neighbors and in the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, as are his widow and children. In political matters he was a Reformer, but he never aspired to office. Living, he influenced those around him, and although now passed away, his memory remains and is tenderly cherished.

His widow and sons conduct the old homestead. In 1899 they built the present comfortable brick residence, and are among the best farmers of the township, where they all enjoy the highest respect and confidence of the community. The sons are young men of integrity, and they have conducted the farm since their father's death in a business like manner, and are numbered among the successful farmers of the township of Chatham.

WILLIAM ANDERTON, a successful general farmer of Dover township, owns and operates a fine farm of fifty acres on Lot 4, Concession 4, where he resides. His birth occurred Dec. 12, 1859, and he is a son of Robert Anderton, whose life is more fully treated of elsewhere.

When he was only seven years of age Mr. Anderton was brought to Canada by his parents, and in 1877, they settled upon the farm where he now makes his home, and where his aged father resides. In October, 1902, Mr. Anderton had the misfortune to lose by fire his barn, containing a year's crop and valuable machinery, but he did not allow this to discourage him.

In January, 1892, William Anderton was united in marriage with Miss Emily Hope, and one child has been born to them, who bears his grandfather's name, Robert. Fraternally Mr. Anderton is a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, and in politics is a Conservative; he has never aspired to office. He is an enterprising, thrifty farmer, and a man well and favorably known throughout the community.

ARCHIBALD McCORMICK, a prosperous farmer on Lot 9, Concession 5, Harwich township, County of Kent, was born on his present place, Nov. 8, 1846, a son of John and Agnes (Douglas) McCormick, who were both born in Scotland in the same year, 1815. The parents were married in Scotland, and in May, 1846, emigrated to Canada, making the ocean voyage on a sailing-vessel to New York; they were nine weeks crossing. Upon arriving in the County of Kent the father purchased what is now the home of his son Archibald, then 100 acres of wild land, where the family started in as pioneers, experiencing all the hardships incident to such life. In the midst of the great woods Mr. McCormick erected a log cabin, and there he died in October, 1874, his widow surviving until 1901, when almost eighty-seven years of age. Religiously John McCormick and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham, of which he was one of the founders and build-

ers. Politically he was a Conservative, and he always took an interest in municipal affairs, holding the office of school trustee for several years. This worthy couple had the following children: Barbara, born in Scotland in 1844, married William Thackery, of Montana, and they have children—Jessie, William, Agnes, Rosellen, Anna, John, Archie, Hettie and Samuel. Archibald, born in 1846, is mentioned below. Jane, born in Harwich township in 1848, married William Clement, of the County of Kent, now residing at Chatham, and they have four children, William, Charles, and John C. and George L., twins. Jessie, born in 1850, married John Drury, a farmer of Raleigh township, and has five children, Anna, Jennie, Maggie, Irene and Agnes. Annie, born in 1852, married Samuel McCormick, of York State, and they reside in Chatham, where he works at his trade of carpenter; they have three children, Margaret (teacher in the public schools), Archie and Maxwell, on the homestead. Isabella, born in 1855, married John Rouse, of Blenheim, and has one son, James. James, born in 1858, married Celia Colard, of the County of Kent, and resides on a portion of the homestead, which was divided between the sons, and on which he erected a fine brick house, being one of the successful farmers of the township; he has two children, Carrie and James D.

Archibald McCormick was reared on the home farm, where he received a good district school education, and after the father's death he and his brother James divided the farm. On Oct. 28, 1874, he married Miss Barbara McCormick, daughter of James and Margaret (McCoig) McCormick, who migrated from Geneva, York State, to Appleton, Wisconsin, and after a number of years removed to Chatham, Ont. There the father lived retired until he died, in 1894, his widow surviving until 1896. They were the parents of children as follows: Robert died in Helena, Montana, leaving a family; Thomas, of Chatham, has a family; David is a resident of Wisconsin; Mrs. McCormick, born in Scotland in October, 1846, was educated in Wisconsin; Samuel, born in New York State in 1848, married Annie McCormick, and they reside in Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McCormick settled on the old homestead after their marriage, and there he erected his present home in 1875. He has ever since been making improvements upon his property, until it is one of the best in the neighborhood. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCormick: Isabella, born in November, 1875, married Robert Rorrison, of Harwich, and they reside there, on the 5th Concession; they have one daughter, Grace. John, born in October, 1879, was reared on the old homestead, where he still resides. Miss Agnes, born in May, 1881, has prepared for the teacher's profession. Maggie, born in April, 1883, is well educated, as are all these children. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, as well as their children, are members of the Presbyterian Church of Chatham, of which Mr. McCormick was one of the builders. Politically he has always been identified with the Conservative party, but he has never aspired to office. His brother James has been a member of the Harwich council for three terms. Fraternally Mr. McCormick's affiliations are with Western City Lodge, No. 93, I. O. O. F. of Chatham, in which he has passed all the chairs and holds a twenty-five year membership medal. The name of McCormick has been associated for many years with the best interests of the County of Kent, and its two representatives among the older members are well worthy of their ancestors, while the younger generation bids fair to sustain its honor and standing in the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have many friends in Harwich township, as well in the surrounding country, and they are highly esteemed by all who know them.

GEORGE W. SPENCE. Among the worthy men who have taken a strong hand in the development of the agricultural resources of Howard township, few have evinced more courage and determination, or brought about more fruitful results, than George W. Spence. Though his ambition sometimes exceeded his physical strength, he was on the whole successful in his undertakings, and when death, Jan. 2, 1883, cut short his career in middle life, before he had accomplished his designs, he possessed as desirable and attractive a farm as any in the vicinity. Mr. Spence, like many of his neighbors, was the son of a pioneer settler, and passed his life in farming districts.

John Spence, father of George W., was the

first of this family who sought to better his condition by taking up life in a wild country. Born in England, he there spent the early years of his life. Setting out for Canada, after some prospecting he came to Ontario, and there on Concession 3, in Harwich township, County Kent, settled upon new land. The wildness of the region, the scarcity of good roads, the difficulties in securing supplies—all failed to swerve him from his determination to make a good home for himself. With nothing but his own hands to depend upon, except the poor implements used in those days, he soon cleared a large tract, which he at once put under cultivation. He died at this home in 1888. During his young manhood Mr. Spence married Ellen Broadbent, who was born in England. She died at the family homestead in 1883. By this marriage there were ten children: George W., who is mentioned below; Annie; Mary; Harriet; Jane; Zachariah, now living at home; Thomas; Louisa; Rebecca; and Robert, who is now deceased.

George W. Spence was born in May, 1839, and on the old homestead grew to manhood. Like the average boy of his neighborhood he received a district school education, and, in the active field of farm labor training for his life work. In January, 1869, Mr. Spence married Elizabeth Ball, who was born in England, in November, 1843, daughter of John and Hannah (Snell) Ball, who are mentioned below. Being very young when her parents emigrated to Canada, she here grew to womanhood, receiving her education in the district schools, developing traits of industry and a capacity for managing affairs, which have characterized her through life. She possesses to a marked degree the Christian virtues, and most of the admirable qualities, desirable in women. She is cultivated and highly intellectual, and in the management of the estate since the death of her husband, clearing the place by her own exertions of an incumbrance left upon it, she has exhibited marked business ability. To Mr. and Mrs. Spence were born four children: (1) Miss Ella, born in 1872, received a good education and is now living at home. (2) Emma L., born in 1875, married Albert McRichie, and resides in Harwich township on the line. They have one daughter, Freda M. (3) Mary J., born in 1878, married George Hall, a merchant of Northwood, in Howard township. (4) John W. was born in 1880.

Mr. Spence soon after his marriage moved to a farm on Concession 10, Lot 7, Howard township, and there he made his home for the rest of his life. When he came into possession of the property much of it was wild land, and this he cleared and broke, and put under thorough cultivation, greatly improving the farm. He also added to its value in other respects, and in 1883, shortly before his death, erected a handsome brick house.

Mr. Spence possessed too large a nature to center his forces entirely upon his own affairs. His religious, social, and public obligations came in for a share of his time and energy. In the works of the Methodist Church, of which his family were esteemed members, he always lent a helping hand. Politically a strong Conservative, he exerted a large influence in local affairs. Among the Orangemen, with whom for many years he affiliated, he occupied a high place. Socially he, with his family, was among the first in the community. The highest integrity, the strictest honesty, and a fair estimation of the rights of others, as well as of his own, characterized his dealings with his fellowmen, which, with his many social attributes, won him hosts of warm friends.

JOHN BALL, father of Mrs. Spence, now residing in the township of Howard, is probably the oldest representative of the early settlers, being now in his ninety-fourth year. Born in Devonshire, England, in 1810, he spent many fruitful years of his life in that country. In 1845, however, desiring to better his condition, he with his family, a wife and four children, set out in a sailing vessel for New York. After a nine weeks' voyage they landed, and soon afterward proceeded to Ontario, where they settled for a time in Hamilton. In the course of a few years he purchased fifty acres in Dawn township, County Kent, where, after the custom of the settlers of that section, he erected a log house and began pioneering. Possessed of abundant energy and a thorough determination to make a success of his undertaking, he cleared many acres of his land, cut a road through the woods, to the main one, one mile from his Concession, and improved the property in other respects. Here he lived and worked until 1850. Then he purchased land in Harwich, on the township line, where he

erected good substantial buildings and made a comfortable home for himself, continuing there until 1878. As has been said he is now a resident of Howard.

Mr. Ball married in England, Hannah Snell, who was born in Devonshire, in 1814, and who was for many years a faithful helpmeet. She died in 1878, and in 1880 he married Mrs. Mary Angusley, of County Kent. She is still living. By the first marriage there were six children: (1) Jane married Thomas Ward, and they now reside in Chatham. (2) Eliza is the wife of Thomas Smith, of Sarnia. (3) Richard, born in England, died when a young man in Howard township. (4) Adolphus, born in County Kent, married Martha Sloan, and they now reside on a farm which he owns in Harwich township. By this union there have been three children: Lettie, George and Leda. (5) Salina, born in Howard, married John McGregor, and resides in Canada. By the second marriage there were no children. (6) Elizabeth is the widow of George W. Spence.

ENOCH FOSTER, an agriculturist of Lot 19, Dover township, is one of the rising young men of that locality. Though it was only about five years ago that he purchased his present farm, he has by persistent, well-directed efforts made an excellent start, and is still carrying on there a highly successful industry.

Mr. Foster is of English extraction. His grandfather, George Foster, resided in England for many years, and there married Elizabeth Cook. In 1841 they came to County Kent, Ontario, and settled in Dover township, where they have for the most part remained. Mr. Foster is now advanced in years, and is living with his grandson, Walter.

George Foster (2), father of Enoch, passed his early days in Lincolnshire, England. In 1841 he came with his parents to County Kent, and settled in Dover township, where he continued for many years. Choosing farming for his occupation, he followed that industry in this locality with much success for many years. About 1881 he left Dover township, and started for the United States, nothing ever afterward being heard of him. He was married, and to him and his wife, Anna Foster, were born two children: Walter, who has a farm joining his brother's in Dover township; and Enoch who is mentioned below. Mrs. Foster died Feb. 15, 1900, at the age of forty-eight years.

Enoch Foster was born on the farm joining the one he now resides on, Nov. 30, 1875, and, losing his father when very young he early felt the necessity of taking up life's duties. Among kind, helpful farmers of Dover township, he received his training in agriculture, and at the age of fifteen secured a position in a stave mill. Taking to the work readily and giving satisfaction, he remained there for three years, earning fair wages. A natural bent toward agriculture decided him at the end of that period to continue that occupation, and for several years he worked as a farm hand. Prudent and saving, in 1899 he was enabled to purchase of William Stephenson his present fifty-acre farm, thirty-seven acres of which were cleared. Here he has since resided. He has cleared five acres, kept the farm under good cultivation, and is endeavoring to make the most of it in every respect. In Chatham township, Dec. 25, 1901, Mr. Foster married Janet Gray, who was born in Scotland, Aug. 13, 1880. They have had no children.

Mr. Foster's sterling traits of character, as well as his achievements, have won him the highest respect of the community. He is thrifty, far-sighted, has plenty of push and determination, and is bound to make a success of whatever he undertakes. Never shrinking from any responsibility, he keeps in touch with the affairs of the township, and as a Conservative, is influential in local politics.

Thomas Gray, father of Mrs. Foster, was born in Scotland, in 1837, son of William and Jane (Rae) Gray, who are now living a retired life at Valley Fords, in that country. Thomas Gray married in Scotland, Janet Stobie, who was born in 1842, and they have had six children: William and Walter, who are living at home; Jane; Janet, who is mentioned above; Charlotte, who is living at home; and Elizabeth, who is now deceased. In 1882 Mr. Gray came to Ontario, and located in Chatham, still residing in that township. He is a man of ability, and marked integrity of character, and both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.

ADAM F. ARNOLD, who occupies the old original Arnold homestead in Chatham township, containing sixty acres in Lot 13, and twenty-five on Concession 3, was born on the present farm, Oct. 26, 1846, a son of Adam Arnold, one of the old and much respected residents of this section.

There are few men in the County of Kent more generally known than is Mr. Arnold on account of his success in the introduction and breeding of fine stock and cattle. His Jersey cows, Tamworth hogs and Hambletonian horses always attract much attention at all the public displays of fine stock in this locality, and he deserves much credit for the improvements introduced in the cattle and stock of this part of the County of Kent. He owns a number of very fine animals, among these being Van Brina Chief and Bob Hunter (stock mares) and Rise Dyke, Hambletonian mares. Mr. Arnold is the present pound keeper of Chatham township, and served six years as school trustee, resigning on account of other duties. He belongs to the Odd Fellows in Canada, and in political sympathy is a Conservative.

On May 10, 1875, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage with Clarissa Ann Field, in Harwich township, and the children born to this union have been: Ethel M., wife of Joseph Guthrie, a machinist of Chatham, Ont.; Gordon D.; Bessie C.; Clarence B., who died Sept. 26, 1880; Lottie E., who died Jan. 7, 1886; Mary L. and Ila Pearl. Mrs. Arnold was born Oct. 13, 1851, in Harwich township, daughter of Daniel and Clarissa (Patterson) Field, the former of Harwich township and the latter a native of Lockport, New York. Mr. Field was a farmer by occupation but when his country needed his services, he became a soldier in the War of 1812, and served until its close. For one year he was collector in Harwich township, and was a prominent man in many ways. He was particularly active in the Methodist Church, where he was class leader and Sunday-school superintendent for a long time. His death took place in November, 1889, at the age of seventy years, and that of his wife Oct. 29, 1883, aged sixty-three years, having been born Oct. 23, 1822. They were interred in the Field cemetery. The children born to them were: Alexander, deceased; Lot P., now living retired in Chatham; Albert E., also retired in Chatham; John H., an engineer at Chatham; Clarissa A., Mrs. Arnold; and William G., living retired at Chatham. Mrs. Arnold's paternal grandparents, Alexander and Ann Field, emigrated from England to Maryland and thence to Canada and settled in Harwich township, County Kent, as early as 1803. They continued to be farmers through life. On the maternal side, Lot and Susannah Patterson, came to Canada from New York in 1837. He was a United States soldier in the War of 1812, and fell at Princeton Heights and broke his leg. He was prominent in the Methodist Church, to which Mr. Arnold and family belong. Our subject is one of the reliable, substantial and representative men of this locality, and is held in universal esteem. He is a leading farmer and stock man of Chatham township.

WALTER FOSTER, whose well improved fifty-acre farm is located on Lot 19, Concession 2, in Dover township, has, by persevering effort, won a prominent place among farmers of his locality. Born on part of his present farm, Aug. 15, 1871, he is the son of George and Anna Foster.

George Foster, grandfather of Walter, was a resident of England, and there married Elizabeth Cook. In 1841 they came to County Kent, Ont., and located in Dover township. Mr. Foster is now well advanced in years, and is living with his grandson Walter.

George Foster (2), father of Walter, was of Lincolnshire, England. In 1841 he came with his parents to County Kent, and settled in Dover township, were he continued for many years. Choosing farming for his occupation, he followed it in his new home, and made a success of it. About 1881 he left Dover township, intending to go to the United States, but was never afterward heard from. Mr. Foster was married in Lincolnshire, England and to him and his wife were born two children: Walter, who is mentioned below; and Enoch, who is engaged in farming on a place joining his brother's in Dover township. Mrs. Foster died Feb. 15, 1900, at the age of forty-eight.

Walter Foster early shouldered life's responsibilities. Reared in Dover township, he was but ten years old when his father disappeared, and there, assisting the farmers of his neighborhood, he procured the training for his

life work. Unusually capable, at the early age of seventeen he purchased of D. A. Willcox a fifty-acre farm, only ten acres of which were cleared, and here he began making a home for himself. He soon, however, transformed the wild tracts into neatly furrowed fields and productive gardens. Continuing to prosper, he has remained on this farm, which he is still working, receiving good money returns for his labor. He is scientific and up-to-date in his methods, and thoroughly practical, in fact, one of the very progressive farmers of the township. In Chatham, in April, 1896, Mr. Foster married Jane Gray, who was born in Musselburgh, Scotland, June 14, 1875, and of this union there have been four children: Janet, Lucy, Anna L. and Thomas.

Mr. Foster is a man of much force of character, determined, energetic and capable. With nothing but his own brain and muscle to depend upon, he has made an excellent home for himself and family, and is looked upon as one of the rising young agriculturists of the township. He is a man of firm convictions, upright in all his dealings, and in every respect a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he affiliates with the Conservatives.

Thomas Gray, father of Mrs. Foster, was born in Scotland, in 1837, son of William and Jane (Rae) Gray, who are now living a retired life at Valley Fords, in that country. While still in Scotland, Thomas Gray married Janet Stobie, who was born in 1842, and they have had six children: William and Walter, who are living at home; Jane, Mrs. Foster; Janet, who married Enoch Foster; Charlotte, who is living at home; and Elizabeth, who is now deceased. In 1882 Mr. Gray came to Ontario, and located in Chatham. He still resides in that township. He is a man of sterling worth, practical, energetic, and thorough in his work, and a man of marked integrity. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.

FREDERICK SLADE, a pioneer settler of Raleigh township, and one of its most progressive farmers, was born on his father's homestead, in the house first erected on the property, Dec. 18, 1862, a son of Robert Slade.

Robert Slade was born in Somerset, England, May 14, 1818, and when twelve years of age he came to America with his parents, who soon settled in Chatham, which was then represented by three houses and known as the "corners." Upon settling there the father pursued his trade of shoemaker, but later purchased 100 acres in Lot 12, 8th Concession, although his first farming operations had been carried on with land rented on the plains from a Mr. Reynolds. The 100 acres was in a wild state, but nothing daunted, he began clearing off the property and as his boys grew up he was assisted in his work. There the father remained until 1882, when he bought property on the Gravel road, Raleigh township, and farmed until the fall of 1902, at which time he removed to Chatham, retiring from active life. In politics he is a Conservative, and in his younger days took a lively interest in township affairs. He served four years as assessor, and upon the township council. In Raleigh township he was married to Eunice Brown, a native of Nova Scotia, born in 1828. They became the parents of the following children: George, of Cedar Rapids, a commercial traveler; Mary, who died in young womanhood; Arthur, a conductor at Milwaukee on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad; Jennie, who died young; Elizabeth, deceased, who married G. C. Scott; Robert, who died young; Frederick; Charles, who lives on a portion of the old homestead, and who married Miss McArthur and has a family; Eva, who married Robert Cummings, of Chatham township; Fannie, who marired Neil Cummings, of Chatham township; and Ida, unmarried and at home.

Frederick Slade attended the home school and assisted in clearing up his father's farm, but although his educational advantages were limited, he is a wide awake farmer and business man, and has been very successful in his operations. In 1882 he received half of the homestead farm, and since that time has conducted the property very profitably as a general farm. His annual sales of hogs amount to about seventy-five, and he raises mixed crops. In addition to his fifty acres from his father, Mr. Slade rents fifty more, and also farms property on shares. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Slade has during the past fifteen years done much in the line of contract ditching, and is a man who never lets a good oppor-

tunity pass. Like his father Mr. Slade is a Conservative, but his heavy duties prevent him from accepting office.

On March 17, 1887, Mr. Slade was united in marriage with Laura Jane Menette, and on Dec. 26, 1887, a daughter, Laura Belle, was born to the union. On Dec. 25, 1890, Mr. Slade married Matilda Gertrude Watson, a native of St. Catharines, and the children of this marriage were: Edna Gertrude, born April 22, 1895; Ida Dorothea, born March 2, 1897; Edith May, who died at the age of two years; Fredericka Watson, born Jan. 16, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Slade are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which they take an active part, and of which he is a steward. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Foresters of South Buxton, and of the Sons of England of Chatham. Energetic, public-spirited, intelligent, Mr. Slade is one of the up-to-date young farmers of his locality, and he enjoys the confidence of his neighbors.

WILLIAM MEAD, one of the progressive and practical farmers of Harwich township, County of Kent, is a descendant of a very old English family, which came to Canada, from Nova Scotia as early as 1830, when Harwich township and even County Kent, had but few residents. He was born Feb. 22, 1837, a son of Thomas and Marian (Lumley) Mead, both of whom were born in Nova Scotia.

After coming to Canada, in 1830, Thomas Mead settled with his family for a few years in County Elgin, and then removed to Talbot street, in Harwich, where he lived a few years longer. Mr. Mead then sold out and bought land on the Ridge Road, owning 200 acres at one time. Here a humble log cabin sheltered the family, while the father worked hard to clear his land, and amidst these pioneer surroundings William Mead was born, the youngest of the sons in a family of twelve children, these being: James, born in County Elgin, married Mary Decluet, and settled at Blenheim where he died; A. B., born in County Elgin, married Rachel Sipe, of County Kent, and they reside in Nevada county, Iowa; Thomas, born in County Elgin, married Isabella House, lived in Harwich, where he died leaving one daughter now Mrs. Snelling, of Iowa; Coghlan, born in County Kent, married Laura Wellwood, of that county, and with their children—Joshua, William, Burton, Laura and Millie—they live on his farm in Harwich; Lavina, born in County Kent, married Duncan Campbell, who settled in Harwich where she died, leaving children, Marion, Peter, and Lavina, only the latter surviving; Sallie, born in County Kent, married David Maynard, who settled in Harwich where she died, leaving five children, Thomas, Richard, Hector, Phoebe and Mary; Marion, born in Harwich, married Henry Pickering, and died in Harwich, leaving five children, Henry, Thomas, John, Mary and Anna; Nancy, born in Harwich, married Moses Newcomb, and died in Harwich, leaving one son, Edwin; Maria, born in Harwich, married Thomas Tiffin, who settled at Zone, County of Kent, where she died, leaving no children; Alice, born in Harwich, married James Ford, and they settled at Cedar Springs, in Harwich, where she died, leaving five children, William, James, Edward, Jennie and Sarah; and Phoebe died in young womanhood. The father of this family later built a comfortable hewed log house, and there he resided until his death in 1862, his wife having passed away some years before. They were well known among the early pioneers and were examples of a class of courageous and industrious settlers, who faced dangers and overcame obstacles which the present residents of this section of Kent can scarcely realize.

William Mead grew up on the home farm and obtained as much schooling as the time and locality afforded. This was meager, but a natural intelligence and later reading have made Mr. Mead one of the best-informed men of his locality. After he learned the carpenter's trade he followed the same for four years, and then began to farm the old homestead, which he partly owned for some years. In 1867 he sold his interest, and purchased his present farm. It was at that time but a tract of wild land, covered with bush, but his continued industry soon succeeded in accomplishing its clearing, and he has never paused in its improvement. The result is one of the fine farms of the county, one which claims the admiration of every visitor to this section. In 1876 he erected his present commodious brick residence, one of the most comfortable homes in the township.

In 1866 Mr. Mead married Miss Barbara Hughson, daughter of Smith and Rebecca

(Hamlet) Hughson, who belonged to old families of Raleigh township, where they both died. Mrs. Mead was born in April, 1844, and was educated in Raleigh township. Three children were born to this marriage, namely: (1) Marian R., born in 1866, married Edward Stenett, a farmer in Harwich, and they have three children, William Percy, Letha M. and Garnett. (2) Leslie W., born in 1869, married Ella Hilger, and has a daughter, Leah M.; they reside in Ridgetown, where he is employed by the railroad. (3) Theresa A., born in 1873, married Donald McCall, and has one daughter, Ina May; they reside on Concession 8. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mead belong to the Presbyterian Church. In political sentiment he is a Liberal. Mr. Mead has always been interested in educational matters and has served as school trustee. He is a man of high moral principles, and one of the most respected residents of Harwich township.

DUNCAN A. CAMPBELL, a retired farmer of Howard township, County Kent, is one of the substantial and representative citizens of this locality. Although Mr. Campbell is a large landowner both in County Kent and in Manitoba, he started up the hill of life with a very light pocket, and his accumulations and present large means are the results of a life of provident industry. He was born in 1835, near Glasgow, Scotland, a son of Archie and Amelia Campbell, both of whom were born in that bonnie country, the former in 1793, and the latter in 1797. In 1840 they left their native land and took passage on a sailing vessel for Quebec, and after reaching their destination, settled on the 8th Concession, Howard township, County Kent, the land being purchased from the Canada Company. The years that followed were years of hard work for the emigrants, but diligence and perseverance had their reward. Mr. Campbell erected a log cabin for his family to reside in, having six children born in Scotland, and very soon erected a comfortable frame house, adding other buildings and gradually clearing and draining his land. The faithful wife and cheerful helpmate died in 1858, he surviving her eleven years. They were Baptists in religious faith, founders of the Ridgetown church, and the sober, quiet and virtuous lives they led exerted a good influence in the community and reflected honor on them and their descendants. The political preference of Mr. Campbell was for the principles of the Reform party. His aged father, Donald Campbell, followed the family to County Kent in 1841, and died in this home. The children of Archie Campbell and wife were: Sarah, born in Scotland, died in County Kent when a young lady; John, born in Scotland, died in young manhood in the old home in Howard; Mary, born in Scotland, married John Volmer, and died at their home in Howard, leaving children, Emily and George, of Howard, and Archie, of Manitoba; Donald, born in Scotland, grew up at the old homestead, married Emma Leatherdale, of Howard, and they reside on the 7th Concession in Howard, and have four children, Archie (of Howard), Emily (the wife of John Spence), Annie (the wife of Leslie Spence, of Howard), and Joseph (at home); Duncan; Archie, born in 1837, in Scotland, married Margaret Sinclair, of Orford township, and they reside on Concession 4, in Howard, and have two children, John and Annie, both at home; Christie, born in 1839, in Scotland, married John McAragan, of Botany, Howard township, where she died, leaving six children, Archie, Nancy (wife of Cornelius West of Howard), Emily (wife of John Stein, of Botany), William (a teacher in the public schools), John and Albert (also a teacher in the public schools).

Duncan Campbell was the fifth member of this family, and was a lad of five years when his parents came to Canada. He was reared piously in the old home, but received few educational opportunities. When he reached manhood he left home to see something of the world, and spent a year in the coal fields in the Rocky Mountains, at its end, returning and taking charge of the home farm, where he continued until his marriage. In 1874, he wedded Nancy Campbell, the estimable daughter of Neil and Janet (McIntyre) Campbell, an old county family. Mrs. Duncan Campbell was born in 1844, in Howard. Her parents came from Scotland, and settled on Concession 7, in Howard, where she grew to womanhood, and was one of a family of four children left by her parents.

After marriage Mr. Campbell purchased the old homestead, and resided there until 1883, when he rented his farm, and went prospecting to Manitoba, buying a farm in that

great wheat country, and during a three-years' residence, erected a house and barn and made many other substantial improvements, still owning that property, but preferring to reside in County Kent. Upon his return he again took up his residence on the old homestead until 1891, when he purchased the John Moody farm, near the Michigan Central Railroad, in Howard, one mile north of Ridgetown. That same year be built a fine brick house and a large barn on his farm, making also many most valuable improvements, and here the family residence has been ever since. Mrs. Campbell died Aug. 25, 1900, leaving him two sons: John M., born in 1875, at the old homestead, was educated in the Ridgetown High School, and married Isabel McTaggart, daughter of Duncan and Christiana (Campbell) McTaggart, this family being an honored one of Scotch ancestry, in County Lambton, and they reside with Mr. Campbell, where John has charge of the homestead farm; their one little daughter bears the name of Violet C.; A. Lawrien, born in 1881, at the old homestead, was liberally educated, and resides with his father and mother.

Mrs. Campbell was a woman of exalted Christian character, a consistent member of the Baptist Church, but Mr. Campbell is not directly associated with any religious body, contributing to the support of all enterprises looking to the advancement of morality in his locality. Politically, he has always been identified with the Reform party, but from principle, and not with any official aspirations. He is a first-class, reliable, representative citizen, and has a wide circle of both acquaintances and sincere friends.

HENRY W. MOSEY, residing at his attractive farm home on Concession 1, East Communicating Road, in Harwich township, is a born farmer. Though not yet past middle age, he has, in the steady pursuit of his industry, won for himself solid prosperity. His force of character, large capacity for work and intelligent foresight, traits which have thus far brought him to the front, he has undoubtedly inherited from his highly capable English ancestors.

Grandfather Mosey, a man of much ability, made his home in England, and there died. His wife, Fannie, after his death married Joseph Imerson, and came to Canada, settling in the County of Essex. Here she still resides.

Thomas Mosey, father of Henry W., and the only son of his parents, was born in Yorkshire, England, Oct. 1, 1840. Losing his own father at an early age, when about seven years old, in 1847, he came with his mother and stepfather to Canada and settled in the County of Essex, where he grew to manhood. In the schools of Amherstburg he secured a good education, evincing a decided taste for intellectual pursuits. On reaching manhood he engaged in agricultural pursuits, which for the most part he followed through life. In 1861 Mr. Mosey married Ellen Lewthwait, who was born on the Isle of Man in 1842, daughter of Alexander Lewthwait, who came from England in the early days and settled in Montreal, where his wife died during a cholera epidemic; he afterward returned to the old country, and died in Belfast, Ireland. His daughter Ellen (Mrs. Mosey) is the only one of the Lewthwait family now in Canada. To Mr. and Mrs. Mosey were born eight children: (1) Fannie, born in 1862, married Ira Baker, a farmer of Michigan, and they have seven children. (2) Henry W. is mentioned below. (3) Maggie, born in 1866, married J. J. Pews, of Wheatley, County of Essex, and they have six children, Ella, Gertrude, Myrtle, Oral, Thomas and Blanch. (4) Lucinda, born in 1868, married Edward Bickman, a farmer of Harwich township, and they have two children, Gordon and Agnes. (5) Joseph, born in 1870, married Agnes McMann, of Harwich township, and they reside upon one of his father's farms joining the Mosey homestead. No children have come of this union. (6) Mary J., born in 1873, married Enos Smith, of Harwich township, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. They have two children, Isabel and Blake. (7) George I., born in 1876, is unmarried and resides at the home farm with his mother. (8) Ellen L., born in 1878, graduated as a teacher from the Belleville Mute College.

After marriage Mr. Mosey purchased 100 acres of wild land on the Communication Road in Harwich township, and, taking up his residence in a little log cabin there, began making improvements. With energy and determination he cleared it of brush and timber, put large tracts under cultivation and in time engaged in all branches of general agriculture there.

Making well out of his industry he added to the equipments of the farm, and there erected substantial and commodious buildings, including a handsome brick house, making the place one of the most valuable farms for its size in the township. Here he labored throughout the rest of his active life, and on this place he died in 1901. His wife is still living upon this well-improved homestead.

Mr. Mosey possessed all those sterling traits of character that go into the make-up of a successful pioneer—energy, thrift, determination, sound judgment and hardihood. He was also a man of marked integrity, and as a prominent member of the Methodist Church, to which his wife also belonged, acted as class-leader for many years.

Henry W. Mosey was reared in an atmosphere of strong activity. Born on the family homestead in Harwich township, on Lot 23, Concession 1, west of the Communication Road, Aug. 7, 1864, he there grew to manhood. At an early age he entered the district schools of his neighborhood, where, evincing a keen interest in his studies, and applying himself diligently to them, he gained a thorough rudimentary education, which he has since supplemented with extensive reading. The need of help upon his father's farm led him upon leaving school to take up the duties of the homestead, and there he continued until he was twenty-four years old. By careful management and economy he had by this time accumulated a small sum of money, and in 1888, going to Missaukee county, Michigan, he there purchased 160 acres of rich stump land, where he erected a comfortable house and began making other improvements. On Dec. 1, 1889, Mr. Mosey married Fannie Cavanaugh, who was born in the County of Norfolk, Canada, in November, 1866, and in the well established schools of that county secured a good education. Mr. and Mrs. Mosey have three children: Birdie, born in 1891, and Lenora, born in 1893, are now attending school. Gracie was born in 1901.

After his marriage Mr. Mosey settled upon his Michigan farm, where he continued for three years, making many improvements and carrying on a successful agricultural industry. Finding at the end of this time, however, a more desirable opening for his industry on the well improved farm in Harwich township where he now resides, he purchased the place and moved there. Here he has since engaged in all lines of general agriculture with much success, and, being a wise financial manager, has accumulated considerable property. He has remodeled the buildings, added to the equipment of the farm, and purchased an additional fifty-acre tract of timber land near by, which he is also developing. He still owns his extensive farm in Michigan, from which he is now deriving a very good income.

Mr. Mosey's sterling traits of character and his business achievements have brought him to the front in the affairs of the township, and as a Reformer he is influential in local politics. For several years he has filled the office of constable, which he still holds, discharging his duties with fidelity and firmness highly commendable. The Methodist Church numbers him and his wife among its most substantial members, and has honored him with the office of trustee for some time. Fraternally, he affiliates with the Foresters, holding membership in the lodge at Fargo. Large-hearted, broad-minded, public-spirited, forceful and benevolent, he is a power for good in his community.

James Cavanaugh, father of Mrs. Mosey, was born in Ireland, and there married during his young manhood, his wife, Elizabeth, being also a native of that country. In 1850 they came to the County of Norfolk, Canada, where they remained for some years. Later they settled in the State of Michigan, where he died, and Mrs. Cavanaugh still resides at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh had nine children, the first three of whom were born in Ireland: David, a resident of Pontiac, Michigan; Eliza, who married Bernard Young, of Buffalo, and has several children; Frank, a farmer of Michigan; Sarah, who married George Atkinson, and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan; James, living in the County of Essex, Ont.; Phœbe, who married William Butcher, and resides in the County of Norfolk, Canada; John and Andrew, who are teaching school in Michigan; and Fannie, mentioned above.

JAMES BRAY, a prosperous general farmer of Dover township, residing on Concession 7, Lot 12, owns and operates a very fine farm of 150 acres, to which he came in 1874. His birth occurred at Kingston, Ont., Aug. 14,

1832, and he is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Foote) Bray, of Plymouth, England, where they were married. They emigrated to Canada in 1828, locating in Kingston, Ont., where they remained two years, and then went to Buffalo, New York, where they lived until 1837, after which they returned to Kingston. By calling the father was a stonecutter, and he worked at that trade for some time, but finally removed to Amherst Island and there bought a farm of 140 acres. He was drowned Aug. 13, 1844, when only forty years of age. The mother died on the Island in 1897, aged ninety-eight years. Children as follows were born to these parents: Elizabeth, of Amherst Island, who married; Charles, who died on Amherst Island in 1897; and James. Mrs. Bray married for her second husband James Reed, by whom she had no children.

On Sept. 15, 1851, in Kingston, James Bray married Mary Bobeam, and they had children as follows: Elizabeth and James W., died in infancy; Amelia J. married Noah Sanpair, a farmer of Dover township; Margaret married Joseph Crow, a farmer of Raleigh township; Elizabeth, of Lambton, Ont., married Joseph Jarvis; Josephine, of Dover township, married Philip Bell; Lucy, of Dover township, married Alexander Lucier, a farmer and thresher of Dover township; William is a farmer of Dover; Joseph is a farmer of Dover; Frank is at home; Rose Ellen, of Dover, married Joe Toulouse; Alice, of Lambton, Ont., is the wife of Fred Myers; Henry, of Dover, is unmarried. Mrs. Bray was born at Three Rivers, Quebec, in 1831, daughter of Joseph Bobeam, of Quebec, who removed in 1832 to Amherst Island, where he remained.

Until he was seventeen years of age James Bray remained with his parents, working upon the farm. He then entered a sawmill and worked for nine months, after which he went to Herkimer county, New York, and spent nine months more in a cheese factory. He then returned to Canada, and was on a farm for one season, after which he rented a farm on Amherst Island for three years, when he was in a position to buy a farm on the Island, and there made his home for four years. He then sold the property, and removing to Howe Island bought a farm upon which he resided for twelve years, when he also sold that property. He spent two years engaged in teaming, and selling his teams at the end of the two years he bought his present farm, where he has since made his home. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Conservative, but aside from acting as school trustee for several years he has not desired office. He has one of the best farms in the county, and is recognized as a hardworking, enterprising farmer and a man who stands high in the community.

DORMAN WEES, for many years a prosperous general farmer and leading citizen of Chatham township, County of Kent, residing on the river Thames, Lot 14, owned a fine farm of 140 acres and came to this locality before 1840. He was born at Brighton, Ont., Oct. 25, 1832, a son of William and Elizabeth (Simpson) Wees, also of Brighton, where they were married. They remained there until 1837, when they removed to the County of Kent, locating in Chatham township, on the 9th Concession, and took up fifty acres of wild land. The mother died in 1838 aged twenty-four years. The father moved to another farm on the river Thames in the same township, and there died in 1857, aged fifty-three years; both he and his wife lie buried in Riverside cemetery. Both died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church. Mr. Wees was a man of much influence during his lifetime. He served in the Rebellion of 1837. The children born to himself and first wife were: Henry, an invalid, of Chatham township; Dorman; and Jane and Edgar, who died young. The father married for his second wife Elizabeth (Trumper) Sherman, and two children were born to this union: Adolph, a farmer of Dresden; and Trumper, a blacksmith, of Minnesota. The paternal grandfather, William Wees, of Canada, was of Scottish and German extraction.

In February, 1858, at Dawn Mills, Ont., Mr. Wees married Eliza Wallace, and children were born to them as follows: Minnie is deceased; Emily married Harry Williams, a school teacher of Chatham township; Lemuel, who is at home, married Violet Arnold, and they have a son, Clifford. Mrs. Wees was born in Adolphustown, Ont., and died in 1897, aged sixty-one years; she was buried in Riverside cemetery. She was a daughter of David and Christina (Trumper) Wallace, of Adolphus-

town, Ont., who removed to Bothwell, County of Kent, in 1839, and there spent the remainder of their lives. He was a farmer and clerk of the division court for many years, and was a very prominent man.

Mr. Wees remained with his father until a few years prior to his marriage, when he and his brother Henry located on his present farm and lived by themselves until 1858. In politics Mr. Wees always took a prominent part, and held various offices, among which may be mentioned those of fence viewer, for thirty years, and school trustee for nine years. In all his duties he showed the same care and energy which characterized his actions in private life. For many years he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, of which he was treasurer for twenty years and steward for the seven years preceding his death, which occurred May 4, 1903. His remains rest in Riverside cemetery. Mr. Wees was a man who enjoyed in the highest degree the confidence of his fellow citizens, and the success which attended his efforts was well merited.

JOSEPH SHEPPY, one of the prominent farmers of Howard township, Lot 96, County Kent, Ont., was born in September, 1868, in Howard, son of John and Jane (Kennedy) Sheppy, both natives of Canada.

John Sheppy was the son of John Sheppy (1), who was born in Pennsylvania of German parentage, and who came to Canada at the time of the Revolution, and participated in the War of 1812. After the war, John Sheppy (1) took up land on Lake Erie, known as the Pierce homestead, but after residing there for three years, he traded this property for another farm, on Lot 91, where he spent the remainder of his life. His family consisted of three sons and two daughters: John; Thomas, deceased, settled in Howard, where he left one son, Thomas, Jr., of Howard; David died in boyhood; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Edward Hackney, left a family; Hester, born in Howard, deceased, married David Minney, who settled on Concession 3, in Harwich, and they left a family.

John Sheppy, the younger, father of Joseph, was the eldest of this family, and grew to manhood in Howard, where he married and settled on the old homestead, living there until his death in February, 1886. His aged wife died at the home of Joseph Sheppy, during March, 1891. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and good Christian people. Politically, he was a strong Conservative. The family born to them was as follows: John, who resides on his farm in County Essex, married Miss Elizabeth Hackney, and has children: Ernest, Ralph (who died young), John, Leslie and Ethel; Sarah, is the widow of Benjamin Ward, who settled on the Lake Shore, and has a family,—Mary, Ebenezer, Alice, Annie, Andrew and Roy, all living in Canada; Mary, wife of Andrew Jackson, of Essex county, Canada, has children,—Emma, Ada, Eli, Wheeler, Amanda, Norman, Mabel, Alice, Edmund, Olive, and Elva; William, who is an engineer at Highgate, married Miss Mary Lee, of Howard, and they have three children, Ada (wife of J. Lee), Frank and Burton; George, of Detroit, married and has two children, Georgiana and Myrtle; Eliza J., is the wife of Mr. Lawson, of Detroit, a harness-maker, and they have no family; and Joseph was the sixth in order of birth.

The boyhood days of Joseph Sheppy were like those of many others. In the summer he worked upon his father's farm and in the winter attended school. When twelve years old, he decided to begin to make his own way in the world, and with this end in view, purchased a threshing machine, with which he worked all over Howard and Harwich, but later he owned one of the improved machines, which he used for ten years, going around from place to place. In 1897 Mr. Sheppy purchased his present home, and also a farm in Essex county, which he traded for one adjoining his homestead, all of which he improved and made into excellent property.

In November, 1892, Mr. Sheppy was united in marriage with Mrs. Anna (Fullerton) Row, daughter of Richard and Mary Fullerton, who came from Ireland in 1870, settling in Chatham, where Mr. Fullerton still resides, his wife having died in 1886. Mrs. Sheppy was born in Elgin county, in 1865, and was educated in Chatham. Her first husband was Conrad Row, who died, leaving one daughter, Miss Caroline, born in 1886. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheppy: Beulah, born in 1894, and Lillian, born in 1897, both at school and very bright little ones. The political opinions of Mr. Sheppy are such as to

make a Conservative of him. His religious home is in the Methodist Church, in which faith he was reared.

Mr. Joseph Sheppy is a descendant of one of the most highly respected pioneer families of this section, and representatives of it were devoted to the Crown, participating in the War of 1812 and the Rebellion. These men were among those who turned mighty forests into well cultivated fields, with few implements, and none of the modern machinery of today. Many of them without any experience in this kind of rough life, started bravely forth, with young wives and little ones, away from civilization. After unheard of hardships, numerous deaths in their ranks, they overcame every obstacle and established schools and churches, built cities, established transportation lines, and through honesty, thrift and hard, unremitting labor provided comforts and even luxuries, for their children after them. Too much credit cannot be given these brave men and women who feared nothing, but sin and debt, and who lived honorable lives, away from the refining influences of church and society. Joseph Sheppy is a worthy son of such ancestors, and his success in life is well deserved.

JOHN W. WARD, a prosperous general farmer and enterprising citizen of Dover township, County Kent, residing on the river front, Lot 18, where he owns a fine farm with a substantial brick house, was born on this farm, Aug. 3, 1876, son of Thomas Ward.

Mr. Ward has always resided upon his farm, which is the the family homestead, and consists of eighty-seven acres of as good farming land as can be found in County Kent. In politics he is a stanch Conservative and a man well and favorably known throughout the entire community. Although a young farmer, he has already proved his ability and thorough knowledge of the best methods, and he is destined to become one of the leading representatives of the agricultural interests of County Kent.

On Oct. 9, 1901, Mr. Ward married Helen Sprentall; they have had no children. Mrs. Ward was born in Oshawa, Ont., a daughter of William H. and Janet (Clark) Sprentall, the former born in Grafton in 1853, and the latter in Oshawa, Ont., in 1848. They were married in the latter town, where they remained three years, and then removed to County Kent, in 1878 locating in Chatham, where they have since remained, the father being a cabinet maker by trade. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Sprentall is a member of the I. O. O. F., of which he has served on important committees, such as the building committee, etc. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprentall are: Helen and William, the latter residing with his parents. The paternal grandfather, William Sprentall, married Helen Blacklock; they were natives of Canada, of English descent. The great-grandfather and the great-great-grandfather Sprentall were both named William.

Mrs. Ward was one of the popular school teachers for a number of years in Chatham, prior to her marriage, and is a lady of culture and education, whose many accomplishments and virtues have gained her a host of friends, not only in Chatham, but also in her new home, which she graces.

PETER GANYON, a prosperous general farmer and prominent citizen of the Gore of Chatham, resides upon his fine farm of 100 acres on Lot 14, Concession 4, to which he came in 1900 from Sombra township, County Lambton. His birth occurred on Howe Island, near Kingston, July 13, 1850, and he is a son of Peter and Lucy (Yout) Ganyon, of Belleville, and Ottawa, Ont., respectively. The parents came to the County of Kent, Nov. 7, 1875, and located in Dover township, but after eight years they removed to Sombra township, where the mother died in April, 1895, aged sixty-eight years. The father was born April 16, 1824. He went to Gananoque to reside with his brother June 11, 1902. He is a member of the Catholic Church, as was his wife. The children born to this union were: Peter; Martha, of County Lambton, married James Amo, a farmer; Edward, of Gananoque; Thomas, a carpenter of Wallaceburg; Phileman, deceased, married James Amo; Mary, deceased, married Joseph Carron; Fred, unmarried, resides in Gore of Chatham; Theophilus is at Wallaceburg. The paternal grandfather was Peter Gagnon, of Quebec, a farmer by occupation who died on Howe Island at the home of our subject in 1866, aged seventy-nine years.

On Oct. 12, 1877, in Pain Court, Mr. Gan-

yon married Catherine Houl, and the children born to them were: Frank, Tillie, William, Agnes, John, Delida, Lucianna and Lena, all at home, and very bright and well educated young people, who are important factors in the social life of the community. Mrs. Ganyon was born in Pain Court, Dover township, March 28, 1858, a daughter of John and Mary (Ouellette) Houl, of Montreal, and Pain Court respectively. Mr. Houl came to County of Kent when a child with his parents, and he and all of his family engaged in farming. The death of Mr. Houl occurred in 1893, when he was fifty-nine years of age, while his wife died in 1872, aged thirty-eight years. They were both members of the Catholic Church. The children born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Houl were: Catherine; Sephore, deceased; Olive, of Center Falls, Rhode Island, who married Joe Tatroe; Julia, of Boston, Massachusetts, wife of Larry Waldick; Lucy, who married Frank Daniel, of Chatham; and Joe, a blacksmith, of Chatham. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ganyon were Peter and Charlotte (Salyva) Houl, of Quebec, who came to County of Kent in 1836, locating in Pain Court, where they took up and developed a farm, and became very prominent people of that community.

Peter Ganyon remained upon the home farm until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Pain Court for three years, and then purchased property in that same locality, residing upon it for four years. At the expiration of that time, he sold the Pain Court farm, and rented one in Sombra township for six years, returning then to Dover township for two years. The next five years were passed on a farm which he purchased in Sombra township, but which he then sold, and bought his present fine farm. In all of his realty transactions he made money. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is an Independent, and so far has not taken much interest in public affairs, being so occupied with his private matters. His land is very fertile, and he keeps it in a good state of cultivation, so that his profits upon the investment are very pleasing. Mr. Ganyon belongs to an old and highly esteemed family, and he himself makes and retains friends, and is justly regarded as a good representative of the farming fraternity of western Ontario.

SOLOMON CARON, one of the successful young general farmers of Pain Court Corners, Dover township, was born on the old homestead, Pain Court, Jan. 13, 1866, and he is a son of Moses Caron, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Mr. Caron owns and operates a fine farm of 150 acres, and his aged father finds a comfortable home with him.

On Nov. 9, 1897, Mr. Caron married, in Pain Court, Rosanna Faubert, and three little ones have come to bless this happy union: Corinne Edna; Mary Anna; and Joseph Augustin, born Nov. 17, 1902. Mrs. Caron was born on the old homestead of her parents, Aug. 9, 1879, a daughter of Peter and Sophia (Sterling) Faubert.

Mr. Caron remained at home until he purchased his present farm in January, 1893. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Caron is a Reformer, but as yet has not been able to devote much of his attention to local affairs, owing to the press of his own business. However, while he has been occupied in cultivating his land, he has made many friends, and firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, where he is regarded with highest respect.

WILLIAM MITTON, a highly esteemed citizen and a farmer of County Kent, who is now living in comfortable retirement at Ridgetown, was born in Aldborough township, County Elgin, in May, 1823, a son of Edmund and Mary (Stott) Mitton, both of whom were born in Yorkshire, England.

The parents of Mr. Mitton came to Canada, with their children, in 1819, and settled on a tract of fifty acres of land owned by the British Government, in Aldborough township, County Elgin. He had not been trained to farm work, but was a weaver, and during the six years he lived on this place, he engaged in the manufacture of cloth. Then he moved to County Kent, where in Howard township, he homesteaded 200 acres on Concession 9, erected a log cabin, and began pioneer life. When Edmund Mitton decided to settle in Canada, his neighbor, Henry Reader, concluded to accompany him, and also to seek a new home in British possessions across the Atlantic. Thus the two families started together, and jointly bore the expenses. They

set sail in a sailing vessel at Liverpool, and nine weary weeks were spent in the passage across the ocean to New York. After landing in that city they bought a team of horses and a strong wagon, and thus their wives and children were carried across the States to Ontario, the men generally walking. Six months more were consumed in this trip. They settled near each other, and continued warm friends through life. Ridgetown is built on land which was mainly owned by Edmund Mitton, the Watsons, the Marshes and the Colbys. Mr. Mitton became one of County Kent's successful farmers. As he did not desire to farm extensively, he sold his land, after keeping it as a good investment for a time, and thus gained a large capital. Here both he and wife died, respected by all who had ever come within their circle of acquaintance. The eight children of Edmund Mitton and wife were: (1) Jane, born in England, married C. Wilson, and they settled on a farm one mile east of Ridgetown, where they reared a family, now all residents of Michigan. (2) Ann, born in England, married John Toll, who settled as a farmer in Harwich, where they both died, leaving children who still reside in Ontario. (3) Robert, born in England, settled on a farm near Morpeth, where he died unmarried. (4) Mary, born in England, married Richard Tyhurst, and they settled on a farm in Harwich township where they lived and died, leaving a son and daughter, both of whom are married and reside in County Kent. (5) John, born in England, the youngest of the family born there, married Jane Spence of County Kent. The greater part of his life was spent on a farm adjoining Ridgetown, but some years prior to his death, he removed to Ridgetown, and is survived by two sons, Edmund D. and W. Wilbury, of Ridgetown. (6) Edmund, born in 1821, in Canada, died aged twenty-one years. (7) William is mentioned below. (8) James, born in 1824, in County Kent, married Catherine McClaren, of Howard township, and settled on the old homestead, which he later sold in town lots and now resides in Ridgetown; he has no family.

William Mitton spent a boyhood filled chiefly with hard work. Schools were luxuries in that section in his day, but there was never any dearth of land clearing or cultivating, and few of the sons of Edmund Mitton grew up without a practical knowledge of hard work. Father and sons cleared up the land upon which now stand the "Arlington Hotel" and the 4th Ward block of buildings. In 1853 William Mitton purchased fifty acres of land in Concession 10, where he erected good substantial buildings, and where he lived for fifty-two years.

In March, 1849, William Mitton was married to Anna Plested, a daughter of George and Sophia Plested, an old family of Chatham. Mrs. Mitton was born in 1832, in Syracuse, N. Y., and came to Canada with her parents, who were natives of England, in girlhood. She died at her home in Ridgetown, in 1862, leaving these children: George, who was killed accidentally in a sawmill, at the age of fifty years; Edward, who is in a bakery business in Ridgetown; Elizabeth, wife of William Shephard, of County Essex, and the mother of two children, Edwin and Frank; Maria, wife of Edwin Legard, a farmer in County Kent; Ellen, the wife of John Porter, a harness merchant of Ridgetown, by whom she has one daughter, Nina; Miron, who learned the tailor trade in Ridgetown, married a Miss Bell and died in 1890; and Albert, who died in childhood.

In 1865 Mr. Mitton married Mrs. Nancy (Young) Johnston, daughter of Eliot Young, a very old family of this town. To this union came five children, of whom two children died in infancy, and three survived: Elgin, who learned the tailor trade, married, settled in Ohio, and has one daughter; Delinda, who married Charles Sulger, of Ridgetown, and has two children; and Anna, who is the wife of Marvel Gage, a farmer in Howard township, has one daughter, Myrtle. The mother of this family died in August, 1901. Since that time Mr. Mitton has rented his farm, and has made his home with his children. The whole family is identified with the Methodist Church. Politically, Mr. Mitton is a Reformer, but he has never desired political honors.

This old family deserves the name of pioneer, for when it settled in this part section of the county there were no mills to grind the grain, and they were obliged for fifteen years to use a hand mill, until at the end of that time, a burr mill was erected. Necessity is the mother of invention, and they learned to make many of their household utensils, their attempts

often resulting in crude affairs, but fulfilling the design in place of something better. Salt and groceries had to be transported 100 miles, by row boat and ox teams from Detroit, a long trip which would be intolerable to the present impatient generation. And yet our pioneer fathers and mothers grew and prospered, accumulated means and lands, reared families which have taken conspicuous parts in the world's civilization, and have gone down to the grave honored and beloved.

DIEUDONNY GAGNER. Few men in Dover township are more widely or favorably known than the popular proprietor of the "Dover House" in Pain Court. For several years past he has kept a first-class hotel there, and by his courteous treatment of guests and keen perception of the needs of the general public has attracted patronage from far and near. A good financial manager, he has amassed considerable property, and now owns two large farms, and other valuable real estate.

Mr. Gagner comes of an old Canadian family. His paternal grandparents were of French extraction and resided in Quebec. Medore Gagner, father of Dieudonny, took a leading part in the development of the agricultural resources of the County of Kent. He made his home in St. Jacques, Quebec, for many years. His occupation was farming for the most part. During his early manhood he married, in St. Jacques, Quebec, Julienne Falcom, of that place, who was born Nov. 1, 1831, daughter of Abraham and Julienne (Beimillard) Falcom, both of French extraction, and for many years residents of Quebec, where he followed farming and the blacksmith's trade. Mrs. Gagner is now living with her son, Dieudonny Gagner, in Pain Court. Of this union there were twelve children: Medore, who died young; Malvina, who resides in Montana; Amma, who married Joe Cheff, and resides in Frenchtown, Montana; Joseph, a ranchman, who keeps a hotel at Kalispell, Montana; Dieudonny, who is mentioned below; Wilford, a hotel-keeper of Anaconda, Montana; Zuluma, who married Alexander Parson, of Raleigh township, County of Kent; Frasie, who married John Marchand, of Tilbury East, now of Ashton, Rhode Island; Delena, who married Clevis Jacques, and resides in Anaconda, Montana; Julien and Jullienne, twins, who are deceased; and Francis, a druggist of Detroit, Michigan.

About 1865 Mr. Gagner moved with his family to the County of Kent, and locating in Pain Court, there carried on a prosperous industry for about ten years. Then, in 1875, he settled upon a farm in Tilbury East township, where he afterward made his home. Taking a keen interest in agriculture he kept abreast of the latest movements in his line, and was eminently successful in applying those of a practical nature to the special needs of his various farms. He was a wise financial manager, and always made good profits upon his investments. He died in Tilbury East township in October, 1884, in his seventy-fifth year, and is buried in Raleigh township. Mr. Gagner's force of character, general information, and practical business ability were such as to commend him to the favor of every community in which he dwelt. For several years he acted as school trustee, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and efficiency. The Roman Catholic Church counted him among its most devoted members, and to this church his wife still belongs.

Dieudonny Gagner was born in St. Jacques, Quebec, Jan. 19, 1863, and was about two years old when his parents moved to Pain Court, and twelve when they settled in the township of Tilbury East. In the last two places he received the greater part of his education, developing alert, retentive habits of mind, which have characterized him through life. By assisting his father on the farm he also gained some practical knowledge of agriculture, and at the same time plenty of good business training. In 1884, upon the death of his father, he settled on a farm and engaged in agriculture for himself. Making a success of this place from the start he continued there for six years. Then in 1890 he settled on a place in Dover where he farmed until 1899, when he erected a substantial brick hotel in Pain Court, six and a half miles from Chatham, which he at once opened to the public. Moderate rates and excellent service won him patronage at once, and wise financial management soon established the business upon a solid foundation. He has continued there, improving the equipments of the house from year to year, and is now considered one of the most efficient hotel-keepers in the vicinity. In addition to his hotel prop-

erty he now has two splendid farms, embracing 180 acres, which he rents to advantage, deriving from each a good income.

In Big Point, Dover township, Feb. 2, 1886, Mr. Gagner married Olivene Lucier, who was born in that place, and they have five children: Dieudonny, Treffla, Zacharie, Leopolde and Marie Anne. Mr. Gagner is essentially a man of the world—social, decisive, interested in all public questions, and taking his recreation in healthful out-of-door sports. A fondness for spirited horses has induced him to make investments in that line, and he now has several valuable pacers. Fraternally, he is also active, affiliating with the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Canadian Order of Foresters. As an unwavering Conservative he is influential in local politics. He was reared in the Roman Catholic faith, and has long been a member of that church.

Basile Lucier, grandfather of Mrs. Gagner, was for many years a resident of Montreal. When a young man he engaged in farming and for the most part continued that occupation through life. About 1852, coming to the County of Kent, he settled in Big Point, Dover township, where he afterward continued, dying in that place in 1881, at the advanced age of ninety-five years; he is buried in Pain Court cemetery. During his young manhood he married Louisa Boulris, who died in 1842 at the age of sixty years. By this marriage there were the following children: Basile, a retired citizen of Dover township; Michel, who resided in Montreal, and is now deceased; Mary, who married Claface Jarvis, of Big Point, Ontario, and is now deceased; Paul, a farmer of Dover township; Louis, who is mentioned below; Edward, who resided in Dover township, and is now deceased; Amos, a farmer of Dover township; Louis, who is Rosalee, who married Nazaras Bell, of Dover township, and is now deceased. The parents were influential, prosperous people. Both were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Louis Lucier, father of Mrs. Gagner, was a retired agriculturist of Dover township, was born in Montreal, Oct. 6, 1826, and remained with his parents until about sixteen years old. Then, going to the State of New York, he worked in the iron mines for three years, after which he came to the County of Kent and hired out as a farm hand until 1851. Now, prepared to engage in business for himself, he purchased a seventy-five acre farm, on Lot 10, 8th Concession, Dover township, which he improved, and in time made into one of the valuable places in the township. He worked this farm until 1890, since which date he has been living in retirement. He now owns 300 acres in Dover township.

In Dover township, in December, 1855, Mr. Lucier married Louise Martin, who was born in St. Philips, Quebec, in June, 1828, daughter of Paul Martin, who passed his last days in Quebec. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lucier; Daniel, who died at the age of seven years; Sylvan, who died at the age of five years; Philip; and Olivene, who married Dieudonny Gagner.

HUGH F. CUMMING, reeve of Chatham township, general farmer of Lot 1, 9th Concession, and one of the leading men of his locality, was born in Dover township, July 16, 1854, son of Donald and Margaret (Grant) Cumming, both of Scotland, who came to County Kent in 1837, settling at first on the present site of the city of Chatham, but later taking up 100 acres of land in Dover township, where they made a clearing for a log cabin and commenced their life as pioneers.

On this homestead both father and mother remained, and the former died in 1868, aged fifty-eight years, while the latter passed away in 1898, aged eighty-four years; they are buried in McVickers' burying ground, Chatham township. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to this union were: Ellen, of Dover township, who married Thomas Kinney; Alexander, a retired farmer, living on the old homestead; John, a blacksmith of Chatham; and Hugh F.

In February, 1881, Mr. Hugh F. Cumming was married to Emma Kenny, and their children are as follows: Maggie L., Bruce, Alice, George, Mary, Henry and Wilfred. Mr. Cumming has always taken an active part in the politics of his township, having filled many offices within the gift of the people. He has been school trustee for the past ten years; was member of the township council for seven years; second deputy one year; third deputy two years, and in 1901 was elected reeve. In

1902 he was re-elected, and in 1903 re-elected for the third term without opposition, so clean and satisfactory had his administration been.

For a number of years Mr. Cumming remained upon his father's homestead, when he removed to his present fine farm of fifty acres, and owns another on the same Concession, Lot 2. All of his premises and buildings are in excellent order, and his farms demonstrate the beneficial effect of systematic farming. Mr. Cumming is a member of the order of Foresters, and is very popular throughout the entire county, where he is well and favorably known.

THOMAS ANDERTON. Among the many well-to-do residents of the thriving agriculturist district of Dover township, few are more influential or active generally than this well-known farmer of Lot 4, Concession 4. During his twenty-five years residence here he has almost continually taken a leading part in the matters of the township, and as an office holder of local importance has rendered efficient service in the management of public affairs. Born in Preston, Lancashire, England, March 4, 1853, he is the son of Robert and Emma (Hesketh) Anderton.

Robert Anderton was born in 1825, and passed many years of his life in the little riverport town of Preston, Lancashire, England, where he was reared and prepared for the active duties of life. During his early manhood he married Emma Hesketh, of Tarlton township. She died in 1900 at the age of seventy-three years, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery in Chatham. By this union there were two children, besides Thomas; William, residing in Dover township; and Ann, who married James Grant, a farmer. A desire to better his fortunes induced Mr. Anderton, in 1865, to break home ties and come to Ontario. Locating upon a farm in County Durham, he there remained for about thirteen years, carrying on a highly prosperous industry. A better opening in his line, however, in 1878, decided him to settle upon a farm in Dover township, County Kent, and there he has since remained. He has improved his place, kept up the buildings and grounds, and now has a farm in which he may well take pride.

Mr. Anderton possesses sound business judgment, much executive ability, and usually makes a success of whatever he undertakes. He is well informed, and a man whose word carries weight. Reared in the Episcopal faith, he is still a consistent member of that Church.

Thomas Anderton is a product of some broad cosmopolitan training combined with a large proportion of vigorous farm life rearing. He passed his first years in his native Lancashire village of Preston, and when about twelve years old came with his parents to Ontario, and settled upon the farm in Durham township. Taking a helpful hand in the development of the resources of this place, he remained there until he was twenty-two years old, becoming thoroughly well trained in American methods of agriculture. A love for the water, undoubtedly engendered by his early recollections, decided him at this period to follow the Lakes and embarking on a sailing vessel he engaged in this line of work for three years, deriving good income from the business, and broadening his views of the world and people. A good opening in the lumber business with McClellan & Kahn finally induced him to give up sailing, and for two years he worked with this firm, discharging his duties with marked efficiency and conscientiousness. In 1878, however, he became desirous of following a business of his own, and, purchasing a fifty-acre farm in Dover township, he settled there and began work for himself. A short experience proved he had found the occupation for which life had evidently best fitted him, and on this farm he has since remained. He has improved it, kept up the buildings, and cleared new areas, so that now he has not an acre unprepared for cultivation. He is progressive and practical in his methods, and his farm yields large and valuable crops.

In Bowmanville, County Durham, Ont., Feb. 8, 1877, Mr. Anderton married Lizzie Jones, who was born in that place, May 2, 1853, and of this union there have been four children, all of whom are unmarried, and at home: Emma E., Florence, Mabel and Gertrude.

Mr. Anderton is a man who is always willing to shoulder life's full responsibilities, and his force of character, and broad cultivation have commended him to the esteem of his townsmen. As a Tory in politics he has for five years served his township as councillor, and for one year as deputy reeve, faithfully

giving his time and business insight unreservedly to the affairs of the general public. Keenly interested in the advancement of agriculture, he has served for one year on the agricultural board. Fraternally he affiliates with the Canada Order of Foresters. In religious sentiment he is an Episcopalian, both he and his wife being members of that Church.

Henry Jones, father of Mrs. Anderton, was originally of London, England, and passed many years of his life in that country. For an occupation he early learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed for many years. He also worked at various times as a bookkeeper, and as a shipping clerk in a furniture factory, always rendering efficient service to his employers, and receiving good compensation in return. About 1852 he came to Canada and settled in Bowmanville, Ont., where for the most part he afterward made his home. He died in that place, Dec. 8, 1899, at the age of eighty years. He married Elizabeth Jordan, of Plymouth, England, who was born May 11, 1819, and who is still living and resides in Bowmanville. Of this union there were children as follows: George, a molder, residing in Bowmanville; Henry, machinist, living in Toronto; Sarah, who married Albert Neshaw, and resides in Goderich, Ont.; Mary A., who married Conrad Bowen, and is now deceased; Lizzie, who is mentioned above; William; John, who resides in Bowmanville; Emily, who has never married and resides with her mother; and Florence, who married William Jeffries, and resides in Bowmanville. The father of these possessed marked ability and force of character, and in business he prospered through life. He was a man of strong religious convictions, and belonged to the Plymouth Brethren Church, of which Mrs. Jones is still a member.

ROBERT HAMIL, a prosperous retired farmer of Ridgetown, County Kent, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in May, 1824, a son of Joseph and Jane C. Hamil, both natives of Ireland who came to the Dominion as early as 1831. They first settled near Kingston, where they lived until the Rebellion, when Joseph Hamil sold and moved to the township of Harwich, County of Kent, and, buying wild land there built a log cabin. In this he started his life as a pioneer settler, and in time reared his family, and became a very successful farmer. His death occurred there in 1848, while his widow lived to the year 1869. They were members of the Church of England, and numbered among the founders of that faith in County Kent. In politics he was a Conservative, as was also his father, Joseph, who died in Ireland.

Joseph Hamil, Jr., and wife had a family as follows: Mary A., born in Ireland, married William Canard, a farmer, and died, leaving a family; Jane, born in Ireland, married John Fruke, a farmer of Harwich, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, born in Ireland, married James English, and settled on a farm in Harwich, where she died, leaving five children; Joanna, born in Ireland, is the deceased wife of John Mickle, who settled as a farmer in Harwich, and they had five children; Joseph, born in Ireland, married Elizabeth Kenny, of County Kent, settled on a farm adjoining his father's homestead, where he died in 1886, leaving a family of fifteen children, all but one yet living; John, born in Ireland, married May McCord, of County Kent, and settled on land purchased by his father adjoining the Harwich homestead, and he has one daughter living; William, born in Ireland, married Hananh Conn, of County Elgin, and for a number of years they lived in Harwich township, there reared a family, and he is now living a retired life at Chatham; David, born in Ireland, came to this country with his parents, when about two years of age, and when he grew up, he married Catherine Conn, of County Kent, settled on the old homestead in Harwich township, reared his family, and now lives retired in Blenheim; and Robert.

Robert Hamil was only seven years of age when the family located in County Kent, and he grew up to young manhood in Harwich township, where he was educated, and where he has practically spent his entire life.

In September, 1851, Mr. Hamil married Miss Sophia Gammage, daughter of William and Rachel D. Gammage, both born and reared in England, but came to Brantford, Ont., as early as 1830. Later they moved to Simcoe, where Mrs. Hamil was born in 1832. She was educated in Harwich, where her parents lived for a great many years, and then located in the vicinity of Chatham, where her father lived a retired life until his death, the

wife and mother surviving him for several years.

Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gammage, four are still living: William, now a resident of Michigan; Thomas, a farmer of Harwich; Edwin, a merchant of Chatham; and Mrs. Hamil; while those deceased are: Eliza, Louisa, Emma, Amelia, Ellen and Albert.

Robert Hamil brought his bride to a farm, which he had purchased adjoining his father's, and he has become one of the most prosperous farmers of Harwich township. He erected a large brick house and outbuildings, and now owns 150 acres of rich land in County Kent. In 1888 he bought real estate in Ridgetown, where he built a fine brick residence, on the corner of Richard street; there he now lives, retired from active work.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamil: (1) Henry, born in 1852, in Harwich township, married Barbara Watson, settled on a farm purchased by his father, and has four children, Guy, Roy, May and Veda. (2) Robert, born in 1854, married (first) Katie Marifold, who died, leaving him two sons, Orin and Ivan, and he married (second) Alice Coyn (no children); they reside in Harwich on a farm. (3) Louisa, born in 1856, married Robert Taylor, a farmer in Harwich, and has four children, Arthur, Ernest, Ethel and Edith. (4) Amelia, born in 1858, married Angus Watson, a farmer in Harwich township, and has four children, Robert, May, Estella and Neal. (5) William, born in 1860, now lives on the old homestead; he married May Baird, of County Kent, and has two children, Edna and Gladys. (6) Emma, born in 1863, married Dr. Albert Lusty, a practicing physician of Dundee, Michigan, and has two children, Hazel and Frank. (7) Mary, born in 1865, married Rev. Daniel Martin, minister of the Methodist Church, stationed at Brownsville, Ont. (8) Edith, born in 1869, married Rev. John Bell, of Glencoe, Ont., where he is stationed as a Methodist minister, and they have two daughters, Eloise and Grace. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Hamil are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which they have held membership for over fifty years. Mr. Hamil has been steward of the Harwich Church for a great many years. Politically, he has always been a staunch Conservative, and taken an active part in his party. Both Mr. Hamil and his wife are members of old pioneer families, and have themselves borne useful parts in the development of County Kent. They have been useful church members, and kind, generous neighbors, and few people are more highly respected.

REUBEN A. TOMPKINS, a general farmer and gardener, and one of the township councillors of Chatham township, County of Kent, resides on his farm of fifty acres, in Concession 3, Lot 4. He came to this locality in 1886, when the land was still covered with brush. Some of the trees had once been cut down, but neglect had allowed brush to grow all over it again.

Mr. Tompkins was born July 13, 1840, in Montague township, County Lanark, a son of Obediah and Anna (Knapp) Tompkins, the former of whom was born near Prescott, in 1790, and died in 1872. His wife was born in 1800, and died aged sixty-six years. Both were interred in Newcomb cemetery, in Harwich township. Mr. Tompkins came to the County of Kent in 1842, and located in Harwich township, where, in partnership with his two sons, he owned and operated 200 acres of land. He served in the engineer department three years during the war of 1812. He, as well as his wife, belonged to the Methodist faith. The only survivor of their family is Reuben, the subject of this sketch. The others were named: Rebecca, Joseph, Obediah, Israel, Amos and Samuel. The paternal grandparents, Israel and Rebecca (Brown) Tompkins, were of English extraction, but natives of New York, and were well known as United Empire Loyalists. Mr. Tompkins was in the British army, and was captured while carrying dispatches. He settled in Canada. One of his cousins, Hon. Daniel D. Tompkins, served two terms as Governor of the State of New York. On the maternal side the ancestors came from Holland. Joseph Knapp was also in the British army, and was captured, but managed to escape from the enemy. When he died at the age of ninety-six years, 126 descendants attended his funeral.

On May 19, 1863, Reuben A. Tompkins was united in marriage, in Harwich township,

with Sarah E. Toll, and the children of this union are: Ernest A. and Charlotte A., who both died aged six years; Anna, wife of Thomas Shaw, a farmer of Chatham township; Ida E., a stenographer at Detroit, Michigan; Olga R., wife of Thomas Brown, of Chatham, Ont.; Loretta H., wife of Harry Hudson, a gardener at Chatham; Morley, a farmer in Manitoba; Edmund, steward on a steamer in South Africa; Wolsley, and Ethel and Elsa (twins) at home.

Mrs. Tompkins was born in 1842 in Dawn township, a daughter of John and Ann (Mitten) Toll, the former of Harwich and the latter of England. Mr. Toll was a farmer by occupation. He died in July, 1886, in Harwich township, aged seventy-nine years. The mother, born in 1809, died at the age of fifty years. They were buried in the Ridgetown cemetery. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Tompkins were William and Catherine Toll, the former of Detroit, Michigan, of English ancestry, and the latter of Scotland. They came to Canada at an early day and located near Chatham, settling on the lake shore in Raleigh township. The father of William Toll, Philip Toll, took part in the Revolutionary war as a British soldier. The maternal grandparents were Edward and Mary (Stott) Mitten, of England, who came to County Kent in 1818, and settled as farmers in Harwich township.

Mr. Tompkins was reared on a farm and continued agricultural activity until the age of thirty-eight years. He then engaged in a milling business at Blenheim, Ont., where he was unfortunate and lost $8,000. This was discouraging, indeed, but he then entered the High School at Chatham, passed his examination, and took out his certificate, and for the succeeding twelve years taught school through Harwich, Dover and Chatham townships, coming then to his present farm. Mr. Tompkins is one of the leading men of this section. He has been magistrate for the past thirty years, and for the past three terms has served as township councillor. In this position he has on many occasions shown his excellent judgment and knowledge of affairs, and he is regarded as one of the most progressive and useful men that Chatham township has ever honored with that position. He is a member of the Methodist Church. In politics he, as did his father, adheres to the principles of the Liberal party.

JOHN WESLEY STEVENS cultivates a nice farm of eighty-four acres in Harwich township upon which he has lived since he was ten years old. He was born Feb. 17, 1873, in Harwich township, son of Enoch and Alecia (McMichael) Stevens, and comes of a family long settled in Ontario, being a great-grandson of Adam Stevens, who was born April 20, 1753, in England, and prior to the Revolution settled in West Virginia, where he followed farming. Later he moved into the State of New York, but being unwilling to bear arms against Great Britain he moved to Ontario, settling in the County of Durham. The family was one of the first to settle in that county, and their food at first consisted largely of fish and wild game. As soon as wheat could be raised bread was added to their bill of fare, and the grain had to be carried by boat to Niagara to be ground. This trip required several days, so by the time the flour was received all the neighborhood would be in need of the "staff of life" and another trip would soon have to be made by another of the party. Adam Stevens married Polly Crosman, of Dutchess county, New York.

David Stevens, son of Adam, was born Nov. 16, 1777, and died Aug. 13, 1860. He became very wealthy, owning about 1,200 acres of land near Bowmanville, Ont. On the main road between Kingston and Toronto he erected a large building still standing, which in the war of 1812 was used by the British soldiers. David Stevens purchased the first carriage ever owned in the township of Darlington, to which he drove a fine span of cream-colored horses, and this turnout attracted the attention of all whom he chanced to pass along the road. David Stevens was thrice married, his first wife being Polly Burk, daughter of John Burk. This union occurred about 1803, and was blessed with two sons and five daughters, of whom Enoch, father of John W., was the eldest, the others being Emma (wife of Dr. Montgomery), Vienna (Mrs. Colton), Sarah (Mrs. Brown), Mary (Mrs. Argy), Amelia (Mrs. Tyler), and Elijah. The mother passed away in 1813.

Enoch Stevens, son of David, was born Sept. 12, 1806, in the Township of Darling-

ton, where he grew to manhood. On Sept. 19, 1830, he married Clarissa Hall, daughter of William Hall, of Oshawa, Ont., who was born at Oshawa, April 20, 1811. Her mother's maiden name was Trull, and she was of German descent, while the father was of English extraction. William Hall was a successful man, at one time owning about 1,000 acres of land, known as "Hall's Marsh," in the Township of Darlington, and this land is still in the possession of the family. To Enoch and Clarissa Stevens were born the following named children: (1) David, born Oct. 15, 1831, married Aug. 20, 1856, Frances Thompson, and they reside at Courtright, where he is engaged in farming. (2) Elizabeth, born March 8, 1834, married Dr. Tozer, Nov. 8, 1854, and both are now deceased. (3) William L., born Jan. 8, 1836, is deceased; he married, Feb. 17, 1858, Mary Thompson, sister of Frances Thompson, mentioned above. (4) Emma, born Jan. 8, 1838, died in her seventh year. (5) Ezra, born April 28, 1840, is a very successful raisin grape grower in California. He married Martha Maria Ransom, Feb. 24, 1862; she died May 9, 1869, and he married for his second wife Emma Ellen DeHart. By the first union there were two children—Reuben Eugene, born Oct. 13, 1863; and Edmund Leslie, born Dec. 12, 1868, who died Nov. 7, 1875. The surviving son was married Nov. 9, 1898, to Edith J. Fobb, and they have one child, Denzil Nadeau, born Nov. 20, 1899. (6) Nathan H., born Sept. 1, 1841, married Ada Jane Burk, Jan. 23, 1867. (7) Ira, born May 20, 1844, married, Jan. 8, 1871, Lottie Toole, and resides in Montreal. (8) Clarissa, born Dec. 15, 1845, died young. (9) Sarah, born March 1, 1850, died Feb. 8, 1871. (10) Matilda Jane, born March 1, 1852, died Dec. 17, 1869. (11) Mary Frances, born March 1, 1855, died April 4, 1870. The mother of this family died Oct. 12, 1869, and on April 20, 1870, Enoch Stevens married Alecia McMichael, daughter of 'Squire McMichael, of Blenheim. To this union came the following children: Edith, born Feb. 12, 1871, is a trained nurse in Grace Hospital, Detroit; John W. is mentioned below; Nina W., born April 23, 1878, married a Mr. Labadie, express messenger on the Canadian Pacific Railroad in British Columbia. The father died Feb. 26, 1894, aged eighty-seven years, five months and fourteen days. His widow still survives.

Mrs. Alecia (McMichael) Stevens is a daughter of John McMichael, who was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and traced his ancestry back to John McMichael, a native of Scotland, who settled in Ireland. There he died the father of the following named children: Robert, of Belleville; Joseph, deceased; Francis, who died in Ireland; Ann, who died in Ireland; William; and John.

John McMichael emigrated to Canada at an early day, first living in Toronto, but soon removing to Blenheim, County of Kent, where he settled at an early day. There he passed the remainder of his days, becoming a man of worth and substance in his community. He took an active part in public affairs, serving as justice of the peace, member of the county council, county warden, reeve of his township and school director, which latter office he held for forty years. He was also captain in the militia. He reached the advanced age of eighty-two years, passing away Dec. 2, 1896. Mr. McMichael married Martha Moore, who was born in Ireland in 1818, and of the children born to this union five reached maturity: Robert, Alecia (Mrs. Stevens), Martha, Josephine and Frances, all natives of Ontario.

John Wesley Stevens received good home training and a practical common-school education, and remained at home until 1897. He then went to the Klondike, where he was engaged in prospecting for a year and a half, after which he spent the same length of time in Fresno county, California, engaged in farming with his half brother. However, he finally returned to his old home in Canada, and took up farming on his present place, which is located in Lot 9, along the Communication Road, adjoining Blenheim, in Harwich township. He is up-to-date in his methods, and hard-working, and he has been successful as a result of his thrift and energy. His farm shows the effects of his care, and is a model place, its appearance reflecting much credit upon the owner.

On April 16, 1901, in Ridgetown, County of Kent, Ont., Mr. Stevens married Miss Ida Burritt, who was born in April, 1874, in Blenheim, daughter of Lucius and Jane (Laird) Burritt. One child has blessed this

union, Eugene B. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens unite with the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer.

NORBERT HUGGER, one of the prominent and successful business men of Ridgetown, was born in Oakland county, Michigan, May 22, 1870, son of Norbert and Catherine (Bruner) Hugger, who were both born in Wurtemberg, Germany, the former in 1832, and the latter in 1830.

Norbert Hugger and wife emigrated to the United States in 1848, and settled in Rochester, New York, where the father worked for some years at his trade of wool dyer. He then removed to Oakland county, Michigan, where he purchased a farm, and lived upon it until his death in 1888. His wife died ten years prior to her husband, in 1878. In religion, both were members of the Roman Catholic Church. In political faith he was a Democrat, and always voted for the candidates of that party. They reared a family; Jacob moved to Oregon when a Gotleib, born in Michigan, married there and followed sawmill work until he was killed by a falling tree in 1897, leaving his widow with a family; Jacob moved to Oregon when a young man, is still unmarried, and owns a fine fruit farm in that state; John, born in Michigan, married and has five children; Catherine, born in Michigan, married George Goodell, a farmer of Oakland county, Michigan, and has one daughter, Phœbe; George, born in Oakland county, Michigan, settled there, married and has a family; Frank, born in Oakland county, Michigan, is now a resident of South Dakota, is married, but has no family; Antoine died in Montana when a young man; Norbert.

Norbert Hugger, the youngest of the family, grew to manhood on his father's farm, and received his education in the school of his neighborhood. When a young man he entered into mill work in Michigan, in which he remained until 1892, when he removed to Ridgetown, where he purchased a pleasant home on Victoria avenue and remodeled it, making of it a very fine residence; in addition to it, Mr. Hugger and his wife own five other valuable properties in this city. In 1896, while traveling in British Columbia Mr. Hugger met with a serious railroad accident, which resulted in his being injured so that it is doubtful if he will entirely recover the use of his limbs. In spite of this unfortunate calamity, Mr. Hugger takes a great interest in local affairs, and looks after the property he and his wife own, and he is a cheery, genial gentleman, who possesses many friends. His political faith is that of the Conservative party, which he has always supported.

In 1891, Mr. Hugger married Mrs. Maggie Smith, widow of Charles Smith, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, who were born in Scotland, and emigrated to Chatham in 1864. In 1882, they removed to Ridgetown, where Mr. Allen died in 1895, leaving his wife with three children, all of whom reside in Ridgetown. Mrs. Hugger was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1859, and she had four daughters by her first marriage: Emma, wife of Thomas Hitch, of Ridgetown; Isabel, wife of Fred Pooke, of Chatham; Misses Maggie and Rena, at home. Mr. Hugger has adopted a son, August Hugger, who resides at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hugger are very highly esteemed throughout the entire neighborhood, and are most excellent and worthy people, while their young folks are an important factor in the social life of Ridgetown.

GEORGE SMITH, of Dover township, is probably the most successful agriculturist in the County of Kent. His splendid 250-acre farm—previously worked by his father-in-law, the late Robert Duncan—well stocked, equipped with all the latest machinery, and provided with large and attractive buildings, including a substantial brick residence, is the picture of prosperity and well directed industry. To the management of this farm Mr. Smith has given the full strength of his manhood, and here he is still carrying on a flourishing business. A man of many resources, he has, however, found time for outside affairs, and has long figured prominently in local politics, filling at different times many offices of the township. He was born in Romney township, April 4, 1851, son of John and Mary R. Smith.

John Smith was a man of ability and marked force of character, always exerting a strong influence wherever he chanced to abide. Born in Scotland, he was reared there, and early in life came to Canada, eventually locating in the County of Kent. Here he married, and he became the father of five children:

George, who is mentioned below; Edward, a lumber merchant of Leamington, Ont.; Thomas, a retired farmer of Leamington; John, a farmer of Raleigh township; and James, who resides in Chatham, with his parents. After marriage Mr. Smith settled upon a farm in Romney township, where he engaged in agriculture. A careful manager and a hard worker, he made well out of his industry, and taking pride in keeping up his place, in time possessed one of the most valuable farms in the locality. He was a good financier, and, always keeping something ahead for a rainy day, he is enabled to spend his last days in leisure. Some years ago he moved to Chatham, where he now resides.

Mr. Smith's breadth of intellect, large fund of general knowledge and marked executive ability, brought him to the front in the public affairs of his community, and for years he filled at different times various local offices in Romney township, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability. Politically, he affiliates with the Reformers. He is a man of firm religious convictions, and both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.

George Smith passed his early days in Romney township, and received the ordinary rearing of well-to-do farmers' boys of his locality, with perhaps a little closer attention to his education and religious training than many boys in his circumstances received. Accustomed from his earliest years to farm work, upon reaching manhood he engaged in that occupation, evincing from the start marked ability for the industry, as well as a thorough knowledge of it. During his young manhood, at the home where he now resides, he married Mary Duncan, who was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and to this union have come five children: Harry, Bertie F., J. Duncan, Maudie and Robert G.

After his marriage Mr. Smith settled upon the farm in Dover township where he has since remained. Though the place was at that time in good condition, he has greatly improved it, has repaired the buildings, opened up new areas to cultivation, and in other respects added to the value of the farm. He has always evinced a keen interest in farming, and, keeping abreast of the latest scientific methods, is considered one of the most progressive agriculturists in the county. His 250-acre tract of farm land is largely under cultivation, and he raises all the different varieties of products adapted to his section.

Mr. Smith is a natural leader, and, interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of his community, has long been active in public affairs, serving for five years as returning officer for the township (a place which he is still filling with marked fidelity and efficiency) and for ten years as school trustee. Politically, he affiliates with the Reformers. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, both he and his wife are leading members of that church. He stands high fraternally, and is a prominent member of the Canadian Order of Foresters. Throughout the county he is well and favorably known, and has a large circle of warm friends.

Alexander Duncan, grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was a resident of Scotland for the greater part of his life. By occupation a farmer, he made a thorough success of his industry, and was a man of prominence in his locality. His wife, Jane Duncan, was a noble, refined woman, and of infinite assistance to him in his various undertakings.

Robert Duncan, father of Mrs. Smith, passed his early life in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and there remained until 1854. During his young manhood he married Mary Glenny, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who was born Oct. 29, 1828, and is now living on the family homestead in the County of Essex. Of this union there were eight children: Mary, who is mentioned above; Jane, who married F. J. Fox, a hardware merchant, of Amherstburg, Ont.; Isabella, who married Dr. Josiah Black, and died in July, 1902; Anna, who married John Stewart, and is now deceased; Maggie, who married James Wilcox, a farmer of the County of Essex; Alexander, a farmer of the County of Essex; Jemima, who married John Wilcox, a farmer of Windsor, Ont.; and Robert W., a farmer, who now carries on the family homestead. About 1854 Mr. Duncan and family broke home ties and sailed for Canada. Landing at Hamilton during a cholera epidemic, they were met at the wharf by a kind friend, Dr. Craig, and taken to a country home outside the city, where they remained two years. Deciding to follow farming, Mr. Duncan then secured a desirable place in Tilbury township, where, meeting with excellent results, he pursued his industry for six-

teen years. For the next two years he carried on farming in Dover township, where his son-in-law, George Smith, now resides. Then he moved to Mersea township, County of Essex, where he afterward made his home. Throughout his agricultural career he always made a specialty of sheep and stock raising, and was an extensive dealer in both lines, his business extending throughout Canada. He died in July, 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Mr. Duncan was a man of marked integrity, always true to his convictions, and was long a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife still belongs.

PETER A. McKERRALL, one of the eminently successful young farmers of Chatham township, owns and operates a fine farm of seventy acres on Lot 15, Concession 5. He was born on a portion of this farm May 21, 1883, son of Peter McKerrall, a complete sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

On Nov. 5, 1902, in Louisville, Chatham township, Mr. McKerrall and Miss Myrtle Arnold were united in marriage. Mrs. McKerrall, who is a most charming and accomplished young lady, was born in Chatham township, a daughter of Adolphus Arnold.

Until his marriage Mr. McKerrall remained with his parents, but at that time he located on his present property, which is one of the most valuable farms in the county. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKerrall attend the Presbyterian Church, and are very prominent in that body. Possessed of large means, cultivated, and capable of enjoying the advantages of their position, Mr. and Mrs. McKerrall have a very pleasant future before them, and are very justly recognized as leaders among the best people of their locality.

WILLIAM H. STACEY is an enterprising farmer, who not only manages with success all lines of general agriculture, but finds time to specialize besides, and as a live-stock dealer is carrying on one of the largest shipping industries of his kind in the section. His splendid 150-acre farm, conveniently located within three miles of Chatham, and well supplied with all necessary buildings for his two large enterprises, is a striking evidence of his thrift and prosperity. Mr. Stacey is an Englishman, both by birth and parentage.

James Stacey, his father, was originally of Devonshire, England. In that country he procured practical training for the duties of life, and, in addition to agriculture, early learned the trade of a butcher. As a young man he followed these two lines of industry, and for the most part continued them through life. During his early manhood he married Mary Sandercock, of Cornwall, England, who was born in 1829, and who now makes her home in Dover township. To Mr. and Mrs. Stacey were born these children: Selena, who married Thomas Mason, a farmer of Dover township; John, who is a farmer and live-stock shipper of the same locality; Elizabeth, who married James Sterling, who is engaged in the live-stock shipping business in Blenheim; William H., who is mentioned below; George, a farmer and butcher, residing in Port Hope, Ontario; Susan, who married a Mr. McGregor, a farmer of Dover township; Caroline, the wife of John Bishop, a farmer of the same township; Lillie, who married West Wright, a farmer and township councillor; and Minnie, the wife of George Bishop, who is both a merchant and farmer. All are residents of Dover township.

Some years after marriage Mr. Stacey decided to try his fortunes in Canada, and, arriving in Port Hope, Ont., in May, 1862, he there settled and engaged in business. As a butcher he carried on a profitable industry, and he continued there for about sixteen years. In 1878, however, a change seemed desirable, and, finding a good opening in Dover township, County of Kent, he moved there. Fortune continued to favor him, and he made his home there for the rest of his life. A wise business man, and a practical and progressive agriculturist, he made well out of each enterprise, and took few, if any backward steps in life. He died in 1893, at the age of sixty-four years and is buried in Blenheim. Mr. Stacey was a strong, capable man and a power for good, wherever he made his abode. Public-spirited and broad-minded in all his undertakings he ever considered the good of the general public as well as his own welfare. In local affairs he always evinced a keen interest, and for several years he acted as pathmaster, discharging his duties with firmness and ability.

William H. Stacey has inherited his father's force of character and ability for large

achievements. Born in Devonshire, England, April 1, 1861, he was only about a year old when his parents came to Canada. In Port Hope, for the most part, he received his rearing, and attending well-established schools, procured a good education. By assisting his father he also early obtained considerable knowledge of business. Both ambitious and capable, at the early age of fifteen, in 1876, he went to the State of New York, where he engaged in farming for a year. The need of help upon his father's farm decided him at the end of this period to return to Ontario, and there in Chatham township, he continued for many years.

In Dover township, in December, 1888, Mr. Stacey married Mary A. Payne, who was born in Halton, Ont., and of this union there have been eight children: James F. (deceased), William A., Arthur L., Lillie P., Annie, Bertha, John H. and Mary.

After marriage Mr. Stacey procured a small eighteen-acre farm in Chatham township, where he settled and engaged in the live-stock business. An excellent judge of cattle, and strictly honest in his dealings, he soon worked up a large trade in his line, shipping to eastern markets. He continued the business in Chatham township for about eleven years, and sent away annually many carloads of cattle. The success of the enterprise enabled him in the coure of time to branch out more extensively in business, and in 1898 he purchased, of D. A. Willcox, the well-improved 150-acre farm in Dover township, where he now resides. This he has put under cultivation, engaging in all lines of general agriculture adapted to the soil of the locality, and he is now conducting an exceedingly flourishing industry. He has continued to ship live-stock, and, with more commodious buildings and a larger crop of feed, is carrying on the business to far greater advantage, and with much less expense. on the new place, than he was enabled to do on his first farm.

Mr. Stacey's admirable traits of character, as well as his achievements have won for him the confidence of the community. He is forceful, discerning, practical, and progressive—in every respect a typical business man. Well informed in his special lines of industry, he seldom makes a mistake, and, as a wise financier, has amassed considerable property. He is popular, and possessed of a strong loyalty to his native land, is a prominent member of the Sons of England. The Episcopal Church, of which he is a regular attendant, counts him among its most liberal supporters. Politically he is independent.

William Payne, father of Mrs. Stacey, and recently a citizen of Dover township, residing on Lot 13, Concession 7, attained success in three main industries—blacksmithing, cider making and farming. Born in Sussex, England, March 12, 1838, he there grew to manhood. Entering his father's blacksmith shop at the age of fifteen, he continued there for three years, perfecting himself in the trade. When eighteen years old he found no difficulty in securing a position as a journeyman, and he worked as such for about fourteen years, earning a good living. Reports of splendid business openings in Canada induced him in 1870 to come to that country, but he conducted a shop in his first location with success for about four years, when he came to Dover township, County Kent, purchasing a splendid 300-acre farm, on the Big Point road, where he engaged in agriculture. After six years, however, he decided to content himself with the management of a smaller farm, and, making a good sale of the larger one, he purchased the fifty-acre place whereon he resided until his death. In addition to farming he continued to operate a blacksmith's shop in his vicinity, which was widely patronized. Many years ago he also started a cider press, and, making the industry pay, he continued it for twenty years. Some time ago Mr. Payne retired from active work, and he was in poor health, having received a stroke of paralysis, until his death, Nov. 15, 1903.

In Kent, England, in June, 1862, Mr. Payne married Anna Tune, who was born in Surrey, England, daughter of John and Millie (Street) Tune, farming people of that locality, who passed their last days there. Mrs. Payne died Feb. 21, 1900, at the age of fifty-four years, and is buried in Maple Leaf cemetery. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Payne: Amy, who married J. L. Patterson, and resides in London, Ont.; Ernest, a farmer of Dover township; Mary, who is mentioned above; Fanny, who married Joe Jackson, a farmer of Dover township; Lillie, who married

Edgar Chalcraft, of London, Ont.; and Jim, Ada and Clara, who are living at home; and Maud, who resides in London, Ontario. Mr. Payne was always a man of great energy and ability and assisted materially in developing the resources of this section. He was a noble Christian character, and a sincere member of the Episcopal Church. Politically he affiliated with the Conservatives.

DONALD M. CAMPBELL, a prominent retired farmer of the County of Kent, a solid, substantial and representative citizen, is a descendant of a leading pioneer family of the county which originated in the Highlands of Scotland, where their ancestors have ever taken a conspicuous part in the affairs of their native land.

Donald M. Campbell was born in Scotland in May, 1834, a son of Archie and Emily Campbell, the former of whom was born in the Highlands in 1792, and the latter in 1798. They emigrated to Canada in 1840, coming by way of the city of New York and the Erie canal, and located on Concession 8, in Howard township, County of Kent, one and one-half miles north of Ridgetown. The country was then heavily wooded, and the little log cabin built by Mr. Campbell was far distant from any neighbor. Here he cleared up a fine farm by unremitting toil, and here he and wife passed the rest of their lives, Mrs. Campbell dying in 1857, and Mr. Campbell in 1869. These pioneers were most worthy, exemplary people, consistent in their adherence to the Baptist Church, and respected by all who knew them. They had children as follows: John and Sarah died young; Mary, born in Scotland, married John Balmer, who settled at Botany, in Howard, and she died leaving three children—Emily (the wife of James McMillan, of Howard), George (of Botany) and Archie (of Manitoba); Donald M. is the subject proper of this biography.

Donald M. Campbell was reared on his father's farm and assisted in clearing up the land, obtaining his education during the three months of the winter seasons when farm work was impossible. He remained with his parents on the farm until his marriage, in 1864, to Emma Leatherdale, who was born in May, 1842, in England, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (West) Leatherdale, both of whom were of English birth, and came to the Dominion in 1846. Joseph Leatherdale was born in 1818, in the County of Essex, England, and his wife was born about the same time. They settled in the County of Halton for three years and then moved onto the 4th Concession, in Howard township, County of Kent. They were regular pioneers, settling in the woods, building a log cabin and passing through the trials of those early days with the courage and endurance which marked the noble men and women of that day. Prior to his death, May 20, 1898, Mr. Leatherdale was accounted a man of large means, his last years being spent in a comfortable home in Ridgetown, where he lived for a time retired. His venerable wife still survives, living in her home in Ridgetown. They had a family of seven children, the eldest of whom married Mr. Campbell, the others being: Emily died in young womanhood, after the family came here. Ellen, born in 1844, in England, married (first) John Spencer of Howard, who died leaving three sons, Harry, Frank and Herbert; she subsequently married (second) John Smith, of Ridgetown. George, born in 1848, in Howard, married Janet Campbell, who at death left three children, Clara, Roy and Walter; he married for his second wife Mary Gillis, and they reside in Howard. James, born in Howard, married (first) Maggie Baird, who died leaving one daughter, Alice, and he then married Isabella Lawton, who at death left two children, Emily and Lorin; he married for his third wife Charlotte Stanley, of London, the three children of this marriage being Eva, Wilbur and Orvie. Elias is a farmer in Manitoba, is married and has a family. Sarah, born in Howard, married William McCarriger, who died leaving two children, Walter and Bertha, and she married (second) Joseph Muckle; they reside near Blenheim, and have two children, Don and Leta.

After his marriage Mr. Campbell and his bride settled on his father's old homestead, where they remained during the father's life, after which Mr. Campbell purchased the Lemon farm, his present home. Here he erected a comfortable frame house and bank barn, and in 1886 built the handsome brick residence which adorns the place. He has carried out substantial improvements of every kind until there are few finer farms in his part of the county. Children as follows have been born to him and his estimable wife: Archie F., born in 1866, mar-

ried Letitia Gage, of Howard, and they are pleasantly located on his farm in the 8th Concession; they have two sons, Frank and Russell. Emily, born in 1867, married John Spence, a resident of Concession 8, in Howard, and they have three children, Bertha, Clarence and Emma C. Annie, born in 1872, was carefully educated, married Leslie Spence and is the mother of two children, Stewart R. and Irene; they reside on Concession 8. Joseph, born in 1876, who was educated in the Institute at Ridgetown, is unmarried and the very capable manager of the home farm.

In religious connection both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have long been active in the Baptist Church. In political sentiment Mr. Campbell has always been in accord with the principles of the Reform party. In writing a history of Howard township it is needless to comment upon the members of the Campbell family, who are, individually and collectively, among the leading citizens of this locality, noted for thrift, reliability and honest integrity.

THOMAS L. DOOLITTLE, for many years a well known citizen of Dover township, is now represented there by his son, John E. Doolittle, whose attractive farm on Lot 18, Concession 5, is a model of neatness and thorough cultivation, and who is one of the rising young agriculturists of his section. Though now only twenty-seven years old, he has by wise financial management and patient industry added 100 acres of his own to the area of the family homestead, which he works in addition to the 100-acre tract belonging to his mother.

Mr. Doolittle came of a family of sterling worth, several members of which have figured prominently in the military annals of this country. His grandfather, Lyman Doolittle, made his home for the most part in the State of Vermont, and there upon reaching manhood settled upon a farm and engaged in agriculture. He prospered in his enterprise, but when the Revolutionary war broke out gave up everything to enlist as a soldier, and was killed in active service. His wife Mary A., after his death moved with her two sons to Canada, where she died.

Jotham Doolittle, father of Thomas L., was born in the State of Vermont, and there passed his early life. After the death of his father he moved with his mother to Canada, and at the age of twenty-one settled in Bayquinte, Ont., where he made his home for many years. Later he moved to Dover township, County of Kent, and there he died in 1871, at the advanced age of ninety. His life was one of strong activity, and he reaped good returns for his labors. During the war of 1812 he served as a teamster in the British army. He married Sarah Morecroff, who was born in St. John's, N. B., and lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years, dying Dec. 22, 1887. Both are buried in Jacks cemetery, in Dover township. By this union there were four children. Eliza, widow of Thomas Fowler, who resides in St. Thomas, Ont.; James, a farmer in the Indian Territory; Thomas L., who is mentioned below; and Jerad, deceased. The parents were both noble Christian characters, and consistent members of the Disciples Church. Politically Mr. Doolittle was a strong Reformer.

Thomas L. Doolittle for years prominently identified himself with the development of the agricultural resources of Dover township. Born in Bayquinte, Ont., Jan. 12, 1832, he there grew to manhood, and received careful training for the active work of life. For some time during his early career he resided at St. Thomas, Ont. Having decided to follow agriculture he located in 1855 in Dover township, where he secured a 100-acre tract of wild land and began developing its resources. Taking up his work with energy and enthusiasm, he soon cleared up large areas, which he put under cultivation, erected good buildings, and made a fair start on the road to fortune. From year to year he greatly improved the property and in time had as desirable a farm as any of its size in the vicinity. About 1880 he retired from active work and moved to Chatham, where on Jan. 12, 1887, he passed away.

On March 20, 1857, Mr. Doolittle married, in St. Thomas, Ont., Mary A. Adams, who was born in that place March 15, 1838. Mrs. Doolittle is now living with her son, John E., who is mentioned below. To Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle were born ten children: Jared, now a butcher of Boise City, Idaho; Ann E., who married Henry Slag, and resides at Walkerville, Ont.; Catherine, the wife of Lud Hind, of Dover township; Esther, who married T. V. Chandler, of Chatham, Ont.; James A., who has a farm adjoining his brother John's in

Dover township; William and Thomas L., both deceased; John E., who is mentioned below; and Mary M. and Margaret E., who are living at home.

Mr. Doolittle was for years one of the leading men of Dover township. Keenly interested in the promotion of education, he served as trustee of the schools there for many years, resigning his position at the time of his removal to Chatham. It was through his influence that the Town Hall School was opened in 1867. He prospered in business, and was long considered one of the solid men of the place. He is buried in Jacks cemetery, Dover township.

JOHN E. DOOLITTLE was born on the farm where he now resides, in Dover township, May 14, 1877, and was about three years old when his parents moved to Chatham. In the public schools of that place he received his early education, which he has later supplemented with extensive reading. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon the splendid farm which his father had left, in Dover township, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has steadily continued. Each year has added to his stock of knowledge and his efficiency as a farm manager. He is now able to cope with farmers who are his seniors by years in experience, and is proving himself thoroughly able to take a leading place among them. He keeps himself well posted upon all practical discoveries in his line, and is remarkably successful in discerning those of value in his own work. He has equipped his farm with all the necessary machinery for economizing labor, and is yearly making marked improvements on the place.

Mr. Doolittle is a broad-minded, liberal thinker, well informed upon all the topics of the day, in fact a thoroughly up-to-date young man. Socially he is well known and stands high, and is a prominent member of the A. O. of F. As a Liberal in politics he is active in local affairs.

The Adams family, maternal ancestors of John E. Doolittle, are of good English stock. His great-grandparents, James and Mary A. Adams, who were people of wealth, resided in London. James Adams (2), grandfather of John E. Doolittle, came from London to Ontario, where, at St. Thomas, he in 1835 married Esther Fowler, of Gloucestershire, England. He died April 15, 1843, at the age of twenty-eight years, and Mrs. Adams afterward married Robert Morrison, who died while they were on a trip to Australia. She died in that country in 1880, at the age of sixty years. By her marriage to Mr. Adams there were four children: Richard, who died in infancy; Annie, who died in 1862; Emma, who died in the State of New York; and Mary A., the mother of John E., who is mentioned above. There were no children by her second marriage.

WALTER HARRIS. This enterprising agriculturist of Lot 2, Concession 18, began his career as a lumberman, and in both lines he has evinced exceptional ability in directing affairs, and in applying himself to his work. Though still a young man he has a large fund of practical knowledge at his command, and his prospects are certainly most encouraging.

Mr. Harris comes of good English stock. His father, William Harris, a most able farmer, was born in England, and under the beneficent influence of progressive institutions he grew to manhood. Both environment and inherent ability for agriculture decided him upon reaching manhood to engage in that occupation, and, settling upon a farm in his native country he began work for himself. Possessed of a taste for order and systematic work and sparing himself neither time nor labor, he kept his land at all times under thorough cultivation, his well directed efforts bringing him in good money returns. After many years of fruitful industry he finally came to Canada, and settled upon a farm in County of Kent, where his son Walter now resides, and there he passed his last days, dying in 1898. Mr. Harris married Harriet Radcliff, who was born in England, and who died March 10, 1900. By this union there were seven children, among whom Walter was the sixth. All are now living. Mr. Harris combined with determination and force of character sound judgment, and a large capacity for work—qualities which insured him success. Straightforward and possessed of the keenest sense of honor, he commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Walter Harris was born in England, Dec. 27, 1868. Coming to Canada when quite young, he procured his education in the schools of County Kent, developing habits of industry and self reliance, as well as alertness of mind and good judgment. So ambitious was he that at an early age he started out for himself, finding

an opening in the lumber business in Dover township. Not afraid of work, he soon made rapid advancements, and, meeting with continued success, applied himself to his industry for nine years. Now desirous of a change, he purchased a fine fifty-acre tract on Lot 2, Concession 18, where he settled and engaged in agriculture. Hard work and wise management soon produced some excellent results, and his farm became one of the most paying for its size in the locality. Some time later he rented an additional 100-acre tract, which, with his home farm he has since worked to advantage. He is progressive in his methods, practical, and makes the closest study of the market. A wise financial manager, he is making exceptionally well out of his farming, and is rapidly amassing property.

Mr. Harris married, Nov. 9, 1898, Celianus Smith, and of this union there have been three children: Catherine M.; Anna, deceased; and Walter J. Mr. Harris is a man who has always bent his energies to the one line of business at hand, preferring to perfect one piece of work to scattering his forces over many. He is thoroughly up-to-date, keeps well informed upon all public questions, and is not afraid to stand by his convictions. Politically he is independent. He is a man of high moral principles, and in religious belief is a Roman Catholic.

Edward Smith, father of Mrs. Harris, born in Ireland, early came to Canada, and there embarked on life as a sailor on the Lakes, which line of work he followed for the greater part of his active career. Eventually, however, he settled upon a farm in County of Kent, where he passed his last days, dying July 18, 1901. He married Catherine Digna, who was born in Ireland, and who now resides upon the home farm. Ten children came to this union, nine of whom are now living. Mrs. Harris was the seventh in order of birth.

PETER LAPLANTE, a prosperous farmer of the 3d Concession, Lot 3, Creek road, Dover township, County Kent, was born Jan. 8, 1846, in Montreal, a son of Paul and Victoria (Roye) Laplante of Montreal, who came to County Kent in 1854, and located on the present home of our subject, purchasing eighty acres of wild land. Here the family resided until the death of the father in 1872, when he was sixty-five years of age, the mother having died in 1866, aged fifty-five years. They are both buried in Pain Court cemetery, and were consistent members of the Catholic Church. The children born to the marriage of these parents were: Lena, married Joseph Thibodeau, now a retired farmer of Dover township; Victoria, unmarried, and residing with our subject; Cesari, deceased, married Ambrose Thibodeau; Salome, deceased, married Cephore Ouellette; John B., a farmer of Dover township; Philomena, of Detroit, Michigan, married Casimir Lareau; Delphine, a nun in St. Joseph's Academy, Cleveland, Ohio; Juhann, deceased, married Joseph Belanger. The grandparents emigrated from France to Montreal at an early day, and became very prominent in that city. The name was then spelled Leriger De Laplante.

In October, 1872, in Pain Court, Mr. Laplante married Ellen Belanger, and their children are: J. Hercule, Antoinette, Joseph and Annie, at home, and Francis and Emma, deceased. Mrs. Laplante was born in Pain Court and died in January, 1886, aged thirty-eight years. She was a daughter of Theophile and Emily (Houle) Belanger, of Montreal, who came to County Kent at an early day in its history.

Mr. Laplante has always resided upon his present farm, and made it one of the best pieces of property in the township, taking a pride in it and his buildings. He and his wife dispense a pleasing hospitality to all their friends, and are very popular. They are members of the Catholic Church. In politics he is a Reformer, and he takes an interest in local affairs, although he does not aspire to office. The position he occupies has been gained by honorable methods of dealing, consideration for others, and kindness of heart, and he is a representative farmer of County Kent.

REGIS TRUDELL, general farmer and township councillor, now residing in the Pain Court Block, of Dover township, has an excellent, well improved seventy-five-acre farm, where he carries on a highly flourishing industry. He was born in Tilbury township, May 24, 1864, and comes of an old and wealthy Canadian family.

The Trudells are of French extraction, the first American representatives of whom settled

in Montreal, and some time in the Eighteenth Century came to County Kent. Francis Trudell, grandfather of Regis, came from County Essex, and opened the "Trudell Hotel" in Tilbury township, County Kent. Keeping a first-class house, and being a wise financial manager, he continued there for many years conducting a flourishing business. In the same township he procured a large farm, which he also carried on for many years, making a specialty of breeding race horses, having many Indian breeds, and also keeping many celebrated strains. In the interest of this enterprise he opened a fine race course on the farm, one half mile in length. He prospered in his various enterprises, and in time amassed considerable wealth. He died in Tilbury township, in 1861, at the age of seventy-four years, and is buried in St. Peter's cemetery. During his young manhood he married Euphrasine Foubert, and, after her death, Fanny Barnier, of County Kent. By the first marriage there were two children: Exavier and Joseph, two prominent, retired citizens of Bay City, Michigan. By the second marriage there were seven children: Clovis, who is mentioned below; Isidore, a prominent farmer of Tilbury township; Alfred, who resided in Chicago, and is now deceased; Ellen, who married William Cartier, and, after his death, Peter Merchant (she is now deceased); Judith, who married Theodore Peltier, who is now a retired citizen of Dover township; Phabrania, who married S. Ouellette (she is now deceased); and Victoria, who married John B. Duby (she is now deceased).

Clovis Trudell, son of Francis and father of Regis, passed the greater part of his life in Tilbury township, where he received good rearing and practical training for the duties of life. Upon reaching manhood he settled upon a farm in Tilbury township, where for the most part he continued for the rest of his life. Capable and energetic he thoroughly developed the resources of this place, improved it in many respects, making a very attractive home for himself and family. He died in February, 1868, at the age of thirty-five years, and is buried in St. Peter's cemetery. In his young manhood he married Catherine Ouelette, of Dover township. After his death she married Peter Daniel, a farmer of Dover township, and in that place she still abides. To Mr. and Mrs. Trudell were born three children: Alfred, who now keeps a men's furnishing store in Chatham; Ellen, who married Josephat Remillard, a farmer of Wallaceburg, Ont.; and Regis, who is mentioned below. By the marriage to Mr. Daniel, there was one child, Lucy S., who has never married and now lives at home. Mr. Trudell was a man of marked ability, well informed upon all public questions, and as a Conservative he served for several years on the township council, discharging his duties with efficiency and fidelity. He was a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Regis Trudell early felt the necessity of shouldering life's responsibilities. Only four years old when his father died, he passed his early life with his mother upon the family homestead in Tilbury township. By assisting in the management of that place he early acquired practical knowledge of agriculture, and at the age of seventeen years he went to Dover township, where he worked for three years. Here, in Pain Court, in October, 1883, he married Euphrasie Bechard, who was born in Dover township, in 1862, daughter of Cryson Bechard, of Montreal, who in the early days settled upon a farm in Dover township, where he afterward remained. He died in 1868, at the age of fifty years, and is buried in Pain Court cemetery. His wife, Mary (Thibodeau), also of Montreal, afterward married Moses Carron, and now resides in Dover township. To Mr. and Mrs. Trudell have been born nine children: Joseph A., Ursule M., Louisa M. (who is now deceased), Alma R., Alphonse, Ellen R., William, Nellie V., and Francis R. (deceased).

After marriage Mr. Trudell settled upon his father's farm in Tilbury township, where he remained for five years. Taking up his work with energy and ability, he earned a good income, and about 1888 was enabled to procure a very desirable seventy-five-acre tract in Dover township, adjoining the farm where his mother now resides. Here he settled and continued farming. From year to year he has branched out in his industry, and is now engaged in all kinds of general farming. He has not only kept up the place, but has added many improvements, materially increasing its value. Few, if any, farms in the vicinity present a more attractive or prosperous appearance.

Mr. Trudell's force of character and large

fund of general knowledge, as well as his achievements in business, have commended him to the confidence of the general public, and he is now serving his third term as township councillor, a place for which he has proven himself eminently qualified. He has also been school trustee of his section for twelve years, and is still in office. He is a good man of sound moral principles, square in all his dealings, and is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church. In social functions he figures prominently, and the C. M. B. A. and the A. O. of F. count him among their most active members. Politically he affiliates with the Conservatives.

JAMES O'ROURK, a thrifty farmer of Raleigh township, who started out in life with no capital except industry and good health and habits, now owns a fine farm and beautiful home, acquired entirely through his own efforts. Mr. O'Rourk was born in 1845, in County Limerick, Ireland, son of Martin O'Rourk, where the latter was born and married.

Martin O'Rourk came to Canada, and located first at Brantford, where he followed farming for several years. About forty years ago he came to Raleigh township, and became a renter on the great Reynolds estate, and later a purchaser of the fifty-acre farm where his son Michael now lives. On this place he died at the age of eighty-seven years. He married Margaret Connell, of County Limerick, who died aged seventy-five years. They had these children born to them: John, a farmer on Concession 8, Raleigh; James; Patrick, a blacksmith of Chatham; Michael, on the home farm; and Margaret, wife of Archie Melosh, of Charing Cross. The three older children were born in Ireland.

James O'Rourk was about four years old when the family crossed the ocean. His opportunities for education were very limited, and he was obliged to depend entirely upon his own resources after his fifteenth year. He began farm work, and, having been taught economy and good morals by a most excellent mother, soon saved enough to purchase 125 acres on Concession 9. Here Mr. O'Rourk lived for five years, and then sold the property much improved, and in 1880 he bought his present farm of the Reynolds' estate, located within a short distance of Chatham. Mr. O'Rourk has here a farm of 200 acres, which is acknowledged to be one of the finest in Raleigh township. Its high grade of improvements have been added since he came into possession, and they include fine barns and a handsome brick residence. Mr. O'Rourk follows mixed husbandry, and he also sells in the course of a year from fifty to seventy-five hogs, and keeps some forty head of stock. Politically he is a Reformer. All the members of his family are connected with the Roman Catholic Church at Chatham.

In 1875 Mr. O'Rourk was married to Alice Payne, of Raleigh township, and these children have been born to them: Mary, wife of John Donovan, of Harwich; Evangeline, wife of Daniel Donovan, of Harwich; Thomas, at home; James, Jr., a student at the Chatham Business College; and Bessie, Theresa, Edward and Paul and Paulina, twins, all at home. Mr. O'Rourk is one of the most respected men of this section, and his success in life is richly deserved.

OLIVER BROWN, proprietor of the popular "View Hotel," at Mitchell's Bay, was born at Chatham, Ont., March 27, 1872, son of Napoleon and Mary (Marchellas) Brown, of Montreal, who came to the County of Kent at an early day. They settled in Chatham, where they remained until 1880, in that year removing to Big Point, Dover township, and they still make their home there, residing on a fine farm of 125 acres on the 10th Concession. When the father first settled on this land he had to make a clearing in the woods for the log cabin, but in 1887 the primitive dwelling was replaced by a comfortable, large frame house and an excellent and commodious barn has also been erected. The children born to this union were: Froney (married), William, Mary, Napoleon, Louis, Oliver, Joseph, Henry, Amy, James, Glea and Samuel.

Oliver Brown remained with his parents until his marriage, when he purchased a farm in Dover township, on the 11th Concession, and operated it three years. Then he rented his own farm and removed to that of his father-in-law, renting from the latter for two years. He has sold the stock on his first farm, and continues to rent it out, and he has since purchased the farm which he now operates in conjunction with his hotel, a pleasant house, located on the

lake front, built by W. A. McDonald in 1893. The hotel is a frame structure, with seven sleeping rooms, and convenient stables and other buildings. The hotel is very popular with sportsmen, this locality being the finest for hunting, fishing and boating.

In December, 1895, Mr. Brown was united in marriage, in Big Point, with Louisa Martin, and the following-named children have been born to them: Henry, Edmere and Oliver. Mrs. Brown was born at Big Point, Dover township, in 1872, a daughter of Moses and Mary (Pelot) Martin, of Montreal, who came to the County of Kent, and located in Dover township, where Mr. Martin took up fifty acres of land, then in a wild state. On this tract the family settled, and to it from time to time more was added until the home farm now includes 250 acres, cultivated by the sons. Mr. Martin was born in 1834, and the mother in 1836. They are consistent members of the Catholic Church. Their children are: Eugene, a farmer of Dover township: Napoleon, Wilfred, Louisa (Mrs. Brown), Henry, Delena, Peter and Zephire, all of Dover township. The paternal grandfather was Levi Martin, who lived and died in Montreal. The maternal grandfather, Leon Pelot, also of Montreal, was one of the early settlers of Dover township, and became a prosperous farmer of this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are consistent members of the Catholic Church, and in politics he is a Reformer. He is interested in local affairs, but is not an office seeker. Genial, pleasing in manner, hard-working and thrifty, he has made many friends and been enabled to firmly establish himself in the confidence of the community. By his own unaided efforts, he has paid for his two farms and the hotel, and although one of the young business men of Dover township he has already attained a gratifying measure of success.

JAMES A. DOOLITTLE, a prosperous young farmer of Dover township, is cultivating a splendid 100-acre farm, which joins the family homestead. With great energy and perseverance he is thoroughly developing the resources of his place, and by his successful application of the latest scientific methods is becoming recognized as one of the progressive farmers of the locality. Born Jan. 25, 1867, on the family homestead in Dover township, he is the son of Thomas L. and Mary A. (Adams) Doolittle, and his early ancestors are more fully mentioned on page 744.

Thomas L. Doolittle, father of James A., prominently identified himself with the development of the agricultural resources of Dover township. He was born in Bayquinte, Ont., Jan. 12, 1832, and there received his training for life's activities. Later he moved to St. Thomas, where he resided for some time. As a young man he decided to follow agriculture, and in 1855 came to Dover township, where he settled upon 100 acres of wild land and began developing its resources. He cleared new areas, put them under excellent cultivation, and, erecting substantial buildings, soon had a prosperous looking farm. This he improved from year to year, making it one of the most desirable places in the vicinity. Retiring from active work about 1880, he moved to Chatham, where after seven years, Jan. 12, 1887, he died. He is buried in Jacks cemetery, Dover township.

On March 20, 1857, Mr. Doolittle married, in St. Thomas, Ont., Mary A. Adams, who was born in that place March 15, 1838, and is now living in Dover township with her son John E. To Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle were born ten children: Jared, now a butcher of Boise City, Idaho; Ann E., who married Henry Slag, and resides at Walkerville, Ont.; Catherine, wife of Lud Hind, of Dover township; Esther, who married T. V. Chandler, of Chatham, Ont.; James A., who is mentioned below; William and Thomas, who are deceased; John E., who has a farm adjoining that of his brother James, in Dover township; and Mary and Margaret, who are living at home.

Mr. Doolittle for many years prominently identified himself with the public affairs of Dover township, especially in the promotion of local educational interests, and served as school trustee for many years, resigning when he moved to Chatham. It was through his influence that the Town Hall School was opened in 1867.

James A. Doolittle passed his earliest days on the family homestead in Dover township, and when about thirteen years old moved with his parents to Chatham. In the public schools of these localities he gained his education, developing habits of industry and self-reliance, as well as acquiring a large fund of

useful knowledge. A wholesome respect for agriculture decided him upon reaching his majority to make that occupation the business of life, and securing a fine 100-acre tract of land in Dover township, he there made a start. The fertility of the soil and its adaptability to all kinds of general farming enabled him to make a success of the work at once and each succeeding year there he has added to the value of the farm and to his own efficiency as a manager. He has always laid good plans, and has been remarkably successful in carrying them out. He has seldom if ever had a failure of crops, and his products are usually the first of their kind on the market and command the highest prices. Mr. Doolittle possesses enterprise and sound business judgment, and is not merely a hard worker, but one who always derives a good income from his labor. His push and executive ability have won him the confidence of the community, and as a Liberal he is influential in local politics. Fraternally he affiliates with the A. O. of F.

On Oct. 15, 1889, Mr. Doolittle married Annie Martin, who was born in Wallaceburg, Ont., April 13, 1865, and they have a daughter, Inez.

Dr. Henry Martin, grandfather of Mrs. Doolittle, was originally of London, England, and came to Canada in 1840, locating in the County of Kent. He studied medicine and was a physician for many years. His wife, Hannah (Burrow), was also of London.

Reuben Martin, their son, was born in England, and at the age of seven years, in 1840, came with his parents from London to Ontario, the family settling in Chatham township, County of Kent. Upon reaching manhood he bought a farm in that locality, and there engaged in farming for some years. About 1860 he settled in Wallaceburg, Ont., opening a general store, which he conducted with much success for the rest of his life. He died in that place, in February, 1891, aged fifty-eight. He married Emily Taylor, of Sarnia, Canada, daughter of Joseph Taylor, who came from Castle Blancore, England, married Margaret Judson, of Canada, and settled in County Lambton, Ont. Mr. Taylor was an attorney, but during his last years followed teaching in County Lambton. Mrs. Martin now lives with her daughter, Mrs. James A. Doolittle, in Dover township. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin came seven children: Joseph, a machinist of Chicago, Illinois; William, a station agent in County Essex, Ont.; Samuel, a decorator, of Wallaceburg, Ont.; Annie, who married Mr. Doolittle; Ernest, a machinist, of Springfield, Ohio; Eugene, of Wallaceburg, Ont.; and Percy, deceased. Mr. Martin was a member of the Methodist Church, to which his wife still belongs.

JAMES F. SMYTH, a farmer in Harwich, County of Kent, belongs to a family long prominent there, and with several influential representatives residing there at the present time.

William Smyth, the paternal grandfather, who came to Canada in 1841, settled in Harwich in the early days. With him came his wife, and their sons Robert, William and Henry, and a daughter, named Eliza, who afterward married James Smith, of Harwich, and is now deceased.

Henry Smyth, father of James F., was born in Ireland in 1822, and there received a good education before he emigrated to Canada. After his arrival in the New World he bought wild land in Harwich, and devoted himself to clearing it and developing it into a good farm; but in 1851 he caught the "gold fever" and started across the Plains to California. More successful than many, his three years there, spent in prospecting and mining, left him with a good capital. He returned to Harwich and proceeded to invest it there in farm lands, acquiring 500 acres in all, of the best land in the region.

In 1860 Henry Smyth was married to Miss Lizzie Lundy, born near Hamilton, Ont., in 1830. Her father, Robert Lundy, a native of Ireland, was one of the pioneers of Canada, who first settled at Brockville, later coming to Harwich, where his death occurred. Besides Mrs. Smyth the other children born to Robert Lundy and wife were: Hugh; Robert; William; Jane, wife of Michael McGawin, of Detroit; and Sarah, wife of Edward Stewart, of Michigan. After their marriage, Mr. Smyth and his wife settled on his farm in Harwich, where the rest of their lives was spent, and where they reared their family, which included four sons, Robert L., James F., Joseph M. and Henry R., and an adopted daughter, now Mrs. G. W. Riseborough, of Harwich. Mr. Smyth was continually improving his farm until it became one of the best places in the region, with a large brick house and barns. Before his death he divided his property among his sons,

giving each a fine farm with good buildings upon it. On Christmas day, 1897, he passed away, at his home, with his wife and children about him. His widow is still living, and resides at Chatham. Mr. Smyth was one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Harwich, and a man with many friends. A well-known figure in the county, he was familiarly spoken of, from the circumstances of his early life, as "California Henry." He was a member of the Church of England, a strong Conservative, and for many years a servant of the community in the capacity of school trustee.

Robert L. Smyth, the oldest son of Henry, who resides on the 2nd Concession in Harwich, has been twice married; his first wife, Miss Lavina Knapp, bore him two children, Henry and Susan; by his second wife, Miss Sophie Moore, he has had one son, Samuel.

James F. Smyth, the second son of Henry, is mentioned in full below.

Joseph M. Smyth, the third in the family, lives in Harwich. He married Miss Bennice Bidford. They have no family.

Henry R. Smyth, the youngest son, married Miss Bertha Moore, and they reside on the old homestead in Harwich. Their one son is named for both the grandfather and the father, Henry.

James F. Smyth was born on the old homestead in Harwich, on the Creek road, Aug. 5, 1864, and he remained with his parents until his marriage. His education was secured in the public schools of Harwich. In 1888 he bought his present home, a place on Concession 2, east of the Connecting road, where he has added many improvements in the way of farm buildings and has also erected a large brick house with every modern comfort. In April 1887, Mr. Smyth was united in marriage to Miss Grace Neil, the daughter of Andrew and Mary Neil, one of the old pioneer families of the county. Mrs. Smyth was born on the Neil homestead in Harwich, in 1864, and was educated in Kent. To her marriage with Mr. Smyth have come five children, as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1890; Neil, in 1892; Maggie, in 1894; Grace, in 1896; and Susan, in 1898.

Mr. Smyth, while a strong Conservative in politics, has taken no active part in public affairs further than to act as trustee for the schools. In his religion he is a Methodist, while his wife accepts the tenets of the Presbyterian faith. Fraternally, he is a member of the Canadian Foresters, of Fargo Lodge.

ARTHUR ROBERT KINGSMILL (deceased), whose early death removed from London, Ont., one of that city's most active and successful young business men, was born in London, June 21, 1870, son of Thomas F. and Ann (Ardagh) Kingsmill. Thomas Kingsmill is one of the largest dry goods merchants in the Province, and his son was his manager for some years prior to his death.

The education of Arthur Robert Kingsmill was procured in the public schools of London, and the Collegiate Institute of that city. Preferring a business career to a profession, he entered his father's extensive dry goods establishment, as manager of the business, and at the time of his death, was one of the leading business men in that city.

On July 1, 1891, Mr. Kingsmill and Miss Jennie A. King of Chatham were united in marriage, and three children were born to their union: Arthur King, Jack Ardagh, and Marjory Holmes. In 1897, Mr. Kingsmill died, and Mrs. Kingsmill settled in Chatham, where she still resides, a lady of charming personality, the daughter of Hooper and Elizabeth (Holmes) King. A full history of the prominent Holmes family is to be found elsewhere. Mrs. Kingsmill was born in 1870, in Chatham, where she was educated and resided until her marriage.

The first of the KING family, of whom there is any definite information, was Hooper King. Mrs. Kingsmill's great-great-grandfather. He had three sons and two daughters, of whom Hooper (2) was the eldest.

In an early day, Hooper King (2) came from England, and setteld in St. Thomas, Ont., where he married. He had the following children: Hooper (3), Gillman, John, Rosana, Nancy and Eliza.

Hooper King (3), grandfather of Mrs. Kingsmill, was born in County Elgin. He married (first) Catherine Hamble, by whom he had no children. His second wife was Harriet Little, widow of John Northwood, and two children were born of this union: Hooper (4), and Harriet, who married John Northwood.

Hooper King (4), father of Mrs. Kingsmill, was born June 27, 1848, on Talbot street, County of Kent, and he has spent his entire

life engaged in farming, making a success of his undertakings. On Oct. 14, 1869, he married Elizabeth Holmes, and they had eleven children, ten daughters and one son: Jennie A.; Harriet Maude; Kate Gardiner; Elizabeth; Blanche Hampson; Beatrice Hellene; Meda Vera; Grace Ives; Hooper; Meda; and Marguerite.

Hooper King, the original ancestor, was a stanch friend of John Wesley, and often entertained that gentleman when he was on one of his evangelistic tours.

John King, a grandson of Hooper (1), commanded Queen Victoria's yacht on one of her trips to Ireland. He was very enthusiastic in church matters, and while delivering an address in Worthington, off the south coast of England, on "High Church Ritual," he fell dead on the platform.

CHARLES GALES, who passed away in 1894, was for many years a substantial farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent. He was born in 1841, near Toronto, a son of Robert and Annie (Chapman) Gales, who emigrated to Canada from Ireland. Landing in the New World, Robert Gales and his family located in Harwich, settling at the present home of Mrs. Jessie Gales in Concession 10, Harwich township, when Charles Gales was still a boy. The land was then wild, but they cleared it off, and for many years made their home in the simple little log cabin they first erected. Later, however, a frame house was built in its place, and from it both Robert Gales and his wife were buried. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of Queenstown Heights, being wounded in the shoulder during the engagement. His death occurred in 1875, while his wife survived him until 1878. Robert and Annie Gales were the parents of a large family: Thomas, who is deceased; Ellen, who married R. O. Anderson, now deceased; William, of Harwich; Robert, deceased; Margaret (deceased), who married Alexander Thompson, of Harwich; Fannie, who married Patrick Forham; John, deceased; Charles, deceased; Sophie, who married Martin Forham, of Saginaw, Michigan; and Alfred, who died in Nebraska.

Charles Gales grew to manhood on the home place, and in 1870 he married Jessie McCorvie. The young couple settled on the old Gales homestead and assumed the care of Mr. Gales' parents, attending to them with devotion and love. During his life Mr. Gales erected a handsome new residence and several barns, and made his home a most desirable property. He died in 1894, leaving his wife with five children to mourn his untimely demise, namely: Fred, born at the home in 1871, married in 1899 Miss Maggie Campbell, of Blenheim, and they reside on Concession 10; they have no family. Jessie Isabella, born in 1875, was educated in the Chatham schools, married Leslie Johnson, of Harwich, where they settled, and where she died in 1900, leaving him with two children, Harold and Isabella. Maud M., born in 1877, was well educated in the schools of Harwich, graduating in the higher branches of learning, and is now living at home. Gordon, born in 1882, educated at the home schools, is unmarried and manager of the home farm. Edwin, born in 1887, is at home. Mrs. Gales and the family, as was Mr. Gales, are members of the Methodist Church and very active in its good work. In the church the loss of Mr. Gales was perhaps as deeply felt as anywhere outside his home circle, for his good deeds had been many and his charities numerous. Politically, he was a stanch Conservative, and his sons follow in his footsteps. When he passed away he left the legacy of an honorable, well-spent life, filled with kindness and a broad love for humanity.

Mrs. Gales takes great pleasure in her children and church work, and is beloved by all with whom she is brought into contact by reason of her sweet, kind disposition and earnest, charitable character. She was born in October, 1851, in Concession 10, Harwich township, and is a representative of the old pioneer stock, and the only living daughter of her parents, Donald and Catherine (McKerrell) McCorvie, both natives of Scotland. The mother first married James McKay, and they settled in Ohio, where he died leaving the young wife with one child, Isabella, who is now deceased; she married Rev. Mr. McVicker, of Montreal, and they had two children, both of whom are living; Ada, wife of a Chicago lawyer, and George. After the death of her first husband Mrs. McKay migrated to Canada, and there married Donald McCorvie, and with him settled on Concession 10. Here Mr. McCorvie died in 1857, his wife surviving until 1863, and

they had a family of four children: Neil married Susan Watson, who died leaving no family; later he married Lizzie Johnson, of Harwich, and they reside on the old McCorvie homestead; they have no family. Maggie, born in 1848, died when a young woman. Mary, born in 1854, now deceased, married Thomas Jacques, who settled on Concession 7, in Howard, where she died, leaving no family. Jessie is the widow of Charles Gales. She grew to young womanhood at the old home in Harwich, cared for by her brother and sisters after the death of her parents, and received a fair education.

GEORGE FOXTON is one of the representative and well-known farmers of Raleigh township. His grandfather, Edward Foxton, was born in Ireland, as was also his wife, Elizabeth Ferris. They came to Canada in 1829, and located at Brockville, Ont., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, when he was still in middle life.

John Foxton, son of Edward and father of our subject, was born in 1820, in Ireland, and accompanied his parents to Canada. At the age of twenty-one he moved to Seymour township, and there took up 100 acres of land, upon which he lived for twenty-one years, giving all his time to improving and developing his farm, with the exception of several years in early life devoted to lumbering. In 1849, in Seymour, he was married to Elizabeth Smith, who was born in 1831, in the County of Northumberland, daughter of George and Ann (Atwell) Smith. The Smiths were natives of the North of Ireland, where they grew to maturity and married, emigrating then to the United States, but in 1812, as they favored the English government, they came to Canada.

In the fall of 1869 John Foxton sold his Seymour farm and purchased one near Merlin, in Kent, on Lot 2, 11th Concession, and 200 acres in Tilbury East, which he sold at a later date. This was bought from Stephen White, and was settled by John Powell, who took it from the Government. John Foxton made all the present improvements on this farm near Merlin, and operated it in a very successful way. He was a Conservative in politics, and served on the township council of Raleigh. In 1882 he was appointed a justice of the peace, and served until his death. Mr. Foxton was a man of the highest moral character, and an adherent and liberal supporter of the Methodist Church, in which he served as trustee and steward. The children born to John Foxton and wife were: Edward H., who received a common school education, and afterward attended the commercial college at Belleville, and who is now a farmer of Tilbury East township; Elizabeth, who taught school in Tilbury and Dover townships, who later married E. Best, a school inspector at Winnipeg; George; John, a physician at Huron, South Dakota, who received his medical education at Detroit, and who married Sarah Green; Lucy A., who married James Anderson, of Guelph, Ont.; Sarah, who died in February, 1876; and Martha J., who married J. N. Halliday, a dry-goods merchant of Merlin.

George Foxton came to Raleigh township with his parents in 1869. He received a common school education, and later attended a commercial college at London. Since 1892 he has had charge of the home farm, engaging in general and stock farming. On Jan. 4, 1893, he married Mary McArthur, a native of Prescott. About that time he built his present home, just west of the homestead, where he has since resided. Mr. Foxton favors the Conservative party, but is no active politician. His two children are Candice and Byron.

JOHN CLARK. Among the progressive and eminently successful farmers of Lot 10, 4th Concession, Howard township, County of Kent, is John Clark, who was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 10, 1841, a son of William and Ann (Briggs) Clark, both natives of Yorkshire, where he was born in 1811, and his wife in 1816.

William Clark was the son of James Clark, who died in England, and he and one brother, Henry, emigrated to America in 1842, settling in New York State for three years before coming to the Dominion. They built their own wagon and drove it through to Canada, settling near Ridgetown on a part of the land now owned by the Scafes. Henry Clark worked at his trade of wheelwright and wagon maker, while William turned his attention to farming and working by the day. William Clark and James Butler, who had come to Canada together, in 1845, settled in Howard

township on the same 100 acres, which they purchased in partnership, and which now forms the Butler homestead. After five years of work clearing the land and working at farming, William Clark sold his interest to Mr. Butler and purchased a tract of land on the 6th Concession, in Howard township, which was all covered with timber. He cut the first tree felled on his property, and used it in building a small log house, in which he began housekeeping. Here he made a permanent home, later on erecting a frame cottage, where he died in November, 1890. His worthy wife, who shared with him the hardships, died in 1888. They were members of the Church of England, but upon coming to Canada they joined the Disciples Church. Politically, he was identified with the Conservative party. William Clark and wife had the following family: Robert, born in Howard township, died in boyhood; John was the eldest; Anna and Jane, twins, were born in 1848; Anna married William Downey, who resides near the lake, in Howard township, and has seven children, Robert, Albert, Isaac, John, James, Laura and Jenne; Jane married John Coleman, a resident of Michigan, has eleven children, among whom are Joseph, William and Anna; Elizabeth, born in 1850, married John Burt, of Detroit, and has a family; Ellen, born in 1852, married David Dick, a farmer of Howard, and has nine children, Minnie (married Ira Ore, of Croton), Jennie, William, Alexander, Virne, Ross, Archie, Melvin and Clyle; Mary, born in 1855, married John Campbell, resides on her father's old homestead, and has three children, Anna, Alton and Herbert.

John Clark is the eldest of the family, and as his mother was an invalid for nine years the care of her and the younger members of the family fell upon him while his father was at work earning a living. Remaining at home until he was twenty-six years of age, he proved himself a devoted son and brother, but at that time he had an opportunity to learn the trade of a carpenter and for four years he worked as a carpenter and builder, saving money until he had sufficient to purchase a tract of wild land. For seven years he had a difficult task, clearing it off, and at the same time working at his trade. However, he did not allow himself to become discouraged, and to-day he has one of the finest farms in all the County of Kent, and the success which has attended his efforts is the just reward of his labors.

In January, 1877, he married Miss Lizzie Winters, daughter of James and Elizabeth Winters, old pioneers of Kent. Mrs. Clark was born Sept. 13, 1855, in Harwich township, and was educated in the schools of Howard township, where she grew to womanhood. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Clark settled on their present place. In 1885 Mr. Clark erected their present pleasant home of brick and frame, and he has also built two barns, all of which are monuments to his skill as a carpenter and builder. In 1895 he purchased the Ad. Kinson farm, in Howard, and he now owns two most excellent farms, both in the same township. Nine children have been born to himself and wife: Mary, the eldest, born Nov. 19, 1877; Margaret, born March 4, 1880, unmarried, residing in Manitoba; James, born Oct. 1, 1882; William born Oct. 31, 1884; Robert, born Aug. 1, 1886; George, born Aug. 6, 1888; Henry, born Sept. 11, 1890; Jennie, born Oct. 24, 1896, and Myrtle, born Jan. 18, 1901, and all were born at the old home. Religiously Mrs. Clark is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Clark supports her in all her church work and charities. Politically, Mr. Clark has always been identified with the old Conservative party. The Clark family is widely and favorably known throughout this section of country. During the early days William Clark was well known in school circles, having been one of the first school teachers of the township, and his descendants have inherited from him a love of books, although they have also become successful in other lines. John Clark is a man who commands the respect of all who know him, and his hospitable home is the gathering place for his numerous friends, all of whom receive a hearty welcome from both him and his wife.

ANDREW MOORE, a prosperous and leading general farmer of Pain Court, Dover township, County of Kent, who was formerly engaged as a lumberman, was born Nov. 6, 1837, at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, a son of Toussaint and Minnie (Charreau) Moore, natives of Michigan and Canada, respectively.

Toussaint Moore died in Michigan May 22, 1878, at the age of seventy-eight years, after

a life devoted to farming. His wife died in the same State, in 1854, aged forty-seven years. Both were members of the Roman Catholic Church. Their children were: Thomas, deceased, lived in the United States; Julia, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, married Richard Venatti, deceased; John died in Michigan; Matilda, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, married Louis Charbonneau; Andrew; Christopher, a soldier in the United States, died in Michigan; Sally, Marine City, Michigan, married John B. Besconate; Leander is a farmer of Mt. Clemens, Michigan; Ellen, of Mt. Clemens, married John Goulleau; Alice, of Mt. Clemens, married Alexander ————; Lavina, Mt. Clemens, married Joe Zuag; Charles lives at Mt. Clemens. The paternal grandfather, Loren Moore, emigrated from his native land—France—to the United States at an early day in the history of the latter country.

On Feb. 22, 1857, Mr. Moore was married to Sophia Ebert, and the children born to this union were: Andrew, deceased; Mary, of Pain Court, married to Joseph Bechard; Joseph, a farmer of Dover township; Ellen, who married Medric Lemorie, of Massachusetts; Phileman, deceased, who married Medor Stay; Rosalie, deceased; Gilbert, a farmer of Dover township; Elizabeth (twin to Gilbert), who married Joseph Sides, of Chatham; and Adis, of Dover township, who married Joseph Charreau, a farmer. Mrs. Moore was born in Dover township in 1839, a daughter of Oliver and Susan (Emory) Ebert, of Montreal and Dover township, respectively. Mr. Ebert was a farmer and cabinetmaker of Dover, to which he came in an early day, and remained, becoming one of the prosperous men of the locality.

Mr. Moore remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age, when he began working among the farmers, and in 1857 he came to County Kent, locating in Dover township. For seventeen years he was successfully engaged in the lumber business, and during that period the volume of his business was very great, his dealings with a single firm amounting to $108,000. In 1895 he retired from this line, and since then has devoted his attention to his fine farm, which he had been operating for a number of years. The property comprises sixty acres, on which he carries on general farming, and so thoroughly does he understand the science of farming, that his land yields him a good profit upon his investment. In politics, he is a member of the Conservative party, and in religion, he is a Catholic. When he first came to County Kent he was very poor, and was very thankful to obtain work at a shilling a day, but as he was industrious and thrifty, and never allowed himself to become discouraged, he has succeeded in a remarkable manner. During his early life he had no opportunities for obtaining an education, but association with men and close observation has aided him, and, although lacking the advantages, he has learned sufficient to carry him through life, and make of him a pleasant companion and ready talker. His interest in educational matters is deep, however, and he gave his children the advantages he lacked, and often is pleased to puzzle others with his wonderful facility for working out difficult problems in his mind. Throughout County Kent he is known and highly respected, and his success is well merited, as is also his popularity.

ROBERT H. BEATTIE, one of the leading agriculturists on the Baldoon Road, Dover township, is the owner of two splendid farms there, one comprising 135 acres, and the other seventy-five acres, and both under excellent cultivation. The smaller tract, whereon he resides, is located on Lot 5, Concession 4. Mr. Beattie comes of a family long known in this vicinity.

Robert Beattie, his father, resided in Belleville, Ont., for some years, and there during his young manhood married Catherine Clapp, who died April 24, 1864, at the age of forty years, and was buried on the River Thames in Raleigh township, County of Kent. Of this union there were eight children: Sarah A., of Raleigh, who married John R. Longmoor; Deborah, who married John McDowell and is now deceased; Jane, who married Joseph Payne, and is also deceased; Robert H., mentioned below; Charles, who resides in Chatham, Ont.; Orilla, in Holwood, Michigan; William, a farmer of Dawn township, County of Lambton; and Elenora, deceased. After his marriage Mr. Beattie remained in Belleville for some time. In 1853 he came to County Kent, and settled upon a farm in Raleigh township, where he has since remained. For years he carried on farming successfully, from time to time making many valuable im-

provements, until his farm is now one of the most desirable in the locality. In 1892, he retired from active work, and at the advanced age of eighty-nine years is enjoying the fruits of his years of effort. Mr. Beattie has always been a man of prominence, and has taken a leading part in the business and public affairs of the township. Both he and his wife were long active in religious circles; she belonged to the Methodist Church, and he to the Church of England.

Robert H. Beattie was born in Raleigh township, Sept. 8, 1855, and there, on his father's well-conducted farm received practital training for his life work, at the same time finding sufficient leisure for the cultivation of his intellectual pursuits. Possessed of inherent ability for agriculture, as well as a practical knowledge of it, he embarked upon life as a farmer on the home farm. In Dover township, March 19, 1888, Mr. Beattie married Jane Tilley Leslie, who was born in Zone township, County Kent, Dec. 15, 1860. By this union there have been four children: Peal Ora, who died in infancy; Henry Leslie; Harvey Russell; and Ethel Agnes.

After marriage Mr. Beattie settled upon a farm in Dover township, County Kent, where he has engaged in agriculture for himself. From the start he met with splendid success, and has continued to prosper. In 1892 he purchased an adjacent farm—the well improved seventy-five acre tract where he now resides, and he has met with even better results than before, and is considered one of the solid men of the township, owning, as he does, over 200 acres of some of the most productive land in the county.

Mr. Beattie is an excellent business man as well as a progressive and scientific farmer. He is alert, possesses excellent judgment, and marked executive ability, and he is eminently fitted to make a success of life in almost any walk. As a Conservative he has always evinced a keen interest in politics, and his word carries weight in local affairs. In religious matters he is also active, and both he and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Church.

JOSEPH LESLIE, father of Mrs. Beattie, was born in Cornwall, England. In 1843, when about eighteen years old, he came to Ontario, and settled in Zone township, County Kent, where he engaged in agriculture very successfully until 1876, when he moved to Dover township. Taking up his residence upon a farm there he remained for some time, and later changed his abode to the farm adjoining the first one. A progressive, practical agriculturist, he prospered in his work, and became in time a man of some means. He died in August, 1887, at the age of sixty-two years. During his young manhood he married Agnes Dickson, of Kingston, Ont., who died in 1897, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried in the Maple Leaf cemetery at Chatham. Both were people of marked integrity, and consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Agnes, who married John Harris, and resides at Hamilton, Ont.; William, a farmer of Dover township, carrying on the home place; Jane, who is mentioned above; John, who died when young; and Bettsy, of Medicine Hat, Manitoba.

SAMUEL KELLEY is the prosperous owner of a farm of fifty acres in Concession 10, Lot 2, in Camden Gore, and has resided there since 1867. He was born at Eckford, Ont., May 11, 1836.

William and Margaret (Wallace) Kelley, his parents, were both born in Glasgow, Scotland, and during childhood were brought by their parents to Canada, where they met and were married. In 1849 Mr. Kelley located in the County of Kent, at what is known as Wabash, in Camden Gore, taking up a farm of 100 acres, practically wild, a squatter being the only person who had ever lived there. Mr. Kelley and his wife are both deceased, the former having died in March, 1889, aged eighty, and the latter in March, 1881, aged seventy-seven; they are buried in Wabash cemetery. They belonged to the Methodist Church. Their children were: John, a retired farmer of Denver, Colorado; William, a farmer of Wabash, Ont.; Edward, deceased; Samuel; George, of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary J., the wife of Faxon Kimmerly, of Morpeth, Ont.; James and Wallace, who died young; Robert, a merchant and farmer of Wabash; and Peter, of Windsor, Ont. Mrs. Margaret Kelley had been previously married to David Burwell, and had two children when she married Mr. Kelley, viz.: David, now deceased; and Timothy, a farmer in Camden township.

Samuel Kelley remained with his parents until he was fifteen years old, experiencing the usual pleasures and troubles of a farmer's son. At that age he began working for different farmers, and teaming. He spent fourteen years at Dawn Mills as a teamster for William Taylor, and five years more with E. L. Stoddard at Blenheim. In 1867 Mr. Kelley started out independently, and bought his present farm, which was little better than a wilderness when he took it, but which he has developed into a productive and paying investment. He has shown himself and able and successful man, and is highly respected by all who know him.

On Oct. 9, 1856, Mr. Kelley married Miss Eliza Benn, by whom he has had five children, as follows: William H., at home unmarried; Margaret, wife of Henry Lenover, a farmer of Howard township; Melissa, who married John Dines, of Dresden; Josephine, married to George Smith, a farmer in Camden township; and Ada, the wife of Oliver Lenover. Mrs. Eliza (Benn) Kelley was born in Belleville, Ont., Oct. 3, 1839, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Long) Benn. Both she and her husband attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Kelley is a believer in the ideas of the Reform party, but takes no very active part in politics.

Henry and Catherine (Long) Benn were natives and lifelong residents of Canada. He was a farmer and died in 1841. The children of this union were: Mary, who died young; Roenna, the widow of Henry Boulton, of Chatham township; Eliza, Mrs. Kelley; George, deceased. The family were connected with the Methodist Church. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Benn married O. Baxter, and became the mother of: Levy, deceased; Martha, wife of William Hicks, a farmer of Chatham; Edwin, deceased at the age of forty-eight, and who was brought up by Mrs. Kelley; and Alvin, a farmer of Northwest Territory. Mrs. Baxter died in May, 1859, aged forty-six years.

GREGORY G. CARRON, a successful general farmer of Dover township, residing on Lot 2, was born on his present farm, Oct. 14, 1859, a son of Gregory and Jane (Beaugrand) Carron.

Gregory Carron, the father, was born May 8, 1813, and was brought to County Kent when a child by his parents, who first settled in Detroit, Michigan, but who came to Ontario several years later. He settled on the present farm of our subject in 1853. In 1858 Gregory Carron was married, in Pain Court, to Jane Beaugrand, and the children born to this marriage were: Gregory G.; and Theodore, a clerk at Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Carron, who was born in Raleigh township, died Oct. 12, 1902, aged eighty-four years, and was buried in Pain Court cemetery. She was a daughter of Charles Beaugrand, a farmer of County Kent, and his wife, who was a member of the well known pioneer family of Faubertes. Previous to his marriage with the mother of our subject, Gregory Carron had wedded, in 1835, Theresa Ouellette, the ceremony being performed in St. Peter's Church, Pain Court. She died in 1846, the mother of the following children: Julienne, of Detroit, Michigan, who married Joseph Hamlin; Caroline, Raleigh township, married a Mr. Shane; Amelia, deceased, married N. Antaya. The paternal grandparents were Francis and Theresa (Shovan) Carron, of Montreal, who settled in Detroit in 1818, coming later to Dover township, and there dying, the grandfather in 1839, aged fifty years, and the grandmother in 1864, aged eighty-four years. The children born in the family of the grandparents were: Betsy, deceased, who married Joseph Ouellette; Benjamin, deceased; Gregory, father of our subject; Marie, deceased, who married Peter Ouellette; Lucy, deceased, who married Jacob Passinault; Julia, deceased, who married Peter Dolsen; and Maxiam, of Dover township.

On Jan. 8, 1883, in St. Peter's Church, Mr. Gregory G. Carron, married Louisa Sterling, and their children are: Theodore F., Louis J., Samuel, Mabel E., Wilfred, George D., Lona L. and Valla (deceased). Mrs. Carron was born in Dover township, Nov. 23, 1862, a daughter of Francis and Clemence (Drago) Sterling, of Dover township, where the father died. Mrs. Sterling was born in Raleigh township, and reared in Dover township.

Mr. Gregory G. Carron has always resided upon his present fine farm of fifty acres, which he devotes to general farming purposes, and the land yields a good return on his investment. In politics he is a Grit, and has served for two years as school selectman, trustee for the past six years, and has been returning officer for

the past nine years. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church, and have reared their children in that faith. They are both most highly esteemed in the neighborhood, where their families are so well and favorably known, and are among the representative agriculturists of County Kent.

THOMAS ATKINSON, one of the most prominent and substantial farmers of County Kent, and a worthy representative of one of its oldest pioneer families, was born on his present farm in Concession 2, Range 3, Howard township, Dec. 26, 1844, son of William and Sarah (Spence) Atkinson, natives of Yorkshire, England.

William Atkinson was born in 1798, and his wife in 1803. They came to the Dominion as early as 1832, accepting a grant of land from the English government, through Colonel Talbot, the tract being the same upon which their son Thomas resides in so much comfort and prosperity. The hardships and privations endured by these early settlers can scarcely be appreciated by the younger generation. Many of them as in this case, had left comfortable homes in too thickly settled regions, and the courage it required to settle down in a log cabin, in the great woods, in a foreign land, causes an admiration to spring up in every breast. At the time of their settlement Mr. Atkinson was obliged to carry his grain on his back a long distance to have it ground at a crude mill, which had been erected by the Arnolds on the river Thames. He and his wife labored together to make here a comfortable home, their first rude log house being supplanted in time by a more compact one, made of hewed logs, where they lived the balance of their lives, Mr. Atkinson passing away Nov. 5, 1876, and his widow in November, 1883. He had cleared up a large portion of his farm, and became one of the prosperous farmers of the neighborhood. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Church of England. Politically, Mr. Atkinson was a strong Reformer. The children born to William Atkinson and wife were: (1) Christopher, born in England, came in boyhood to Canada, and after his marriage to Katie McDonald, of Harwich township, settled on a part of his father's farm, where he made excellent improvements, but later removed to Big Rapids, State of Michigan, where he died, leaving a widow and five children, John, William, Edward (of Detroit, Michigan), Christopher (of Dawn, Canada), and Catherine (wife of James Cahey, who lives on the lake shore in Canada). (2) Mary, born in England, married Albert Mayne, who settled in Howard for a time, but later moved to Michigan where both died, leaving four children, Sophronia, Algina, Minerva and Sarah, all of Michigan. (3) Robert, born in England, married Mary A. Wilson and settled on Concession 3, where he died; his wife died in Ridgetown. (4) Isabella, born on the present homestead in Canada, married Leslie Griffith and died in their home in Michigan where he still resides with his children, Leslie and Sarah. (5) Jane, born in Canada, married Daniel McCavish, who died in Harwich township, and she married (second) Samuel McKay, of Chatham. (6) John, born on the present home, married Jane Thompson, of Howard, and they settled near his father, on the Scane side road, where both died. (7) William, born in 1837 died in young manhood in June, 1863. (8) James died in childhood. (9) Thomas completed the family.

Thomas Atkinson, the youngest, received but a limited education in the Howard schools, the most of his time being given to the necessary work on the farm. On Feb. 1, 1871, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Campbell, who was born in 1848, daughter of John Campbell, one of the honored old pioneers of the county. After marriage Mr. Atkinson built the fine home on the old Atkinson homestead, which he purchased after the death of his father, and here he has made many and substantial improvements in addition to placing the land under a fine state of cultivation. He is a practical and thorough farmer, and owns one of the most valuable estates in this vicinity. A family of eight children has gladdened his home, and although many bereavements have come, he still has the care of a part of them, and little grandchildren now climb up on his knees. The names of this family were: (1) Isabelle married Richard Jewell, and resides on Concession 5, in Howard; she has two children, Arthur and Ethel. (2) Katie Laurie died in childhood. (3) Miss Maggie is at home, as is also (4) Miss Alice, both cultivated and most estimable ladies. (5) Willard, unmarried, ably manages the home farm, and

is one of the wide-awake, intelligent and progressive young farmers of the vicinity. (6) Annie E., born in 1882, died in 1883. (7) Ray, born in 1885, died in 1886. (8) Thomas, born in 1889, is a bright student in the local schools. The family is religiously connected with the Presbyterian Church, and take an active part in its work. Politically, Mr. Atkinson has always been identified with the Reform party. He is a man who stands high in the esteem of the community, and is widely known for his excellent judgment, his sterling character and good citizenship.

PHILIP THOMAS M. ANDREW (deceased) was for many years a prominent and highly respected citizen of the County of Kent, and a resident of Chatham, where his name is held in reverent memory.

Thomas Andrew, his father, was born in England about 1777, and there married Miss Mary Rolfe, a member of a prominent and wealthy English family. Thomas Andrew was a successful barrister and solicitor in England, and there he and his wife died, the parents of the following children: Eleanor, Thomas, Mary, Emma (Mrs. Rolfe), Georgiana (deceased), Harriet and Philip Thomas M. All of these children lived to an advanced age. The death of the father occurred in 1822, and the mother died in 1877, attaining the unusual age of ninety-nine years.

Philip Thomas M. Andrew was born in England, Oct. 25, 1820, and on Aug. 4, 1845, married Bessie Evans, born in 1826. Mrs. Andrew is the daughter of Johnson and Anna (Evans) Evans, and granddaughter of George Evans. Johnson Evans was for many years in the English navy, and Mrs. Evans' father was a soldier in the English army. In 1848 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew settled in Raleigh township, County of Kent, where for twenty-five years they lived happy lives, tilling their farm, making of it a very valuable property. From 1870 to 1873 they made a most delightful trip to their old home in England, and renewed acquaintances and enjoyed the prosperity their years of toil had given them. Returning home to Ontario, they took up their residence in Chatham, where the death of Mr. Andrew occurred, in 1881, when he had attained the age of sixty years and six months. Mr. Andrew was a member of the Church of England, as is also his widow, who is still an honored resident of Chatham. Politically, he was a strong Conservative. By profession Mr. Andrew was a barrister and solicitor, but upon coming to Ontario, Canada, he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew one son was born, Philip Geofrey, now a resident of California; he married a Miss Grove, who died, leaving a daughter, Harriet May, who is now residing with her grandmother in Chatham, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Andrew has resided in the County of Kent for half a century, and has witnessed many changes in the country. She is one of the oldest inhabitants of Chatham, where she is held in the highest esteem, and where she has many friends who are deeply attached to her because of her broad charity and Christian character.

WILLIAM HUMPHRYS, who carries on general farming in Orford township, resides on an eighty-acre farm in Lot 14, North Middle road, where he was born Jan. 17, 1845. He is a son of Dr. John and Jane (Warren) Humphrys, of Manchester, England, and County Wexford, Ireland, respectively. They were married in Ireland, in 1829, coming to Leeds, Ont., and in 1837 to the County of Kent, where they located at Louisville, Chatham township. They had floated on a raft down the river from London, Ont., and their raft being destroyed at Louisville that place was selected as a home. It had been their original intention to settle in Boston, Massachusetts, and thence they came to Brockville, Ont., but the weather there was too cold, so they made their home in a warmer region. Until an accident which occurred about the time his son William was born Dr. Humphrys was a skillful physician, but owing to a fall upon the ice, which injured his brain, he was not able to follow his profession, although he lived until 1870, dying at the age of ninety-six years. The mother lived to be ninety years old, dying in 1893. Dr. Humphrys was a surgeon upon a man-of-war for a number of years, and was a man of great ability and education. Both he and his wife are buried in Duart cemetery. He was a member of the Methodist Church, while his wife belonged to the Church of England. Fraternally, he was a member of the Manchester Unity and the Order of Orangemen. The children born to Dr. and Mrs.

Humphrys were as follows: Charlotte O., who resides on a portion of the homestead, married Hiram S. Owens; Jane, of Zone township, married James Tinney, a farmer; John died in Michigan in 1902; Eliza S. died in Michigan, the wife of James Scott; Maria died in Orford township, the wife of Amariah Brooks; Joshua became a farmer in Dakota; William is the subject proper of this sketch.

On June 18, 1877, at Forest, County of Lambton, Ont., William Humphrys married Ellen A. Decker, and the following named children have been born to them: Herbert A. (deceased), George J. (deceased), William E., Joshua F., Robert E. and Francis A. Mrs. Humphrys was born in the County of Lambton, Ont., a daughter of Isaac S. and Sarah (Hunt) Decker, of Beverly, Ont., and Ireland, respectively. His death occurred at Stratford in 1872, when he was sixty-eight years old, while hers took place in Forest in 1888, when she was seventy-eight years of age. By occupation Mr. Decker was a farmer, and he also operated a sawmill. He and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Decker were: David, deceased; Margaret J., of Port Huron, widow of L. J. Washburn; Sarah A., of Berlin, Ont., who married William Washburn; George, of Duart, Ont.; Lemuel, deceased; Robert E., of Pontiac, Michigan; William of Manitoba; Eliza, of Forest, Ont., who married William Reed; Ellen A., Mrs. Humphrys; and Maria, who married Albert Gifford, of the County of Lambton, Ontario.

Mr. Humphrys resided on his present farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began working among the farmers and was on the railroad for four years, earning during this time sufficient money to attend the Jones business college, at London, Ont. He then engaged in a photograph business for ten years, having a photograph car which he moved from one place to the other. After this he was in the same business at Petrolia, Ont., for two years, and then returned to the homestead farm on which he has worked until he has brought it into a high state of cultivation, and he is very proud of his broad acres. Having been engaged in business for so many years, Mr. Humphrys understands how to bring his work into a definite system, and his land yields him a good profit upon his investment. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and they have many pleasant associates in the good work of that organization. In politics, Mr. Humphrys is a Prohibitionist, and a very ardent supporter of his principles of that party. A good, Christian man, firm in his beliefs, carrying out the principles in his own life, asking no more of any one than he is willing to do himself, he naturally is a respected man in his township, and does much to uphold the moral tone of the community both by preaching and practice.

DELOS C. MacDONALD, postmaster and treasurer of the town of Wallaceburg, and also treasurer of the Wallaceburg Electric Light Company, of which he and W. W. McCray are the proprietors, was born in Chatham township Sept. 16, 1854, a son of Daniel B. and Margaret (Johnson) MacDonald, of the County of Kent. For thirty years the father was postmaster at Wallaceburg, resigning in 1900, and he was also clerk of the town and township for many years, resigning that office upon his appointment to the post office. His death occurred in July, 1901, when he was seventy-seven years of age. His wife died in 1900, aged seventy-six years, and they are interred in the Wallaceburg cemetery. In 1849 he went to California prospecting, and remained a few years, meeting with marked success, so that when, in 1864, the Caribou gold fever broke out, he again left home for three years, but with those exceptions he remained in this locality all his life. He was a member of the Baptist Church, while his wife was a Methodist. Three children were born to their union: Delos C.; Carrie, of Cleveland, Ohio, who married Daniel Doby, a dry-goods merchant and manufacturer of medicine; and Maggie, of Cleveland, Ohio, married to S. W. Robison, treasurer and manager of the Equitable Building & Loan Association.

On Oct. 7, 1885, in Wallaceburg, Mr. MacDonald married Miss Ella McDonnell, and their children are: Guy V., Bessie N., Mazie, Deen and Eric, all at home. Mrs. MacDonald was born at Wallaceburg, Ont., daughter of Capt. James and Mary A. McDonnell, who came to Wallaceburg from Kingston, Ont. Mr. McDonnell was a farmer and also operated a hotel, as well as owning several vessels. Ow-

ing to ill health he gave up sailing his own vessels, and erecting a hotel in Wallaceburg, conducted same. At different times he owned a large amount of land, several hundreds of acres, now owned by his estate, although he sold some of his holdings prior to his death, which occurred in 1872, when he was sixty years of age. His widow lives in Chatham Gore with her son.

Delos C. MacDonald remained upon the farm until he was eighteen years of age, and during that time attended school, but when he had reached the age above referred to he went to Sarnia and entered the law office of Judge McKinzie & Curd, and remained for four years. However, in 1879, as his father was alone, he returned home, and soon thereafter was made division court clerk, and held that office for twenty years. On account of this he did not finish his law course. In 1900 he resigned his office to accept that of postmaster, and he has also been treasurer of the town for sixteen years. He has always supported the principles of the Reform party. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Royal Arcanum, the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F. Few men stand higher in the community than does Mr. MacDonald, and he has many friends, not only in Wallaceburg, but wherever he is known.

JOHN McGREGOR (deceased), who for many years was one of the prosperous residents of the County of Kent, and who passed away in Blenheim, was born in Guelph, Ont., in October, 1834, a son of William and Mary (Maxwell) McGregor, and grandson of Peter McGregor, a native of Scotland. William McGregor was also born in Scotland, but came to Ontario in 1834, settling in Guelph, where he engaged in farming. Later he moved his family to Blenheim, where he died and was buried in Crawford cemetery. They had the following children: Finley; William, deceased; John; Robert, living in Harwich; and Janette, deceased.

John McGregor was a mere babe when brought to Blenheim, and he grew to manhood there, and with the exception of two years spent his entire life within its confines. He learned the carpenter trade of a Mr. Van Valkenburg, and worked at it until 1861, when he went on his father's farm. From this time on he followed farming until his death.

On April 5, 1863, Mr. McGregor was married to Margaret Cameron, and they had children as follows: William R., a farmer and stock dealer, residing near Blenheim, married Minnie McHersan, of Cedar Springs, and they have two children, John D. and Cameron McHersan; Sarah is a resident of Detroit; Florence married W. R. Greenwood, of Blenheim; Charles lives in Blenheim; Margaret is at home. Mr. McGregor was a Conservative in politics, while his religious affiliations were with the Baptist Church, of which he was a faithful member.

Mrs. McGregor was born in Harwich township March 8, 1843, daughter of Donald and Jane (Stewart) Cameron. Donald Cameron was born in Scotland in 1793, and died in 1842, he and his family having emigrated to County of Kent in 1835. The country was all then wild land, and the Camerons were among the early pioneers of the county. Mr. Cameron was one of the earlier settlers in Harwich township, and one of the leading men of the community. His children were: James, deceased; John, deceased; George, deceased; William, deceased; Jane, deceased; Mary, deceased; and Margaret, Mrs. McGregor, who is the only survivor. The grandfather of Mrs. McGregor was George Cameron, and he came from his native Scotland to Ontario, where he died.

The death of Mr. McGregor occurred Oct. 2, 1887, and his memory is still tenderly cherished, for he possessed the qualities which make a true, upright and honorable man and devoted husband and father. In 1897 Mrs. McGregor built the handsome brick house she now occupies, and she is regarded as one of the excellent, charitable ladies of Blenheim, and a representative of an old and honored pioneer family.

ALEXANDER CROWELL, who carries on general farming on his farm in Zone township, County of Kent, is a native of that county, born April 14, 1852, in Camden township.

John Crowell, his father, was born in Hamilton, Ont., son of Nathan Crowell, a native of England, who came to Canada and settled in Hamilton in an early day. Thence he removed to the County of Lambton, where he took up a farm, and passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Crowell served at one time as an officer in the British army, and was a prominent man in his time. John Crowell, his son, came

to the County of Kent when a young man, and, taking up a farm in Camden township, spent his remaining days in its cultivation and improvement, passing away in 1877, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Nancy Johnson, who was born in Camden township in December, 1818, daughter of James Johnson, one of the early settlers of that section, who came thither from the State of New Jersey and took up a large amount of land. He gave farms to several of his children. Mrs. Crowell still survives, making her home on the old homestead in Camden township. She is a member of the Methodist Church, as was also her husband. They were the parents of the following named children: Nathan went to Iowa when a boy, and remained there; W. Harrison died in the County of Kent; Alvira married David Clark, a farmer of Dover township, in that county; Mary J. died in Cincinnati, Ohio, the wife of Dr. James; Andrew died in London, Ont.; George died on the old homestead; Alexander is mentioned below; Peter died on the old home place; Seth is a farmer of Camden township; Noah is a farmer in Manitoba; David died on the old homestead; John is engaged in farming in Manitoba.

Alexander Crowell received his education in the common schools of the home neighborhood. He was reared to farming, and has made agriculture his life work, succeeding very well in that line. Indeed, he holds a high place among the substantial and progressive farmers of his section, and has won his standing by hard work and good management. After the death of his father he carried on the farm for his mother until his marriage, and the following year cultivated it on his own account. Then, as his father-in-law was advancing in years, he took up his residence on his farm in Zone township, a tract of fifty acres lying in Lot 2, 2nd Concession, where he has ever since remained. There was an incumbrance of $400 on this place when he took charge, and he succeeded in clearing this debt within a few years. He took care of his wife's parents until their decease, after which the place came into his possession. Mr. Crowell also owns another place in Camden township. Besides the excellent living which he gets out of the home place Mr. Crowell enjoys the income from two oil wells which have been drilled on his farm, and he expects to sink more before long. Mr. Crowell has not only given proper attention to his own affairs, but he has also found time to take part in public matters in his locality, and he has served ably as roadmaster both in Camden and Zone townships. His political connection is with the Conservative party.

On Feb. 22, 1893, Mr. Crowell was married, in his present home, to Miss Ella Sinclair, who was born on this farm, daughter of John and Mary (Dickson) Sinclair, and two children have blessed this marriage, Jessie S. and Earl T. Mr. and Mrs. Crowell are members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Church. Socially, he affiliates with the I. O. O. F., and he is well and favorably known in every relation of life, enjoying the respect and good will of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN SINCLAIR, father of Mrs. Alexander Crowell, was a native of Ireland, and a son of David and Mary (Dickson) Sinclair, of that country, who emigrated to Canada in 1842, and in that year located in Zone township, in the County of Kent, where the father took up fifty acres of land. John was ten years of age when he came hither with his parents, and he passed the remainder of his life in Zone township, in time engaging in farming on his own account on an adjoining farm. In Zone township he married Mary Dickson, a native of Scotland, daughter of James Dickson, of that country, who located in Zone township in 1832. To this union were born children as follows: Samuel McN., who is deceased; James, now a resident of Michigan; Agnes, deceased, who married John Simpson; Jeanette, who is the wife of Harry Alberts, a carpenter, of Winnipeg; Mary, wife of Ed. Smith, of Chatham, Ont.; John, who is mentioned below; Jennie, who married John Jakes, of Harwich township; and Ella, wife of Alexander Crowell. The father of this family died in 1899, aged sixty-seven years, and the mother passed away in 1896, at the age of sixty-six. Their remains rest in the cemetery at Thamesville. In religious connection, they were members of the Presbyterian Church.

John Sinclair, son of John and Mary (Dickson) Sinclair, was born in January, 1866, in Zone township, where he has passed all his life, and he was but one year old when his parents moved to the farm he now owns and operates, a tract of 100 acres in Lot 5,

3rd Concession. He engages in general farming, and is one of the thrifty, substantial citizens of his township. Two oil wells have been sunk on his place, and have proved quite profitable.

JOSEPH MILLS, the eldest son of Dr. Horatio Mills, a well-known and popular school teacher in several townships of the County of Kent during the early days of its history, is one of the prominent men of Romney township.

Dr. Horatio Mills was born in Montrose, Scotland, and attended the university of Edinburgh, where he fitted himself for the practice of medicine. In addition to practicing his profession for a short time at Montrose, he served as surgeon of a whaling fleet for three years. Upon coming to Canada, he settled in Tilbury East township, and secured a government tract, but later disposed of it to James Canfield, his brother-in-law, which property is still owned by that family. Dr. Mills resided for a time on the old Middle road, but gave only a small portion of his time to farming, he being best known as a teacher. At different times he was at the head of the Chatham, Raleigh, Tilbury East, and Mersea schools, teaching in Mersea alone for seven or eight years. At the time he made his home on Lot 11, Concession 4, his farm of 100 acres was but little cleared, but with the assistance of his older sons, he placed his land under cultivation, and continued his teaching. Later he went to Wheatley, where he practiced medicine until his death. In politics, he was a stanch Reformer, and took considerable interest in local affairs. While residing in Tilbury he married Martha Campbell, who died in Romney township, leaving the following children: Joseph; Margaret Jane, who married J. Thomas, and lives in Wisconsin; Emma Louise, unmarried; James; Robert, a resident of Mersea; Horatio and Hugh, on the homestead.

Joseph Mills was born in 1842, in Tilbury East township, and there grew up. When he was twenty-one years of age, he started out in life for himself, buying a farm of fifty acres, to which he later added fifty more, so that he now owns 100 acres, all of which he has cleared, and in addition he has purchased several hundred more acres, all in the township, and he has disposed of it at a profit. He was married in Romney township to Mary Healey, and their family is as follows: Matilda, who married John Brown; Leonard, of Michigan; Mary, who married Thomas Jones; Horatio, on the home place; Ellen, who married Charles Dent; Joseph, in Forest; Thomas, on Lot 16, Concession 4; Bertha, who married W. J. Bell, of North Dakota; Nettie, who died at the age of fifteen years; Robert, of Mersea; Ethel, who married Everett Read, of Concession 8, Mersea; and Benson and George at home.

Mr. Mills has always followed farming, and, although not a strong man, has undoubtedly cleared as much land as any man now living in the township. Many of his children have homes within a few miles of the homestead, and he has lent his assistance in clearing their property. In politics he is a Reformer, and makes it a point always to cast his vote. Being very fond of reading, he is well posted and a very entertaining conversationalist.

CHARLES TASSIE, a well known general merchant of the County of Kent, located at Dresden, came to this locality in 1880 from Cincinnati, Ohio, although he was born in the County of Halton, Ontario, Dec. 23, 1852, son of James and Rebecca (Eager) Tassie.

On July 16, 1888, in Dresden, Mr. Tassie married Elizabeth I. I. Irish, and two children were born of this union, namely: Gladys I. and Blanche. Mrs. Tassie was born in Camden Gore in 1863, a daughter of Egbert and Charity (Hager) Irish, of Ontario, who came to Kent, where the former engaged in farming. He resided in Dresden, but died while in Chatham, whither he had gone to consult a physician, in May, 1900, aged sixty-eight years, and was buried in the cemetery at Dresden. The mother still lives, and resides in Winnipeg with her children, now beyond the allotted span of three score years and ten. Both Mr. and Mrs. Irish were consistent Methodists.

Charles Tassie remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, and then went to Cincinnati, where he was employed as a bookkeeper for four and one-half years, after which he settled in Dresden, as before stated, opening up his present store, in which he is doing an excellent business. In politics he is a Conservative, and has served as member of the council for one year, and has been school trustee for the past two years, prior to which he did good service as a mem-

ber of the board. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they are very prominent. Few people stand any higher in public estimation than Mr. Tassie and his wife, and their home is a pleasant gathering place for their hosts of friends who appreciate the generous hospitality shown upon all occasions.

DANIEL ROBERT McGARVIN, lumber manufacturer of Chatham, is a native of Harwich township, County of Kent, and a member of one of the oldest families of the county, a son of Michael McGarvin. In 1890 he embarked in the lumber business, both as a buyer and a manufacturer, and his business now includes stave and hoop products. His mill is located on King street, Chatham.

Mr. McGarvin was united in marriage with Miss Edith MacPherson, daughter of John MacPherson. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. McGarvin is a Conservative, and socially, he is a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

The McGarvin family has been identified with Kent County for a century. They are of Irish-German extraction, and the first of the family of whom anything is known is John McGarvin, who was born in Ireland in 1750, and passed his entire life in his native land. He had two sons, James and Patrick, who came to the County of Kent about the year 1800, James, the elder, settling in Chatham township, on what is known as the "Martin farm," near Kent Bridge, but later moving to the States, where all trace of him was lost.

Patrick McGarvin, the younger of the two brothers, on coming to Kent worked for a time along the Thames river. In 1805 he married Susan Traxler, a daughter of Peter Traxler, concerning whom the following will be of interest to all members of the McGarvin family: There seems to have been some objections on the part of the parents of Peter Traxler and his wife to their marriage. The young couple settled the affair as many similar troubles are settled now-a-days, by running away, having the ceremony performed, and taking a sailing vessel for the New World. After a long and tedious voyage they landed in New York City, with nothing with which to pay their transportation across the Atlantic. To meet the expenses of this trip they were sold to different parties and thus separated. At the end of a year from the time of their separation they received their freedom and joined each other in Michigan, on the Maumee river, thence came to River Ruch, and finally to Kent, where they passed their remaining days. Patrick McGarvin farmed in Harwich on Concession 4, on the farm now owned by his grandson, Peter McGarvin. He was drowned in the river Thames in October, 1811. To Patrick McGarvin and his wife were born three children, Michael, Catherine and John.

Michael McGarvin was born July 25, 1806, in Chatham township, County of Kent, and married Alice Woods, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1811. By occupation he was a farmer. His death occurred in 1897, and that of his wife in 1896. They were the parents of seven sons and three daughters, as follows: (1) Susan, widow of David Wilson, now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Alone. (2) John is a resident of Dover township. (3) Joseph lives in Harwich township. (4) Catherine is the wife of Robert Smith, of Dover township. (5) George is manager of a sales stable in Chatham. (6) Patrick resides in Dover township. (7) Louisa, twin sister of Patrick, is the widow of Bruce Holmes, and resides one mile from Chatham. (8) James was killed in a boiler explosion. (9) Peter is a resident of Harwich township. (10) Daniel Robert is a lumber merchant of Chatham.

Catherine McGarvin, daughter of Patrick McGarvin, married John Story, and is now deceased.

John McGarvin, third child of Patrick McGarvin, was born in Harwich township Sept. 25, 1810. On Oct. 8, 1833, he married Susan Houston, who was born Jan. 3, 1813, and died Aug. 12, 1900, the mother of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; Michael; William; Robert, of California; Smith, of California; George, deceased; Frances, of California; Mary, also of California; Catherine, deceased; and John, of Washington. The father of these children is now (1903) living in Chatham, at the advanced age of over ninety years. In 1900 he became partially blind, but is otherwise well preserved physically.

PETER McPHAIL, who for many years was one of the leading men of Duart, Orford township, County of Kent, was born in that

township, and died July 24, 1903, aged seventy-four years. His remains were tenderly interred in Duart cemetery. His death occurred on his homestead in the 2d Concession, to which he had come in July, 1897, when he retired from active life.

Mr. McPhail was a son of Hugh and Mary (Curray) McPhail, of Scotland, who came to the County of Kent at an early day, becoming prominent farming people of Orford township. They were consistent members of the Baptist Church. The children born of this union were: Peter; and Margaret, John and Catherine, all of whom died unmarried.

On July 6, 1897, Peter McPhail was united in marriage with Mrs. Ellen (McPhail) Long, a daughter of Neil McPhail, of Orford township. She was first married to Harvey Long, to whom she bore the following children: Minnie, of Taylor, Ont., married Henry Ford; and Eliza and Cynthia, young ladies at home, residing with their mother. Mr. Long was of Toronto, Ont., but died in Orford township in 1895, aged forty-three, and is buried in Duart cemetery. He was a son of Leonard and Eva (Shell) Long, of Germany, who located near Toronto, where they were farming people.

Until his death Mr. McPhail was a very prominent man in the township, and active in the ranks of the Reform party. He always attended and supported the Baptist Church, and he is sorely missed throughout the community as well as in his own home.

Mrs. McPhail is a woman of intelligence, and enjoys in highest degree the confidence of a wide circle of friends, being a very prominent factor in the social life of Duart. She occupies a beautiful brick residence, tastefully furnished, and enjoys herself in doing good to others, and producing exquisite lace work for her own pleasure. No pattern is too difficult for her skillful fingers, and there are many fine specimens of her handiwork.

MICHAEL L. FARRELL, general farmer and contractor of Zone township, County of Kent, is one of the prosperous self-made men of that locality, having risen to his present comfortable position and high standing by his own efforts. Mr. Farrell is still a young man, and, judging the future by the past, has many a year of achievement before him.

The Farrell family is of Irish origin, Mr. Farrell's paternal grandparents having been natives of Ireland. They came to Canada in an early day, settling in the County of Oxford, Ontario, where they were engaged in farming. John Farrell, father of Michael L., was born in 1830 in County Tipperary, Ireland, but has lived in Canada since he was quite young. In 1873 he came from Paris, Ontario, to the County of Kent, where he bought the farm in Lot 7, 2d Concession, Zone township, now owned and carried on by his son Michael, remaining on that place about ten years. In 1883 he bought and removed to another farm in Zone township, in the cultivation of which he was engaged during the remainder of his active days. Mr. Farrell married Mary Glasgow, a native of County Limerick, Ireland, whose parents were natives of Scotland, and removed from that country to Ireland, where they passed the remainder of their days. Mrs. Farrell died on the home farm in Zone township in 1900, at the age of sixty-four years, and was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery at Thamesville. In 1901 Mr. Farrell retired from active work, removing to Thamesville, where he is now enjoying the fruits of former years of toil. He is a member of the Catholic Church, to which his wife also belonged. To them were born: John, who is a farmer in Zone township; Mary, who married George Cook, of Norway, Michigan; Michael Lewis; Maggie, who is the wife of Leo Mullins, of Laprairie, Minn.; Anna, who married James Van Sickle, of Toledo, Ohio; James and Joseph, who are on the old homestead in Zone township; and Dr. Thomas, who graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and is now practicing his profession in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Michael L. Farrell was born July 13, 1863, in Paris, Ontario, and remained with his parents up to the age of sixteen years, receiving such educational advantages as the public schools afforded, and thorough instruction in the practical work of agriculture. He then started out on his own account, and for a number of years was engaged with an old railroad contractor in various parts of the United States, working in that line in Illinois and elsewhere. He has continued to do surveying, grading, etc., up to the present time, building race tracks, sewerage, and similar works. In 1899, at Peoria, Ill., he was presented with a gold watch for faithful work in the construction of a race

track there, and he went thence to Boston, Mass., where he built a combination race track —bicycle, trotting and running tracks all in one. Following that he was superintendent of construction on the extension of the Lake Erie & Detroit River road from Ridgetown to St. Thomas, Ontario. He returned home in May, 1903, and is now engaged in bridge building at Thamesville. Mr. Farrell settled on his present farm of 100 acres in Zone township in 1896, coming from Windsor, Ont., where he lived for some time, and he manages this place in addition to attending to his contracting business, showing ability of a high order in every line of work he enters. He is deservedly prominent and held in high esteem in his home community, and has an enviable reputation as a straightforward business man.

Mr. Farrell was married, in Windsor, Ont., May 24, 1893, to Caroline E. Broadbent, who was born in Raleigh township, County of Kent, April 10, 1874, daughter of Andrew and Charlotte (Sales) Broadbent, who reside in that township, where the father is engaged in farming. Mr. Broadbent was born in 1839, son of John and Lydia (Pardo) Broadbent, natives of Yorkshire, England, the former of whom came to Canada with his parents in an early day, the family settling in Raleigh township, County of Kent, where they took up land. Mrs. Broadbent was born in 1849, daughter of George and Harriet (Butler) Sales, natives of England, who were married in the County of Kent, Ontario, and there settled down to agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Broadbent are the parents of the following named children: Albert A., who is a farmer in Raleigh township; Caroline E., Mrs. Farrell; Henry W., deceased; John W., who lives with his parents; Enoch H., who is a merchant of Buxton, Ontario; Lydia M. (a school teacher), Hattie V., Ella L., Lotta F., Edith G. and Andrew L., all at home. The parents of this family are members of the Church of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell have had a family of five children, namely: John J. A., Mary C. C., Wilfred T. P., Edward B. and Maggie L. The Farrells are Catholics in religious faith, and Mr. Farrell is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. In politics he is a Reformer.

THOMAS B. GILLARD, deceased, who for many years was one of the representative men not only of Wallaceburg, but also of the County of Kent, was born in Darlington, Ont., Nov. 18, 1845, and passed away in Wallaceburg, May 16, 1895, his remains being interred in the beautiful Wallaceburg cemetery. Mr. Gillard was a son of Thomas and Eliza (Trobridge) Gillard, of Dorsetshire, England, where they were married Aug. 10, 1836.

In 1840 Thomas Gillard and wife emigrated to Canada, locating at Darlington, Ont., where they remained several years, and then went to Exeter, Ont. Their next change was made to Mitchell, whence they removed to Harriston, and made it their home until 1880, when they finally settled in Wallaceburg. Until he came to Wallaceburg, the father was a farmer, but after that he devoted his attention to fruit growing and gardening, and was thus employed at the time of his death, which occurred in February, 1889, when he was eighty-four years of age. The mother died in May, 1893, aged eighty-two years. Both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to these parents were: Ellen, of Bagley, Iowa, married Albert Chase; Charlotte is the widow of John Dickson, of Harriston, Ont.; Eliza died young; Lucy married John Newton, of Chatham Gore; Thomas B.; James and John are deceased; Harry L. resides in Wallaceburg; Nina is the widow of George A. Richards, of Wallaceburg; and Polly resides with her sister Nina.

In June, 1877, in Wallaceburg, Mr. Thomas B. Gillard married Isa McDougall and the children born to them were: Winnie E. married Sanford Platt, a merchant of Wallaceburg; and Harold, Nellie A. and J. Irene are at home. Mrs. Gillard was born in Wallaceburg, a daughter of Laughlin and Eliza (Fennacy) McDougall, of Chatham, Ont., and Ridgetown, respectively. By occupation Mr. McDougall was a farmer, and always owned considerable property. For eleven years he served as county bailiff, and for many years he was school trustee, and he also served as tax collector. Now although advanced in years, having been born Dec. 26, 1814, he is very active, and an important addition to the household of Mrs. Gillard. The mother died in 1876, aged forty-five years, and she is buried in the old Wallaceburg cemetery. Mr. McDougall is a consist-

ent member of the Methodist Church, as was his wife. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McDougall were: Flora A., of Cleveland, Ohio, married John Brodrick, chief engineer of vessels; Malissa, of Wallaceburg, is the widow of Sidney Davis; Isa; Ida, of Winnipeg, married James Scott, who is in the harness business; Charles is a bookkeeper in Detroit, Michigan.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gillard were Capt. Angus and Flora (McCollum) McDougall, of Edinburgh and Glasgow, respectively. They came to the County of Kent in 1816, locating in Dover township, near the Indian reservation, and took up 200 acres of wild land, Capt. Angus being one of Lord Selkirk's emigrants. At the time of his death he owned a large farm on Waupoos Island, on which he died in 1838, aged seventy-six years. This farm later was purchased by the government, and given to the Indians. His wife died in 1846, aged seventy-five years, and both are buried in the cemetery at Wallaceburg. Theirs was the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

The late Mr. Thomas B. Gillard was reared upon a farm, but early in life he embarked in a milling business near Harriston, Ont. After recovering from an accident he taught school, and in 1871 removed to Wallaceburg, where he was employed selling fruit trees. Later he established a flourishing insurance and brokerage business in partnership with C. Chubb. Ten years later he settled in Chatham as agent for the Ontario Investment Association, and continued during the life of that concern, after which he returned to Wallaceburg. In conjunction with A. L. Shambleau he purchased a lumber yard of Shaw & Purser, and was actively engaged in this line, the firm owning its own boats. However, he sold his interest to C. Wood, as the business did not prove congenial, and engaged in a private banking concern, and also placed considerable insurance, in partnership with R. T. Riddell, when he was made a custom official. Mr. Gillard was also reeve several terms, county warden one term, and at the time of his death he was president of the C. D. & W. Agricultural Society, in which for many years he was an active worker. Fraternally he was a member of the K. of P. In politics he was a stanch Conservative. His death was an untimely one, and bereft the community of a most excellent man, a good citizen and public-spirited official, who had the advancement of the city at heart. His memory is tenderly cherished by a host of friends and admirers as well as by his family, and the good he achieved during his honorable life, still continues to bear fruit.

DANIEL MILLS, now a retired farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, has been very prominent in the development of this section of the country, and is a man very highly esteemed by many warm personal friends. His 125-acre farm is pleasantly located on Lots 69 and 70, N. T. R., Talbot street, and there he was born Nov. 24, 1832, a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Gugherty) Mills, of the County of Cumberland, Nova Scotia, and County Cavan, Ireland, respectively. They were married in the County of Kent, whither Nathaniel had come in 1817, taking up 200 acres, which was divided among his two sons, Hon. David and Daniel Mills. The father was a farmer all his days, and died Feb. 2, 1860, aged sixty-nine years. His wife died in 1862, aged sixty-three years, and they are buried on a portion of the old homestead which had been set aside for that purpose. In politics he was a Reformer, while in religious matters he was a Baptist. The children born to them were as follows: Rebecca, who married Augustus Crane; Elizabeth, who married Dr. Jonathan McCully, of Cedar Springs, Ont.; Hon. David; and Daniel, who is now the only survivor of the family.

On Nov. 18, 1855, in Palmyra, Orford township, Daniel Mills married Jane E. Adair, and their children were as follows: Nathaniel, of London, Ont., manager of the Dominion Loan Co., married Anna B. Sage, and had two children, Louis and Stuart (deceased); Hiram died on the old farm at the age of twenty-seven years; Augustus, of Ridgetown, Ont., married Ada Russell, and has one child, Adair; Laura married Ephraim Werner, a tailor of Rodney, Ont., and had two children, Howard (deceased) and Doris.

Mrs. Mills was born in Palermo, County of Halton, Ont., and died in April, 1898, aged sixty-three years. She is buried in the family burying ground. She was a daughter of Hiram and Rebecca (Babcock) Adair, of Palermo,

County of Halton, who came to the County of Kent in 1843, taking up land in Orford township, where they resided.

Mr. Mills has remained upon his portion of the homestead, and has been a useful member of the community in which he has made his home. Like his father he is a Reformer, has served as reeve for one year, and was assessor of the township for seven years. For many years he has been a pillar of the Baptist Church. He is very energetic for his years, and until quite recently could see to read without the aid of glasses. During a long life of usefulness he has done what he considered his duty, and is now enjoying a well-earned ease, surrounded by the fruits of his labors.

N. H. MILLER, one of the prosperous residents of Blenheim, County of Kent, is a native of Oneida County, New York, born in 1821, a son of Benjamin Miller, of Connecticut, where he was born in 1786. When about thirty years of age he moved to New York, and there died about 1856. By calling he was a farmer, and he died a prominent man in his community. He married Nancy Upson, a native of Connecticut, who died in 1876, at the age of ninety-two years, having been the mother of children, as follows: Nancy, deceased; Lester, of New York City, deceased; Sarah, who died in New York City; N. H.; and Milton, deceased.

N. H. Miller resided in New York State until 1857, engaged in farming, and later operated a grocery store in Utica, but in that year he removed to Stony Creek, where for eight years he was a farmer and dairyman. At the expiration of that period he removed to Bothwell, where he conducted two stores and a hotel. Exchanging one of his stores for a farm in Tilbury township, he sold his other interests, and, locating upon it, was for twelve years engaged in its cultivation. In 1887 he disposed of this property, and purchased the house in which he lives in Blenheim, as well as other property, which later he sold. In politics Mr. Miller is a Reformer, but he has not desired office. In 1840 he was married to Miss Laura Gillett, of New York State, daughter of Alfred and Lavina (Hamilton) Gillett, of Connecticut, and to this marriage the following children have been born: Horace, deceased, married Angelina Briggs, and has three children, Angelina, Arthur and Leon; Nancy married William Doyle, of Tilbury, and has three children, William, Nelson and Gillett; Savine married Dyer Crowell, of Rome, New York, and has a daughter, Laura; Alice married Henry Powell, of the County of Essex, and among their children are Nelson, George, Victor, and Laura; and Villa married Dr. Dwight Hubbard, of Buffalo, New York. Mr. Miller has been very successful in his life work, but it has been through hard work, good management and thrift, and he deserves much praise for what he has accomplished.

ENOCH McLEAN is a farmer and fisherman of Romney township. His great-grandparents were of Scotch extraction and were residents of the North of Ireland, and before their emigration to America two daughters were born to them. They spent a little time visiting in Pennsylvania, where their son Thomas McLean was born, soon after which they took up their journey westward. A tradition in the family tells that at Detroit they packed their belongings on the backs of the horses and swam across the river. A raft was used for some members of the family, and while in mid-stream, baby Thomas fell into the river, and was rescued by the Newfoundland dog. This was about 1787. The family came to Gosfield South and there took up Crown land, which later came into the possession of the son Thomas, Grandfather McLean.

Thomas McLean was born about 1785, and he grew to manhood in Canada, on his father's farm, where he did much of the clearing, making it one of the best properties in the township. In addition to the homestead he owned much other land at the time of his death, in 1862, at the age of seventy-eight years. The name of his first wife is not known. His second was Peggy or Rebecca Oulch, a Pennsylvanian by birth, but of German parentage.

William McLean, father of our subject, was born in Gosfield South May 7, 1835, and was there reared and educated; he was a schoolmate of the late William McGregor, of Windsor. He purchased a farm in Colchester South, some six miles from the place of his birth, and soon made it a fine property, where he resided a number of years, then trading it for Lot 3, Concession 1, Romney township, County of Kent, whither he moved Feb. 2, 1866. As this prop-

erty had a good front on Lake Erie, he planned to engage in fishing. Little had been done in the way of clearing the land, this work afterward being accomplished by Mr. McLean's sons. He put in here the first pond nets to be set in this part of Lake Erie. The first dock built at this place was the first in the township, and this he bought, and also built another known as McLean's dock, which became quite a shipping point for fish and lumber, but only a few piles mark its site to-day. While his sons looked after the land, he attended to the business part of the work, and proved himself a good financier. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and assisted greatly in the building of the church at Wheatley. In politics he was a Conservative. He married, in Colchester, Sarah Bickford, who was born near Sandusky, Ohio, and now resides with a daughter in Wheatley. The father died Nov. 12, 1898. The children of William McLean and wife were: Enoch is mentioned below; Adeline is the wife of James Moody. George occupies a part of the home farm which he assisted to clear; he married Sarah Christie. Emily is the wife of William Entricon, of Mersea township. Dolly is the wife of Jerome Fitzpatrick, of Wheatley.

Enoch McLean, the eldest of the family, was born Sept. 28, 1852, in Colchester South, and was fourteen years old when the family came to Romney township. He had little opportunity to attend school, but he was of a mathematical turn of mind and adopted methods of his own. He assisted in the clearing of much of the land which he now owns. At the age of eighteen he went as a sailor on Lake Erie, and followed coasting two years, then engaged in fishing, a business in which he has been very successful ever since. He has a seventy-five acre farm all cleared and improved by a handsome brick residence.

Mr. McLean married Emily Fitzpatrick, and to this union have been born these children: Nellie, wife of Alfred Young, of Wheatley; William, a farmer near the home place; Bertha, a professional stenographer, now holding a fine position with the Postal Union at Buffalo, having served at the Pan American Exposition, Wheatley, Leamington, and other localities; Bessie, Enoch, George and Harold, all at home; Addie, who died aged five years; and Pearl and Emma, who died in infancy. The family attend the Methodist Church at Wheatley. For seventeen years Mr. McLean was one of the school trustees, and for two years he was a valuable member of the municipal council. In politics he is a Conservative.

JOSEPH ROBERTS, a prosperous retired farmer of Dresden, Ont., came to that place from Chatham township in 1873. His birth occurred in Lower Canada, thirty miles from Prescott, Ontario, Oct. 9, 1824, and he is a son of Mathew and Sarah (Bobier) Roberts, of Ireland, who came to Canada at an early day, locating on a farm in Chatham township, County of Kent, in 1837. They remained there thirteen years, when they purchased land in the wilderness, clearing up a farm. This Mr. Roberts sold, removing in 1860 to County Lambton, and settling in Sarnia township, on the river St. Clair, and there his death occurred in 1863, when he was eighty-five years of age. The mother died in 1858, aged seventy-six years, and both were members of the Methodist Church. They are buried in Sarnia Church cemetery.

Joseph Roberts has been married three times. His first marriage in 1849, in Chatham, was to Jane Gibb; they had no children. His second wife was Margaret Thomson, by whom he had the following named children: Gertrude married Percy McQuay, a farmer of Camden township, and has three children, Beatrice A., Mary and Alexander Joseph. Mary, of the County of Lambton, married Charles Lawrence, a farmer, and has one son, Frederick Joseph Alexander. Edward died in infancy. The second Mrs. Roberts was born in the County of Lambton, and died in 1880, aged forty years; she is buried in Dresden cemetery. Prior to her marriage she was a popular school teacher. Mr. Roberts married for his third wife Mrs. Almira (Burwell) Logan; no children have come to this union.

Mrs. Roberts was married twice, but had no children by either husband. She was born on the river Sydenham, Camden township, May 17, 1837, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Johnson) Burwell.

Joseph Roberts remained with his parents until his first marriage, when he purchased a farm in Chatham township, consisting of 236 acres, upon which he erected a brick house, and made a number of improvements, but

afterward sold this property and located in Dresden. His present house was built of timber cut from his farm. Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is very popular in the order. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and takes a pride in its prosperity. In politics he is a Reformer, but does not desire office. Both he and his most estimable wife have many friends in Dresden and throughout the county, whom they make cordially welcome at their delightful home.

WILLIAM F. JAMIESON, for several years general electrician for the Dresden Electric Light Company, of Dresden, Ont., was born in the County of Megantic, Quebec, Nov. 16, 1868, a son of Hugh and Margaret (Wark) Jamieson, the former born in Quebec in 1833, and the latter in Ireland in 1838. They came to the County of Kent about 1875, locating in Dresden. Until 1884 the father was a farmer, but then went to Souris, Man., where he is now engaged in farming. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were as follows: Alice, who married William Boulton, of Manitoba; Samuel, of Manitoba; William F.; Anna, a school teacher of Manitoba; Thomas, a miller of Alberta, Northwest Territory; and Edward, a farmer of Manitoba, with his parents.

In October, 1893, William F. Jamieson was married, in Dresden, to Mary Gurley, and one child, Muriel, has been born to this union. Mrs. Jamieson was born in Belleville, Ont., daughter of Walter W. and Phoebe (Babcock) Gurley, of Kingston, Ont. These worthy people came to Dresden in 1880, where the father became a merchant. They were members of the Church of England. His death occurred in January, 1888, when he was fifty-six years of age, while the mother died in September, 1898, aged fifty-one years, and they are buried in Dresden. Mrs. Jamieson was their only child.

William F. Jamieson came to Dresden, Ont., in 1875, and remained until 1884, when he went to Manitoba, staying there two years, then returning to Dresden. His early life was spent upon the farm, but at the age of nineteen he began the study of engineering in Dresden, and taught himself electrical engineering in a correspondence school. In 1893 he began to work in an electric plant, and when the town of Dresden purchased it in June, 1901, he took full charge, and was chief engineer and electrician prior to its final purchase. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Maccabees and the order of Stationary Engineers. In politics, he is a Conservative. Mr. Jamieson is a solid, reliable man, and has attained his present substantial standing through sterling merit and untiring industry.

J. CHANDLER WOOD owns and operates a fine property in Orford township, consisting of 100 acres in Lot 60, N. T. R., to which he came in the spring of 1902, from Morpeth, Howard township, where he was born Oct. 7, 1840.

Mr. Wood is a son of Pontas and Dorcas (Cull) Wood, of the County of Kent, where they spent their lives, the father dying in 1891, aged eighty-five years, and the mother in 1893, aged seventy-one years. Both were members of the Church of England. They are interred in the Morpeth cemetery. The father was a farmer and made a success of his work. The children born to them were: Nancy, of Windsor, Ont., widow of David Bell; Mary, of London, Ont., widow of David Smith; John, deceased; Martin, of Saginaw, Michigan; J. Chandler; and Margaret, who died in Detroit, Michigan, the wife of William White.

In 1873, at Ridgetown, Ont., J. Chandler Wood married Catherine Hall, and children as follows have been born to them: Pontas died unmarried at the age of thirty-two years; Mary A. married Rastus Hoffman, of Howard township; Winat W., Ammond W. and J. Sherman are at home. Mrs. Wood was born in Howard township May 20, 1846, a daughter of Titus and Hannah (Wood) Hall, of Nova Scotia and Pennsylvania, respectively, who were married in the County of Kent, where they spent their lives. Mr. Hall came hither with his sister and brother-in-law, Robert Walters, when but thirteen years of age, and located in Howard township, where his life was spent; he was a farmer by occupation. His death took place Jan. 10, 1897, when he was seventy-eight years of age, and he is buried in Morpeth cemetery, in Howard township. The mother is living and makes her home with Mr. Wood. Although advanced in years, having been born Nov. 1, 1820, she is quite active,



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and a valued member of the household. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall were: William, deceased; Elizabeth A., of Petrolia, who married W. A. D. Frazer; Catherine; Jacob, deceased; Rev. Robert, a Methodist preacher of Michigan; Rev. Alfred, a farmer and preacher in Michigan; Titus, who is farming with Alfred; Edmond, a thresher, of Morpeth; John, railroad yardmaster at Durand, Michigan; Martin, deceased; Phoebe, deceased wife of Sylvester Whitzel; and Matilda, of Flint, Michigan, widow of George Pigeon.

Mr. Wood lived with his parents until his marriage, when he took his bride to a farm in Howard township, and there remained until he purchased his present property. His farm is one of the most desirable in the township, and as he is a good manager his premises are kept in excellent condition. Fraternally, Mr. Wood is a member of the A. O. U. W. He attends the services of the Church of England, and in politics is a Conservative. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are very highly esteemed in the neighborhood and have many friends, though they are comparative new comers in Orford.

ORLOW SHELDON (deceased), for many years a prominent stock raiser of Harwich township, County of Kent, was born at Watertown, New York, in 1843, a son of John Bishop and Mary (Hall) Sheldon (both of whom were also natives of the Empire State) and grandson of John M. and Lydia (Hatch) Sheldon. In 1846 the parents of Orlow settled in the County of Kent, where the father died in 1887, the mother still residing at Blenheim, County of Kent, now (1903) in her eighty-seventh year. They became the parents of children as follows: Charles, of Blenheim; Oscar, deceased; Orlow, deceased; William; Lewis; and one that died in infancy.

In 1872 Orlow Sheldon was married to Miss Elizabeth Reeve, and from that time until his death, Nov. 21, 1898, the family resided on a farm in Harwich township, adjoining the city of Chatham, where he actively engaged in the stock business. Politically, he was a Reformer. Religiously, he was a member of the Methodist Church, to which Mrs. Sheldon also belongs. He was a man of excellent business ability, and for a long period was very prominent in his locality. The children of this marriage were: Grace, wife of Dr. R. H. Martin, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere; and Dorothy, who resides with her mother in Chatham. Both graduated from the Chatham Collegiate Institute.

Mrs. Sheldon is descended from old English families who have long been known in Ontario. She is a daughter of James and Eliza (Elgie) Reeve, the former of whom was a son of ——— and Eliza (Rising) Reeve, natives of England, where the father died, after which the widowed mother, with her daughter Eliza, came to Ontario, where she died. Mr. Reeve had operated a stage and mail route between Bungy and London. The one son that moved to Ontario was James; the other two children, John and Lucy, died in England.

James Reeve was born in England in 1815, and at the age of twenty-one came to Ontario, settling in Guelph, where he met and married, in 1839, Miss Eliza Elgie, who was born in England, Feb. 14, 1820, and came to Ontario in 1835. Mr. Reeve was the first jeweler in Chatham and was also the first to follow that trade in Guelph. He was a successful business man, and became the owner of three fine farms in County of Kent, and also a schooner, the "Mazeppa." Later he engaged in a grain business in Toronto, with Goodran & Worts, in which enterprise he lost heavily, and then returned to Chatham, resuming work at his trade, and so continuing during the remainder of his active career. He died on Friday, Jan. 4, 1887, in his seventy-third year. His children were the following: (1) Alice, who married Albert Nevill, is deceased. (2) Jane, deceased, married William Wright. (3) James Elgie married Emma Kempton. (4) Elizabeth became Mrs. Sheldon. (5) Eliza married Thomas M. French. (6) Lucy Alberta married (first) Charles A. Heyward, son of Andrew Heyward (extended mention of whom is made elsewhere) and had two daughters, Emelia Maude and Verna Eliza, both of whom are residents of Chatham. Mrs. Heyward married J. M. Pike, a member of the firm of Wilson, Pike & Gandy, barristers, of Chatham. James Reeve was a Conservative in his political views. Religiously, he was a member of the Church of England, as was also his widow, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Pike, in Chatham.

The mother of Mrs. Sheldon was a daughter of John and Scicily (Tanfield) Elgie (the maiden name of the mother of the latter being Jane Walker), and a granddaughter of William Elgie, a sea-faring man, who was the father of these sons: Richard, William, John, Henry and George. John Elgie died when his daughter was a child, and she went to live with her grandfather Elgie, with whom she and her mother came to Ontario. In England the grandfather was the owner of large flouring mills, and was a man of ample fortune.

Mrs. Sheldon is a lady who is most highly esteemed in Chatham, and is especially valued in both religious and social circles.

JAMES LEE, of the firm of Lee Bros., of Wallaceburg, general founders of iron and brass, boiler makers, machine and ship builders and general repairers, was born in that city Dec. 22, 1869, son of John and Louisa (Clifford) Lee, and grandson of George and Margaret Lee, natives of Scotland, where they lived and died. Their children were: Mary, of Galt, Ont., who married Robert Turnbull; James, of Guelph, Ont.; Bell, of Owen sound, widow of George Corbet; Maggie, of Galt, widow of a Mr. Turnbull; Jessie, of Oil Springs, Ont., who married a Mr. Whitehead; Annie, of Sarnia, Ont., married John Skegial; John.

John Lee was born in Scotland in 1833, and in Chatham, he married Louisa Clifford. The children born to them were: John, of Sarnia, an engineer on a vessel; William, partner of James in the foundry; James; George, of Port Huron, Ont.; Robert, employed by Lee Bros.; Frank, employed by Lee Bros.; Louisa, who married Charles Jackson, an attorney of Wallaceburg; Miss Belle, at home. Mrs. Lee was born in Montreal, Ont., in January, 1840, daughter of William and Ann (Jenkins) Clifford, of England, who removed to Montreal at an early day, and settled in Chatham in 1855, where the father was a merchant tailor. By trade John Lee was a watchmaker, and he followed his calling in his younger days, but later worked in a foundry, finally starting an establishment of his own, upon a small scale. He gradually increased his plant, until his sons bought him out in 1895. The foundry is located in a building erected in 1896 by James Lee and William Bremny, which is well fitted for the work in hand. Owing to good management, and a thorough knowledge of the business, the two brothers, who were reared foundrymen and machinists under their father's care, have been enabled to greatly enlarge their field of operation, and now give employment to ten men. Their trade is an excellent one, and shows a healthy growth from year to year.

In June 1899, James Lee was married to Nancy Harrigan, and their children are, Louisa C. and James P. Mr. and Mrs. Lee attend the Presbyterian Church, and are very active in church work. In politics, Mr. Lee is a Reformer, but has never accepted office, being so occupied with his own affairs. Enterprising, public-spirited, a good business man and kind neighbor, he has made many friends, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

WILLIAM H. RUTLEDGE, a farmer of Zone township, who has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his present farm for the past eleven years, is a native of the County of Oxford, Ontario, born April 13, 1844. He is a son of Alexander and Mary J. (Wiley) Rutledge, and a grandson of John and Christiana (Ward) Rutledge, and is of the third generation of the family in Canada.

John Rutledge and his wife, natives of Ireland, came to Canada and settling in Streetsville, Ont., there passed the remainder of their lives. He was a farmer by occupation. Their children were: Alexander; Edward, of Woodstock, Ont.; John, of one of the Manitoulin Islands; Riarson, who was a minister; James, of the United States; Sarah, Mrs. Andrew Rutledge, deceased; Margaret, Mrs. Alexander Burns, deceased; Mary, deceased; Jane, wife of George Daily, of Oxford, Ontario; and Christiana, who married George Ward, of Oxford, Ontario. The father of this family was killed at the raising of a bridge, in 1859; the mother died in 1864.

Alexander Rutledge, father of William H., was born in Streetsville, Ontario, in early life followed the trade of carpenter, and later engaged in farming. He married Mary J. Wiley, a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and they had children as follows: Sarah J. (deceased), who married Sandy Vandecart; William H.; Christiana, wife of John Deo, of North Branch, Michigan; Mary L., Mrs.

Thomas Kite, of Findlay, Ohio; Margaret L., who married Benjamin Stafford, of North Branch, Michigan; John A., also of North Branch, Michigan; Harriet A., wife of Miles Finkle, of North Branch, Michigan; George A., a farmer of North Branch, Michigan; and Samuel W., who resides in the same place. The father died in California in 1865, at the age of sixty-five; the mother reached the age of eighty, dying in 1898 at North Branch, Michigan.

Mr. Rutledge remained at home with his parents until his marriage, meantime attending the common schools, and, from the time he was old enough to be of any assistance, working on the home farm. After his marriage he engaged in farming in the County of Oxford on his own account until 1873, when he removed to Dorchester, in the County of Middlesex, remaining there some fourteen years. Thence he removed to Strathroy, in the same county, where he farmed for eight years, or until January, 1893, when he came to his present home in Zone township, in the County of Kent. His farm comprises sixty-one acres in Lot 5, 3d Concession, on which he has industriously carried on general farming, making a good living. In 1903 four oil wells were developed on this place, and the drilling is still being pushed as there is promise of more. Mr. Rutledge has always been a hard-working man, and his achievements have all been the result of painstaking industry. He has commanded the respect of his fellow citizens in every community in which he has resided.

In March, 1868, in Woodstock, Ont., Mr. Rutledge was married to Elizabeth Rich, who was born July 15, 1847, in Devonshire, England, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Rice) Rich, also of Devonshire, where they were reared and married. They came to Canada in 1850, locating in Oxford, Ontario, where the father engaged in farming. He died Dec. 26, 1883, aged sixty-eight years, in Burford, Ontario, long surviving his wife, who was born in 1817, and died in 1854. They were members of the Church of England. Their family consisted of five children: Mary J., who is the wife of John Parking, of Camden township, County of Kent; Maria, who married Lewis Shoemaker, of Burford, Ont.; William, a farmer of Burford; John, a farmer of Burford; and Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Rutledge.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge: Alexander and Richard, both of whom died young; James R., who is at home; Louisa, who married Ernest Hanson, of the County of Lambton; and Minnie, who is at home. The parents attend the Methodist Church. In political faith Mr. Rutledge is a Conservative.

ABRAHAM BYRAM, who for many years has been successfully engaged in the bending business in Blenheim, County of Kent, Ont., is descended from German ancestry, his great-grandfather having been Edward Byram, a native of New Jersey. He was twice married, and by his first marriage he had the following: John, Edward, James and Sarah. Of this family, Edward Byram was the grandfather of our subject, and among his children was a son, Edward (2).

Edward Byram (2) was born about 1820, in New York State, whither his father had removed some years previously. He married Frances Neeley, a native of New York, who was born in 1820, and died in 1882, leaving the following children: Edward; Wallace; Melvina, who married James English, of Harwich township; and Abraham. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Byram married Sophronia Lumley, by whom he had a son William, and an infant that died unnamed.

Abraham Byram was born in New York State, Feb. 12, 1855, and in 1864 he came with his parents to Canada, settling at St. Catharines, but soon removed to Watford, where for two years he was engaged in the bending business. He then settled in Blenheim, and in 1877 his present place of business was erected, and has been kept in operation ever since. His father was in the business until 1887, when he retired, and our subject and Mr. Murphy assumed full charge, and so continue to the present time. For six years Mr. Byram was also engaged in a stave and cooperage business in Raleigh township.

In 1877 Mr. Byram and Mary Trump, daughter of Peter Trump, were united in marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Byram three children have been born: Nellie, Flora and Frederick. Mrs. Byram is a member of the Methodist Church, and is a worthy, good woman. Mr. Byram is a Conservative in politics, and for the past two years has been a member of the town

council. Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is highly respected in the neighborhood, and is recognized as one of the substantial men of Blenheim.

DANIEL E. BROWN, general farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, residing on Concession A, Lots 2 and 3, owns and conducts a fine farm of 100 acres, upon which he built a handsome brick house in 1893. He was born on his present place Aug. 28, 1867, a son of Robert J. and Margaret (Watts) Brown, of England and the County of Kent, respectively. The father came to the County of Kent with his parents at an early day, settling with them, and in 1858 moving to the present homestead, where he died in March, 1889, aged forty-eight years. His first wife, Margaret, died in 1873, aged twenty-eight years, and they are buried in what is known as the Sherman cemetery at Thamesville. Both died firm in the faith of the English Church. The children born of their union were: Eliza, now deceased, who married James Tinline, a farmer of Orford; Emma, deceased, who married Robert Hogg; Daniel E.; William, a farmer of Los Angeles, California, formerly a bookkeeper; and Maggie, deceased. The father married for his second wife Sarah Griffith, and to them were born two children, as follows: James, now deceased; and Ida, of Ridgetown, Ontario.

On Dec. 26, 1894, in the County of Elgin, Daniel E. Brown married Anna Currie, and one child, Nelson, was born to them. Mrs. Brown was born in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, daughter of Alexander B. and Sarah (Gillies) Currie, of Scotland, who were married in the County of Middlesex. He came to Canada when ten years of age, with his parents, locating in the County of Elgin, and became a farmer. His death occurred in the County of Elgin May 24, 1897, when he was seventy-five years of age, and the mother still resides in that county on the old homestead, now aged seventy years. Both early united with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Currie became a prominent man in the county council, was assessor and tax collector, and his death was deeply mourned. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Currie: Catherine married John Gardiner, a farmer of Orford; Sarah married John Winter, of Detroit, Michigan, a capitalist; Mary married John Smith, of the County of Elgin; Margaret (deceased) married Thams Hardy; Dugal is a farmer in the County of Elgin, as is also Daniel, his twin brother; Archibald is a farmer in the County of Elgin; Janet, of that county, married Thomas Hogg, a farmer of Howard township; Anna is Mrs. Brown; Ellen is residing on the old homestead.

Daniel E. Brown has always lived upon the old homestead, and has made many improvements on the property. He has made his home one of the finest in the township, and is justly regarded as one of the leading men in the community. He and his family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, toward which he contributes liberally. In politics, he is a Conservative, but has never aspired to public distinction, rather preferring to devote his time to his farm and family.

THOMAS JONES, a prosperous farmer and a member of the Romney township council, is a native of Tilbury East township, and a son of Job Jones, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and when a young man came to Canada, engaging with farmers until he purchased a farm in Tilbury East township. After a residence there of some years, he sold his property and purchased other land in Orford township, where he was living at the time of his death, in the sixty-sixth year of his life. He was married at Hazardville, to Margaret Scott, who died in Tilbury East township, having borne her husband these children: William, of Orford; Grace, who married Silas Brush; Mary, who married John Carr; Fannie, who married Charles Healey, of County of Essex.

Thomas Jones was born in Tilbury East township, Oct. 10, 1861. His mother dying when he was only three years of age, he became a member of the family of David Simpson on the Talbot Road, and there he lived until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he started out in life for himself. In 1889 he bought of James Stuart the fifty-acre farm he is now occupying, ten acres of which had been cleared. Since then Mr. Jones has cleared thirty acres, and during the time that the stone mill was in operation, he did considerable teaming for the owner.

Mr. Jones was married in Romney town-

ship to Roxana, youngest daughter of Charles Getty, and to them have been born children as follows: Sylvia, Mandie, Newton, Flossie and Clifford. In politics, Mr. Jones is a Reformer, and is serving his first year as a member of the township council. He is a trustee of school section No. 5, and fraternally belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the Orangemen of Tilbury township. Enterprising, thrifty and a good manager, Mr. Jones has made a success of his work, and is very highly esteemed by his neighbors and other friends.

ANDREW COLTART, senior member of the firm of Coltart & Wilson, the leading undertakers and furniture dealers of Chatham, has been identified with the interests of that city for more than forty years, and is justly regarded as one of its substantial and useful citizens.

The Coltart family is of Scottish extraction. Robert Coltart, the grandfather of Andrew, was a well known and hospitable landowner in Scotland. His estate was known as "Traston," and was celebrated as a stopping place for poor travelers, all being hospitably entertained if they reached its doors before ten o'clock at night. The following named children were born to Robert Coltart and his wife: Robert, James, Janet and Andrew.

Andrew Coltart, youngest son of Robert, was born in Scotland, in the vicinity of the home of Robert Burns, and there married Janet McRoberts. Andrew Coltart followed agricultural pursuits throughout life. The following children were born to him and his wife: Robert, Andrew, Agnes, James and Mary. Robert was drowned in the Otley river, Yorkshire, England; James died in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Agnes resides in Bradford, England.

Andrew Coltart, son of Andrew, was born on the old homestead in Scotland, in 1845, and in March, 1860, came to Chatham, Ont., where he learned the trade of cabinetmaker. In 1870 he began his career as a furniture dealer and undertaker, purchasing the business of R. O. Smith. For more than thirty years Mr. Coltart has been in business in Chatham, and during that time has steadily grown in the public esteem. The business has steadily increased, and a very full line of substantial and high-grade furniture is carried. The most careful attention is given to the undertaking branch of the business, in which the most modern methods and equipment are employed.

Mr. Coltart married Jane Neilson, daughter of William and Jane (Ferguson) Neilson, and they have had the following children born to them: Edith, who married Robert S. Coltart, of Montreal, and has one daughter, Jane; Janie, who is engaged in teaching in the Central school, in Chatham; William, unmarried, bookkeeper for the firm of Coltart & Wilson; Flora, who is a student in the Chatham high school; and Minnie, also a student. Politically, Mr. Coltart is a Reformer. With his family he belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Chatham. The Coltarts are a leading family in the County of Kent.

SAMUEL TEDFORD (deceased), who for many years was a prominent man in the County of Kent, came of Scotch-English extraction. His paternal grandfather was born in Scotland.

James Tedford, father of Samuel, was born in Scotland, where his death occurred. He married Prudence Lindsey, a sister of Robert Hill Lindsey, the noted missionary. Their children were: Nancy, Mrs. Downey, deceased; Sarah Ann, Mrs. James Dawson, deceased, whose husband was an officer in the English army; James, deceased; Alexander, who settled in Blenheim, where he died, and where his widow, Mrs. Margaret Tedford, now resides; Robert Hill, of Albany, New York; Prudence, Mrs. McKinney; and Samuel.

The late Samuel Tedford was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1838, and at the age of eighteen years emigrated to Ontario, locating in the County of Kent, where he became a grain merchant at Blenheim. He also owned a fine farm. His death occurred in 1894. Politically, he was a Reformer, and in his religious faith a Presbyterian. In 1860 he married Jane English, born in 1841, the eldest daughter of James and Elizabeth English. The following children were born to them: Ada Elizabeth married Amos Jaclin, of Blenheim, and had no children; Margaret Prudence married William Vary, a druggist and physician of Chicago, and has one child, Clara Jean; Jennetta is a teacher in Blenheim; Ethel Jean married Dr. Walter Metcalf, of Chicago, and has no children; James Lindsey is in the Northwest.

Mrs. Tedford's father, James English, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1811, and in 1836 he came to Ontario with his mother and other members of the family, and they settled in Harwich township. He eventually became the owner of a large farm and was very successful. He died in 1893, a very highly respected gentleman, while his wife passed away in 1849. She was the mother of the following children: Margaret, Mrs. Stephen Russel; Mary Ann, Mrs. Morris Grant; Elizabeth, Mrs. T. R. Jackson, deceased; James, of Harwich township; and Mrs. Tedford. The grandfather, Andrew English, married Jane Wiley, and they had these children: William, Andrew, James, Mary Jane and Margaret.

In the death of Mr. Tedford Blenheim lost an enterprising business man, a public-spirited citizen and most excellent man. His widow is numbered among the highly honored ladies of the city, and is noted for her kindness of heart, many charities and generous Christian character.

MICHAEL MAHONEY, a prosperous retired farmer of Dresden, Ont., came to that town in August, 1888. He was born in Camden township, County of Kent, Ont., Aug. 15, 1841, a son of Andrew and Julia (Sullivan) Mahoney, of County Cork, Ireland. On first coming from their native country to Ontario they located in Seymour township, County of Northumberland, where they resided for six years, engaged in farming. They were the first settlers in that township. Moving to Toronto, Mr. Mahoney engaged in the grocery business there for a year, then, in 1837, coming to the County of Kent, located on Lot 8, Concession 5, Camden township, where they purchased 200 acres of wild land on which they made a clearing for the rough log cabin which was the ordinary dwelling of the period. The father served three months in the Rebellion of 1837-38. In Kent he became quite prominent, becoming township commissioner, and was either trustee or treasurer of the school board from the time he settled in the township until his death, which occurred in April, 1869, when he was sixty-four years old. The mother died in May, 1883, aged eighty-one years. They were consistent members of the Catholic Church and are buried in Chatham cemetery. Born to them were the following children: Andrew died in 1899 in Camden township; Catherine, unmarried, lives at Saginaw, Michigan; Ann Nora, also unmarried, lives in Saginaw, and like her sister is wealthy; Mary, who married John Delhunta, died in 1887; Michael is mentioned below; Ellen, unmarried, lives on the old homestead; Nancy died at the age of two years.

In August, 1888, in Thamesville, Michael Mahoney married Mary Daly, and one son, Andrew P., was born to the union. Mrs. Mahoney was born in Zone township, County of Kent, daughter of John and Margaret (Jones) Daly.

Mr. Mahoney resided with his parents until he was twenty-nine years of age, at which time his father died and he went into the lumber business, thus continuing for seven years. He then became a drover, and was successful along that line for fifteen years, after which he began farming and was successful at that also until 1902, when he retired. He owns several very fine farms, 430 acres in all (300 of which lie in the County of Lambton), besides town property in Dresden.

In politics, Mr. Mahoney is a Conservative, but he does not aspire to office. In religion, he is a member of the Catholic Church. Although he has retired from active life, Mr. Mahoney is interested in local affairs, and is thoroughly well posted in both foreign and domestic matters. He is a man of many friends, not only in Dresden, but throughout the county, and his word has weight in both commercial and social circles.

THOMAS WINTER, a popular citizen of Zone township, where he is now living retired after an industrious agricultural life, was born Sept. 13, 1835, in Northumberland, England, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Davison) Winter, of the same place. The parents were married in Northumberland, and came to Canada in March, 1836, making their first home this side of the water in New Brunswick. They remained there twelve years, the father engaging in farming, and thence moved to London, Ont., where he followed the same occupation for seven years. At the end of that time, in 1854, he came to Zone township, County of Kent, where he purchased 175 acres of land, and there made a permanent home. He was a prosperous farmer. He died aged sixty-seven

years, and the mother passed away April 3, 1892, aged ninety years; they are buried in the cemetery at Florence, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Winter held membership in the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of three children: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Charles Robins, of Stanley, N. B.; Barbara, who died in London, Ont., in 1903, and who first married William Webb, later William Robinson; and Thomas, whose name introduces these lines.

Thomas Winter lived at home with his parents until they died. In youth he attended the public schools of the home neighborhood, and at an early age began to assist on the farm, after his marriage commencing its operation on his own account. He prospered in his agricultural work, and continued to work the farm until May, 1901, since when he has lived retired, the place being now operated by his son William B. It consists of one hundred acres situated in Lot 13, 3d Concession, Zone township. Mr. Winter became known not only as an enterprising farmer, but also as one of the most active citizens of his township, taking an interest in everything which conserved its welfare, and serving in various local offices, in all of which he displayed ability of a substantial order. He served nine years in the township council. For two years Mr. Winter was a director of the Kent Agricultural Society. His political faith is that of the Conservative party.

On March 17, 1863, in Wardsville, Ont., Mr. Winter was united in marriage with Miss Alice Bilton, who was born in Euphemia, Ont., July 5, 1842, daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Rolston) Bilton. Her parents were natives, respectively, of Yorkshire and Devonshire, England, were married in Florence, Ont., and lived in the County of Lambton, where the father engaged in farming. He was quite a prominent man in his section, and served many years as reeve. He died Dec. 18, 1890, at the advanced age of eighty years, and is buried in the cemetery at Florence, beside his first wife, who died Jan. 27, 1845, at the early age of thirty-two years. Both were members of the Church of England. Mr. Bilton married for his second wife Jane Ralph. By his first union he had five children: William, who is engaged in farming on the old home place in the County of Lambton; George, who is a farmer in the same county; Mary, married to Moses Brangley, of the same county; Alice, Mrs. Winter; and John, who died in infancy. By the second union there were four children: Oliver C., who farms part of the old homestead; Elizabeth, wife of William Amsdon, a merchant of Detroit, Michigan; and Henry and Thomas, both of whom died young.

Mr. and Mrs. Winter have had seven children, and they have sixteen living grandchildren, two having died. We give the following record of their family: George E., born Feb. 29, 1864, is a farmer at Wardsville, Ont.; he married Mary Miller. Elizabeth, born Dec. 24, 1865, is the wife of B. M. Johnson, a hardware merchant of Newbury, Ont. Barbara I., born Jan. 20, 1868, is the wife of William Wilkinson, a farmer of Zone township. Mary E., born May 25, 1870, is married to H. W. Lendon, a hardware merchant of Leamington, Ontario. William B., born Sept. 14, 1872, is engaged in farming on the old homestead; he married Anna M. Ackroyd. Hiram D., born Dec. 4, 1878, died July 20, 1880. Alice C., born Aug. 12, 1880, married Stephen Vickery, a farmer of Zone township.

Mr. and Mrs. Winter are members of the Church of England. Socially, he affiliates with the I. O. O. F. Both are well liked in their neighborhood, where they have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Winter has for many years kept a record of the births and deaths in the community.

JAMES TINLINE occupies an excellent farm of fifty acres in Orford township, in Lot 8, Concession 12, upon which he built his fine brick home in 1884.

Mr. Tinline was born in Westminster, Ont., Aug. 8, 1860, son of John and Jane (Beattie) Tinline, of Scotland, who were married in London, Ont., and came to the present farm of their son James in 1862, when all was a wilderness. There the father died Jan. 1, 1900, aged seventy-eight years, and was buried in Highgate, as was also his wife, who died August 2, 1900, aged seventy-five years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Their children were: James; Janet, of Wallaceburg, Ont., who married William Scott; and Ann, of Toronto, Ont., who married William Caswell.

On July 1, 1884, in Orford township, James Tinline married Eliza Brown, and they

had one child, Edith. Mrs. Tinline was born in Orford township, daughter of Robert Brown and sister of Daniel E. Brown, and died Aug. 15, 1890, aged twenty-nine years; she was buried in Highgate. She was a fine example of Christian womanhood, a most devoted and loving wife, and cut off as she was, in the flower of her young womanhood, when life opened up so happily before her, her bereaved husband had the deep sympathy of the community in his affliction. In the Presbyterian Church, of which he is also a member, she was one of the most active workers, and the example she set in every walk of life was one which will endure.

Mr. Tinline is a Reformer in politics, and is one of the upright, honorable men, good farmers and prosperous business men of Orford, where he is so well and favorably known.

ANDREW MARCUS, for many years one of the prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of Orford township, was born Dec. 22, 1830, in County Antrim, Ireland, and died Jan. 14, 1898, after a long and useful life, on his farm in Orford township. He was a son of James and Mary (Walker) Marcus, both of County Antrim, who came to the County of Kent in 1840, and settled in Zone township, on Longwood Road, remaining on that farm until 1862. James Marcus then removed to Orford township and settled on a farm on the river Thames, the tract lying opposite to the farm now occupied by Wellington Marcus, and owned by Thomas Marcus. The children of James and Mary Marcus were: Andrew, now deceased; James, of Zone township, deceased; John, a farmer of Newbury, Ont.; Robert, of Ridgetown, deceased; Anna, who died in 1901, wife of Henry Clingersmith; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of David Sussex; and Sarah, who is the wife of Robert Depew, of Detroit, Michigan.

On Nov. 9, 1853, at Bothwell, in Zone township, Andrew Marcus married Elizabeth Sussex, and these children were born to them: Mary D., who married James McRitchie, of Zone township; Elizabeth N., deceased, who married William Misner, and had eight children, Robert, Bertha, Anna (deceased), Martha (deceased), William, Andrew (deceased), Vada and May; Robert J., a farmer of Orford township, who married Emma J. Austin, and had the following children, Clara, Lionel E., Andrew, Ethel E., Anna (deceased), Iva J., Florence, and Albert and Alfred (twins); Thomas D. in Sherlock, Washington; Emily J., who married Sterling Morrison, of Anderson, Ind., and had four children, Irene, Pearl, Walter (deceased) and Louie; Margaret W., who married Alex Ogilvie, a blacksmith at Detroit, Michigan, and has three children, Maud, Harry M. and Grace I.; Martha L., who married John Griffith, of Orford township; A. Wellington, one of the progressive young farmers of Orford township, now carrying on the homestead farm; Albert W., a dentist at Detroit, who married Clara E. Lang; and Rachel L., who married Edwin Reed, of Oakland, California.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Sussex) Marcus was born Aug. 12, 1833, in Prince Edward Island, a daughter of Thomas and Dinah (Smale) Sussex, both of Devonshire, England. In 1832, they removed to Prince Edward Island, where Mr. Sussex engaged in farming for five years, and then removed to Brantford, Ont., where he continued to follow farming for six years. He came to Zone township, County of Kent, in 1845, and here he remained until his death, in August, 1865, at the age of seventy years. His widow survived until August, 1871, dying at the age of seventy-five years. Both were buried in the old Bothwell cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Sussex were for many years devoted members of the Methodist Church, examples of Christian living. The children of Thomas and Dinah Sussex were: Ann, deceased wife of James Minshall; Thomas, living in Illinois; Elias, residing at Bothwell, Ont.; Martha, who died young; Mary (deceased), wife of William Scott; David, deceased; Stephen and John, both at Bothwell, Ont.; and Elizabeth, who married Andrew Marcus. Mrs. Marcus still survives, and is one of the most highly esteemed ladies in the vicinity. She assisted her late husband in all his early labors, her energy and thrift contributing largely to his success. Time has touched her lightly and she still enjoys social life and engages in the affairs of the household with the activity of years ago.

Andrew Marcus became a very prominent and useful citizen. He accompanied his parents to the County of Kent and with them settled in Zone township, and as the eldest son was of the greatest assistance to his father. He remained on the farm on Longwood Road un-

til in 1859 he came to the farm of 100 acres, on Concession 16, Lot 17, where his widow and son Wellington now reside. It is one of the best farms in Orford township, and, as noted, is opposite to the one formerly owned by his father, James Marcus. When Andrew Marcus and his wife settled here the country was all a wilderness, and they endured all the hardships of pioneer life. Mr. Marcus was not only a man of great industry and perseverance, but was also a citizen of such high character and excellent judgment that he was constantly called upon by his fellow citizens for counsel and advice, and was elected to all the offices which he would accept. He was one of the first councilors in Orford township, which he faithfully served for many years, and previously served in the same position for a long period in Zone township. He also served as license inspector, was census enumerator, and performed the duties of many other local offices, at all times with a stern sense of responsibility and to the complete satisfaction of all concerned. The name of Andrew Marcus will always be remembered in Orford township among the prominent men.

In politics, Mr. Marcus was a Conservative. He and his family have been pillars of the Methodist Church for many years, and throughout his life he contributed willingly to advance the cause of religion.

JAMES CORNHILL, one of the leading business men of Chatham, County of Kent, and a man of prominence in that community, who has been engaged in the manufacture of brick for thirty-five years, is descended from English ancestry, his father, Edward Cornhill, being a native of the Mother country, where he was born, one of a family of two daughters and three sons, he, however, being the only one to come to the New World.

Edward Cornhill was born about 1815. Upon coming to Ontario, he settled in Kingston in 1833, but soon removed to Toronto, and in 1835 married Sarah Fox, who was born in 1812. He engaged in the manufacture of brick at Toronto, and continued in that business until his death. To himself and wife a family of four daughters and one son was born, namely: Elizabeth, married to Thomas Fedden, of Chatham; Mary, who married James H. Oldershaw, of Chatham; Emily, wife of William Wilmore, of Chatham; Annie, now Mrs. William Coyle, of Windsor, Ont.; James.

James Cornhill was born Nov. 4, 1844, in Toronto, and when but nine years of age, went to Chatham, where he attended the Central School, acquiring a good education for that day. On leaving school, he hired out as a hand in a brick yard at a salary of $8 a month, his rate of compensation being increased as he learned the process of brick making. Working from the bottom up, Mr. Cornhill learned the business in every detail, and in 1866, he established his present yard, and from the first he was successful, the volume of trade increasing until, in 1901, the capacity of his plant was over 2,000,000 annually. In 1902 Mr. Cornhill completed a new plant upon his farm of sixty acres, adjoining the city, and he was then enabled to double his former output. The new plant is thoroughly equipped with all modern appliances, including drying machines for drying the bricks after they are pressed, and making it possible to continue the work of the establishment in all seasons. From twenty-five to thirty men are afforded constant employment, and the output meets with a ready sale, the excellence of the brick being generally recognized. When he entered this field of operation, Mr. Cornhill took into his employ John Casady, who has remained with him ever since, a fact which speaks equally well for employer and employe.

In 1866, Mr. Cornhill was married to Miss Jane Casady, a native of Chatham, and a daughter of Andrew Casady. To this union ten children have been born: Alice, bookkeeper for her father; Emma, married to Stanley Boyes, of Chatham, and has one son, James Edward; Edward, engaged with his father in the brick business; Lettie, at home; James, also with his father; Sarah, at home; Benjamin, deceased; Ward, at home; Henry W., also with his father; Frederick Benjamin, now a student. Mr. and Mrs. Cornhill are consistent members of the Baptist Church, in which they take an active part. The political opinions of Mr. Cornhill make him a Conservative, and he is a man who stands high in the esteem of his fellow townsmen on account of his probity and uprightness of character, as well as for his business ability and acumen.

JOHN McMICHAEL (deceased). The McMichael family is of Irish extraction, and dates back to John McMichael, who was born in Scotland, but later settled in Ireland, where he died. His children were: Robert, of Belleville; Joseph, deceased; Francis, who died in Ireland; Ann, who died in Ireland; and William and John.

The late John McMichael was one of the early settlers in the County of Kent, having emigrated at an early day. At first he lived in Toronto, but soon thereafter, about 1848, removed to Blenheim, and there he made his home, becoming a man of substance in the community. He was justice of the peace, a member of the county council, county warden and reeve of the township, and school director, acting in the latter capacity for forty years, while for many years he was captain of the militia. His death occurred Dec. 2, 1896, when he was eighty-two years of age. His wife, Martha Moore, was born in Ireland in 1818. They had five children who grew to maturity: Robert, Alecia, Martha, Josephine and Frances, all of whom were born in Ontario. Alecia married Enoch Stevens in 1870, and they had three children, Edith, John and Nina. John married Ida Burritt; Nina married William Labadie, one child, Dan; Edith is a nurse in Grace hospital of Detroit.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, a prosperous retired farmer of Romney township, is a most worthy representative of one of the pioneer settlers of the Talbot road, and he was born on the homestead farm of his parents in Tilbury East, Jan. 22, 1840. His opportunities for securing an education were very limited, as there were no free schools when he was a boy, and his father had to pay ten dollars a term for each child who received instruction at the private school, which was conducted for some months each year. After attaining his majority he came into possession of 150 acres of the homestead, and upon this he farmed until 1878, when he sold to his brother John. He had previously spent a season in Windsor and two in Colchester. On March 17, 1878, he settled in Romney township, County of Kent, buying 100 acres of Thomas Morey on Lot 9, Concession 3. Since that time he has added to his holdings until he now owns 215 acres, and of this property has himself cleared fifty acres. Success has crowned his efforts, and he owns a very valuable farm, although he has given up the heaviest labor on it, his two sons having assumed much of the responsibility. In politics, he is a Reformer. He and his family are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which he has served as steward, and in which he is at present class leader.

Mr. Simpson married Elizabeth, daughter of William Mills, of the 9th Concession, and four children have been born to himself and wife: Harvey W. and Edison, assisting their father; Bertha and Annie, most charming young ladies both at home. All the members of the family are very highly respected in the community in which they make their home, and the young people are important factors in the social life of the township.

THOMAS KING, proprietor of a foundry and machine shop at Dresden, County of Kent, established in 1877 by Joseph Dale, with his brother, Dr. James King, purchased the property under sheriff's sale in 1890. The product of the establishment includes engines, portable sawmills and heavy sawmills, boilers, shaftings, pulleys, etc.

Mr. King was born in County of Hastings, June 2, 1862, son of James and Agnes (Mund) King, of Glasgow, Scotland. These parents came to Canada in 1860, locating in Hamilton, Ont., the father being a veterinary surgeon and ranchman. They settled in Dresden, Ont., in 1870, and were there very active in the Presbyterian Church. At present he resides in Arizona, where he settled in 1892, and he is now about sixty-seven years of age. The mother died in Dresden in 1886, aged fifty years. The father was made councillor of County of York for several years, and in every locality in which he has resided, he has been very prominent. The children born of this union were: Thomas; Dr. James, physician of Morristown, Ont., and partner of our subject; John, with his father; Agnes, unmarried, living with Dr. James; Jeanie, who married Henry McClung, a farmer, of Assiniboia; and Isabella, of Hamilton, Ont., who married Rev. J. M. Hoyt, a Baptist minister.

The paternal grandfather was Capt. James King, who married Jeanie Symes, both of Scotland, where they lived and died. The grandfather was an officer in the British army in his

younger days, but later in life became superintendent of a Cotton Manufacturing Company.

On April 7, 1892, Thomas King was married to Victorie Dolsen, and one child was born of this union, Elma J. Mrs. King was born in Raleigh township on the old Dolsen homestead, June 1, 1861, daughter of Daniel and Jane (Morden) Dolsen, of Raleigh township, and near London, Ont., respectively. They died at St. Johns, he in 1883, aged sixty years, and she in 1880.

Mr. King remained on the farm until he was eleven years old, when he went to the village of Dundas, Ont., and there attended school. In 1876 he went to Dresden, Ont., and continued his attendance at school until he was eighteen. He then learned the machinist's trade, which he has followed ever since. In 1884 he left St. Thomas, where he had followed his trade for a year, and went to Chatham, but after a year more he went to Montana, spent another year, and tried Atlantic, Iowa, for a few months, thence going to Omaha, Nebraska. After a few months in that city, he returned to Dresden, and soon thereafter bought his present property, as mentioned above. In politics, he is a Reformer, and has served as township councillor for a year. Fraternally, he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, and he attends and subscribes to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. King is naturally considered one of the leading men of Dresden, and he has a host of friends not only there, but throughout the county.

FATHER MICHAEL JOSEPH BRADY is pastor of one of the finest Roman Catholic churches in Ontario. He came from St. Alphonsus Church, at Windsor, on Jan. 13, 1899, to take charge of the parish of Wallaceburg, and much of the growth and development of this parish is directly due to his excellent business management and persevering energy. The fine church which now stands as a memorial of religious zeal on the part of the Wallaceburg parish replaces a wooden structure erected in 1862, the same now being used as a school building. A brick structure was completed in 1878, and it was visited at monthly intervals by a priest from Chatham. The first regular resident priest was Father James Ryan, who served from 1879 to 1887, and he was followed by Father John Rolan, who served for fourteen years and was succeeded by Father Brady. The parochial residence (costing $10,000) was opened May 6, 1902. The church and residence adjoining have been fitted with all modern conveniences, and the people of the Wallaceburg parish have every reason to feel proud of their church, their parish house and their scholarly and devoted priest.

Father Brady was born Oct. 29, 1862, at St. Thomas, Ont., son of Patrick and Mary (Doyle) Brady, natives of County Wexford, Ireland, the former of whom came to Canada in 1824. They were married in St. Thomas, Ont. Mr. Brady took up 200 acres of land in Yarmouth township, County of Elgin, which is still in the possession of the family, although it is worked by others, and he was a successful farmer, a quiet, moral man who devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and the welfare of his family. His death occurred Oct. 9, 1889, at the age of seventy-six years. Some idea of the esteem in which he was held may be gathered from the fact that 100 carriages followed his remains to the beautiful Catholic cemetery at St. Thomas, where a fine monument of Scotch granite marks the last resting place of him and his devoted wife, who died in 1867, aged thirty-five years. Their children were: Thomas, who died aged thirty-nine years, was engaged in a real estate business; James, a miner at Cripple Creek, Colorado; John, a prominent man in Chicago, Illinois, the inventor of the Brady Steam Turbine engine; Father Michael J.; Martin, who died aged nineteen years; Mary, who was Mother Superior of the Convent of the Sacred Heart at London, Ont., and died in 1884; Margaret, who married Cornelius Coughlin, and died in New York City, leaving three children, one of whom is our subject's capable housekeeper; and Anna, who died in 1894, aged forty-one years, having resided with her brother in Chicago for a number of years.

After completing his elementary education in the schools of his native town, Father Brady completed his classical, philosophical and theological courses at St. Michael's College at Toronto, and the Grand Seminary University at Montreal, when he was ordained a priest by the late distinguished Archbishop Walsh, on Dec. 8, 1884, at the Sacred Heart Convent at London, Ont., his sister being at that time assistant Mother Superior. His earliest days in

the priesthood were spent in the parishes of Mt. Carmel, Stratford, Woodstock and London, where the effects of his zeal and piety are seen in the three beautiful churches he erected and efficiently equipped. At Windsor, to which parish he was later transferred, he aroused a religious enthusiasm which permeated his whole congregation, and resulted in many substantial improvements.

Father Brady is recognized by all classes of citizens and of all religious beliefs in Wallaceburg, as a man of learning and piety, one whose influence is always given in the direction of education and morality. He is one of the trustees of the Wallaceburg Public Library, and one of the most cultured men in the city. Possessed of large means, much of it is devoted to charity, and to the vocation to which he has dedicated his life.

JAMES WAUGH, a successful general farmer of Orford township, has resided on his fine farm of 100 acres, in Lot 10, Concession 12, since 1871, when it was all a wilderness. He was born in Washington county, New York, March 4, 1843, a son of James and Eliza (Moore) Waugh, of England and Ireland, respectively. They were married in New York State, and there remained, the father dying in 1855, aged forty years, while the mother passed away in 1893, aged seventy years; they were consistent members of the Methodist Church. James was their only child.

James Waugh has been married twice, first in 1867, in New York State, to Sarah J. Moore, by whom he had no children. She was born in Mapleton, Ont., died in 1891, and was buried at St. Thomas, Ont. In 1894 Mr. Waugh was married to Margaret Somerville. They have had no children. Mrs. Waugh was born in Ireland, a daughter of James and Sarah (Ingram) Somerville, of that country, who came to Canada in 1867, locating in Harwich township, County of Kent, Ont., where they farmed. He died in 1878, aged seventy years, and the mother in 1890, aged sixty-nine years. They are interred in Howard township. They were members of the Church of England. Born to this union were: Mathew, a farmer of Michigan; Robert, a farmer of Michigan; Ann J., who married J. L. Campbell, of Howard township; Margaret, Mrs. Waugh; William, a farmer of Howard township; James, a farmer of Michigan; Christopher, deceased; John, a farmer of Michigan; George, deceased; and Sarah, who married John Sinclair, of Zone township.

James Waugh remained with his parents until he was twelve years of age, after which he worked among the farmers in New York State. On Aug. 7, 1862, at Hartford, Washington county, New York, he enlisted in Company E, 123d New York Volunteer Infantry, serving nine months, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability. He participated in several important engagements and was a brave and gallant soldier. Remaining in New York State until 1871, he came to his present farm, which, as before stated, he has developed from its primitive state.

Mr. Waugh is a Mason and has taken a number of degrees in that order. Both he and his wife attend the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Conservative, but is not active in such matters. Mr. and Mrs. Waugh are typical of their region, being kind-hearted, thrifty and prosperous people, and their success has come of hard work rightly directed.

CHARLES McINTOSH, a retired millwright, carpenter and joiner of Dresden, Ont., came to that place in May, 1864, from Florence, County of Lambton. His birth occurred in Dover township, Feb. 1, 1832, and he is a son of Lochlin and Esther A. (Scarlet) McIntosh, of Nova Scotia and Camden, respectively.

The parents were married in County of Kent, and resided on the River Thames, where the father engaged in farming, until he went to California in 1849, and was never again heard from. He was born in 1808. The mother died in the County of Lambton in 1881, aged seventy-three years; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, while her husband was a Methodist, in belief. The children born to this union were: Charles; Henry, a farmer and carpenter of Dresden; Jane, who married Joshua Bobier, and died in Michigan; Mary, who married William Scarlet, and died in London, Ont.; Amelia, who married D. D. Willerson, and died in Dresden; and Winnefred A., who died at the age of four years.

On April 17, 1861, in Florence, Ont., Charles McIntosh married Emma Moore, who was born in that town, a daughter of James and

Sarah (Wells) Moore, of Ireland and Ogdensburg, New York, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married in New York, but came to Canada in 1831, locating in County Elgin, near St. Thomas, where the father was a farmer. In 1838 they removed to Florence, and there died, the father in 1890, aged eighty years, and the mother in 1891, aged eighty-six years. They were members of the Church of England and the Methodist Church, respectively. The children born of this union were: Martha, of Michigan, who married William McDermont; George, of Florence; Mary, who died young; James, of Oil Springs, Ont.; Emma; Eliza, of Detroit, Michigan, who married Charles McDermont; Mary A., deceased, who married Nicholas Wheelihan; and Sarah, who died young.

Charles McIntosh remained upon the farm only four years, when he was taken to Chatham, and until he was seventeen, attended school and clerked in a grocery store for William Winters. He then went to County of Lambton and for ten years worked on farms during summers, and in lumber camps in winters. Removing to Florence, in the same county, he continued there until 1864, was engaged in a grocery business for a year, also conducting a general store, and then built a grist mill, but did not quite complete it, when he became involved in the financial panic that spread over the country. His trade of cabinet-making, which he had learned at odd moments, it coming natural to him, stood him in good stead at this time, and he followed it as a business, until in 1864, when he removed to Dresden, there for two and one-half years working in a store. For another year he clerked in a different establishment, and then once more resumed working at his trade, still being engaged in that line to a certain degree, although he has practically retired. In politics, he is a Reformer, and has held nearly all of the town offices. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and gives liberally towards its support. Although somewhat advanced in years, he is very active, and takes great interest in local affairs.

GEORGE ROBINSON, ex-county warden and municipal official, is the most extensive stock farmer in Romney township, where he was born on the old homestead of his father, April 26, 1835. His early education was received from Thomas Renwick, and in 1853 he attended Victoria College. At the age of twenty-seven years he located on Lot 9, Concession 1, upon 100 acres of land purchased from his father. About twenty acres of this was cleared, and upon this he built he a small house, applying himself closely to farming. From time to time he has added to his holdings, and he now owns 400 acres in one lot, 300 of which are cleared, and he is the largest stock farmer in the township, he having wintered 116 head of cattle. In all of his undertakings he has been very prosperous, and has not only succeeded in a financial way, but has also gained the respect and confidence of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty-two years he served as township assessor, and since then has been most active in the Reform party in Romney township. He served in the council for twenty years, ten of which he was reeve, and by virtue of the latter office he was a member of the county council. In addition he also served very acceptably as county warden, but since 1892 he has declined office.

Mr. Robinson was married in Mersea township to Harriet Ann Wigfield, a daughter of Jonathan Wigfield, and they have one son, Byron, a farmer of the township. Mr. Robinson has a grandson, Beforth, who resides with his grandfather, and is the pet of the entire household.

REV. JAMES ARCHINGER, rector of St. Joseph's parish, of Chatham, is one of the scholarly men of that city, and is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born Aug. 20, 1863, of German parentage. His father, George A. Archinger, was born in Germany in 1814, and in his native country learned the trade of carriage-making. In 1834 he emigrated to the States, settling in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he pursued his calling. In 1849 he married Elizabeth Boeh, who was born in 1826 in Germany, of which country her father, Albert Boeh, was also a native. To this marriage ten children were born, of whom Father Archinger, is the only survivor.

When he had reached the requisite age, growing up in his native city, James Archinger entered St. Xavier College, of that city, and there pursued his studies for four years. He then entered St. Francis College, Cincin-

nati, being graduated therefrom in 1882. Having determined upon his life work, he then entered the Franciscan Order, to fully prepare for the priesthood. His studies were continued for seven years, until 1889, when he was ordained priest by Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati. Immediately after ordination Father Archinger was located at St. Francis parish, Cincinnati, and there remained for two years. He was then transferred to the parish at Wichita, Kansas, where he officiated two years. For the eighteen months following he was pastor of St. Mary's parish at Kansas City, Missouri. From Kansas City he was transferred to Emporia, Kansas, and there remained five years. In 1901, Father Archinger was placed at the head of St. Joseph's parish in Chatham, one of the largest parishes of Ontario, comprising some 600 families. In addition to the parish work proper, Father Archinger looks after the spiritual work in connection with the convent in Chatham. In carrying out this work, he has two assistants, but the responsibility rests upon him. Father Archinger is a very earnest and devout man, highly educated and well read, and possessed of great executive ability. In manner he is exceedingly genial and his people are devoted to him, for they realize that he is not only their priest, but their friend as well, and one who takes a deep interest in promoting their welfare and bringing home to them the great truths of the Church.

JOHN G. HATCH, who for many years was an honored resident of Orford township, County of Kent, passed away Aug. 6, 1897, in London township, County of Middlesex, Ont., and is interred in Mt. Pleasant cemetery at London.

Mr. Hatch was born April 15, 1826, in Sherkin Island, Ireland, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Gosnell) Hatch, of Sherkin Island, who came to Canada in 1829, and located near Ottawa, Ont., whence they removed to the County of Carleton, Ont. After residing there many years they retired from active life going to Bay City, Michigan, to live with their daughter, Mary A., and there the mother died in 1884, aged seventy-seven years. The aged father subsequently made his home with John G. Hatch, and died in London township, County of Middlesex, in 1886, aged eighty-eight years. Both parents were members of the Church of England. The children born to them were as follows: John G.; James, who served in the United States Rebellion, and died in the States in 1886; William, of Ottawa, Ont.; Mary A., who died in Bay City, Michigan, in 1899, wife of John Hatch; Ann, who died in May, 1901, wife of Robert Taylor; Joannah, of Victoria, B. C., married to Michael Baker; Sarah, of Harwich township, married to Joseph Cooper; Ellen, who died in February, 1903, at Victoria, B. C., wife of Frank Raitt; and Thomas, a grocer of Ottawa, Ontario.

On Feb. 14, 1856, at his late home, John G. Hatch married Ann Gosnell, and they became the parents of children as follows: Joseph died in London township, County of Middlesex; Thomas is a farmer of Orford township; William is unmarried; Samuel is a telegraph operator at North Bay, Ont.; Esther, of London, Ont., married Walter McLean; George is a farmer of London township; Fred is with his brother William; Augusta, of London township, married Frank Shobbrook, a farmer; Wesley was last heard of in China.

Mrs. Hatch was born on the present farm of William Hatch, which consists of 100 acres in Lot 18, North Middle Road, Sept. 6, 1835, a daughter of Joseph and Esther (Rushton) Gosnell, of County Cork, Ireland, and Nova Scotia, respectively. About 1822 Joseph Gosnell settled with his father upon the farm above mentioned. The first settlement of the family in Canada was in 1819, at Kingston, Ont., where they remained three years, during which time the men worked on the canal construction. The mother died in 1840, aged twenty-eight years. Joseph Gosnell was a farmer, and in addition to the one farm which was given by the government he took up another in the same township, also of 100 acres, which he sold later on. His death occurred in 1870, when he was seventy-six years old. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, while in politics he was a Conservative. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell were: Laurence, who died at Detroit, Michigan, in 1866; Ann, Mrs. Hatch; and Sarah, of Rushton Corners, Howard township, unmarried.

John G. Hatch engaged in farming all his life. He came to the County of Kent in 1855 and purchased a farm from an uncle, John

Hatch, in Orford township, at Duart, where he remained eighteen years, at the end of that time removing to the farm now owned by his son. Both he and his excellent wife were members of the Methodist Church. In politics, John G. Hatch was a Conservative, but he never participated in local public affairs, preferring to devote his time and attention to his private business.

During the early days the pioneers suffered and endured much. One of the greatest difficulties they encountered was in the transportation of their products. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hatch carried the grain to the nearest mill, the one owned by George Henry at Clearville, nine miles from their home, and brought back the flour. More than this, when occasion demanded, they would bring merchandise from Detroit, Michigan, and upon one occasion Joseph Gosnell made a trip from Detroit carrying upon his back half a hide of sole leather, half a hide of split leather, and two plow points; he wore out two shirts on the trip.

WILLIAM HATCH, who lives on the old homestead, was born in Duart, Orford township. He is a thrifty young farmer, and very successful in his work. Like the remainder of his family he is a member of the Methodist Church. His political views make him a Conservative, but he gives all his time to farming duties. As a worthy descendant of some of the best pioneer stock of the County of Kent on both sides, as well as for his own good qualities, Mr. Hatch is recognized as one of the representative men of his section of the country.

JOHN GONYON, carpenter, contractor and builder of Wallaceburg, and one of the leading men of the community, was born in the County of Addington, March 1, 1852, a son of Joseph and Jane (Thompson) Gonyon, of Kingston and Adolphustown, Ont., respectively.

Joseph Gonyon was an actor in a circus in his younger days, but later became a farmer and stockman, making a specialty of thoroughbred cattle and horses. His death occurred in 1892, when he was seventy-six years of age, while the mother passed away in 1886, aged sixty-five years. Both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to this union were: Richard, a British soldier who has been in service for twenty-one years, was recruiting officer and now draws a pension, and who resides at Yarmouth, England; Alexander, a commission merchant of Detroit, Mich.; Mary Ann, of Deseronto, Ont., married John Pinny, a farmer; Edward C., chief of police of Dresden, Ont.; John; Sarah, who married James Phillips, a farmer of Camden township; Simeon, who was killed while blasting a well; Salena, of Syracuse, New York, who married Wellington Somers, a butcher; Lydia, who married Thomas Beattie, chief of police at Tweed, Ont.; Christopher, a farmer on the old homestead; Clara, who married George Marsh, an extensive bee grower of Tweed, Ont. The paternal grandparents Richard and Margaret (Yott) Gonyon, were of Kingston, of French extraction, and there they farmed.

On March 21, 1871, in Tweed, Ont., Mr. Gonyon and Miss Anna S. Somers were married, and to them were born these children: Joseph D., Fred W., Arthur D., Simeon Bruce, Pearl M., Edna C., Ella M., John W., Edwin and Harold. Mrs. Gonyon was born at Bridgewater, County of Addington, Ont., March 12, 1856, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Davey) Somers, of Ireland and Canada, respectively. Mr. Somers came to Canada when only a boy, alone, and learned the shoemaker trade, which he followed until his death in 1861, when he was aged seventy-seven years, while the mother died in 1886, aged seventy-one years, both in the faith of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were: Mary, of Tweed, Ont., who married William Hardy; Wellington, a farmer of Manitoba; Wesley, a blacksmith of Underwood, Ont.; Anna; George, a blacksmith of Mountain Grove, Ont.; Delila, of London, Ont., who married Kenneth Finnelson, a farmer. Both the father and mother had been married before. The first wife of the father was a Miss Parks, by whom he had the following children: Susan, of Michigan, married Nelson Parker; Sarah, of Ernestville, Ont., married John Palmateer; Emaline, deceased, married John Tompkins, of Green Bay, Wisconsin; Deborah; Euphemia, of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The first husband of Mrs. Somers was Joseph Gonyon, and their children were: Anna, deceased, married Daniel Sedgwick; Charles lives at West Branch, Michigan; Harriet, of

Kincardine, Ont., married William Potter; Elizabeth married Jerry Potter, of Coldwater, Ont.; Catherine married James Jackson, of Minton, Ontario.

When but sixteen years of age Mr. John Gonyon began to learn the carpenter's trade, and he worked at it and upon his father's farm until his marriage. In 1876 he came to the County of Kent, locating on a farm near Tupperville, but in the spring of 1903, he sold his farm. For fourteen years he was school trustee and secretary and treasurer nine years. For four years he served as chief of police in Wallaceburg, he having located in that city in 1891, afterward making it his home. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, the Royal Arcanum, Foresters, Workmen, and the Woodmen of the World. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they are active workers. In politics, he is a Conservative and has always taken an active part in local affairs. Mr. Gonyon volunteered in the 48th Battalion in 1865, and served until 1872 under Captains Henry Douglass and Gideon Joiner. Thrifty, enterprising, a good business man and energetic worker, Mr. Gonyon has made his own way in the world, and he is now regarded as one of the representative men of Wallaceburg.

DANIEL A. WARNER, general grocer and furniture dealer of Dresden, one of the leading factors in the business life of that place, came to the town in 1870 from Wallaceburg. His birth occurred in Chenango, New York, Aug. 7, 1832, and he is a son of Asher and Lucy (West) Warner, of Connecticut and New York, respectively, who died in New York State, he in 1893, aged eighty-two years, and she in 1839, aged forty years. By occupation the father was a farmer, and he became a man of prominence, holding numerous township offices. In religious faith he was a Universalist, while the mother was a Baptist. There were born to these parents the following children: Fidelia (deceased) married Van R. Tallet; Rebecca is deceased; Daniel A. is mentioned below; Augustus is deceased; Lysander is also deecased; Francelia, of New York, married Isaac Lansing; Frances is deceased; William is a farmer of New York; Mary is deceased.

In 1853, in New York State, Daniel A. Warner married Lucy Smiley, who was born in Erie County, Pa., daughter of William Smiley, of Pennsylvania, where the father spent his days; he was a successful farmer and a man of prominence. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have had no children.

Daniel A. Warner remained with his parents until he was sixteen years of age, at which time, during the gold excitement, he went to California, remaining two and a half years in the new El Dorado. He then traveled, representing various concerns, and clerked as well. Finally he settled at Union City, Pennsylvania, and engaged in a grocery business for a year, and then embarked in a hotel business in the same place. After a year, however, he removed to Pitthole City, and there conducted a hotel for a few months, when he decided to move to Canada, locating in Bothwell, County of Kent, during the time of the oil fever. He operated for six months. His next place of residence was Wallaceburg, where he conducted a hotel, and, as before stated, from there he moved to Dresden. For a few years after settling in that place he engaged in contracting and building, and then opened up his present establishment, which is proving a success.

In politics, Mr. Warner is an ardent Reformer, and he served seven years as a member of the council. Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Although not a member he attends the services of the Presbyterian Church and gives liberally toward its support. Dresden is under obligation to Mr. Warner for his public-spirited efforts in its behalf, both as a public official and private citizen, and he is justly enrolled among the notable men of his time and locality.

DR. WALTER H. CLAPP, a veterinary surgeon of Dresden, came to the County of Kent in 1880 from Prince Edward, Ont., where he was born Aug. 16, 1861, son of William H. and Jane (Thompkin) Clapp, of Prince Edward, Ont., and Ireland, respectively. The mother died in Prince Edward, Ont., Nov. 9, 1877, aged forty-seven years, and the father, who was born in 1833, now resides in Manitoba retired. In 1880 William H. Clapp removed to Dresden, where he operated a foundry and machine shop until he left the city for Manitoba in 1883. Both he and his wife were early connected with the Methodist Church, of which he is still a member. The

children born to these worthy people are: Ida, who married Edward Foster; Dr. Walter H.; James B., a farmer of Chatham township; Isabella, who married H. J. Archibald, a farmer of Manitoba; Jennie, of Manitoba, who married Samuel Jamerson, a grain merchant; Bertha, of Chatham township, who married John R. Shaw; Edith, of Chatham, Ont., who married David Martin, a carriage manufacturer; and Alma, who died young.

The Clapp genealogy can be traced to (I) Dr. George Gibson Clapp, through (II) John Clapp, (III) John Clapp (2), (IV) Elias Clapp, (V) Joseph Clapp, (VI) Joseph Clapp, (VII) James Clapp, and (VIII) William H., mentioned above as the father of Dr. Walter H.

(VI) Joseph Clapp, who was born in Dutchess county, New York, in 1762, removed to Canada in 1783. His children were: Jacob, Philip; Catherine; Patience; James (grandfather of our subject); George, Samuel and Joseph.

(VII) James Clapp, son of Joseph and grandfather of Dr. Walter H., had children as follows: Joseph, Robert, John, William H., Samuel and Jennie.

On Dec. 25, 1883, Dr. Walter H. Clapp married Eliza J. Tiffin, who was born in Camden township, daughter of William and Mariah (Young) Tiffin, the latter of whom died in October, 1894, aged sixty years. Mr. Tiffin resides in Camden township, and is a retired farmer of more than seventy years.

Dr. Walter H. Clapp remained with his parents until his marriage, working in his father's machine shop. After that event he became a stationary engineer, in Dresden, in a hub and spoke factory, but in 1885 he entered the Ontario Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1887, locating then in Dresden, Ont. For three years he was in the town council; for two years he was a member of the board of public works; one year was deputy reeve; and for four years was president of the Dresden and Camden Agricultural Society. He also served in the Defiance Fire Department for fifteen years, and was chief of the department for three years. Fraternally he is a member of Woodmen of the World, in which he is very popular. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and he has always been one of its liberal contributors. In politics he is a Conservative, and h part in local affairs is an active one, he be very prominent in party councils. For three years he was district veterinary inspector for the Dominion, filling the duties of that office in a very satisfactory manner. As a veterinary surgeon Dr. Clapp has made a success of his life work, and he stands high in the ranks of his profession, not only in Dresden, but throughout a wide territory.

CHARLES H. RODGERS, a successful grower of small fruits on his highly cultivated farm on the Longwood road, Lot A, came to same in November, 1874, from another farm in the same township. He was born near Dunnville, County of Haldimand, Nov. 6, 1860, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Heron) Rodgers, of New Brunswick and County Haldimand, Ont., respectively. These parents married in Beamsville, Ont., and came to County of Kent in May, 1866, locating in Zone township where the father lived on rented land the remainder of his days (although our subject bought the farm in 1885), and passed away in October, 1900, aged eighty years. The mother died in January, 1900, aged about sixty-eight years. Both are interred in the Bothwell cemetery. They were consistent Methodists. The children were born to this union as follows: Charles H.; Alexander, died at Ann Arbor, Michigan, aged thirty; Mary J. died at the age of four; Thomas F. is an engineer of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Edwin R. is an oil man in California.

On July 4, 1894, in Chatham, Ont., occurred the marriage of Anna Murray to Charles H. Rodgers, and one child, Grace E., has been born to them. Mrs. Rodgers was born in Bothwell, Ont., Feb. 10, 1870, daughter of Hugh and Jane (McGloughlin) Murray, the former of whom was born in 1841. The latter died in 1872, in Bothwell, aged nineteen years, leaving Mrs. Rodgers, and a new born babe, Eleanor J., who now resides in Everett, Washington, with the uncle who reared her. The young mother was buried in Bothwell. Mr. Murray comes of an old Scotch family, which at one time owned 5,000 acres in this section. He lived at Bothwell, but after the death of his wife he went to Euphemia, later returning to Bothwell, where he purchased a farm of 150 acres, on which he re-

mained. He and his wife early connected themselves with the Presbyterian Church, to which faith he still adheres.

Our subject remained with his parents until his marriage, and prior to that event worked in oil wells, and later became a fireman for the Michigan Central railroad. For eighteen months he worked as fireman on a steam shovel, but returned to Zone township, whence after two years, he went to Ridgetown prospecting for gas, and during that time worked at various callings, always being anxious to earn an honest dollar. In 1900 he returned to his farm, and now has a most excellent fruit farm, planted in small fruits, a specialty being made of strawberries and raspberries.

In politics Mr. Rodgers is a Reformer. He has represented the Bowman Nurserymen of Toronto for some time, and is in every respect an honorable, upright man, clear-headed and far-sighted in his business ventures, and one whose future is a very promising one.

DUNCAN ANDERSON, one of the prominent, substantial and representative retired farmers residing in Ridgetown, was born in London township, Ont., Aug. 10, 1822, son of John and Elizabeth (Campbell) Anderson, both of whom were born in Perthshire, Scotland, the former in 1801, and the latter in 1802.

John Anderson, Sr., grandfather of Duncan, was twice married. His first wife, Christie, the mother of all his children, died in Scotland. His second wife accompanied her husband and his son John and his wife to Canada, and later to the County of Halton. John Anderson, Sr., died there in 1837. His children were: (1) Duncan, the eldest, born in Scotland, died leaving three sons, John, Duncan and William, who still live in the Dominion. (2) James settled near Galt, Ont., where he married and died, leaving a family, who are now residents of the State of New York. Three of his sons, James, Robert and Alex, were soldiers during the Civil war. (3) John was the third in the order of birth. (4) Archibald, born, like all the rest, in Scotland, remained in the state of New York with his uncle, married and later moved to Waukesha, State of Wisconsin, where he died in 1878, leaving a family. (5) Christie married Robert McPherson, of County Halton, and both are now deceased. Their children were Malcolm, Robert, Archie, John, Elizabeth and Maggie. (6) Mary (deceased) was the wife of Phinley McNaughton, and they moved to the State of Wisconsin, where he died leaving a family. (7) Janet (deceased) was the wife of Robert Miller, who settled in County Huron, and they left two children, Robert and Margaret.

John Anderson, son of John, Sr., and father of Duncan, grew to maturity in his native land, and there, in 1821, he married Elizabeth Campbell. That same year they emigrated to the New World. They settled on land near London, Ont., and for one year followed farming, then going to the State of New York, where Mr. Anderson worked on the Lockport Canal, afterward returning to his farm near London. Some time later he purchased a home in County Halton, where he became one of the substantial farmers of the locality, and where he died in 1871, his most worthy wife surviving him ten years. They were fine examples of the early pioneers, thrifty, capable, industrious and hospitable. They both were reared in the Presbyterian faith, but after locating in Canada united with the Disciples Church, and were active in its good work throughout the remainder of their lives. Politically, Mr. Anderson stanchly supported the Reform party. To John Anderson and wife came twelve children: Duncan is mentioned below; John died in childhood in 1831; Christie, born in July, 1826, in County Halton, married John McDougal, of Detroit, and has a family; Archie, born in 1828, married and settled as a farmer on Lake Huron, but now lives retired in the town of Lucknow (he has a family of ten children); James, born in 1830, married and moved to the western part of the State of Michigan, where he is a man of wealth (he has a family of four children); Janet, born in September, 1832, was the wife of John McEwen, a hotel-keeper in County Halton, and died leaving two children; Eliza A., born in County Halton in 1834, married George Shram, who settled in Michigan, and at death left a family; Catherine, born in July, 1836, died unmarried; Mary, born in 1838, married Stewart Beaty, of Toronto, and died leaving two children; John (2), born in 1840, married and now resides in County Essex, where he follows his trade of blacksmith (he has a family); Alexander, born in 1842, married and settled near London, where he is engaged in carriagemaking (he also has a fam-

ily); Joseph, born in 1845, married and settled on the old homestead in County Halton, where he died in 1900, leaving a wife and family.

Duncan Anderson, the eldest son of the family, grew to manhood at the old home in County Halton, where he worked on the farm until he was eighteen years of age. He then spent two years on a farm in the State of New York, after which he returned to the Dominion and learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked for six years. The confinement telling on his health, he was obliged to give this work up, and he then bought a farm in County Wellington, and passed the next forty-four years in farming and lumbering.

In January, 1847, Mr. Anderson was married to Elizabeth Butchard, of County Wellington, a daughter of John and Agnes Butchard, who were born in Scotland and who emigrated in 1821, settling near Toronto, where Mrs. Anderson was born in April, 1824. In 1834 they moved to the County of Wellington, where Mrs. Anderson was reared; her parents both died in Michigan. In 1889 Mr. Anderson sold his farm and removed to Ridgetown, where he purchased desirable property on the corner of Broadway and Jane street, and moved into the new home not long prior to the death of Mrs. Anderson, which occurred in 1890. For over fifty years she was a member of the Disciples Church, a woman of many Christian virtues. She left six children: (1) John A. C., born in 1848, in County Wellington, was liberally educated in the Dominion schools and is now engaged in the insurance business; he married Mary J. Watson, of County Halton, and they have a family of six children, Maggie, Maud, Alma, Ethel, John and William. (2) George B., born in 1850, was well educated; he married Maggie Campbell, of Ridgetown, and they now reside on a farm in Howard, County Kent. (3) Catherine C., born in 1857, is at home in Ridgetown. (4) Charles J., born in 1858, married Jennie Potts, of Ridgetown, and they now reside in the State of Washington, where he is employed by a railroad company as station master. They have three children. (5) Elizabeth, born in 1859, married Stanhope Hainsworth, of Yorkshire, England, and they reside at Gloversville, Fulton County, New York. They have four children, Stanhope, Earl, Elizabeth and Bruce. (6) Duncan F., born in 1864, is unmarried.

Although Mr. Anderson is retired from activity, he occasionally weaves cloth as a recreation. He is self-educated, and is not only well informed concerning modern affairs, but also has read much concerning ancient history and the History of the United States. He belongs to the Disciples Church, has been a Bible student since childhood, and always takes a deep interest in church work, filling many of the official positions; for forty years he was Sunday-school superintendent in his old home in County Wellington. He has many friends in Ridgetown, where his kind and pleasant disposition has endeared him to people of all classes. His political opinions make him a supporter of the Reform party.

AMARIAH BROOKS was born March 20, 1835, in the State of Vermont, and died on the farm now carried on by his sons, April 17, 1903. He was buried in the Duart cemetery, in Orford township.

Jacob Brooks, the father of the late Amariah Brooks, was born in Vermont, where he followed the carpenter's trade and also farmed. He was killed in 1839, a tree falling on him. His widow met with a still more tragic death, being killed by Indians in 1849, when on her way to California. She married three times. By her union with Jacob Brooks she had children as follows: Oscar, who died at St. Johns, Michigan, a retired farmer; Josephine, who married Randall Williams, a blacksmith, and died in Michigan; and Amariah.

On Dec. 25, 1862, Amariah Brooks married Maria Humphreys, and the children of this union were as follows: Melvin J. J., of Ridgetown; Miss Malinda M. J., at home; Oscar H. M., in the lumber business at Thompsonville, Michigan; Martha M. J., wife of Charles Teetzel, of Highgate; Emma O. C., wife of John Congdon, of Campbellville, Ont.; Amariah C. H. and William J. H., twins; Orlo J. O., a teacher in the County of Grey, Ont.; Charlotte and Eva, deceased; and Esther, wife of Solomon Congdon, of Campbellville, Ontario.

Mrs. Maria (Humphreys) Brooks was born in 1840, in Orford township, and died in 1898; she was buried in the Duart cemetery. She was a daughter of Dr. John and Jane (Warren) Humphreys, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland. Dr. Humphreys was a surgeon in the war of 1812. He

came to Orford township in 1814, and farmed, also following his profession. He died in 1873, aged ninety-six years, his widow surviving until 1890, and reaching the age of eighty-five, and both were interred in the Duart cemetery. They were consistent members of the English Church. They had the following children born to them: Charlotte, wife of Hiram Owens, lives on the old homestead; Martha died young; John died in Michigan; Susan, wife of James Scott, died in Michigan; Jane became the wife of James Tinney, of Zone township; Maria was the wife of Amariah Brooks; Joshua is a ranchman in Dakota; William is a farmer on the old homestead in Orford township.

Amariah Brooks was a carpenter by trade, and followed that calling for a few years near Thamesville, in Howard township, until a few years after his marriage. Then he took up farming for a time, and later resumed carpentering, continuing it more or less until 1888, when he began farming in Orford township. He moved to the present homestead in 1899, from the 7th Concession. In politics he was a Conservative. In religious belief he was a Baptist.

AMARIAH C. H. BROOKS AND WILLIAM J. H. BROOKS, the twin sons of the late Amariah Brooks, resided with and cared for their parents until they died and are now carrying on the home place, which contains 100 acres, the north half of Lot 16, North Middle Road. They are both excellent carpenters, as is shown in the fine manner in which they have completed a handsome brick residence on the farm, one of the best in the township. They have grown up and always remained together, and have followed closely in the footsteps of their excellent father in the management of the farm. Both belong to the local temperance lodge. Both are consistent church members, one a Methodist and the other a Presbyterian. In politics, they are identified with the Reform party. They are young men of stability, and enjoy the respect and esteem of all who know them.

CHRISTIAN BERGEY, a well known farmer and respected citizen residing on Concession 11, Lot 25, Orford township, where he owns a fine farm of 100 acres, located on that property in 1878, and built his fine brick residence there in 1891.

Christian Bergey was born June 10, 1846, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Clamer) Bergey, natives of Pennsylvania, which State they left in 1850, removing to the County of Waterloo, Ont. There Henry Bergey took up a farm of 136 acres on which he worked until his death, in 1855, at the age of thirty-nine years. The mother did not long survive him, dying in 1861, aged also thirty-nine years. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: John, who died young; Oliver, of the County of Waterloo, Ont.; Christian; Mary A., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Eby, of Andover, Ont.; and Sarah, deceased wife of Jacob Schlichter.

On Dec. 21, 1869, Christian Bergey married Barbara Yates, in the County of Waterloo, and the following children were born to this marriage: Sarah, wife of James Goodbrand, a farmer of Orford township; Lovina, wife of Henry Cook, of the County of Waterloo; Abraham, a farmer of the County of Elgin; Lucinda, deceased; Norman, at home; Barbara, deceased; and Laura, Nathaniel, Priscilla, Christian F. and John, all on the homestead. Mrs. Bergey was born June 7, 1851, in Germany, a daughter of Frank and Barbara (Oneir) Yates, both of Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates remained in their native land until 1852, and then emigrated to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania and later removing to the County of Waterloo, Ont. There he died in 1892, aged sixty-six years, and his wife died in 1885, also aged sixty-six years. They were devout members of the Catholic Church. They were the parents of the following named children besides Barbara: Elizabeth, deceased, wife of George Shoemaker; Matilda, who married Felix Holly, of St. Jacob's, Ont.; Catherine, who married Abraham Shantz, of the County of Waterloo; Sarah, a widow, living at Buffalo, New York; Mary, married to John Brake, of Peabody, Kansas; and Frank, a carpenter at Brown City, Michigan. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Bergey, John Yates, only visited Canada, returning to Germany.

Christian Bergey is of Swiss extraction. He has been taking care of himself ever since the death of his father, when he was but nine years of age. He has devoted his life to farming, and is considered one of the best agriculturists of his locality. When he came to his present farm it was all wild, uncultivated land,

and it has been converted into one of the best farms in Orford township through his energy and industry. He is a man of practical ideas and his methods have been successful. His fine home is one of those in the locality which are equipped with the luxuries of a furnace and natural gas light and heat. In politics, Mr. Bergey is independent. With his family he belongs to the Mennonite Church.

GEORGE H. DAWSON, a prosperous agriculturist and leading citizen of Romney township, County of Kent, is a grandson of one of the pioneer settlers of that township. The father, Joseph Dawson, was but four years of age when the family left the homestead in the County of Durham, England, and settled in Canada. They were eighteen weeks on the ocean and the ship was wrecked off the Orkney Islands, the passengers and crew escaping. The Dawson family finally made their way to Montreal, then westward to Longpoint, where they remained some time, the head of the family securing employment of Col. Nichols. Again going West, the family located on land in Mersea township, some three miles west of Wheatley, on property now owned by Russell Fox. After a short stay there, they moved to Romney township, where the family has since been closely identified with the growth of the township.

Joseph Dawson grew to manhood in Romney, and at the age of twenty-one years he settled on the west half of Lot 187, while his brother Thomas secured the eastern half. This lot had been taken up from the government by a Mr. Butler. Upon this property Joseph Dawson began his life as a pioneer farmer, and he lived to see his land all placed under cultivation. Later he purchased the farm owned by his brother Thomas. Being an industrious and thrifty man he greatly prospered, and at his death, in 1895, he was counted among the well-to-do residents of Romney township. He was fond of reading, possessed a wonderful memory, and was well posted on current matters. His wife was a Miss Jane Coatsworth, a daughter of the well known Robert Coatsworth, and to them were born children as follows: Robert, a resident of Romney township; Jane, who married Isaac Imerson, of Mersea; Sarah, who married George Coatsworth; Maria, who married Levi Coatsworth, of Chicago; George H.; Fannie, who married E. H. Brown, of Romney township.

George H. Dawson was born on the farm where he now resides April 2, 1855, and received the advantages of the home schools. When twenty-one years of age he began his business life by conducting the homestead property. Later the entire lot of 200 acres came into his possession, and he carries it on very successfully, having become one of the representative farmers of County Kent. Like the elder members of his family he is a Conservative.

In Raleigh township he married Rachel Jane Goulet, daughter of Alexander Goulet, and to them were born these children: Roy M., at home; Kemp W., in business in Chicago; Nellie, who married Frank Baldwin, of Chatham; and Edna, Reginald and Donald, all at home.

BLACKBURN. The name of Blackburn has been a familiar one in the agricultural world of the County of Kent, Ontario, for over one hundred years. In 1793 John Blackburn, with his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Maines, and their seven children, came to Canada from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and settled in Chatham township, where he took up large tracts of land. The country was then yet in an unsettled condition, and the march of civilization had only just begun. John Blackburn possessed those sterling characteristics of the pioneer, energy and perseverance, and his good wife was a most worthy helpmeet in those days of unremitting toil, hardship and deprivation. They were of Irish extraction, and Mr. Blackburn was a U. E. Loyalist. He died in 1817, aged seventy-five years, and his wife passed away in 1810. Both are buried in the Blackburn cemetery in Chatham township, near Louisville. Their children were: Anthony; Isaac; Leonard; Robert; Joseph; James; William; and Rachel, who married Peter French. Some of these children returned to Pennsylvania.

James Blackburn, son of John, was born in Pennsylvania Feb. 8, 1787, and accompanied his parents to Canada. He married Barbara Traxler, who was born in the County of Kent May 8, 1788, and died July 14, 1869, and was buried in the Traxler burying ground in Chat-

ham township. He died Feb. 16, 1851. They were both members of the old Baptist Church. Of their children we have the following record: Margaret, deceased, married John Smith; Christiana, deceased, married Nathaniel Blakesley; Robert; Elizabeth, deceased, married Thomas Crafts; Isaac, deceased; Rebecca, deceased, married Mathias Desmond; Rachel, deceased, married James Shaw; Peter, deceased; Lydia, widow of Henry Van Allen, lives in Dresden; Alice, deceased, married T. W. Davie; and Maria, deceased, married Richard Hughson.

ROBERT BLACKBURN, mentioned above as son of James, was born in Chatham township, and has always made his home in his native county. His birth occurred Aug. 16, 1813, and until 1873 his life was a most active one. That year he retired, and he has since made his home with his son James, who gives him the care and affection that make of old age a happy period of life. He married Nancy Harris, a native of the County of Oxford, who entered into rest in March, 1892, at the age of seventy-four, and her remains rest on the old home farm in Union cemetery, better known as Blackburn cemetery. Of the children born to this worthy couple, Levi died in infancy on the old farm; Barbara died at the age of seventeen; James is mentioned below; Peter C. is a farmer in Dresden; Ruth married S. S. Arnold, a commercial traveler, and lives in Toronto; Sarah married John Emory, a farmer at Dawn, Ontario; Anna married I. B. Crafts, of Fair Oaks, California; Maria died on the old farm when she was nine years old; and Stephen died at the age of three.

JAMES BLACKBURN, the well known retired farmer now residing in Dresden, was born on the old home farm, and early became familiar with the many duties that fall to the lot of a farmer's son. His education was received in the public schools, and as he was a quick and apt pupil he acquired far more than the average boy with the same advantages. He grew to manhood and remained on the home farm until 1875, when he located in Dresden and entered the grocery business in partnership with C. P. Watson, with whom he was connected for some eight years, when he returned to the farm. Inheriting from his pioneer ancestors the hardy nature and unflagging industry that almost invariably win success he knew no failure in any of his enterprises, and in 1901 he was able to retire, and moving to Dresden, he is now passing his time in the enjoyment of the fruits of his years of toil. It has been characteristic of the entire family that no obstacle proved too great for them to overcome. All have been industrious, frugal, honest and upright.

In giving to his own personal affairs the careful attention they required, James Blackburn yet found time to take a keen and active interest in public affairs. Politically, he is a Reformer. For twenty-six years he was treasurer of Camden township; was auditor of the county two years; school trustee twelve years; and he was elected councilor, but resigned. Socially, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of the World. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

On Oct. 19, 1864, in Chatham, James Blackburn was united in marriage with Esther A. Watson, who was born near Napanee, Ontario, and who died on the old farm Aug. 16, 1900, aged fifty-four, and was laid to rest in the Blackburn cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Susannah (Parks) Watson, and a sister of C. P. Watson, of Dresden. Mr. Blackburn is a very popular and highly respected man in the county. His business life has been a clean one, and his record as a public official has been without a blemish. Socially, he is a genial companion, and the maker of many friends, whom it is his good fortune to hold.

SAMUEL J. SUTHERLAND, President of the Sutherland-Innes Co., Limited, one of the leading business corporations of Canada, with headquarters at Chatham, is a citizen of prominence who is identified with other large concerns, notably the Northwestern Cooperage and Lumber Company, with headquarters at Gladstone, Michigan, of which he is also the president.

Mr. Sutherland comes of North of Scotland ancestry, his great-grandfather, William Donald Sutherland, being born in Scotland, where he followed the occupation of a miller until his death. James Donald, a son of William Donald Sutherland, was born in 1773, and died in 1863, and to him and his wife, Marjory, a family of ten children was born, three of whom are living, namely: Elizabeth, William and

James. Donald Sutherland, son of James Donald and father of Samuel J., was born in 1813, and died in 1901. He married Marjory Innes, a daughter of John Innes, and a granddaughter of James Innes. John Innes' grandmother lived to the unusual age of 105 years.

For many years Donald Sutherland was successfully engaged in the fish canning industry in Scotland. His widow still survives, at the age of about eighty years, her family being noted for its longevity. The family born to Donald Sutherland and wife consisted of ten children, five of whom still survive, namely: John, who is in charge of the Sutherland-Innes Co.'s business in Liverpool; Samuel J.; Marjory, who wedded James Campbell, a merchant; Margaret, the wife of James Coghill, a jeweler in Glasgow, Scotland; and William, a general merchant at Liverpool.

Samuel John Sutherland was born in the North of Scotland in 1857, coming of honorable ancestry as noted above. At the age of fourteen years he went to Liverpool to enter upon an apprenticeship in a general mercantile line, and at the end of five years, the necessary period at that time, he was qualified and ready to embark in business for himself, which he proceeded to do, in the city of Liverpool. In 1878 the Sutherland-Innes Company was formed, in that city, and from that date until 1882, Mr. Sutherland devoted his time and energy to its affairs, its business requiring his presence alternately at Liverpool and New York. In the latter year Mr. Sutherland located in New York City, where he remained until 1885, when he came to Chatham to take charge of the company's interests in this locality, an office having been established in Chatham in 1884. In 1896 this concern was reorganized as the Sutherland-Innes Co., Limited, extensive dealers in cooperage stock and lumber, in Canada, the United States and Europe. In addition to his responsible duties as president of this great company, Mr. Sutherland is also president of the Northwestern Cooperage & Lumber Company, which controls large interests in the Southern United States, where Mr. Sutherland goes to escape the rigor of northern winters. As a citizen of Chatham he has taken a deep interest in the locality, and he is financially concerned in a number of prosperous enterprises, while the educational advancement of the city has continually been promoted by him to the best of his ability.

In 1878, Mr. Sutherland was married to Miss Margaret Foxley of Liverpool, England, and the surviving children born to this union are: May Emily, a young lady at home, and James Innes, a student of the Upper Canada College, at Toronto. Politically, Mr. Sutherland is a Liberal. His religious principles connect him with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Sutherland is a fine type of the successful business man, thoroughly awake to modern demands and opportunities, while he is also a useful, high-minded and reliable citizen.

JOHN DARK, a retired farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, residing on Lot 18, Concession 10, owns a valuable farm of 100 acres, upon which he erected a fine brick home in 1895. He came to this property in 1873, when it was all a wilderness, and had to make a clearing for his little log cabin.

Mr. Dark was born in Devonshire, England, Oct. 16, 1825, and is a son of Thomas and Ann (Daniel) Dark, of Devonshire, England, where they remained, Mr. Dark being an overseer of roads. He died in 1871, aged eighty-six, while his wife died in 1867, aged sixty-four. Both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born of this union were as follows: John is mentioned below; George is a retired ship carpenter of Liverpool, England; Edwin is living retired in the County of Oxford; Mary, of England, married Edward Poppen; Ann, of London, England, married John Williams; William died in England; Elizabeth died in England; Susan, of Devonshire, England, is the widow of Mr. Hutchins; Thomas and Robert died in England.

On July 25, 1857, in Guelph, Ont., John Dark married Ann Bright, and the following named children were born of this union: Thomas, a farmer of the County of Middlesex, married Louisa Sailor, and has three children, May, Ada and Wellington; Edwin, who operates the old homestead, married Catherine Pfuff, and has two children, John and Violet; Mary A., of Dawn Mills, Ont., married Thomas Haywood, a farmer, and has seven children, John, William, Eva, Charles, Pearl, Earl Clarence and Clifford; George is a farmer of Orford township; William is a farmer of Harwich

township; Minnie married Herman Beckwith, a cooper; Albert is with his father. Mrs. Dark was born in Guelph, Ont., and died Aug. 8, 1890, aged fifty-three years and six months. Her remains were tenderly interred in Highgate cemetery. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Bright, of Hampshire, England, who came to Canada at an early day and remained at Guelph, Ont., where they were engaged in farming.

Mr. Dark remained with his parents until ten years of age, when he went to work among the farmers. In 1851 he came to Canada and located in Woodstock, Ont., being employed on the Grand Trunk railroad for a year, after which he went to work at lime burning, continuing thus two years. For the following twenty-one years he burned lime for himself in Beachville, Ont., and then bought his present fine farm in the County of Kent, where he is now so comfortably located. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and in politics is a Reformer. Although advanced in years he reads without glasses, and keeps himself well informed on current events. The success which has attended his work is entirely the result of his own unaided efforts, and he enjoys a widespread popularity.

MASSEY. The Massey Family is of Irish extraction in both the paternal and maternal lines. The earliest known ancestor of the family is Richard Massey, the great-grandfather of Nathaniel Massey, of Chatham. He was born in Ireland, and there passed his entire life, successfully engaged in business, and eventually becoming quite wealthy. One of his sons, William Massey, became the grandfather of Nathaniel Massey. He, too, was born in Ireland, and became the owner and operator of a flouring mill. In his family were the following children: Nathaniel, Sr., William, Edward, Fletcher, George, Mary and Sarah, all of whom are now deceased.

Nathaniel Massey Sr., was born in 1802, in County Down, Ireland. He married Mary Gall, who was born in County Waterford, Ireland, in 1796. In 1828 he and his wife came to Canada, making their first stop in Quebec. When with Col. Gore, whose "out-rider" he was, he went to Toronto, and there remained several years or until the return of Col. Gore to England. Mr. Massey then moved near Wellington Square, in Halton County, where he remained about five years. In 1845 he settled on Lot 9, Concession 2, township of Orford, County of Kent, where he purchased 100 acres of heavy timberland. So dense was the forest that a road had to be cut through to permit the wagons to enter upon the premises, and a spot had to be cleared on which to build their log house. This 100 acre tract is the old Massey homestead in County of Kent, and to it Mr. Massey later added 130 acres, making a total of 230 acres. There Mr. Massey passed the remainder of his life, and there both he and his wife passed away in 1890. The old home is now occupied by his son, Edward. They were the parents of seven children: (1) Sarah married Joseph Rettenmier, of Duart, County of Kent. (2) James married (first) a Miss McPhail, and among their children were: Nathaniel, James, Russel, Charles and Annie. (3) Mary is unmarried. (4) Margaret wedded James Fullerton. (5) Charlotte married James Grearson. (6) Nathaniel, Jr. (7) Edward married Elizabeth McMillen, by whom he has children: Minnie, Margaret, Sarah, and ————.

NATHANIEL MASSEY, JR., was born at Wellington Square, County of Halton, Ont., Feb. 10, 1837, at which time his father was defending his country in the Rebellion of 1837. He was only a small boy when the family removed to Orford township where he grew to manhood, and assisted in clearing the 230 acres of land above mentioned. At the age of twenty-two he began the battle of life for himself as a buyer of horses for the United States army, and subsequently he has been largely engaged in buying and shipping stock, being one of the oldest stock dealers in Kent. When the demand for army horses had ceased, Mr. Massey turned his attention to the shipping of cattle to Albany, New York. About this time he purchased a farm in the township of Orford, which he operated in connection with stock buying until 1869, when he sold out and moved to Chatham. Subsequently he purchased a farm of 156 acres on the River Road in the township of Raleigh, which he now conducts as a stock farm.

In 1865 Mr. Massey and Miss Fanny Cleeve, of Orford township, were united in marriage. She is the youngest daughter of Richard S. Cleeve, who settled in Kent many years

ago. Mrs. Massey was born in England; by her marriage she has become the mother of seven children: (1) Georgia Emma, at home; (2) Sarah Louisa, who married William Gordon, a merchant, of Chatham, by whom she has one son, William; (3) James, of the firm of Massey & Knight, grocers, of Chatham; (4) Edward, in business with his father; (5) Harry, who is also in business with his father; and (6) Fanny and (7) Alice, both at home.

In politics, Mr. Massey is a Conservative, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Methodists.

WELLINGTON A. RUSH, a prosperous general farmer of Lot 12, Concession 7, owns and operates a farm of 100 acres, to which he came in 1885 from another farm in the same township. He was born in County of Oxford, Jan. 26, 1861, a son of Samuel and Jane (Dodge) Rush.

Samuel Rush who resides on a farm of 100 acres in the same township, Lot 11, Concession 7, came to the property in 1879, when the surrounding country was a wilderness. His birth occurred in Cornwall, England, Nov. 30, 1830, and he is a son of Thomas and Philipa (Smith) Rush, also of England. The parents of Samuel came to Canada in 1846, and located in Burford township, County of Brant, Ont., where the father died in 1870, aged sixty-five years, and his wife in 1868, aged sixty-three years. Their children were: John, who died in County Brant; Nicholas, a farmer in the same county; William, who died in that county; Thomas, who died in Illinois; Samuel; Grace, who died in County Brant, wife of Nelson Wilts; Philipa, deceased in Ontario, wife of William Bonnie; and Harriet, who died in England in infancy.

In June, 1856, Samuel Rush married in Brantford, Ont., Jane Dodge, and their children were: Harriet, of Jacksonville, Illinois, married William Wilton, a farmer; Maggie is at home; Wellington A.; Nelson is a farmer in Illinois; Isaac is a farmer of County of Lambton; Emma and Walter are at home and unmarried.

Samuel Rush remained with his parents until he was eight years of age, when he began working among the farmers and in the slate quarry, continuing until 1845, at which time he came to Canada and located in Burford township, County of Brant, there working among the farmers for six years. At the end of that time he began renting farms, and finally bought his present farm from Charles Batt, paying him seventeen dollars per acre for it. In order to build his cabin he was obliged to make a clearing in the wilderness. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. In politics, he is a Conservative. Having, through his energy and thrift, worked himself to his present position, Mr. Samuel Rush feels proud of his efforts, and rejoices in the fact that with his success has come the respect and esteem of his neighbors.

On Dec. 26, 1888, in West Zorra, County of Oxford, Mr. Wellington A. Rush was united in marriage with Catherine Munroe, and the children born to them are: Albert H., Flossie J., Winnie M. and Vere M.

Mrs. Wellington A. Rush was born in County of Oxford Dec. 26, 1863, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sutherland) Munroe, of Sutherlandshire, Scotland. They were married in West Zorra, County of Oxford, Ont., where they lived and engaged in farming, and where the father died Feb. 14, 1887, aged seventy-three years. The mother died Feb. 18, 1890, aged sixty-five years. They attended the Presbyterian Church. While living in Scotland Mr. Munroe was a school teacher. The children born to this union were: Donald, a retired farmer of Woodstock, Ont.; Hugh, who died in April, 1884; Mrs. Rush; Robert W., who died in September, 1885; Elspeth, of Toledo, Ohio, wife of Dr. William G. Coulter.

Mr. Wellington A. Rush remained with his parents until his marriage, and then beginning farming in Zone township he has continued in that line, becoming one of the leading men in that line to be found in the county. Both he and his excellent wife are members of the Methodist Church.

In politics he is a Conservative. The entire Rush family is very highly respected in Zone township, where its representatives occupy prominent positions among the representative farmers and successful business men, and our subject himself is no exception to this rule, but rather a very shining example.

JAMES McWILLIAM, a successful general farmer of Orford township, residing on Lot 26, Concession 11, has a good farm of

100 acres, to which he came in 1894, from his father's homestead in the same township, building the handsome brick house thereon the next year.

Mr. McWilliam was born near Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 7, 1862. In February, 1900, in Duart, Ont., he was married to Isabella McAshile, and one son has been born to them, John G. Mrs. McWilliam was born in Orford township, Dec. 7, 1872, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Gillis) McAshile, of Scotland and the County of Elgin, respectively.

Peter McAshile was born in 1841, and came to County Kent in 1858 (as did also his parents), taking up a 100-acre farm, where he now resides. In Orford township he married Mary Gillis, who was born in 1849, a daughter of Duncan Gillis. The children born of this union were: Neil, a railroad fireman in the Northwest Territory; Isabella; John, at home; Colin, of Bothwell, Ont.; and Effie, Peter and James, at home. Both Peter McAshile and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, he is a Reformer.

The life of James McWilliam was spent upon the homestead farm with his parents until his marriage, when he purchased his present property, which he continues to improve in every particular. Both he and his most excellent wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but has never sought office. Throughout the neighborhood he is highly esteemed, and his ability as a farmer and business man is openly recognized. He and his wife are prominent in social circles, as well as in the church life of the township.

THOMAS ENNETT, a prosperous general farmer of Camden township, Lot 10, 3d Concession, where he owns a fine farm of 100 acres, removed to this property in 1902 from Dresden, Ont., and built his handsome brick residence that same year.

Mr. Ennett was born at Newcastle, Ont., May 16, 1842, son of Henry and Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Ennett, of County Kilkenny, Ireland, where they married and remained until 1841, at which time they came to Canada, settling at Newcastle. They lived there until 1855, the father working among the farmers, but in that year they moved to County of Kent, and purchased a farm of 100 acres in Chatham township, now known as Ennett's Station. Both parents were members of the Catholic Church. The father died in April, 1901, aged eighty-two years, and is buried in Dresden. The mother resides on the old homestead at Ennett, aged eighty-three years. The children born of this union are: Thomas; Richard, a farmer of Chatham township; Henry, a farmer of Chatham township; Elizabeth, deceased; Peter, on the old homestead; Margaret, deceased; and Miss Catherine, on the homestead.

In October, 1882, in Dresden, Ont., Mr. Ennett married Margaret Coleman, and these children were born to them: Elizabeth; Thomas H.; Fanny and Mona. Mrs. Ennett was born in Euphemia township, County of Lambton, Ont., in December, 1862, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Cain) Coleman, of Ireland, who came to Canada, there married, and settled in County of Lambton, where they were farming people.

Mr. Ennett remained with his parents until he was twenty-one, and then engaged in the lumber woods, acting as foreman for A. Terrence for twenty-one years. He then operated a grain elevator in Dresden for three years, and was foreman for Steinhoff & Gordon, lumber dealers, for eleven years. In 1903 he purchased the farm upon which he is now located. In politics he is a Conservative, and was elected to the town council, but resigned as he found his personal affairs were too numerous to permit of his holding office. All of his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Ennett has one of the most comfortable and thoroughly modern houses in the township, and all of the buildings are accordingly good. His big red barn is a landmark for many miles about, and he takes great pleasure in keeping his premises in excellent order. It is needless to say that a man of his character, and possessing as he does so many excellent qualities, has many warm personal friends, all of whom he welcomes at his beautiful home, and in his hospitality he is ably seconded by his wife.

FREDERICK SCOTT, now living retired after a well-spent life devoted to agricultural pursuits, has long been prominent in Orford township, County of Kent, whither he came from Romney township in 1847.

Mr. Scott was born July 21, 1819, in Yorkshire, England, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Hardy) Scott, natives of Yorkshire and Derbyshire, England. The parents were prosperous farming people who spent their whole lives in England, where the father died in 1871, aged eighty years, and the mother in 1828, aged thirty-four years. In religious belief they were Baptists. They had a family of children born to them as follows: Frederick; Hannah, who married John Byfield, a retired farmer at Highgate; Ann, deceased, wife of John Gordon; and John, who is a retired farmer of Orford township.

On March 17, 1847, at Mersea, County of Essex, Ont., Frederick Scott was united in marriage, by Rev. James Bell, to Maria Collison, who was born May 15, 1826, in Mersea, a daughter of Robert Collison. Children came to bless this union as follows: Ann who died in infancy; Laura M.; Robert C., of Highgate, who married Emma A. Gosnell, and has had children, Velma E. (deceased), Hugh McC., Laura, Louise, Nettie and Robert (deceased); John F., deceased; Charles N., a farmer of Orford, who married Rachel Reycraft, and has two children, Florence and Vernice; Fred W., a farmer who is also engaged in the lumber business, and who married Fannie Johnson and has five children, Herbert, May, James, Merton and Homer; Harriet A., who married Edwin Harland, of Alberta, and has five children, Eva, Arthur, Stanley, Merton and Bessie; Henry H. an engineer on a steam vessel; Albert E., a bookkeeper at Windsor, Ont.; William W., mentioned below; Herbert S., a traveling agent with headquarters at St. John, N. B. (he and his wife Naomi have one son, Franklin); Elizabeth, at home, and Thomas H., deceased.

Robert and Ann (Hall) Collison, parents of Mrs. Scott, were both born in England. They resided there until they came to Canada, locating in the County of Essex, where Mr. Collison secured 200 acres of land and spent the remainder of his life as a farmer, dying Nov. 8, 1864, aged seventy-six years. He and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of these children: Maria, who became Mrs. Scott; Ann, widow of Robert Ellison, of Kingsville, Ont.; Ruth, widow of Robert Collison, of the County of Essex; Eliza, who married Isaiah Churchill; Seth, who lives retired at Leamington, Ont.; and Elizabeth, wife of John Shanks, a farmer of Harwich township. Mrs. Ann (Hall) Collison had, prior to her marriage with Mr. Collison, been the wife of John Richardson, by whom she had the following children: Jane, widow of John Wickerson; Hannah, deceased, wife of John Jackson; and Mary, who married John Foster, of Leamington, Ontario.

Frederick Scott remained with his parents until he was nine years old, when the death of his mother caused him to make his home with an uncle, Charles Scott. Some eighteen months later he started out to work among the farmers in the neighborhood of his home, and in 1842 came to Canada, seeking better opportunities. He located in Mersea township, County of Essex, and again secured farm work. He was industrious and frugal, and by 1847 had saved enough to secure the fine farm of 100 acres on Lot 4, Concession 5, now owned and operated by his son William W. Mr. Scott has been a very prominent and useful man in this locality. He has never sought any political prominence, but has served as assessor, and for twenty-seven years was a school trustee. He is a man of great intelligence, and he spends much time in reading, this being particularly the case for the past few years, since bodily infirmities fell upon him. Both he and his wife have long been consistent and valued members of the Methodist Church. They are most highly esteemed members of the community, and through their long years of residence here, and their kindly, helpful lives, have become endeared to all who know them. Their early years of married life were full of many hardships, but they patiently and perseveringly pressed on, and now, in the evening of life, are surrounded with all the comforts, and are the center of a devoted family circle.

William Wilber Scott, the owner and operator of the homestead farm, is one of the leading citizens of his locality. He was born Nov. 29, 1866, on his present farm, where he so successfully carries on general farming, and raises some good stock. He has done much improving on the property. He owns a separate residence, but constantly keeps the care of his aged parents on his mind.

On Oct. 25, 1894, Mr. Scott married Debby Nickerson, who was born May 3, 1872, in Aldborough township, County of Elgin, a

daughter of James and Fanny (Fleming) Nickerson, the former of St. John, N. B., and the latter of Scotland. They came to the County of Kent in 1893, and have since been successfully engaged in farming. Mr. Nickerson is a member of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Nickerson of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have three children, Elsa, Walter L. and Wilber S. Mrs. Scott is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM NEWBERRY. Among the successful business men to whom Chatham, County of Kent, owes much of its present prosperity, is numbered the late William Newberry, whose memory is tenderly cherished by those who knew him, as well as by the community at large.

The birth of Mr. Newberry occurred about the year 1840, in England, he being a son of John Newberry, also a native of England. The latter, with his family, emigrated to Ontario in 1848, settling in Hamilton, where, being a skilled mechanic, he engaged in contracting and building. As his sons grew up, they were taught the trade, and were taken into partnership with the father, and after his death, they continued the business for a short time, but finally dissolved the firm, and each engaged in a separate business. John Newberry had four sons,—George, William, Charles and John —and one daughter.

After the dissolution of the partnership with his brothers, William Newberry was foreman for the Great Western Railroad Company, having charge of their construction work, but after some years of faithful service, he returned to Hamilton, and embarked in a mercantile business, meeting with marked success. In this line, he continued for a number of years, but in 1880, located in Chatham, purchasing the "Tecumseh Hotel," and conducted the same until his death, in 1890, making of it one of the most popular hostelries in the entire county. This hotel is now conducted by his widow, Mrs. Mary Newberry, and his son, William J. Newberry, his only child. Under the present management the hotel enjoys a very gratifying patronage from the traveling public, as well as from the people of Chatham. Mr. Newberry served as selectman for a number of years, with credit to himself, and honor to the community. During his long and useful life, he proved himself a true, honorable and upright Christian man, and in his death Chatham lost one of its best and most representative citizens, while to his widow and son the loss was one which will ever be felt. He was a man who made friends everywhere, and his genial, pleasant manner and kindly disposition will long be remembered, not only by his immediate associates, but by many who enjoyed his hospitality during the days when he was the host of the popular "Tecumseh Hotel."

GEORGE J. FOX, proprietor of the brick yard in Camden township, consisting of twenty-eight acres adjoining the town of Dresden, County of Kent, came to this locality in February, 1897, from Dresden, when he started his present plant. He manufactures 500,000 annually, and the output is steadily increasing. His birth occurred in Chatham township, Aug. 4, 1869, and he is a son of the late George Fox and his wife Nancy (McCall) Fox, of London, England, and Harwich township, County of Kent, Ontario, respectively.

George Fox, the father, came to Canada with his parents at the age of five years, and located at Kingston, thence going to the city of Toronto, where his parents remained. He came to the County of Kent a few years prior to his marriage, and thereafter made it his home, locating in Chatham, and he manufactured bricks the remainder of his life. In 1870 he located in Dresden, and established a plant to manufacture bricks, there dying in February, 1902, aged seventy-three years, and his remains were interred in the Dresden cemetery. He attended the Baptist Church. The mother resides in Dresden.

On Nov. 28, 1894, Mr. George J. Fox was married to Marian Ellis, and the children born of this union were: Bell; Evelyn M.; James

On Nov. 28, 1894, Mr. George J. Fox was born in Chatham township Jan. 1, 1874, a daughter of Nathaniel and Bell (Bourne) Ellis, of Camden township, and County of Middlesex, respectively. Nathaniel Ellis was born in 1847, and he now resides in Dresden, Ont., where he is in the employ of the Sugar Beet Refining Company. Mrs. Ellis, the mother, died in 1879, aged thirty-three years, having borne to her husband these children: Marian; Lillian B., living at home; Nancy E., who married James Love, of Dresden, Ont.; Katie,

deceased; Mary E., with our subject; Hannah L., living at home. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Fox were William and Mary (Adams) Ellis, of Bay of Quinte, who came to County of Kent at an early day, and engaged in farming.

Mr. Fox was with his parents for a year after his marriage, and then he came to his present home, where he has made his place of business, and developed a very fine plant. Although he had full charge of his father's business from the time he was eighteen, he has, since locating in Dresden, manufactured on his own account. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and attends the Baptist Church, giving liberally towards its support. In politics, he is a Reformer, but does not aspire to office. A solid, substantial man in whom supreme confidence may be placed, he stands well in his community, and he has many warm personal friends.

WILLIAM J. McDONNELL, proprietor of a ship yard at Wallaceburg, Ont., was born in County Down, Ireland, in October, 1846, a son of Capt. Alexander and Isabella (McNabb) McDonnell, also of County Down, Ireland, who came to Canada in 1853, locating in Wallaceburg.

Capt. McDonnell was a salt water captain and ship builder, and died in Wallaceburg in 1887, aged seventy-four years, while his wife died in 1902, aged seventy-nine years; they were members of the Presbyterian Church. Among other crafts, Capt. McDonnell built the following: Tug, "Seville;" schooners, "Julliette," "Two Brothers," and other boats built at various places in Michigan and Ohio, as well as in Canada. The children born to Capt. McDonnell and wife were: Hugh; James; Alexander, who died young; Elizabeth, widow of Andrew Steinhoff; and William J.

William J. McDonnell was twice married, first, in 1872, to Jane Backus, at Chatham, Ont., and the children born to this union were: Carrie, who married Joe Pike, a contractor of Vancouver, B. C.; Ada, who married Dr. William Hurd, a physician of Wallaceburg; Ella, at home; Maud, at home; Andrew, a lumberman of Tower, Minnesota; Hugh, at the "Soo," in Ontario; and Alfred, who died in infancy. Mrs. McDonnell was born in Wallaceburg, and died in June, 1888, aged thirty-five years. She was a daughter of John and Caroline (Steinhoff) Backus, the former of whom was a lumberman of Wallaceburg, Ont. In February, 1899, Mr. McDonnell married in Leamington, Ont., Miss Laura Backus, a cousin of his first wife. No children have come to them. Mrs. McDonnell was born in Chatham, Ont., a daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth (Brundage) Backus, of Ontario, the former of whom became a man of prominence both as a farmer and lumberman.

Mr. William J. McDonnell remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, although prior to that was ship's carpenter on a sailing vessel, and he thoroughly understands every detail of the business, having been working at it since large enough to turn a grindstone. Twenty-five years ago he purchased his present ship yard, successfully operating it ever since, and among the vessels he has built are: tugs, "Beatrice," "Gordon Gothier," "Arrande," "Arbutus," "Lost," "William F. McRae," "Maud Cooper," etc.; steam barges, "Ireland" and "Juno," as well as numerous tow barges, tow dredges and three Klondyke steamers, namely, "Escotte," "Alena," and "Marcus of Duffer," worth $40,000 each. In addition he has re-built many barges and boats, and has always been very successful. He is a member of the council, to which body he has been sent as a representative of the Reform party. Thrifty, enterprising, a good business man and kind employer, Mr. McDonnell has made and retained many friends, and is justly regarded as one of the substantial men of Wallaceburg.

DAVID McMACKON, proprietor of a lumber and cooperage plant at Highgate, County of Kent, is one of the leading business men of the village. He was born at Martin village, County of York, Ont., March 9, 1858, a son of Thomas and Sarah J. (McKnight) McMackon, the former a native of County Down, Ireland, born Feb. 28, 1829, and the latter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born in August, 1824.

Thomas McMackon located in Philadelphia when about twenty years of age and remained there until his marriage, shortly afterward removing to Canada and locating in the County of York, near Toronto. There he followed his trade of weaving for but a short time, embark-

ing in a cooperage business, and in 1882 he removed to Highgate, where he followed the cooperage business until 1889. Then he went to Ayr, Ont., where he lived five years, and took up his home at Acton, where he and his wife are most highly respected people. They are leading members of the Presbyterian Church. They reared the following named children: Martha, wife of John Burns, of the County of Wellington; Sarah J., wife of Joseph Fyfe, of Acton, a commercial traveler; Elizabeth, who married John Cameron, a contractor at Acton; David, a prominent citizen of Highgate; Thomas R., in the sawmill business at Sheldon; and William H., who operates an electric plant at Ridgetown, Ontario.

David McMackon remained with his father in business the greater part of the time until 1882, when, in association with his brother Thomas, he started the present business, establishing it in September of that year. Employment is given to forty skilled workmen, and cooperage and all kinds of lumber are manufactured. After seven years of partnership, David McMackon bought his brother's interest, and he has made his enterprise one of the leading industries of the place. Mr. McMackon is the present police commissioner and for many years has been a member of the school board. He takes pride in the fact that the reports from his board are among the most satisfactory in the Dominion, showing clearly the careful supervision given the work in this locality.

In Highgate, Sept. 29, 1886, Mr. McMackon married Susan A. Stone, who was born at Highgate in May, 1860, daughter of Richard and Martha (Reycraft) Stone, of Orford, Ont., and the south of Ireland, respectively. They were early settlers in Howard township and successful farming people. The father died in 1891, aged sixty-two years, but the mother survived until 1903. They were worthy members of the Methodist Church. They reared children as follows: Edwin, an implement agent at Essex Center, Ont.; Mary, wife of William Blight, at Gesto, Ont.; Ellen, wife of William Whitmore, train dispatcher at St. Thomas, Ont.; Alfred in the men's furnishing business at Chatham; Susan A., who became the wife of Mr. McMackon; William, of Chatham; Martha, Mrs. McGlauchlin, of Highgate, whose husband is a foreman in the employ of the Lake Erie Railroad Company; Elizabeth, wife of W. R. Leonard, a railroad engineer, at Hamilton; Thomas, deceased; and Nelson, who carries on the old homestead farm in Howard township. Mr. and Mrs. McMackon have had seven children: Walter (who is a very intelligent young man, having collegiate papers, although but sixteen years old), Thomas F., Elizabeth, Laura, Gordon, Richard and Grace.

Politically, Mr. McMackon is a Conservative. In religious matters he is liberal, attending and contributing to all churches. Fraternally, he belongs to the Royal Templars and to the A. O. U. W., and socially he is a member of the Ridgetown Gun Club. He was one of five men of that club who attended the Dominion Shoot held at Hamilton in 1902, where they won the Mail Trophy. Personally, he has won many valuable prizes, which he has in his home. Mr. McMackon is one of the most substantial and thrifty citizens of his township, a man of his word, upright and honest in business, public-spirited in business life, and personally genial, frank and friendly.

DANIEL JORDAN, a leading brick manufacturer of Chatham, Ont., is a descendant of notable old English families in both paternal and maternal lines, and is also one of the prominent and representative residents of this city.

Going back into the history of the Jordan family as far as the time of the grandfather, Daniel Jordan, it is found that he was born in Canterbury, England, in 1780 and there married his first wife, by whom he had these children: John, Daniel, William, James, Martha, Mary and ——. His second marriage was to Miss Harriet Atwood, one son, Charles, being born to this union, who, with Martha of the first marriage, still survives. For many years Daniel Jordan was the host of the "Cross Keys Hotel" well known in Canterbury, where the family had long been located. Charles Jordan, son of Daniel, spent seven years in the suite of Lord John Russell, and accompanied him in his travels, learning to speak and write fluently seven languages. After the return of his patron, he was made superintendent of the Portsmouth Dock Yards. Martha, the surviving daughter of Daniel Jordan, married (first) William Tappington, and later, Robert Passmore, and now, his widow, resides with her daughter, in Detroit, Michigan.

William Jordan, son of Daniel and father of Daniel (2), was born near Canterbury, England, Jan. 24, 1818, and there learned the trade of brickmaking. In 1884 he came to Ontario, and after a visit of six weeks he returned to his native land, where he died in 1891. He married Mary Warner, daughter of James Warner, of English birth, who was born in 1820, and who died in England in 1868. A family of twelve children was born to William and Mary Jordan, as follows: Eliza, a resident of England; Martha, a resident of Australia; Harriet, deceased; Mary, a resident of London, England; Agnes, deceased; Daniel, a resident of Chatham; Francis and John, who live in London, England; William, who died in Australia; Frederick, and Alice, of Australia; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Daniel Jordan, son of William, was born April 13, 1848, within the limits of the great city of London. There he grew to manhood, and with his father, learned the business of brickmaking. In 1870 he sought a new field of operation, and came to Chatham, buying in 1873, the brickyard on Indian Creek, formerly owned and operated by Solomon Merrill. Here Mr. Jordan carried on business for some years, but in 1877, he purchased his present location, and started into the business of making first-class bricks. Like many other of the successful and flourishing industries of this locality it was commenced with small capital and few employes, but it has grown to large proportions in the intervening years, and its output, which, during the years of hand work was but from 300,000 to 400,000 annually, is now, through the introduction of expensive, modern machinery, more than 250,000,000 pressed brick of the finest composition, a challenge to the trade. Mr. Jordan employs about thirty-five or forty men continuously, having, in 1902, put in a new machine.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Jordan was married to Miss Eliza White, who was born in London, England, a daughter of James and Sarah White. Children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan as follows: Daniel, born in London, England, in 1868, married Isabella Caswell, of Chatham, and is engaged in business with his father; Alice is deceased; Mary, born in 1875, is at home; William was born in 1877; John, in 1879; James, in 1881; Arthur, in 1883 (all these sons are engaged in business with their father); Lydia, born in 1885, and Joseph, born in 1887, are at home; Fred, born in 1889, and Grace, born in 1891, are at school. The youngest of the family died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Jordan is a Reformer. In religion, both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church in Chatham. He is one of the substantial, energetic and successful business men of Chatham, and enjoys universal respect. Through his own efforts he has accumulated a competency, has reared a large family in comfort and given them educational advantages, and is now in a position to take his ease, if he so desires, after his busy and useful life. In 1901 he and his wife visited England, looking over the old home surroundings.

S. J. THOMAS, agent for the Dominion Express Company and also agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, bailiff and ocean steamship agent, at Bothwell, Ont., came to this city in 1870 from Zone township. He was born in Chatham township in March, 1851, son of Amos B. and Jane (Shaw) Thomas of St. Catharine's and Chatham township, respectively.

Amos B. Thomas came to County of Kent when a young man and engaged in farming. Aside from serving as school trustee, he would not accept of office. His death occurred in 1884, when he was seventy-six years of age, while the mother died in 1868, aged fifty-five years, and both are buried in Thamesville cemetery. They were consistent members of the English Church. The children were born to this union as follows: S. J.; Dr. Sidney S., physician at St. Anne, Illinois; Peter, who died in Michigan; Amos B., a farmer of Camden township; Ninian, a farmer of Zone township.

In December, 1870, Mr. Thomas was married to Mersilla Neville, at Bothwell, Ont. No children have been born of this marriage. Mrs. Thomas was born in Westminster township, County of Middlesex, daughter of William H. and Margaret (Hunt) Neville, prominent farming people of that county.

Our subject remained with his parents until 1868, when he located in Bothwell, and, in 1870, took a position in the postoffice, there remaining for four years. On account of his efficient services, he was appointed postmaster in 1885, to serve out eight months of the unexpired term of the gentleman who was the previous incumbent of the office. At the end of

the eight months, he was offered the office but declined. He was appointed deputy sheriff under John Mercer; then was appointed bailiff, and going into the insurance business he became agent for the steamship lines, building up a very flourishing business. When the Canadian Pacific road was opened, Mr. Thomas was appointed its agent, and in March, 1890, he was made agent for the Dominion Express Company at Bothwell. For three years he served as president of the school board, but resigned, so that it may well be seen that he is an influential man both politically, and in a business way, and he supports the principles of the Reform party. Fraternally, he is a Mason, while his religious connections are with the Methodist Church.

JAMES REYCRAFT, a prominent retired farmer of Orford township, now residing at Highgate, was born Nov. 29, 1832, in County Cork, Ireland, a son of James and Ellen (Gosnell) Reycraft, both of County Cork. There the mother died in 1847, aged forty-two years. The father came to the County of Kent in 1852, with seven children, and located on a rented farm in Orford township. Later he bought a farm of 115 acres, on which he lived until his death, in February, 1886, at the age of eighty-four years. He was buried in Gosnell cemetery. He had been an industrious and high-principled man, and was called upon at various times to fill township positions. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist Church.

The children of James Reycraft were: William and Joseph, who both died in infancy; Martha, widow of Richard Stone, of Highgate; James, mentioned below; Mary, who died at the age of four years; John, county councillor, of Ridgetown; Hester, wife of Charles McLaren, a grain merchant and farmer at Highgate; Fanny, deceased, wife of George Gosnell; William, a retired farmer and grain merchant at Highgate; Ellen, wife of William Fenton, of Highgate; Joseph, a shoemaker at Highgate; Mary A., wife of Joseph Gordon, a farmer of Orford; and Margaret, who died in infancy. For his second wife the father married Ann Connell, and they had four children: Thomas C., a farmer of Orford township; Eliza J., wife of Hugh McCutchens, of the County of Middlesex; Richard, a druggist at Detroit, Michigan; and Margaret C., who resides with her sister Eliza.

In Howard township, in 1855, Mr. Reycraft married Phillicia Shannon, and they have reared a most creditable family, the survivors all being prominent citizens: Ellen died in infancy; George F. is a prominent farmer and councillor in Orford township (he is married and has seven children); Sarah J. is the wife of Dr. George E. Grover, of Bay City, Michigan; Albert J. is one of the leading physicians at Fostoria, Ohio; Miss Ellen M., who remains at home, is a well educated lady; Ernest, a physician, died at the age of twenty-eight years; J. William and Joseph are farmers of Orford township; Misses Phillis and E. Blanche are young ladies at home. Mrs. Reycraft was born in 1838, in County Cork, Ireland, a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Lee) Shannon, both of County Cork, where the father died. The mother came to the County of Kent with two children in 1849 and settled in Orford township, and they were later joined by the rest of the family. She died in 1880, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried in Gosnell cemetery. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, a good Christian woman and a devoted parent. Her children were as follows: Anna, died at the age of sixteen, at Toronto; Phillicia became Mrs. Reycraft; Ann J. married John Cruickshank, a retired farmer of Aylmer, Ont.; Susannah is the wife of Edward Knight, of Orford township. By her second marriage, to Richard Dobbin, the mother had two more children: Anna, who married (first) John Burchill and (second) Samuel Mogg, of Harwich township; and Henry.

Until he was sixteen years of age James Reycraft remained with his parents in Ireland, and then accompanied others to Canada, arriving in the Dominion in 1849. He found a home in Orford township with his uncle, Lawrence Gosnell, for two years, and then served an apprenticeship of three years at the shoemaking trade, with William McClure, at Morpeth, Ont. He then worked six months with William Lindup, at Ridgetown, returned to Morpeth for a short time, and thence went to St. Thomas, Ont., where he was engaged a few months at his trade. He was subsequently at various places, following his trade, and in the spring of 1855 started shoemaking for himself

in Orford township. In April, 1856, he moved thence to Duart, Ont., where he remained thirteen years, following shoemaking, being considered a skilled workman. He then turned his attention to farming, buying a tract of 100 acres of wild land in Orford township, which he cleared, improved and cultivated, reaping satisfactory results from his labor until, in November, 1898, he decided to lay aside business cares and retire to enjoy the competency his industry had provided. At this time he secured a comfortable residence in the pleasant village of Highgate, where he had conducted a shoe shop for some two years, about 1871-72, and here Mr. Reycraft may still be found. He is a man of intelligence and refined tastes, and is surrounded by all that makes life comfortable, with devoted children at hand to anticipate and minister to his wants. Until the past four months he has enjoyed comparatively good health.

Mr. Reycraft has long been connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a master Mason, and he belongs to the order of Good Templars, Grand Lodge. In politics, he is identified with the Reform party. The family are leading members of the Methodist Church.

WILLIAM ELGIE, one of the five sons of George and Sarah (Randall) Elgie, now residents of the County of Kent, is reeve of Camden township, and one of the substantial and influential farmers of the region. His estate of 150 acres is located in Concession 8, Lots 2 and 3, and he has resided there since 1885, when he moved to it from an adjoining farm.

George Elgie was born in April, 1821, in Yorkshire, England, and his wife in County of Middlesex, Ont., in 1825. They came to County of Kent in 1856, locating in Chatham township, where they remained for fourteen years, with the exception of a few months spent in County of Lambton, where their son William was born. In 1870 they removed to Camden township, continuing there until 1894, when they retired and settled in Ridgetown. In 1902 they came to Dresden, their present home. He is a Methodist in religion, while his wife is a Baptist. Their children were: William; Joseph, a farmer of Camden township; George, on the Camden homestead; Mathew, who died young; Anna, who married William E. Cruse, a railroad man of Port Huron, Michigan; Thomas, in the implement business in Dresden; James H., a farmer in Camden township; and Martha, who married William Corlett, a farmer of Zone township.

William Elgie was born Nov. 1, 1858, in Euphemia township, during the brief residence of his parents in County of Lambton, Ont. He was the eldest of the children, and was brought up to a farmer's life, remaining on the home place until his marriage. Then he settled on his present farm, and, while he has been occupied continuously with its management, he has during seven years of the time also operated a stave and saw mill in Camden township. The latter property was sold in 1899.

Mr. Elgie has always displayed a most intelligent interest in all political matters, and has taken an active part in local politics. For a period of five years he occupied the position of township councilman; for two years was deputy reeve; and then at the expiration of his term of deputy reeve was made reeve, which office he has filled the past four years. Like all the Elgies he is a Conservative in his views. He attends the Methodist Church, and fraternally, belongs to the I. O. O. F., and the I. O. F. Mr. Elgie's life has been in every way a successful one, and his position in the community is one of much influence, for he is universally respected and esteemed.

William Elgie was married May 24, 1886, in London, Ont., to Elizabeth A. Ruble, who was born in Wabash, Ont., March 27, 1864. To this union have come six children: Roy (who died young), Ethel F., George M., Ivan W., Walter W. and Harry.

Mrs. Elgie's parents, David and Fannie (Ellis) Ruble, were natives of Orford township, County of Kent, and of Prince Edward County, respectively. David Ruble was a farmer, whose life passed in the county of his birth, and who died at the good old age of eighty-one years in Camden township, July 1, 1899. His wife, who is still living, was born May 22, 1825. Both were members of the Latter Day Saints. They were the parents of seven children: Oliver, deceased; Alonzo, a farmer in Camden township; Edward, deceased; Morris H., deceased; Alice, the wife of Henry Berzett, of Dresden, Ont.; Elizabeth A.; and Frank, of Dresden.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elgie, James and Fannie (Bedford) Ruble, were born

in the United States. They were farming people who settled in the County of Kent in the early days. The grandparents on the mother's side were Francis and Hannah (Aikley) Ellis, who were both born in New Brunswick, and there married, afterward becoming pioneers of County of Kent. They were farmers by occupation and were highly regarded in the community in which they made their home.

JOHN McCUTCHEON, township councillor and general farmer of Camden township, residing on a fine farm of 110 acres in Lot 6, 12th Concession, came to his present property from the County of Middlesex, Ontario, in 1884. His birth occurred in Nissouri township, County of Middlesex, and he is a son of John and Ann M. (Stedman) McCutcheon, of Ireland, natives of Counties Clare and Wicklow, respectively. The father born March 22, 1831, and the mother Jan. 1, 1833. They were married in the County of Middlesex, where they now reside, engaged in farming. Both are members of the Methodist Church. The children born of their marriage are: Mary A., of the County of Middlesex, who married Joseph Weir; Thomas, a farmer of Camden township; Alford, a farmer of the County of Middlesex; John; Elizabeth, of the County of Welland, married to Horace Sparks; Jane, who married Joseph Mossip, of Nissouri, Ont.; Harry W., a butcher of London, Ont.; William E., a farmer of Nissouri, Ont.; Francis E., a farmer on the old homestead; and Charles W., a farmer of Nissouri township.

The marriage of our subject occurred in Mosa township, County of Middlesex, Ont., in December, 1886, Malissa Waterworth, becoming his wife, and they have had two children, Clifford (who died in infancy) and Alma F. Mrs. McCutcheon was born in Mosa township in 1860, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah A. (Lumley) Waterworth, of England and Nova Scotia, respectively, who died in Mosa township. They were farming people.

Until he was twenty-two years of age John McCutcheon remained with his parents, and then he removed to his present farm, which his father gave him. This property he has improved, making it one of the best farming properties in the township. In politics, he is a Conservative, and in 1903, was elected to the township council.

ALFRED T. ARNOLD, superintendent of the County House of Refuge for the County of Kent, is a descendant of one of the oldest of the county families, one which has been noted for its longevity and its financial stability.

Lewis Arnold, the grandfather of Superintendent Arnold, was of German extraction, and was one of the first settlers at what is now Lewisville. He was a man of robust frame and industrious habits, and lived to the age of 104 years. He was the father of these children: John, Lewis, Samuel, Jacob, Solomon, Adam, Henry and Sarah (who married a Mr. Blackburn). All of these have passed out of life. The grandfather was a large land owner, possessing more than 1,000 acres, and was the owner of the first sail boat used on the Thames River, on the bank of which he constructed a mill for the grinding of grain, by horse power, this being before the days of water-power machinery.

Solomon Arnold, the father of Superintendent Arnold, was born on the Arnold homestead, Lot 13, 1st Concession, River Range, about 1814, where all his family was born; all have been buried in the Arnold cemetery, near Chatham. Solomon Arnold followed farming in Chatham township, owning a 200-acre tract on Lot 14, Concession 3, which he cleared of timber and brought to a high state of cultivation. There he died in 1888. He married Anna Gone, who was born in Ireland, and died in Chatham township, in 1860. A family of six children were born to this union, as follows: Edwin, who is a farmer on the old homestead, married Georgiana Graves, and they have children, Frank, Mary, Elsie, Ada and Grace; Ernest, who is architect for the Grand Trunk Railroad, married Ella Gutrich, of Flint, Michigan, resides in Chicago, Illinois, and has one daughter, Bessie; Alfred T.; Eugenia, is Mrs. Fred Oldershaw of Chatham; Miss Jessie lives in Chatham; and Solomon is an engineer on the Duluth & South Shore Railroad.

Alfred T. Arnold was born on the old farm in Chatham township, Nov. 26, 1854, where he grew to manhood. At the age of twenty-one years he settled down to farming on Lot 14, Concession 3, in that township, his farm comprising 130 acres. Here he remained until 1898, when his appointment to his present responsible position necessitated removal from the farm, although he still owns it. Mr. Arnold

was one of twenty-eight applicants for the position, and it was a flattering recognition of his good citizenship that he should have been selected by the county council from so large a number. This establishment was opened in 1898, and he is the first incumbent in the office, and his management has been of such a nature that no change has been desired since.

In June, 1880, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Annie Everett, of Chatham township, daughter of William Everett. The one son of this union is Everett Blake, who, in 1901, was graduated from the Canada Business College, of Chatham, and is a young man of great promise. In political life, Mr. Arnold is identified with the Liberal party. With his family he attends the Presbyterian Church, liberally contributing to its support and to the advancement of many of the laudable enterprises which contribute to the prosperity of this locality.

WILLIAM W. INNIS, a general farmer and successful business man of Wallaceburg, Ont., was born in Burford township, County of Oxford, March 28, 1863, a son of Thomas and Elsa (Milton) Innis, of County of Oxford, Ont., and New Brunswick, respectively.

Thomas Innis and his wife removed to the County of Lambton in 1869, and there took up 100 acres of land, upon which the father died in 1876, aged forty-five years, and the mother died in 1879, aged forty-five years, both dying firm in the faith of the Baptist Church. The children born to their marriage were: Emma A. died at the age of twenty-one years; George of Detroit, Michigan, is general secretary and treasurer of the Team Drivers Union; William W.; Anna is the widow of David Benedict, of Port Huron, Ont.; John died in infancy; Thomas is an engineer of Wallaceburg; Ida, of Dresden, Ont., married Frank Watson, a gardener and farmer; Mark died at the age of twelve years; Minnie married William McDougall, of Chicago.

On Sept. 18, 1888, in Chatham, Ont., Mr. William W. Innis married Priscilla Farslow, and two children have been born to them, Estella B. and Stanley W. Mrs. Innis was born in Camden township, County of Kent, a daughter of Lewis and Emma (Sharpe) Farslow, also of County of Kent, now retired farmers, residing in Dresden.

Mr. Innis remained at home until a year after his marriage, when he purchased a farm of twenty-five acres in Chatham Gore, which he has since increased to 125 acres, and developed into one of the finest pieces of property in the neighborhood. For two years he was engaged in a pump business in Wallaceburg, and for seven years worked in the cooperage works. For another two years he was a constable, and he has always taken an active part in politics, being, however, independent. Both he and his wife are stanch members of the Baptist Church, and they enjoy in highest degree the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

CHARLES A. JOHNSTON, a well-known contractor and builder, located at Highgate, Ont., where he is also engaged as a dealer in coal and cement, is one of the leading business citizens of the village. He belongs to one of the prominent old families, and was born Oct. 30, 1859, in Orford township, a son of Thomas and Mary A. (Cleeve) Johnston, the latter of Devonshire, England, and the former of Orford township.

Thomas Johnston was born in 1832 and now lives retired in Orford township. He was long very prominent in the building trade, and built and operated the second sawmill in this section. He has served as township councillor. He married Mary A. Cleeve, who was born in 1836, and they are the parents of children as follows: Fanny J., wife of F. W. Scott, a lumber merchant at Highgate; Arthur, a millwright at Portage, Manitoba; Charles A., whose name introduces this sketch; Ella M., married to E. B. Turner, a farmer of Dakota; Harriet E., who married Dr. Benjamin Kline, of Michigan; and Maggie A., Harry and Alma O., at home, the latter the first assistant teacher at the Highgate school.

On Jan. 19, 1892, at Ridgetown, Charles A. Johnston married Florence E. Beattie, and two children were born to them, Arthur E. and Sarah J., both of whom died young. Mrs. Johnston was born in Westminster township, County of Middlesex, daughter of John and Mary (Shaw) Beattie, the former of whom was born in the County of Middlesex, and the latter in Staffordshire, England. They were married in the County of Lambton, and came to County Kent in March, 1873, locating at Highgate, Ont., where Mr. Beattie established himself as a hardware merchant. He died at Highgate

June 12, 1901, aged sixty years, and was buried in Gosnell cemetery. For eighteen years he served as Indian agent. Mr. Beattie was descended from United Empire Loyalists. Mrs. Beattie, who was born July 14, 1837, still resides at Highgate; she is a devoted member of the Church of England, as was her husband. They had children: Edwin T., a merchant at Highgate; Robert S., assistant inspector for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at London, Ont.; Florence E., Mrs. Johnston; William A., a wood turner, who died in 1902 in London, Ont.; Maud M., a school teacher at Highgate; and Sarah J., a dermatologist at Webster, Iowa.

Charles A. Johnston lived on a farm during his youth and young manhood, and learned the principles of his trade under his father. In 1892 he began building and contracting for himself, and has been very much occupied ever since, some thirty houses in the county as well as all the leading business buildings in Highgate and in the neighborhood, testifying to his skill. He assisted in building the first brick block in the village and has put up many brick residences which show much taste as well as stability. Mr. Johnston was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, and has always been very liberal in his support of same. In politics, he is a Conservative. Fraternally, he belongs to the Royal Templars and the C. O. O. F. He is a very highly respected citizen and a representative man of the village of Highgate.

ANGUS GILLANDERS, a general farmer and former public official of Orford township, County of Kent, who owns a fine farm of 130 acres on the Middle Road, in Lot 16, was born on that farm Oct. 4, 1860. He is a son of John and Mary A. (Matheson) Gillanders, of Ross-shire and Sutherlandshire, Scotland, respectively, who were married at Whitby, Ont., and came to the County of Kent as pioneers in 1853, locating on the present farm in Orford township, where a small clearing had already been made by a previous settler. Here the father died Nov. 26, 1896, aged eighty years and eight months, and he was buried in Greenwood cemetery, in Howard township. He was a man of robust strength and great industry, but lived retired for some years prior to his death. His widow still resides in Orford township, with her daughter, Mrs. Gosnell, and is one of the most venerable ladies of the locality, having been born April 2, 1820. Both she and her husband belonged to the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children born to them: Isabella married Finley McKerracher, now a retired farmer of Orford township; William, a retired farmer, lives at Ridgetown; Margaret married Lawrence J. Gosnell, a farmer of Orford township; Rachel married Augustus Gosnell, a farmer of that township; Angus is mentioned more fully below; Jennie married Charles Stillwell, who is engineer of the waterworks at Brockville, Ontario.

The paternal grandparents were William and Rachel Gillanders, of Ross-shire, Scotland, who were born on the Highfield estate, formerly the Gillanders estate. They were farming people, and spent their lives in Scotland. They had the following named children: Janet, Mrs. Alexander McClennan, deceased; Catherine, who married and is now deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Donald Gillanders; William, deceased; John, father of Angus; Alexander and Kenneth, both farmers of Ross-shire, Scotland. On the maternal side, the grandparents were Angus and Isabella Matheson, of Sutherlandshire, Scotland, who came to Canada in 1842, and located in the County of Oxford, Ont., where they became wealthy and well known. Their children were as follows: John; Mary A. (Mrs. Gillanders); Christie; Alexina; Jessie, Forbes and Robert, all three deceased in infancy; and James, who died when fourteen years old.

Until the time of his marriage Angus Gillanders remained with his parents, assisting in the management of the farm. His marriage took place April 4, 1894, in the County of Norfolk, to Helen Learmouth, who was born in 1864, in Townsend township, County of Norfolk, daughter of James and Helen (McDermid) Learmouth, of Berwickshire and Perthshire, Scotland. They were married in the County of Norfolk, were farming people and are now living retired at Mt. Pleasant, Ont. The father was born in 1825, and the mother in 1823. They are most worthy and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. They reared the following children: Agnes, who is at home with her parents; Archibald, deceased; Helen; Maggie, at home; and Mary, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillanders have three children,

John Gordon, Mary and Isabel. Mr. Gillanders has been prominently identified with public affairs, has been reeve for several years, having been recently re-elected, and was township councilor for four years. He is thus one of the representative men of his section, a fine farmer, a public-spirited citizen and an exemplary husband and father, just the kind of man to give tone and character to a community. In politics, he is a Reformer. The family belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS McFADDEN, a successful general farmer residing on Lot 5, Concession 1, Camden township, County of Kent, and owner of seventy-five acres in Chatham township, came to this locality in 1885, from Chatham township, 8th Concession. He was born in Chatham township May 26, 1857, son of Robert and Ann J. (Curry) McFadden, of County Armagh, Ireland.

Robert McFadden was a linen weaver in Ireland, and came to County of Kent when he was sixteen years of age, with his brothers, James, Thomas and William. On the way over William was drowned. Joseph, another brother, and James now reside in County of Kent. Robert farmed after arriving in the new country, and died in Chatham township in 1887, aged sixty-four years; he was a member of the Orange Lodge. His wife, Ann J. (Curry) McFadden was killed by being thrown from a vehicle in 1892, when she was sixty-four years of age. She is buried in Dresden cemetery. Both she and her husband were of the Presbyterian faith. Born to these parents were children as follows: Thomas; Arthur, deceased; William, a farmer of Chatham township; Joseph, a farmer of County of Essex; Albert, deceased; Sarah A., of Detroit, Michigan, who married Henry Shaw, a contractor and builder; Lena, of Camden township, married to Edward Basset, a farmer; Andrew, a farmer of Chatham township; Walter, a farmer of Lambton. Rachel Jacklin, an adopted daughter, married Thomas Arnold, of Dresden.

In January, 1876, Mr. McFadden married Anna Hazelett, and there were born to this union children, as follows: Thomas E., Joseph W., Robert W., William A., Hughie, Clifford, Mabel, Rachel, Bruce and Thomas J., all at home. Mrs. McFadden was born on the present farm June 15, 1858, a daughter of James and Nancy (Perritt) Hazelett, of Ireland and Canada, respectively.

Our subject remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located on a farm in Chatham township for seven years, and then purchased his present fine property, as before stated. In politics, he is a Conservative, but he does not aspire to public honors. Fraternally, he is a member of the C. O. of F. Mr. McFadden is one of the most popular men in the township, and he has many friends who know and appreciate his many excellent traits of character.

MRS. BARBARA (FLEMING) PIERCE, one of the most estimable and highly respected ladies of Chaham, is a member of one of the old families of the County of Kent. Her father, Samuel Fleming, mentioned elsewhere, was born Nov. 25, 1802, in Aldborough township, County of Elgin. During his life, he was a farmer and hotel man in township of Mosa, London District, County of Middlesex. His hostelry was a very popular place of entertainment, and was the stopping place for the T. M. Taylor stage line, a change of horses being made on the trips both ways. In February, 1861, Mr. Fleming died at his hotel, leaving many friends to mourn with his family over his untimely death. He married Hannah Arnold, born in 1803, and died in 1896, a daughter of John Arnold, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ontario from that State on horseback, following the Indian trail. To Samuel Fleming and wife the following family was born: Barbara, Mrs. Pierce; John, deceased; Samuel, of Chatham township, Robert, of Chatham township; Elizabeth, who died young; Peter, deceased; Gzzowski; William, deceased.

Mrs. Pierce was born July 16, 1830, in the County of Middlesex, where she grew to womanhood and resided until her marriage to John Pierce in 1848. John Pierce was born Feb. 23, 1815, a son of John Pierce. Prior to his marriage, he drove a stage. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce settled on a farm in Chatham township, County of Kent, where they remained some time, when Mr. Pierce embarked in the hotel business, conducting hostelries in various places, and on the first Dominion Day, he settled in Chatham, continuing in the same line of business. Here he lived until his death, Feb. 23, 1890. In his political

affiliations Mr. Pierce was a Tory, while both he and his wife were consistent members of the Church of England.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pierce five children were born, two of whom are still living: Thomas, in business in Montreal, married Lizzie Sides, of Chatham, and they have four children, John Franklin, Milton Sides, Grace Edith and Murial Ada; Samuel Fleming, a conductor of the Lake Erie & Detroit Railroad, married Ida Smith, daughter of William Smith, of Chatham, and they have two children, May Agnes and Millie Smith. Mrs. Pierce, although she has passed the milestone which marks the three score and ten limit, is enjoying excellent health for her age, and is one of the most genial, sociable and pleasant ladies imaginable. Her stories of the early days in the Dominion are worthy of publication, did the limited space of the volume devoted to the County of Kent permit, and her kindly disposition and sweet, Christian character have gained her a legion of devoted friends. To her family she is an object of tender reverence and love, and her pleasant home on Park street, Chatham, is a gathering place for both old and young, who delight to do her honor.

WILLIAM F. HARRETT, who operates a fine farm of 100 acres, on Lot 7, 2d Concession, Gore of Camden, to which he came in 1883, was born in County Welland, Ont., March 14, 1856, son of Peter and Hulda A. (Bearss) Harrett, of that county, who came to County Kent in 1870, and located in Chatham Gore, where they now make their home, and are highly honored by all who know them.

On June 6, 1883, in County of Welland, Ont., Mr. Harrett was married to Eve E. Shirk, who was born there and who died March 13, 1897, aged forty years. Her remains were interred in the Salem church yard. Their children were: Milton F., William H. and Iva M. Mrs. Harrett was a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Storm) Shirk, of County of Welland, the former born in 1830, and the latter in 1834. The father is a retired farmer, who resides in his native county, and is what is known as a "jack of all trades." He is a member of the old Mennonite Church—the family coming originally from Pennsylvania—as was his wife, who passed away in 1890. The children born to this union were: Jonas, of County of Welland; Christiann, of Michigan, who married Peter Lehman; Miss Esther, of Dunnville, Ont.; Mrs. Harrett; Sarah, who married Abe Lehman, of Michigan; Dilman, on the old homestead; Peter, a farmer of County of Welland; George, of County of Welland; Susan, who is married and lives in County of Welland; Emanuel, at home with his father.

Mr. William F. Harrett remained with his father until he was twenty-two years of age, and then worked among the farmers for a few years, after which he rented a farm in Gore of Chatham, remaining for three years. He then married and located upon his present farm, at which time only five acres of the property had been cleared, but he now has nearly all of the timber cut off, and is cultivating the larger portion of it. In politics he is a Reformer, but does not aspire to public office. He is a very industrious, hardworking man, and one whose honesty has never been questioned. Although his path has been a hard one, he has traveled it bravely and honorably, and stands very high in the estimation of the community.

EDWARD LONG, a general farmer of Orford township, and for several years township councilor, resides on Lot 22, Concession 15, where he owns and cultivates an excellent farm of fifty acres to which he came in 1892, from another farm in the same township. He is one of the substantial men of his locality.

Mr. Long was born Oct. 28, 1859, in Orford township, son of Thomas and Eleanor (Armstrong) Long, of the County of York, Ont. They came to the County of Kent in 1858, taking up a wild farm of 100 acres on which they remained, the father dying in 1865, aged forty-five years, and the mother in 1875, aged forty-five years. Their remains were buried on their old farm, in a private cemetery. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Thomas Long was a prominent Orangeman. The following children were to them: Robert, who is deceased; James, a lumberman of Michigan; George, deceased; Thomas, a farmer of Orford township; Margaret J., of Bothwell, Ont., who married W. H. Everingham; Isabella, deceased, wife of George Beasley; William, deceased; Edward; Wesley, a farmer of Orford township; and John L., of Duck Island, Ontario.

On Feb. 4, 1892, in Orford township, Edward Long married Anna Ashton, by whom he

has had the following named children: Albert E., Charles W., George, one that died in infancy, Landon and Rena. Mrs. Long was born in Orford township in 1869, a daughter of William and Jane Ashton, of the County of Middlesex, Ont., who came to the County of Kent in 1863, locating in Orford township, where they took up a 100-acre farm and remained. The father died in 1883, aged forty-five years, and is buried in Gosnell cemetery. The mother resides on the old farm, highly respected by all who know her. She is a member of the Methodist Church, as was also the father. Born to them were children as follows: Charles, who is on the homestead; Jane, deceased; William, of Orford township; Anna, Mrs. Long; Elizabeth, of Ingersoll, Ont., who married George Teer; Sarah, unmarried, on the homestead; and Joseph, a farmer of Orford township.

Edward Long remained with his parents until they died after which he continued upon the farm for a year. He then began working among the farmers and in lumber camps, and spent a season in Michigan, one in Missouri and three in Indiana, returning home each year to thresh during the season. In the fall of 1890 he settled down in the County of Kent, working upon various farms until he bought his present place. Fraternally, he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., belonging to the Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templars, and he also affiliates with the Maccabees. He attends the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Conservative. For five years he has been a member of the township council, and was school trustee for six years. In his public and private career Mr. Long has always proven himself an upright, honorable gentleman, and a man whose promise equals another's bond.

JOSEPH SNOBELEN, a retired farmer of Blenheim, County of Kent, is descended from French ancestry. The first of that name of whom anything is definitely known is his father, Anthony Snobelen, who was born about 1765, in Upper Alsace, France, where he grew to manhood, and followed farming. There he married Catherine Malburgh, of the same locality, who was of German ancestry. However, her father, Michael Malburgh, was born and married in France, and died in that country. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of two children, a son and a daughter, the latter Mrs. Anthony Snobelen. For eight years Anthony Snobelen served under Napoleon. His death occurred in 1836, in his native land. The children born to himself and wife were: Anthony, Joseph, Catherine and Mary. The widow married again, her second husband being a Mr. Bishop, and the entire family started for the New World in 1839, but being wrecked on the Isle of Bermuda they had to take another ship, and were four months making the voyage, landing in New York. There they remained from January to April, 1840, when they removed to Detroit, Michigan.

Joseph Snobelen was born April 14, 1827, in Upper Alsace, France, and was still a boy when the family emigrated, but young as he was he worked at shoemaking in Detroit until 1844, serving an apprenticeship of two and a half years there. Then he located at Wallaceburg, Ont., and there continued work at his trade, being then only seventeen years of age. Later he located at Chatham and worked at his trade for several months, after which he was at Morpeth, Howard township, until 1859, when he purchased fifty acres of land on Lot 5, 4th Concession, Harwich township. He cleared the land and added to his original purchase until he owned 100 acres in the 4th Concession, Lot 10, West Communication Road. There he engaged in farming for about twenty years until 1881, when he retired from active business life and settled in Blenheim.

In 1851 Mr. Snobelen married Elizabeth Baird, who was born in 1825, in County Antrim, Ireland, daughter of James Baird, and died Aug. 1, 1899. They had six children: David married Sarah Falkner, and has two children: George Albert and Bruce. Joseph B. first married Euretta Huffman, and (second) Jane Elliott, and their children are Reginald D. and Stanley. Mary married Wilbur J. Huffman, and has eight children, Arthur Herbert, Oliver Leslie, Ethel Laura, Roy, Phillip, Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, and Joseph. Lizzie married George F. Reycraft, and their children are Grace, Edith, Elitha May, Clara and Alice Russell. William married Rose Hagerman, and their children are: Lizzie, Sadie and Clara. Samuel married Margaret Smyth, and they have four children, Joseph, Robert, Bessie and John.

The political sentiments of Mr. Snobelen make him a Tory, and he supports the princi-

ples of his party upon every occasion. He is a prohibitionist in belief as well. He is a Methodist in his religious affiliations, and is an active worker in that body. For many years Mr. Snobelen led a very laborious life, and he is now enjoying the fruits of his efforts. To all who know him he is the genial pleasant companion and generous friend, and his charities are numerous, although but few know of them, for he is one who believes in doing good quietly because it is right, and not to obtain the praise of men.

JOSEPH ELGIE, a farmer in Concession 3, Lot 1, is a member of a family well represented in the western part of the Province of Ontario, and one that wherever found stands high in the esteem and respect of the neighbors. Mr. Elgie was born in Chatham township Jan. 14, 1861, son of George and Sarah (Randall) Elgie.

Joseph Elgie was brought up on his father's farm, and remained assisting with the work on the place until his marriage in 1883. When that event occurred, he started out for himself, and for fourteen years was on a farm at Dawn Mills, in Camden township. At the end of that time he moved to his present farm of 170 acres, and has since then been entirely occupied with its management.

On June 28, 1883, Mr. Elgie was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Ann Logan, of Bothwell, Ont., who was born in the County of Leeds, Ont., daughter of Robert and Ann (Johnson) Logan. They are the parents of three children: George T., Lela and Nina.

Robert Logan, father of Mrs. Elgie, is a native of the County of Leeds, born in April, 1826, and is now living on a farm in the County of Lambton, Ont. His wife was born in Ireland, and came to America with her parents when she was nine years old. The family settled in County Leeds, and there the mother died in 1888, at the age of fifty-six. Mr. Logan is a member of the Church of England, as was his wife. Children as follows were born to them: Catherine A.; James, a farmer of Croton, Ont.; Jane, wife of Rev. Fred Townsend, a minister of the Methodist Church in Michigan; Sophie, who married John Raburn, a stone mason of Caledon, Ont.; Emma, wife of Benjamin Houston, a farmer in Croton; John, who died in March, 1902; Etta, the widow of Guy Young, who is now living with her father; Effie, who died unmarried in March, 1902; Rebecca, the wife of George Kidd, a machinist, of Port Huron, Michigan. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elgie, James and Rachel (Raburn) Logan, were natives of Ireland, but were among the early settlers of Canada, as were also the maternal grandparents, William and Kitty (Woods) Johnson.

Mr. Elgie and his wife attend the Methodist Church. Politically, he is a Conservative, his views being the result of much observation and thought on political matters. Mr. Elgie is also a member of the Home Circle Lodge. He is a man well liked by his acquaintances, and his opinions and judgment carry weight.

MRS. ELIZABETH ANN (TRAXLER) WILLIAMS, widow of Charles Williams, late of Chatham, is descended from one of the old founders of the County of Kent.

John Traxler, her grandfather, settled in Kent at an early day in its history. In those days no flourmill was to be found nearer than Detroit, and the only way that flour could be obtained for the use of the family, was for Mr. Traxler to take his wheat bags, put them in a canoe and paddle down the Thames river to Lake St. Clair, and up the Detroit river to Detroit. After the wheat was ground into flour, he would take the bags of flour back the same weary journey. Pages could be written of the sufferings, privations and bravery of those early settlers, who conquered the wilderness and made the present civilization possible. The young of to-day can have no appreciation of the hardships of their ancestors, although they enjoy the fruits of their labors. The maiden name of the grandmother of Mrs. Williams is not known, but one of the sons of John Traxler was Peter Traxler, born about 1810, in County of Kent. He was twice married, his first wife having been Mary Ann Sweet, by whom he had one child, Mrs. Williams. The mother died when her infant was only three weeks old, in 1839. Peter Traxler was a farmer and hotel keeper.

Elizabeth Ann (Traxler) Williams was born April 13, 1839, in Michigan, but was brought to the County of Kent at an early age, by her father, and here she has spent the remainder of her life.

On Sept. 4, 1856, she was married to

Charles Williams, who was born in England in 1833, and was brought to Ontario, when still a child, by his parents. Mr. Williams was engaged in different lines of business, his trade being that of a miller, and he was employed at it by T. H. Taylor, at Dawn Mills, for some time, but later he embarked into a hotel business at "Bridge End Inn," Mrs. Williams looking after the house, while Mr. Williams engaged in stock, wool and grain buying. When they settled in Chatham, Mr. Williams established himself again in the hotel business near the market, and this popular hostelry is still owned by Mrs. Williams. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams eleven children were born, four of whom are now living: Frances, the wife of William Oldershaw, of Chatham; Martha Ann, wife of Richard Pope, of Chatham; Maude, Mrs. Stewart, of Detroit; and Fred, who is connected with the *Planet* office at Chatham. Mrs. Williams enjoys in highest degree the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends, and most deservedly so, for in every relation of life she has proven herself a kindly, good-hearted, Christian woman, with whom duty has always come first and personal inclination afterward. Her charities are large, although to a great measure private ones, for she is of a retiring disposition, and she is regarded as one of the representative women of the county in which her life has been so worthily spent.

MALCOLM GRANT, a prominent retired farmer of Orford township, and former member of the council, resides upon his farm of 140 acres in Lot 25, Concession 14, and also owns another fine farm in the same township. He came to his present home in September, 1858, when all was a wilderness, there were no roads, and Indians quite numerous, and was obliged to make a clearing for his log cabin. He came at the same time Thomas Long and William Hadley settled in the same section.

Mr. Grant was born in Scotland, Oct. 20, 1828, son of Malcolm and Janet (Norgna) Grant, both of Scotland, where they were married, and were engaged in farming. The father died in 1888, aged eighty-four years, and the mother in November, 1857, aged fifty years. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to their union were: Jane, of Scotland, widow of Donald Sutherland; Jessie, who died young; Malcolm; and George, who died in Scotland in 1898.

On June 25, 1856, in Hamilton, Mr. Grant was married to Martha Lather, and they have had children as follows: Janet died in infancy; Elizabeth married Melvin Brewer, of Zone township, a farmer; Jane died at the age of eighteen months; John is a farmer of Walla Walla, Washington; Jessie married John Graham, a retired merchant, of Michigan; James is a sheep ranchman of Eureka, Washington; Malcolm, at home is unmarried; Dr. George, a physician, resides in Orford township; William is a school teacher in North Dakota; Isaac died at the age of six years; Edward, of Great Falls, Montana, is a school teacher, and his twin brother, Alfred, is a school teacher at Winnipeg.

Mrs. Grant was born in Lancashire, England, near Manchester, Oct. 3, 1838, a daughter of James and Betsey (Newport) Lather, of the same locality. The father, who was a farmer, came to Canada in 1854, first locating in the County of Haldimand, whence he came to the County of Kent in 1859, there engaging in farming. He died in February, 1893, aged eighty-five years, and is buried in the County of Halton; the mother, who died aged forty years is buried in the County of Elgin. They were consistent members of the Church of England. The children born to them were as follows: Mary, who died in October, 1898, was the wife of William Gill; John died in infancy; Martha became Mrs. Grant; John, of Orford township, is a farmer; Anna died young; Margaret, of Brantford, Ont., is the widow of Daniel Jennings; Louisa, of Buffalo, New York, married Edward Barrell, a decorator and painter. The paternal great-grandfather, John Lather, lived and died in England.

Malcolm Grant remained with his parents until 1849, when he came to Canada and located in the County of Haldimand, working in a sawmill. There he remained eight years, after which he located in his present home. In politics, he is a Reformer, and he has been a member of the township council at different periods, serving in all eight years. Both Mr. Grant and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. While many years have passed over the heads of this devoted old couple, they are still vigorous, and as much interested in the affairs of their locality as they were in the days

when they wrested a home from the wild. The record of their lives is one of which they and their children may well be proud, and they present a very peaceful picture of honored old age, surrounded by the love and protection of their children and the comforts their own efforts have produced.

HENRY WEBSTER, a general farmer of the Gore of Camden, is one who was reared to farm work, and after a quarter of century of work at an entirely different occupation, returned to the life and interests of his early days. He is a native of the township, and was born July 9, 1850, son of Henry and Jane (Waterworth) Webster, and brother of Isaac B. Webster.

Mr. Webster remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years old, and then took up the occupation of shoe making. This was his regular business for twenty-six years, and he was located during that period in Dresden. He finally decided to return to farming, and bought a fine farm of 126 acres in Camden township, where he remained until 1900; at that time he bought his present place of eighty-six acres in Camden in Concession 8, a part of Lots 4 and 5. Mr. Webster has been uniformly successful in his undertakings, and now holds a position of influence in the community. He is an adherent of the Reform party, and has acted as a member of the Dresden council for a year. His church connection is with the Methodist denomination, and fraternally, he is a member of the Foresters.

Mr. Webster's wife, to whom he was married May 9, 1880, in Chatham, Ont., was Miss Matilda Stanlick, who was born in Camden, June 23, 1860. They have had three children: Lillian, who married Walter Holmes, a farmer in Camden township; Almer and Wilfred, at home.

Mrs. Matilda S. Webster is the daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Glidon) Stanlick, of England, who came to the County of Kent in 1859, and located on a wild farm of 150 acres in Camden township. There the family remained until Oliver Stanlick retired and moved to Dresden to pass his declining years. Mrs. Stanlick died in 1868, aged forty, but her husband survived until May 10, 1901, when he passed away at the age of eighty. They are buried in Dresden cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Oliver and Elizabeth Stanlick were the parents of seven children, as follows: Frances, who married Joseph Mead, a farmer in Lowell, Michigan; Salena, the wife of Hiram J. Merritt, of Chatham; John, who died in infancy; Melissa, who died in 1890, the wife of James Merritt; William, deceased at the age of twenty; Matilda; and Elizabeth, married to George Stanlick.

THOMAS PEETS, who has lived retired since 1897, was a successful farmer and proprietor of the Duart sawmill, which was built by T. A. McClaine, of Toronto, in 1850. Mr. Peets operated this property for fifty-one years, first for the original proprietor, for five years, then fifteen years for his successor, John Cunningham, after which he purchased it himself.

Mr. Peets came to Duart, Ont., in August, 1852, from Mosa township, County of Middlesex, where he was born Nov. 5, 1832, a son of Charles S. and Permelia (Willey) Peets, of Massachusetts and Vermont, respectively. They were married in St. Thomas, Ont., and the father died in Mosa township in 1868, aged fifty-one years. His wife survived him until 1894, when she passed away aged eighty-four years. Mr. Peets was a farmer. He and his wife had children as follows: Hiram died in infancy; Alonzo died in infancy; Clarissa (deceased) was the wife of Joseph Waterworth; Artimus died in Michigan, in 1901; Charles W. is a farmer of Michigan; Sidney S. is a farmer of Michigan; Thomas is mentioned below; Permelia died young; David is deceased; Christiana, of Michigan, married John Bell, a farmer.

On Nov. 22, 1856, in Howard township, Thomas Peets married Altha Ford, and their children are: Charles W., mail clerk at St. Paul, Minnesota; Margaret H., of Detroit, Michigan, unmarried; Thomas A., a station agent in Michigan; and John B., living at home, who operates the mill and farm (he is at present serving as township councilor).

Mrs. Peets was born in the County of Elgin, a daughter of John and Margaret (Gillis) Ford, of Scotland, who came to the County of Elgin at an early day, where they grew to maturity and there married and spent their married life, the father being a farmer. His death occurred in 1888, when he was seventy-five years of age, while the mother died in 1892, aged seventy-five years.

Mr. Peets remained on the farm with his

parents until he was nineteen years of age, when he went to the State of Michigan and worked in a sawmill for a few years, when he was taken sick and returned home. After a year and a half upon the farm he located in Duart, where he has since remained and built up a substantial business. He and his excellent wife attend the Baptist Church, and give liberally toward its support. In politics he is a Grit, but not active in such affairs.

When he first located in Duart a wilderness was on every side, but he has lived to see many changes and to bear his part in the development. Many were the hardships borne by himself and wife, but they are today hearty, happy and very energetic for their years. During their long life in the community they have made many friends, and are very popular throughout the neighborhood, as well as in the church.

WILLIAM CLARKE (deceased). Among the highly esteemed and venerated early settlers of the County of Kent was the late William Clarke, who was born in England June 6, 1818, son of John and Helen Clarke. William Clarke was reared to manhood in his native land, leaving it when about twenty-five years of age to emigrate to Ontario. Upon arriving in the Province he settled with his brother Joseph at Charing Cross, County of Kent, and engaged in farming, but later removed to the Lake Shore, where he continued his agricultural pursuits.

In 1847 William Clarke was married to Miss Mary Wedge, daughter of William and Mary (Coonrad) Wedge. They settled on their farm on the Lake Shore, and there lived very happily for about twenty-five years, when they disposed of the property and located in Blenheim, Mr. Clarke embarking in a grain business. In addition to his grain business Mr. Clarke was extensively engaged for seven years as a stock dealer, and also dealt largely in apples, buying and shipping. His death occurred Dec. 2, 1898, at his residence in Blenheim. He was a Conservative in his political affiliations, while his religious connections were with the Methodist Church.

William Clarke and his brother Joseph were the only members of their family to emigrate, and they were both instrumental in the upbuilding of the County of Kent. In the death of Mr. Clarke Blenheim lost one of its best citizens, and his wife a kind and loving husband. They had no children of their own, but Mrs. Clarke has reared several. She is a lady of pleasing personality, and has many friends in Blenheim, where she has resided for so many years, and she is justly regarded as one of the leading representatives of all that is best and noblest among the women of that community.

Mrs. Clarke's father, William Wedge, was born in 1793, and was among the first settlers of Raleigh township, locating there when it was all a wilderness and the nearest neighbor was three miles away. He died in 1833 much respected for his excellent character. He married Mary Coonrad, and they had the following named children: Joshua, who is deceased; Betsy, of Kent City, Michigan, wife of John Maples; Charles, deceased; Mary, Mrs. Clarke; William, deceased; and Sarah, who married William McGregor, both being now deceased.

JAMES ALEXANDER WEBSTER is the owner of two fine farms in Camden township, his own home—a farm of forty-five acres, in Concession 5, Lot 4, on which there is a sand pit which he operates, and the family homestead in Concession 9, Lot 6, comprising 114 acres.

Mr. Webster was born on his father's farm, Dec. 31, 1854, and is a son of Henry and Jane (Waterworth) Webster. At his father's death he took the management of the place, and continued to live there until the fall of 1901, when he removed to his present home. Like his brothers, Isaac B. and Henry, Mr. Webster belongs to the Reform party, but he has not cared to take as active a part in public affairs as they have done. He attends the Methodist Church. He has had a prosperous career, having been energetic, industrious and thrifty, and he is now a man of influence in his neighborhood, where he is universally esteemed and respected.

On June 3, 1885, in Thamesville, Mr. Webster was married to Sarah Hannan, who was born in Camden township, in 1868. Five children have come to their union: Felbert, Lawrence M., Ina M., Belma B. and Edna.

The parents of Mrs. Webster were Andrew and Deziah (Harris) Hannan, who were married in Hamilton, Ont., and came to the County of Kent in 1863. They located on a farm in Camden township, where they made their permanent home. This was a place of 100 acres,

all wild land, when Mr. Hannan bought it, but is now entirely cleared and has two frame houses on it. Mr. Hannan was born May 24, 1819, and is still living. His wife, born in 1828, died Jan. 2, 1903, and was buried in Blackburn cemetery. She was a member of the Methodist Church, which her husband attends and liberally supports. The children born to this marriage were: John, who died at the age of seven; Martha, deceased wife of Andrew Weldon; Bersheba, deceased wife of Thomas Sharp; Euretta, who married Robert Blackburn, a farmer in Chatham township; William, who lives on the old homestead; Sarah; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Pierson, a farmer in Chatham township; and Rachel, who died at the age of nineteen years.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Webster were Andrew and Sarah (Hildreth) Hannan, of Hamilton, Ont. They came to the County of Kent in 1853, and bought a farm of 300 acres in Camden Gore, where the rest of their lives was passed. The grandparents on the maternal side were John and Basheba (Springstead) Harris, of whom the former was a farmer and minister in Hamilton, Ontario.

JAMES GOSNELL, for many years a leading farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, is now living retired there, owning a forty-six acre farm, in Concession 5, Lots 1 and 2. He came to that property in 1846, and it was purchased in 1835.

Mr. Gosnell was born in County Cork, Ireland, April 25, 1822, a son of Joseph and Mary (Webb) Gosnell, also of County Cork, who started for the County of Kent, Ont., in April, 1832. The father died in Toronto, Ont., of cholera, in July, 1832, and his wife and children continued the journey, locating on Lot 18, Concession 5, north of the Middle road, where they took up 433 acres, for which the energetic mother paid two and three dollars per acre. This same land is now worth $100 per acre. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The children born of their union were as follows: John died in Orford two years after his arrival; Joseph died in Orford township; George died in Harwich township, where he was living with a daughter; Ellen, who died in Ireland, was the wife of James Reycraft; Frances, who died in Orford township, married Thomas Tape; Ann, married James Gosnell, and died in Orford township; Lawrence died in Orford township; Thomas died in infancy in Ireland; James is mentioned below; Henry died in Orford township; Sarah is the wife of James Ostrander, a retired farmer and they live at St. Thomas with their family; Mary died in infancy in Ireland.

In Orford township, in 1846, James Gosnell married Elizabeth Salter, and they had the following named children: Susan married David Latimer and is deceased; Joseph H., a merchant of DeKalb, Illinois, married Mary A. Mills, and they have three children, Byron, Roye and Glenn. Thomas S., collector of internal revenue at Winnipeg, married Maud Walker. William A., bailiff at Ridgetown, Ont., married Alice Mitten and they have a son James H. John J. is mentioned below. George G., who died on the old homestead, was killed by a falling tree. Richard L. is an attorney at Blenheim, Ont. May E., unmarried, has always remained with her parents.

Mrs. Gosnell was born in County Cork, Ireland, June 26, 1826, a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Tape) Salter, also of County Cork, who lived and died there. Thomas Salter and his brother-in-law owned a small vessel and did trading along the coast. His death occurred in 1878 when he was aged eighty years, while his wife died in 1883, aged seventy-five years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Salter were as follows: John lives in County Cork, Ireland; Rodger died in Ireland; Mary died in infancy; Elizabeth is the wife of James Gosnell; Fanny, of Ireland, is the widow of Michael Dacey; Mary Ann died in infancy; William died in Ireland; Thomas is a resident of Ireland; Michael was a carpenter on board a man-of-war, and is deceased; James died in Ireland; Richard died in County Cork, Ireland; Mary Ann (2) died while young.

James Gosnell remained with his mother until his marriage after which he continued on the same farm in another house. He has filled a number of local offices, having for two years acted as license inspector; was school trustee many years, and could have had almost any office within the gift of his fellow townsmen, but would not accept, although he always took a deep interest in the workings of the Reform party. He and his wife have been members of the Methodist Church almost all their lives, and

are very active in that body. They are in good health, and energetic for their years, being well preserved except for the fact that Mr. Gosnell is suffering somewhat from impaired eyesight. The young people of the family are very prominent socially, and all the Gosnells enjoy unbounded respect throughout the County of Kent, having borne an important part in the development of that section of western Ontario.

JOHN J. GOSNELL, son of James Gosnell, is one of the prominent young farmers of Orford township. Having been trained in his calling under the careful eye of the father, he thoroughly understands farming in every detail, and carries on the large property very successfully. Across from the family homestead he owns a fine farm of 135 acres, all of which is rich and valuable land, and he attends to the cultivation of both places. He and his sister have always remained with their parents.

WILLIAM MILLER was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and emigrated to Canada when he was about eighteen years old, settling in Lansdowne township, County of Leeds, Ont., when, but a short distance back from the St. Lawrence river and Kingston road, all the country was a wilderness.

William Miller's father died when he was four years old, at which time he was adopted by his grandfather, Rev. William Miller, a Church of England minister of Tyrone, Ireland, and it was under his careful tutelage that the boy was raised. On his arrival in Ontario, William Miller took up 100 acres of land, and shortly after married Elizabeth Gilbert, who belonged to the well-known pioneer Gilbert family of that section. It was in Lansdowne township, that all but one of their eleven children were born, and it was there that the older children attended the log school house and obtained the rudiments of their education, which were supplemented by the teachings of a pious mother and careful father. William Miller, ever loyal to his country, joined the "British Horse Troop," and assisted in patroling the Kingston road between what is now the city of Kingston and Brockville. He also took part in the famous "Wind Mill" fight.

In November, 1858, hearing of the opportunities offered in Western Ontario, and wishing to give his family a better opportunity, Mr. Miller sold his farm in Lansdowne township, and with his family moved to Zone township, County of Kent, where he purchased Lot 4, Concession 1, and immediately, with the help of his sons, commenced the erection of a log house, and within three weeks he had his family comfortably housed.

William and Elizabeth Miller had children as follows: Thomas, born Aug. 5, 1841; Alexander, born Aug. 11, 1842, deceased; Mary Ann, born Oct. 19, 1843, died Sept. 14, 1885; Elizabeth, born April 15, 1845; Sarah Jane, born April 16, 1847, deceased Jan. 17, 1848; William James, born Feb. 4, 1849; Sarah, born Nov. 17, 1850; Joshua Gilbert, born March 9, 1852, deceased Nov. 1, 1859; Susan Rachel, born June 10, 1854; Isabella, born Nov. 12, 1858, died Nov. 11, 1859; John Nicholas, born March 20, 1861. William Miller and his wife were consistent members of the Church of England, and brought up their family in this faith. They were among the most respected people of Zone township.

ALEXANDER MILLER, second son of William and Elizabeth Miller, mentioned above, was born in Lansdowne township, County of Leeds, Aug. 11, 1842, and he spent his early life in that county, attending school in a log school house during the winter months, and in the summer season assisting his father and brothers on the farm. The township of Lansdowne, except along the Kingston road and near the river, was an unbroken forest, and the early settlers had to put up with many privations and hardships incident to pioneer life. In November, 1858, William Miller, whose boys were growing toward manhood, in order to give them a better opportunity, sold out his property in Lansdowne township, and came to Zone township, County of Kent, where he purchased Lot 4, Concession 1 (200 acres), and, assisted by his sons, built a log house.

Zone township was at that time a wilderness and the Millers experienced much difficulty in finding their land after they had purchased it, as there were no roads in that section of the country, the nearest one being the Johnston road, running from the river Thames back to Johnston's Corners. Game, such as deer, wild turkeys, etc., was very abundant, and wolves were numerous. Alexander Miller well remembers having seen both flocks of wild tur-

keys and droves of ten or more deer around the log house.

On March 3, 1875, Alexander Miller was married to Elizabeth Herbert, daughter of Elvin Herbert, one of the pioneers of Dawn township. They have had six children as follows: William Elvin, born March 30, 1876, deceased March 1, 1897; Charlotte Elizabeth, born Sept. 16, 1877, who married Harry Quelch, Nov. 20, 1900, Sarah Emily, born July 8, 1879; Mary Grace, born July 28, 1883; Alexander Ernest, born July 4, 1886; and Rosetta Pearl, born Jan. 22, 1891.

Alexander and Elizabeth (Herbert) Miller are consistent members of the Church of England, and their promising family are being carefully reared in the same faith. From early life both Mr. and Mrs. Miller have attended church at Florence. Alexander Miller is a Conservative, but while taking an active interest in politics and everything tending to the advancement of the country, he has never sought or aspired to any political office. Mr. Miller owns the south one-half of Lot 4, Concession 1, Zone township, a part of the original Miller homestead; he also owns the north one-half Concession 13, Lot 2, Camden township, land which is of excellent quality. He has a nice home, and is a prosperous farmer.

GEORGE PRAY, a general farmer and prosperous resident of Camden Gore, County of Kent, living on his fine farm of 120 acres Lots 7 and 8, 4th Concession, came to his property in March, 1893, from Zone township. His birth occurred in Howard township, County of Kent, March 17, 1868, and he is a son of Joseph and Jane (Finnix) Pray.

Joseph Pray was born in 1836, and came to County of Kent with his parents. He was married on the lake shore, this county, to Jane Finnix, who was born in 1837. They are now engaged in farming in Zone township. Both have been members of the Methodist Church since childhood. The children born of this union were: Joseph, a farmer of County Lambton; Carry, widow of Robert Thompson, now residing with her parents; Eliza, of County Lambton, married to James Shaw; Charles, deceased; George; and John, of County Lambton.

On Nov. 20, 1889 in Forest, Ont., Mr. George Pray married Anna Herbert, and born to this union were the following children: Virtue, Ivy and Charles. These excellent people are also rearing three nieces, namely: Lotta W., Myrtle and Minnie, two of whom were very young when taken into the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Pray. Mrs. Pray was born at Dawn, County Lambton, a daughter of Elvin and Charlotte (Hare) Herbert, of Yorkshire, England, where they married, but they became early settlers in County Lambton, Ontario. Later they retired, and the father fell dead while on a visit to our subject, Aug. 5, 1899, aged seventy-eight years, four months and ten days. The mother died in 1863, aged forty-five years, and they both are buried in Florence cemetery. They were members of the Church of England. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert were: Elizabeth, who married Alexander Miller, a farmer of Zone township; John, a farmer of Zone township; Sarah, of Zone township, married to William Miller; Charles deceased; Anna; Mary J., deceased; Charlotte, deceased, who married Charles Pray.

Mr. George Pray remained with his parents until his marriage, when he purchased a brush farm in Zone township, and lived thereon until he came to his present farm, which is one of the best in the township. Fraternally, he is prominent in the Order of Foresters. Both he and his wife are members of the Church of England. In politics he is a Conservative, and he takes an interest in local affairs, although he does not aspire for political preferment. He is a substantial, solid man, and one who inspires confidence, and very naturally he has many firm friends throughout the county.

JOHN BATEMAN, one of the most successful farmers of Orford township, County of Kent, resides on his fine farm of 200 acres in Lot 12, Concession 12, upon which he erected his handsome brick home in 1875. He came to this property in 1863, when it was an utter wilderness, and the only other settlers were Henry and William O'Neil, brothers, and John Park, while the Indians were numerous. The latter are represented at present by 400 Redmen, who are confined upon a 4,000-acre reservation.

The birth of Mr. Bateman occurred in Westmoreland, England, Sept. 29, 1835, and he is a son of William and Mary (Forseth) Bateman, of England, who remained in that

country. The father was a blacksmith, and for many years ran a shop which belonged to himself, which was rather unusual for those days. This blacksmith was a scholar, but found that brawn was more productive than brain. His death occurred in 1873, when he was seventy-two years of age, while the mother died in 1890, aged eighty-two years. Both were consistent members of the Church of England. The children born of his union were: Mary, who died in infancy; William, who died in young manhood; Miles, who died in young manhood; James deceased in 1900; John; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Cornthwaite; Maggie, who was burned to death while young; Thomas and Agnes, who died young; and Eleanora, widow of Edward Slingar, of Yorkshire, England.

John Bateman has been twice married, his first union, which took place in England, in 1856, being to Sarah Hoggarth, by whom he had the following children: William, a farmer of Orford township, married Margaret Hetherington, and they have three children, John, Isabel and Maggie L. Mary, of Orford township, married John Hetherington, a farmer, and has three children, Sarah B., Herbert F. and Mary L. Eleanor, of Newbury, Ont., married Amos Fennel, a lumber merchant, and they have five children, William, Bessie, Hazel, Mamie, and Harold. John, a farmer of Edwardsville, Alabama, married Mrs. Maud Herrett. Miles, a farmer of Orford township, is unmarried. Elizabeth died aged thirty years, unmarried. Maggie, unmarried, resides with William. Thomas, a farmer of the Northwest Territory, is unmarried. Mrs. Sarah Bateman died in 1873, aged thirty-nine years. Her parents, William and Mary (Bateman) Hoggarth, were farming people, and passed all their lives in England.

In 1888 Mr. Bateman married, at Ridgetown, Mrs. Betsy (Garrett) Herrett, and they have had six children; Ralph (deceased in infancy), Sadie, Charles, Robert, Joseph and Agnes. Mrs. Betsy Bateman was born at London, Ont., Sept. 7, 1858, daughter of James and Mary (Pain) Garrett, of Norford, England, who came to Canada in an early day and settled at London, Ont. In 1861 they came to the County of Kent and took up land, becoming very prominent in this vicinity.

Mr. Bateman remained with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, and then began to work out among the farmers. He came to Canada in 1858, settling in the County of Brant, where he remained three and one-half years, working upon a farm, and then located in Orford township, taking up his present property when it was covered with heavy timber. For two years his wife did not see a white woman, and the privations they endured were many and painful. An account of them would scarcely be believed in these days of advanced civilization, and yet the heroism displayed by the men and women who went before us into the unknown is worthy of song and story. A young and oftentimes delicately reared woman, newly wed, would start forth with her husband to the new home, and their hopes and aspirations caused them to picture rapid success, and anything but the reality. After days of hard travel, sometimes on one horse, over miserable roads, they reached the tract of land. For miles about stretched endless acres of towering trees, and there in the midst of this oppressing forest, the young founders of a vast nation laid the beginnings of a future prosperity. Days followed days of suffering, hard work, privation, days when there seemed to be no hope, no relief. Children were born to them, as they labored, and some passed away, their last resting-place marked by tiny green mounds near the log cabin. Finally a few acres were cleared; cattle began to graze in the fields; more land was brought under cultivation, and the pioneers awoke to the fact that the wilderness was gone; a new civilization had sprung up in their midst, and their work was accomplished. It was accomplished, but at a heavy price, which should never be forgotten by the ones who profit by the sacrifice.

In politics Mr. Bateman is a Reformer, and he served very acceptably as township councilor for seven years. He has been director of the Howard Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the past seven years. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and have been instrumental in its growth in the locality.

FRANCIS JOHN HARRIS, a general farmer in Concession 7, Lot 3, was born on his present homestead, but spent his boyhood and youth in England, returning in 1874 to Camden Gore, to make it his permanent home.

The parents of F. J. Harris were Henry

V. and Mary J. (Chappel) Harris, natives of Cornwall and Devonshire, England, respectively. They were married in England, and remained there until 1853, when they came to Canada, settling on a farm in the county of Kent, Ont. There Mrs. Harris died when her son was born, in 1854, and the father returned, four years later, to England, where he has since lived. Like his first wife he belongs to the Church of England. For his second wife Mr. Harris married a Miss Wickett, and they have had four children: Harry, deceased; Nicholas, William and Sidney, all in England.

Francis J. Harris was born Dec. 6, 1854, and as stated above was taken to England when four years old. There he was reared and educated, but at the age of nineteen he decided to return to the country of his birth, and begin life there as a farmer. Five years after his arrival, in September, 1876, he was married to Miss Winifred Huff, born in Camden Gore in 1859, daughter of Daniel Huff. Six children have come to bless this union, viz.: Francis H., unmarried, a resident of Assiniboia; Blanche, who makes her home with her brother, Francis; Louise, Grace, George and Catherine, all at home.

Mr. Harris belongs to the Conservative party in Canadian politics, but while much interested in all questions of his country's welfare, he has taken no active part in local politics. With his wife he is a member of the Methodist Church. He is prominent in the community, where he is much looked up to and respected, and is modern and progressive in all his ideas and methods.

HUFF. Mrs. Winifred H. Harris belongs to a family which has lived in Ontario for many long years, and has been represented in the County of Kent since the early settlement of the region. Her parents Daniel and Mary (Gifford) Huff, were each brought there by their parents from eastern Ontario during their youth, at the ages of sixteen and ten, respectively. There they married and settled down. They were members of the Methodist Church. The father died in August, 1889, at the age of sixty-six, and the mother in March, 1877, at the age of forty-nine. They are buried in Dresden cemetery. Their children were: Jane, deceased wife of Duncan Allen; William, a farmer and shipper of Thamesville; P. Henry; Winifred, Mrs. Francis John Harris; Susan, wife of James Pickard; Daniel, deceased; Mary, who married H. J. French, of Camden township; Blanche, wife of Myron Blackburn, clerk of Camden township; and Maggie, who married Austin Pickerine, a general agent for medicines in St. Louis, Missouri.

P. Henry Huff, a brother of Mrs. Harris, was born in Dawn Mills, Jan. 18, 1855. He lived at home on his father's farm until he was married. At that time his father presented him with a farm of fifty acres, which he tilled for three years and then sold. For some years thereafter he rented a farm, but in 1884 he bought his present place of 100 acres in Concession 5, and has remained there ever since, making a great success of his farming operations.

In August, 1879, in Dresden, Mr. Huff married Rachel E. Northcott, daughter of John Northcott, of Dawn Mills. Four children have been born to them: Clarence, a farmer of Camden Gore, married to Anna M. Windover; Dellie, Pearl and Leo at home. The family belongs to the Methodist Church. Mr. Huff's political tenets are those of the Reform party. Fraternally, he belongs to the Canadian Order of Foresters. He is a successful farmer, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

JAMES DILLON. The Dillon family in Ontario, of which James Dillon, of Chatham, is a worthy representative, is of Irish descent. James Dillon, his grandfather, was born in County Clare, Ireland, there married and reared his family, and there died. His children were: Timothy, John, Martin, Michael, William, Bridget, Nora, Catherine and Sarah. Of this family, John, Timothy and Martin came to Ontario.

Timothy Dillon, father of James, came to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1829, crossing Lake Erie in 1832 in a flatboat, in order to enter Ontario. His intention in coming hither was to obtain land, and in order to see the agent Col. Talbot, he walked to Southold, County of Middlesex, and continued his journey on into Raleigh township, County of Kent, to inspect the land. One night he was hospitably entertained at the house of Thomas Smith, the father of the Smith mill people, of Tilbury. This trip was undertaken under difficulty, as it must be recalled that at this time the country was

little better than a wilderness. Although he was obliged to make three crackers suffice for a supper and breakfast on one occasion, he safely reached his destination, and the result was that he located on Lot 3, Concession 9, in Raleigh township. Here Mr. Dillon went to work to hew out a home for his family, the place being later known as the Dillon homestead, and there he died Aug. 20, 1893, at the age of eighty-six years. In his native country he married Catherine Cross, daughter of James Cross. She died Feb. 3, 1896, at the age of eighty-six years. In religious faith they were Roman Catholics. In early life he had been a Conservative, but later adopted the principles of the Reform party. Their early settlement in the township brought with it the usual deprivations of pioneer life, a leading one being the difficulty experienced in procuring the necessities of life. Prior to a mill being established at Chatham, Mr. Dillon was obliged to carry his flour on his back, from Windsor, a distance of forty-five miles. He became a prominent and useful citizen, and was an important factor in bettering conditions of living in his part of the township. Prior to his death for many years he was a magistrate, being succeeded in the office by his son Matthew, and he was for a long period a member of the district council. To Timothy Dillon and wife were born these children: James; Michael, who is a farmer and bailiff, and lives on Lot 4, Concession 9, in Raleigh township; John, deceased; Matthew, who lives on the old homestead; Mary, who married William Hickey, ex-warden of Tilbury township; Margaret, who married Patrick O'Rourke, of Chatham; Catherine, who married Patrick Dooley, of Detroit; and Julia, who resides in Chatham.

James Dillon, the well-known citizen of Chatham, was born in the home of Nathaniel Hughson, on the shores of Lake Erie, Nov. 4, 1833, and his childhood and youth were passed on the homestead on Lot 3, Concession 9. His education was secured in a primitive log schoolhouse, which was equipped with only the bare necessities, the educational opportunities offered the children of today not being imagined at that time. In 1855 the young man went as a sailor on the lakes, following this life during the summers and engaging in lumbering in the winters, for three years. He then entered the lumbering business, which he followed for twenty-six years. From 1862 to 1866 he was engaged in British Columbia, work there during nine months of the year being paid for at the rate of $5 a day, with board. In connection with his lumbering interests, Mr. Dillon carried on farming operations in Raleigh township, his property there now being under the management of one of his sons. In 1884 he retired from active business life and settled in Chatham where he has a pleasant home.

The first marriage of Mr. Dillon took place in 1859 to Annie, the daughter of William Gilhooly, who was born in Raleigh township, and died in 1873, leaving five children, namely: William, who married Maggie Barry, and has four children; James, who married Catherine Elizabeth Phelan, and has three children; Julia Ann, who married Michael Gleeson, has three children; Catherine, who married Daniel Payne, has three children; and Mary, who married John Brennan, has eight children. In 1874 Mr. Dillon married Catherine Phelan, of which union there has been no issue. Religiously the family belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Dillon is a Reformer. During his residence in Raleigh township he was a member of the council, and has held the same position in Chatham for three years. In 1886 he was his party's candidate for Parliament. He is a man of ample means and much influence, and he occupies a prominent place in public esteem.

HENRY O'NEILL, a prosperous retired farmer of Orford township, residing on the 12th Concession, Lot 9, owns and cultivates a fine farm of 100 acres, and in addition has another tract of eighty acres, in the same township. He cleared his property, which was nothing but a wilderness when he came to it in 1859, with his brother William. For twenty years the two brothers worked together, Henry then buying the interest of William. At the time they settled there, the brothers were the only pioneers in their section, and they built their log cabin in a small clearing they made for it.

Henry O'Neill was born August 1, 1830, in Ireland, a son of David and Jane (McCollum) O'Neill, who lived and died in Ireland. The father was a farmer. He passed away in 1888, aged ninety years, while the mother died

in 1887, aged eighty-six years. The children born to them were: Henry; Mary J., unmarried, in Ireland; Neil, of Bothwell, Ont.; Isabella, of Michigan, who married Hugh Tate; Robert, on the old homestead in Ireland; David, who is in the United States; John, who was killed in Nevada, where he was engaged in mining; and Nancy, who married David McNinch, a farmer of Michigan.

In April, 1865, in Orford township, Henry O'Neill married Mary Fleming, the ceremony taking place in the Moravian Church, and the following children were born to them: David and Susan J., who are at home; John, deceased; and Mary, James, Maggie, Robert, Nancy and Isabel, at home.

Mrs. O'Neill, who was born in Scotland, died March 10, 1884, aged forty-six years, and she was interred in Ogletree cemetery, in Howard township. She was a daughter of John and Susan (Tinline) Fleming, of Scotland, who came to Orford township in 1863, and there made their home, engaging in farming. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were: Hannah (deceased) married William O'Neill, a brother of Henry; Fanny married James Nickerson, of Tilbury township; Mary became Mrs. O'Neill; William made his home in Melbourne, Australia; James became a farmer in the County of Elgin; Jane, of Rodney, Ont., is the widow of Frank Clark; Maggie (deceased) married Peter Clarke; John is on the old homestead in the County of Elgin.

Henry O'Neill remained with his parents until he came to Canada, and his first location was at Brantford, where he spent a few years upon a farm, after which he located upon his present place, as before stated. His wife died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member and liberal contributor. In politics he has always been a Reformer. Mr. O'Neill has always taken an active part in agricultural affairs, and for many years served as president and director of the County Agricultural Society. His success in life has been attained through his own unaided industry and thrift, and he has many friends throughout the neighborhood.

THOMAS HALLER, mayor of Bothwell, and proprietor of one of the leading grocery, book, confectionery and boot and shoe businesses in that town, has resided there since 1877, when he came from London, Ont. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 27, 1855, a son of Andrew and Ann Mary (Wiler) Haller, of Wurtemberg, where they lived, and the father died in March, 1901, aged eighty-three years. The mother still lives in Germany on the homestead where the father farmed during life. She is a member of the Lutheran Church as was her husband. Their children were: John J. who is a traveling salesman of Furtwangen of Baden, Germany; Mary, deceased; Thomas; Andrew, of San Pedro, California; Martin a locksmith of Esslingen, Germany; Christian, a machinist of Würzburg, Germany; Ann C. on the homestead unmarried; and Anna M., unmarried, of Esslingen, Germany.

Thomas Haller has been twice married. In 1885, in St. Thomas, Ont., he married Agnes Kilday, and the following children were born to their union: Lena, who is deceased; Thomas, at home; Mary T., at home; and Douglas, deceased. Mrs. Haller died in January, 1895, aged thirty-two, and is buried at St. Thomas. She was born at Fingal, Ont., a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Cruthers) Kilday, of the County of Elgin, the former of whom died at Spokane, Washington, and the latter at Fingal.

On Dec. 28, 1898, Mr. Haller married in Bothwell Miss Lizzie Armstrong; no children have come to this union. Mrs. Haller was born at Milton, County of Halton, Ont., a daughter of William and Isabella (Bryans) Armstrong, of Ireland, who married in Canada. The father died in Milton, Ont., in 1878, aged sixty-two years. He was a contractor and builder, was a member of the county council, and became a man of prominence. Mrs. Armstrong is the oldest resident of the town of Milton, County of Halton, Ont., being seventy-five years old, and has lived there since 1847.

Mr. Haller came to Canada when seventeen years old, having just left school. He spent his first six months with an uncle in Delaware, Ont., and then made his way to London, where he served an apprenticeship to the confectionery trade, remaining in that city until 1877. He then removed to Bothwell, and worked for James F. Atkins as clerk in his store for eleven and one-half years, when he embarked in a bakery business. From that he branched out into handling books, groceries and shoes, and carries on all his lines in con-

junction. His trade is an excellent one, owing to the superior quality of his goods and the fair treatment he accords everyone. For seven years he served on the town council, and has been mayor for the past two years. For the past twenty-five years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F. and is also a member of the Maccabees. He attends the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Haller is a Conservative, and stanchly upholds the principles of his party upon all occasions.

MACGREGOR. The Macgregor family, bearing a name distinguished in the history of Scotland, was also known among the first of the hardy pioneers who began the subjugation of Nature in the early days of the settlement of the counties of Kent and Essex, Ontario.

An early ancestor, Gregor Macgregor, born in the Highlands of Scotland in 1737, died Nov. 20, 1810, a resident of the territory now comprised in the State of Michigan, being one of its earliest settlers. He had one son, James, and two daughters, Catherine and Margaret.

James Macgregor settled in Sandwich, County of Essex, Ont., and with his cousin, John Macgregor, engaged in the fur and mercantile business about 1781, remaining there through life, John dying in 1828, and James a few years later. John Macgregor married Martha Scott, and had children as follows: (1) Alexander, born June 17, 1795, lived and died in County of Essex; he married Margaret Scott, and they had one daughter, Margaret, who became Mrs. Eberts. (2) Duncan was the first of the family to settle in County of Kent, locating near Chatham on what is known as the Macgregor farm, engaging in milling and merchandising, and later purchasing a 400-acre tract of land which is included in this farm. He died in 1864. His wife was Cynthia Van Allen, an aunt of Dr. R. Van Allen, of Chatham. Seven sons were born to this union, of whom the following grew to maturity. Alexander, who died at the age of twenty years; Duncan, who married Ella Brouse, by whom he had one son, John Abram Duncan, who died leaving three children; and Abram R. married Emily E. C. Nelles, and had four children; Duncan lives in Chicago. Maude died May 27, 1889. Emily and Florence are with their mother. The father of this family died April 16, 1892, the widow and the two surviving daughters residing on Murray street in Chatham. (3) William and (4) John, the two remaining sons of John and Martha (Scott) Macgregor, both died unmarried. The daughters were Catherine, Jane and Margaret. Catherine, born in 1801, in County Essex, came to County Kent in 1828, settling in Raleigh township, Lot 153, Talbot street. In 1819 she married Col. James W. Litle (the name appears also Little) who was born in 1791, in the State of Michigan, a son of John Litle, a United Empire Loyalist, and died in 1853, his widow surviving until 1878. They had ten children, of whom, James, residing on the old homestead, Lot 153, Talbot road, Raleigh township, and Ellen Elizabeth, with her brother, are the only survivors. Jane Macgregor married the late Judge Elliott of Sandwich. Margaret married Capt. Henry Van Allen, and both are deceased.

The Litle (Little) family and the Macgregor family are so closely connected, by marriage and intermarriage, that its record comes naturally in conjunction. The Litle family is of the North of Ireland, and John Litle was the first of the family to come to the West, coming with the company of Lord Baltimore, and settling in the State of Maryland, later moving to Virginia. He married Elizabeth Lytle, and reared a numerous family, one son being Col. James W. Little (Litle), who, as noted, married Catherine Macgregor. In 1806 Col. James became an apprentice to John Macgregor, of Sandwich, in the mercantile business, and served in the war of 1812, thus gaining his title. In 1828 he settled on Lot 153, Talbot Road, Raleigh township. His daughter, Ellen Elizabeth Little, resides on Victoria avenue, Chatham, at the age of seventy-nine years, one of the most highly esteemed residents of this city.

DUNCAN MACGREGOR, son of Abram R. Macgregor, was born May 4, 1870, and on Dec. 31, 1895, married Irene B. Litle, daughter of John and Lois (Graves) Litle, and granddaughter of Col. James Litle, who married Catherine Macgregor. Mrs. Macgregor was born June 29, 1874, and is one of five children born to her parents, the others being: Ernest, of Chicago; Nellie, deceased; Macgregor, of British Columbia; and Lola, of Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Macgregor

have one son, John Litle, born March 26, 1898. Their pleasant residence is located at No. 9102 Washington avenue, Chicago, where Mr. Macgregor is manager and inspector of the rate department for the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad.

MYLES ELLIS, a general farmer of Camden Gore, owns a homestead of sixty-five acres in Concession 10, Lots 6 and 7, a place which descended to him from his father, and on which he was born Oct. 30, 1856.

In September, 1898, in his own home, Mr. Ellis was married to Miss Nellie Evins, of English birth, by whom he has had two daughters, Lena and Irene. Mrs. Ellis was born in London, England, in 1873, and came to the County of Kent, in 1896, when her parents, Leonard and Ellen Evins, removed thither from England. They located in Turnerville, in Chatham township, where they still reside, and where Mr. Evins is occupied as a blacksmith. They have had eight children: Nellie; Ada, wife of Frank Newby, of Chatham township; Edward, living with his parents; John, of London, England, in the British army; Jesse, at home; Alice, also at home; and two children who died in infancy.

Mr. Ellis has had a somewhat varied life, as he lived on the farm with his parents until 1882, then spent four seasons sailing, next farmed in Nebraska and Illinois two years, and then returned to the old place to settle down permanently. He has made a success of farming, is interested in everything bearing on the welfare of his locality, and is prominent and popular among his fellows. He attends the Methodist Church, and in his politics belongs to the Reform party.

NEAL McPHAIL, a well-known resident of Orford township, has resided upon his fifty-acre farm on Lot 17, Concession 5, since 1870. He was born in Orford township on the Middle road, Lot 1, June 15, 1831, a son of John and Catherine (McPhail) McPhail, of Scotland, who, although they bore the same name, were no relation. They met in the County of Kent, to which John McPhail had come with his parents when twenty years old, in 1816, and he died in April, 1873, aged seventy-seven years; his wife died in May, 1887, aged eighty years. They are buried in the Duart cemetery, and were consistent members of the Baptist Church. The following named children were born to them: Mary (deceased in August, 1903) married Henry Ford; Margaret, of Duart, Ont., is the widow of William McDonald; Neal is the subject proper of this sketch; Peter died in 1903; John is a farmer of Orford township; Hugh is a blacksmith at Duart, Ont., and his twin brother, Duncan, is on the old homestead, on the Middle road, Orford.

On Dec. 28, 1853, in Aldborough, County of Elgin, Neal McPhail married Helen King, and the following children have come to this union: Margaret J. married Adolphus, a carpenter of Bothwell, Ont., and they have one daughter, Mary. Ellen married Harvey Long, and for her second husband, Peter McPhail, who is also deceased; she resides in Orford township. Edwin, a farmer of Orford township, married Grace Morrison. Neal, a farmer of Orford township, married Daletta Ford, and had two children, Lotta and Mary E.; later he married Flora McQueen, and they have had four children, Ellen C., Pollard, Florence B. (deceased), and Sarah. John died at the age of five years. Mrs. McPhail was born in the township of Windham, County of Norfolk, Ont., June 22, 1834, a daughter of Amos and Margaret (Force) King, of New Jersey and St. John, New Brunswick, respectively. They were married in Canada. By occupation the father was a carpenter, and he also had a farm in Orford township, which his son cultivated. Coming to the County of Kent in 1845, he took up a farm in Orford township, still continuing with his trade, and finally died in Chatham, while working on a building in that city, he being a contractor and builder by that time. He passed away in September, 1869, when he was sixty years of age. His widow survived until 1881, when she was seventy-four years old. They attended the Methodist Church. He was a bailiff for many years, and prior to coming to Orford was jailer at Simcoe, Ont., for seven years. The children born to himself and wife were: Philip, a farmer of Camden township; Phoebe, deceased, who married Thomas Hull; Helen, Mrs. McPhail; Drusilla, who died in 1903, the wife of George Gordy; Cynthia, deceased, who married Peter McPhail, a brother of Neal; and Catherine, widow of Jeremiah

Vinsant, of Owosso, Michigan. The paternal great-grandparents came from England at an early day, settling in New Jersey.

Neal McPhail was with his parents until his marriage, when he purchased a farm of 100 acres in Orford township. This land was then in the midst of a wilderness, but he and his faithful wife worked hard, living in their little log cabin for twenty years. About them the wolves howled, and there was constant danger from the Indians, but they were brave and industrious, and in time were able to buy their present handsome home. They are now among the leading people of the neighborhood. They attend the Baptist Church, taking an active interest in its good work. In politics Mr. McPhail is a Reformer, but not an office seeker. While Mr. and Mrs. McPhail have endured many hardships they have lived to see the country grow up about them, to rear a family of which they are justly proud, and are now enjoying the fruits of their labors, surrounded by kind friends and congenial neighbors.

WILLIAM ELLIS is one of the younger farmers of Camden Gore, a native of the locality, and since 1894 the owner of a fine farm of 105 acres in Concession 9, Lot 5, originally cleared by a Mr. Baxter. William Ellis was born Dec. 17, 1860, son of Samuel and Rachel (Devins) Ellis.

Samuel Ellis was a farmer whose life was passed in Camden Gore; he lived to be sixty-nine years old, and died Feb. 23, 1900. His wife was taken from him three years previously, June 25, 1897, at the age of sixty-three. They were buried in Dresden cemetery. The children born to their union were: Myles, a farmer on the old homestead; Hannah, who died at the age of twenty-four, unmarried; William; Rachel, deceased when twenty-two years old; Mary, the wife of William Willison, of the Northwest Territory; Bertha, who married James Woods, of Howard township; Robert, of County Lambton, a farmer; and Samuel, of Camden Gore.

The grandparents of William Ellis were William and Mary Ann (Adams) Ellis, of Ireland and County of Prince Edward, Canada, respectively, who were early settlers in the County of Kent. In 1837 they took up a wild farm, and made it their permanent home. This place of 100 acres is now the property of John Neely. William Ellis passed his last years with his son, James, in the County of Lambton, where his death occurred in 1887, at the age of seventy-two; his wife died in 1859, aged forty-five years. He was buried in the Dawn Mills cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Ellis was prominent in local politics, and held several minor township offices. The children born to William and Mary Ellis were as follows: Samuel; Jacob, who was killed by a falling tree; Sarah J., widow of John Arkland, of Atkinson, Illinois; Hannah, who died young; Nancy, born in Camden Gore, March 5, 1838, who married Charles Badder, now living retired; Francis, of Idaho; William, a resident of Dresden; James, a farmer of County of Lambton; Nathaniel, of Dresden; Richard, a farmer in Michigan; and Rachel, married to George Wright, of Idaho.

The pioneer of the Ellis family in the County of Kent was Francis Ellis, who came from England, with his wife, Hannah Aikley. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Abraham Devins, who came to County of Kent from the neighborhood of Toronto, and who lived to a very advanced age.

William Ellis did not start out for himself until after his marriage, when he took up a farm in Camden Gore. Up to that event he worked on his father's property. His marriage occurred April 6, 1885, in Ridgetown, to Miss Deborah L. Neely. The issue of their union was the following family: John B., deceased; Orvil; Alva; Fern L.; Corlis; and Violet G. Mrs. Ellis was born in Camden Gore March 9, 1866, daughter of John and Isabella (Hopper) Neely, both natives of Ireland. The father came to the County of Kent in 1853, locating on the farm where he still resides with his wife, both now well advanced in years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Neely are earnest Christians, and members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were thirteen in number: Isabella, at home unmarried; Mary J., the wife of John D. Traxler; John, a farmer in Camden Gore, with his father; Lucinda, deceased wife of Robert Blackburn, of British Columbia; Elizabeth A., who married Charles Shaw, a farmer in Chatham township; Andrew and Adolphus, deceased; Deborah L.; Nathaniel and Isaac, farmers in Camden Gore; Diana, wife of Thomas Lewis, a farmer in

County of Lambton; Delina, married to Samuel Ross, a farmer of Camden Gore; and Eva L., wife of a Mr. McDonald, of Camden Gore.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ellis were John and Isabella Neely, who came from Ireland and settled on a farm near Quebec.

Mr. Ellis is one of the clever and thrifty men of the locality, and is already prominent in many ways. He attends the Methodist Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Politically, his principles are those of the Grits.

RICHARD WHITE, general farmer and reeve of Zone township, residing on Lot 11, Concession 4, owns and operates a farm of fifty acres, and also owns 150 acres in the 5th Concession. He came to his present home in 1875, from Dawn, County of Lambton. His birth occurred in Cornwall, England, Dec. 8, 1844, and he is a son of John and Margaret (Waters) White, of Cornwall, England, where they remained. The father died in November, 1873, aged ninety-three, and the mother in 1884, aged seventy years. By occupation the father was a carpenter. Both were consistent members of the Church of England. The children born to this couple were: William, Sampson and Thomas, all of whom died in England; Richard; Joseph, a retired police officer of Cornwall; Ann (deceased), who married William White; Elizabeth, of England, married to Alfred Appleton; Rebecca, unmarried, of Cornwall, England; Jane, who married John Clift, and died in England; Eliza, who married William White, her sister's husband, and died in England.

On Sept. 11, 1875, in Zone township, Mr. White married Jane A. Armstrong. They have no children of their own, but have reared four children, who are an honor to their foster parents, and who stand high in the community in which they live. Mrs. White was born on the Island of St. Vincent, March 17, 1843, a daughter of William R. and Charlotte (Wall) Armstrong.

Richard White remained with his parents until he was fifteen years of age, and then became a sailor, continuing in that line of work two years, after which he worked in the mines of Cornwall for three years. He was then appointed a police officer and acted as such four years. For a year more he engaged in railroad contracting, and then returned to the sea for six months, when he was taken with smallpox. After recovering, in November, 1871, he removed to Canada, locating in Dawn township, County of Lambton, renting a farm for three years, when he came to his present home, married and worked steadily, increasing his holdings both in 1890, and in 1898. He has been in the township council since 1888, and has been reeve for the past four years. He is a Conservative in politics and is active in party matters. Mr. and Mrs. White are consistent members of the English Church. Although he has labored under many disadvantages and discouragements, Mr. White has raised himself to a position of prominence and substance, and is most highly regarded by the entire neighborhood.

FINLEY McKERRACHER (deceased) was one of the well-known men of the County of Kent. His birth took place April 7, 1820, in Perthshire, Scotland, and his death occurred Dec. 16, 1883, on the farm now occupied by his sons, consisting of 100 acres on Lot 4, Concession 5, Orford township. He was interred at Ridgetown.

The parents of the late Finley McKerracher were Finley and Janet (McKendrick) McKerracher, of Perthshire, Scotland, who came to the County of Kent in 1831, and located on a farm in Orford township. The country was then an unbroken wilderness for miles, and presented no very inviting prospect, but here the hardy pioneers remained, and here the father died in June, 1859, and the mother in April, 1855, the former aged eighty-two, and the latter seventy-five years. They were buried in the old cemetery at Ridgetown. Both were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of the following named children, all now deceased: Janet, who was the wife of William Sweet; John, who died at Ridgetown; Mary, wife of George Reeder; William, who died in Orford township; Finley, who died in Orford township; Robert, who died on the old homestead in Orford township; and Elizabeth wife of Joseph Robinson, of Howard township.

On March 17, 1853, Finley McKerracher married Margaret McGregor, and the children born to them were as follows: Finley, a farmer in Howard township; Janet and Anna, twins, the former the wife of Nathaniel Phil-

lips, of Tuscola county, Michigan, and the latter the wife of Alexander McCulloch, of the County of Elgin, Ont.; James, a farmer of Tuscola county, Michigan; Miss Margaret, with her mother; Bertha, wife of Peter Learmouth, a farmer of Brantford, Ont.; and Robert and John W., at home.

Mrs. Margaret (McGregor) McKerracher was born February 5, 1834, in Howard township, County of Kent, a daughter of James and Ann (Robinson) McGregor, both of Scotland, who came to the County of Kent in the spring of 1833. They located in Howard township, taking up 100 acres of wild land and continuing on that property until they died, the father in 1871, aged eighty-two years, and the mother in 1890, aged eighty-five years. They were buried at Ridgetown, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were most worthy and highly respected people, and lived lives of correctness and self-denial, and according to the precepts of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of the following children: Margaret, widow of Finley McKerracher; Sarah, who died young; Hugh, who died young; Mary, deceased, wife of John Thompson; Miss Janet, who lives in Ridgetown; Anna, who married Robert Hepburn, a farmer of Howard township; Robert, on the old homestead farm in Howard township; and Joseph, residing at Mull, Ontario.

Finley McKerracher was a farmer all his life, remaining at home until his marriage and then purchasing a farm for himself. Two of his sons, John W. and Robert, remain on the home farm, and they own another farm of 100 acres which was first settled on by William Sweet, but has been improved by them. They are counted among the substantial young men of the township and take leading positions among the first-class farmers. Like their father, they are identified with the Reform party. All the family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS O. TIFFIN is one of the retired farmers of the Gore of Camden, who has had his home there for many years, and has grown into the regard of the whole community. He is the owner of a fine farm of fifty acres in Concession 11, Lot 5, which is now managed by his son, Charles, and also of another farm, occupied by his son, Arthur. Mr. Tiffin is a native of Camden, born there July 18, 1834, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Tiffin.

Thomas Tiffin and his wife were born in County Wexford, Ireland, but came to Canada in an early day, and located in New Brunswick. From there they moved on westward to County Kent in 1817, settling in the Gore of Camden; another brother came also, with his little family, and both took up farms of 200 acres on the present site of Toronto, where then there was but one store and a small mill. There Thomas Tiffin died in 1887, at the advanced age of one hundred years, while his wife, six years his junior, died in 1883, and both were buried in Butler's Hill cemetery. They were members of the Church of England. Of their fourteen children, four died young, the others being as follows: Mary, who married Henry Brown, and died at the age of seventy-nine; Anna, of Oil Springs, widow of William Rogan; William, whose present location is unknown; Thomas, who died in youth; Martin, who was drowned; Jane, deceased wife of John Deacon; Thomas O.; Paney, deceased, who married Artemus Frencher; Elizabeth, the wife of Redford Kimmerly, justice of the peace in Dresden, Ont.; and John, a miller in British Columbia. The paternal grandfather, William Tiffin, remained in Ireland, and ended his days there.

Thomas O. Tiffin remained with his parents working on the farm until his marriage, and then started out for himself in the same occupation, which he has continued all his life. He has been twice married; the first time, on March 25, 1862, to Miss Maria Mead, who died Feb. 1, 1863, leaving no children. His second marriage took place Dec. 22, 1864, in Gore of Camden, when he was united to Miss Margery Anderson. To this union were born the following children: Maria, who married David Clemens, of County Lambton; Marilla, the wife of Joseph Snyder, of Camden; Arthur, of the same place; Lenora, of Chatham, the wife of Walter Badder; Theresa, married to William Willmore, of County Lambton; Mark, of the same county; Charles, who resides with his father on the farm; Joseph, of Dresden; Thomas Berton, of British Columbia; and Hurckles, a farmer of Ridgetown, Ontario.

Mrs. Margery A. Tiffin was born in the Gore of Camden, a daughter of Arthur and

Christiann (Logan) Anderson, who came from Ireland to the County of Kent in an early day, and located in the Gore of Camden where they took up 100 acres and settled down for the rest of their lives. There the death of the father occurred in 1883, at the age of eighty-three, and he was buried in Dresden cemetery. The mother is residing in Camden with her daughter, Sarah Wilson. They were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Arthur Anderson was a man of prominence, was reeve for many years, and served twenty-one years as township councilor. Their children were: James, a gardener of Dresden; Mary J., who died young; Ellen, the wife of Jacob Steinhoff, of Glencoe, Ont.; Margery; Mary Ann, deceased wife of Hercules Ennet; Isaac, and Robert, both deceased; Isabel, of Jeannette's Creek, Ont., who married a Mr. Shaw; Arthur, of Kansas; William, of British Columbia; Eliza J., the late wife of Thomas Howden; Sarah, married to Albert Wilson, of the Gore of Camden; and Joseph, a farmer in the same locality.

Thomas Tiffin, in spite of his advancing years, is still well and active, and enjoys showing that he is yet able to work somewhat every day, although greatly hampered by the loss (about five years ago) of his left hand. He belongs to the Church of England. He is a member of the Orange Lodge. In his politics he is a Conservative. He is widely known through the region, and wherever known is esteemed and respected.

ARTHUR TIFFIN, one of the industrious and prosperous young farmers of Camden Gore, who is rapidly pushing his way to a prominent place in the community, is a native of the place, born on the same farm where he is now living, Aug. 24, 1869. He is the son of Thomas O. and Margery (Anderson) Tiffin.

Mr. Tiffin lived at home until he was fourteen, helping his father, and then began working around among the farmers in the region. After a while he decided to try blacksmithing, but after working at that trade a year he returned to farming. In 1893 he began renting farms, continuing in that way until 1899, when he undertook the management of the farm on which he was born. This is a place of fifty acres, located in Concession 10, Lot 6.

Although a young man still, Mr. Tiffin has been twice married; his first wife was Miss Clara Ripley, to whom he was married in Camden Gore, in March, 1893, and by whom he had four children: Laura, Ila, Theresa and Ethel. Mrs. Clara R. Tiffin was a native of Nova Scotia, daughter of Amos and Maria Ripley, and died in April, 1901, at the age of twenty-six. She is buried in Blackburn cemetery. Mr. Ripley died in Nova Scotia, and his wife married, for her second husband, William Kelly, with whom she removed to the County of Kent, Ontario.

On Dec. 25, 1901, Mr. Tiffin was married again, his bride being Miss Alice Badder. Mrs. Tiffin is a native of Camden Gore, but her father, Joseph Badder, was born in England. His parents, however, came to Canada, when he was only six months old, settling first in Toronto, and then in Camden Gore. His present residence is on a farm in Chatham township, whither he removed in 1874. Mr. Badder was born in March, 1833, and his wife, Charlotte (Orr) Badder, Jan. 3, 1839. The latter died in October, 1902, and is buried in Arnold's cemetery. Their children were: Henry W., deceased; Anna, married to John Nolte, of the Northwest Territory; Walter, who married Nora, sister of Arthur Tiffin, and resides with his parents; Francis W., at home; and Alice.

Mr. Tiffin is not a member of any church, but he attends different ones impartially. In his politics he is an adherent of the Conservative party. Clever, thrifty and prosperous, he is well known in his neighborhood, and is a man whose opinion exercises considerable influence.

JAMES W. McRITCHIE, a successful general farmer residing on Lot 16, River range, Zone township, County of Kent, came to this locality in 1867 from another farm in Zone township. His birth occurred Feb. 19, 1854, in Montague, County of Lanark, and he is a son of Charles and Margaret (Warner) McRitchie, of Scotland. The father came from Scotland when a boy with his parents, in 1840, locating in Kilmarnock, Ontario, where the father secured a government position on locks and came to own a farm in Montague. In the fall of 1865 he came to the County of Kent, locating in Zone township,

where he conducted a boarding house for oil men during the oil excitement. He died March 6, 1888, aged sixty-seven years, and his wife died Oct. 9, 1894, aged seventy-five years, firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Both are buried in Bothwell cemetery. Children as follows were born of this union: Jane H. married T. McGarrity, an electrician for the electric light plant of Windsor; Clarence died in Zone township; Charles died in Zone township; James W. is mentioned below; Alexander died in Montague, Ontario; Frank H. is in the grain business at Bothwell.

On July 5, 1881, in Thamesville, Ontario, James W. McRitchie married Mary D. Marcus, and they have had three children: Charles A., Margaret E. and James A. Mrs. McRitchie was born in Zone township, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Sussex) Marcus, the former of whom was born in Ireland in 1832, and died in 1899. His widow still lives in Orford.

Mr. McRitchie remained with his parents until twenty-one when he engaged as carpenter on the H. and B. railroad during its construction, and continued thus for two years. From this engagement he went to Petrolia and worked in the oil fields for two years, and then purchased a farm in Zone township which he worked two years, living at home. Marrying, he settled on his farm, and there remained until 1891, when he sold his property and purchased his present home of 130 acres, which he has converted into one of the best farms in the township. In conjunction with farming Mr. McRitchie carries on another industry, having an artificial lake of one and a quarter acres upon his farm, in which he makes a specialty of raising German carp and pickerel, disposing of thousands of the carp annually in the New York and Boston markets.

In politics Mr. McRitchie is a Reformer and has been quite active in local affairs, serving for three years in the township council. In 1899 he was appointed government fish inspector, which position he still holds. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., in which organization he is quite popular, having filled all the chairs and served as representative to the Grand Lodge. In religious affiliation he is a Methodist. Mr. McRitchie is energetic and enterprising, always ready to take advantage of opportunities offered, and is a man who takes great pride in his property. He is not only successful financially, but has gained and held the friendship of the leading men of the township, among whom he is accounted a very representative factor.

WILLIAM TINLINE, now living retired, was in his active years one of the well-to-do farmers of Orford township, owning a fine farm of 100 acres in Lots 7 and 8, Concession 12, and he has fifty acres additional in the same township, in Concession 14. He came to his present home in 1860, when the land was a vast wilderness. His first work was to make a clearing in the woods for his primitive log cabin, and he has passed through all the adventures incident to pioneer life.

Mr. Tinline was born at Moorebottle, Roxburghshire, Scotland, Jan. 3, 1826, son of James and Hannah (Chapman) Tinline, also natives of Scotland. The father died there in 1858, aged fifty-seven years, and in 1865 the mother came to Orford township with a daughter, son and son-in-law. There she died in 1883, aged eighty years, and is buried in Duart cemetery. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to James and Hannah Tinline were: Susan, widow of John Fleming, of the County of Elgin; John, who died in 1899, in the County of Elgin, where he had resided one year; William; Janet, deceased, who married William Bridon; and James, who died in 1903, in Orford township.

On May 26, 1852, in Cobourg, Ont., Mr. Tinline married Margaret Carins, and they have had children as follows: James and John died in infancy; Jennie married John Murray, a blacksmith of Highgate, and three children have been born to them, John, Roy and Charles; William, who lives on and operates the old homestead, married Euphemia Hogg, and they have had four children, Margaret, Whitson, Elgan and Mary; Hannah married (first) William Elwood, by whom she had one son, Oliver, and (second) George Thompson, of Highgate; Elizabeth S. married George W. Moody, a brick and tile manufacturer of Orford township, who is mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Tinline was born in Kelso, Scotland, June 1, 1821, and is a daughter of John and Janet (Rodger) Carins, of Scotland, who remained in that country. He was a blacksmith

and a very worthy man. Mr. and Mrs. Carins had children as follows: Elizabeth, of Scotland, who married Hugh Briggs; George, who died in Scotland; and Margaret, Mrs. Tinline.

Until he came to Canada William Tinline remained with his parents, and then served an apprenticeship to the carpenter and wagon-making trade for several years, after which he located in London, Ont., where he followed his calling. Since locating in Orford, however, he has devoted his energies to farming. In 1900 he retired and turned the management of the farm over to his son William, who has a separate home on the property. The family are all members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Tinline is a Reformer. Throughout the entire neighborhood the name of Tinline is connected with the best interests, for father and sons are men of honor, probity and uprightness of character, good workers, thrifty in manner of life, and excellent managers.

LAWRENCE B. GOSNELL, a retired farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, residing on Concession 6, Lots 10 and 11, owns a fine farm of 178 acres on which is a handsome brick residence, which he erected in 1892. He came to this property in May, 1856, from the old homestead in the same township, Lot 17, on the Ridge road, where he was born Sept. 6, 1832.

Mr. Gosnell is a son of John and Sarah (Reeder) Gosnell, of County Cork, Ireland, and Derbyshire, England, who were married in the County of Kent. They settled in Orford township, on the Ridge road, where the father took up 150 acres of land, and he resided there until his death, in 1870; the mother died in 1865, aged fifty-three years, and they were buried in the Gosnell cemetery. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The following children were born to this worthy couple: Mary A. died in childhood; Lawrence B. is mentioned below; Ellen died in infancy; Catherine, of Pilot Mound, is married to J. W. Gosnell; John H. is deceased; Rebecca (deceased) was the wife of Henry Reeder; Christopher W. is a farmer of Orford township; Thomas H. is a farmer of Orford township; Charlotte is married to Robert Barker, of the County of Elgin; George A. is a farmer of Orford township; Wellington is a farmer of Harwich; Jerusha is the wife of Hall Barker; James R. is a farmer of Orford township.

The paternal grandfather, Lawrence Gosnell, married Catherine Salter, of County Cork, Ireland, who died in Wolf Island, Ont. He came to Orford with his three sons and two daughters, namely: Joseph; Nancy, who married John Hatch; John; Ellen, who married John Reeder; and James.

On Feb. 6, 1856, in Orford township, Lawrence B. Gosnell married Sarah Lee, and they reared an intelligent family, of whom we have the following record: Lawrence M., a farmer of the County of Essex, is married and has three children, John L., Frank B. and Lawrence. Miss Anna is at home. John H., a farmer of Orford township, married Mary M. Leitch, and two children have been born to them, Francis D. and Maud L. Emma died when three years old. Edward died in infancy. James W., unmarried, is at home. Hector, Catherine E. and Ellen L. are also at home. They are all a credit to their parents and the community in which they were reared, a family of whom any parents might well be proud. The younger sons now manage the farm, whose broad acres show forth their excellent work, and are highly respected in the community, while they and their sisters are welcomed at all the social events of Orford township and the surrounding country. The mother of this family was born in County Cork, Ireland, Dec. 28, 1835, daughter of John and Sarah (Sheon) Lee, of County Cork, who came to Orford township in 1841, taking up 100 acres, now owned and operated by their son, John Lee, M. P. P. The father was a farmer all his life, and died Jan. 8, 1867, aged sixty-four years; the mother survived until March 29, 1891, when she died aged eighty-four years. They were interred in the family cemetery. They were very prominent in the Methodist Church. Born to this union were children as follows: Catherine; George, who died at the age of two years; Sarah, Mrs. Gosnell; Ann, who married Lawrence Tape, and is deceased; Hon. John, M. P. P., farmer on the old homestead; Louisa, who married William Attridge, a farmer of Highgate—all most highly respected and enterprising people.

Lawrence B. Gosnell grew up on his father's farm, remaining at home until he came to

his present place, which he cultivated for many years, making it one of the finest in the township. He is a Methodist in religion, and a Grit in politics.

THOMAS HICKS, of Blenheim, whose long life of ninety years and nine months closed peacefully on Jan. 26, 1904, was the last of Kent county's earliest pioneers. Few citizens have attained that patriarchal age. His year of birth, 1813, carries the mind far back over eventful years, almost to the beginning of the Nineteenth century. His ancestors belonged to the race reared and nurtured in the North of Ireland, from which have sprung some of the most notable characters of the world's history.

John Hicks, the grandfather of Thomas Hicks, may possibly have been born in England, but it is known that he lived, married and died in the North of Ireland, his wife being a daughter of Surgeon Brown, of the English army.

Richard Hicks, one of the three sons of John Hicks, was born in 1782, in the North of Ireland, where he grew to stalwart manhood and became a member of the 12th Dragoons in the British army, serving for eight years, still retaining his home, however, in the North of Ireland. Richard Hicks married Margaret Chambers, a daughter of John Chambers, who lived to the age of 103 years. Margaret Chambers was of Scotch descent, and was born about 1782. After his return from army service Richard Hicks engaged in farming. He became the father of these children: William, who died in New York, N. Y.; John, who died in London; Thomas; Elizabeth, who died in Little York, Ont.; Mary, who died in Ireland; and Alice, who died in Ontario.

The venerable and most highly respected Thomas Hicks was born in the North of Ireland, May 10, 1813, and came to Ontario when but twenty years of age, thus being identified with this Province for a period of sixty-nine years. He located first at Little York, where he remained but a short time, although during this period he met, and on July 25, 1837, married Margaret Fullerton, who was born Feb. 17, 1817, and who was spared him as a cheerful and loving helpmate until July 3, 1900. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks started to found a home in County Kent, their courage being high and their faith in the future supreme. Leaving Little York on the vessel the "Transit," they reached Niagara, there taking the stage coach to Chippening, whence, again by water, they proceeded to Buffalo and on to Detroit. By a boat named "The Brothers," and owned by Capt. Eberts, they went from Detroit to Chatham, where they secured a team, and in this way reached Talbot street, now Blenheim. During this last part of the trip they encountered the greatest amount of danger. The wonderful system of drainage which now makes this land more fertile than any other, had not at that time been put into operation, and the water submerged the land to such a degree that there soon became a necessity to rescue the lady from danger of drowning. With gallantry, strength and affection, Mr. Hicks placed his bride on his shoulders, and waded through to safety, although his own head was often almost under water.

The new home on Section 10, Third Concession, Blenheim, was finally reached on Sept. 4, 1837, and here the first child of the family was born. On Jan. 11, 1840, Mr. Hicks settled at his late home, Lot 11, 1st Concession. Here this hardy old pioneer spent his evening days, tenderly cared for by his two daughters. Although over ninety years passed over his silvered head, he was, to within three weeks of his death, alert and active, his advanced age not preventing him following with interest the local improvements and public events of the day. It is given to few to witness so much that has contributed to the advance of the human race.

The children born to Thomas Hicks and wife were: (1) Dr. John, now a successful physician located at Menominee, Michigan, and former member of the Legislature, married Jane McPherson, and they have children,—Earle, Walter and Alvin. (2) Matilda is the widow of D. B. Foster, of Chatham. (3) Margaret married Daniel Tate, of St. Thomas, and has five children: Nelson, Murray, Ernest, Douglas and Ethel. (4) Richard, a minister, living in Simcoe, married Ada Jeffry, and they have one daughter,—Murial. (5) Samuel, (6) Robert and (7) Thomas Henry, are all deceased. (8) Miss Rosetta E., is at home, where she tenderly cared for her father. (9) Mabel, who married Arthur W. Bell, a

merchant of Blenheim, has one daughter,—Marguerite.

Mr. Hicks was in sympathy with the Liberal party in politics. He had almost a life-long connection with the Church of England. His acquaintance in the community was wide, and the smile and hand of genuine friendship and esteem met him on every side. When Mr. Hicks settled in Blenheim, or what is now Blenheim, not a house was on the present site of the thriving town, the surrounding country, from Port Stanley to Sandwich, being heavily timbered. His efforts had much to do with the wonderful improvements which have taken place. He was always a loyal citizen, served in 1837-8 in the Rebellion and faithfully and continually encouraged and fostered all enterprises promising to advance the interests of County Kent.

RICHARD HETHERINGTON, one of the substantial men of Orford township, where he is engaged as a general farmer, resides on Lot 4, 8th Concession, where he owns and operates a fine farm of 115 acres to which he came Dec. 25, 1859. He built his handsome brick home in 1885.

Richard Hetherington was born in Flamborough, Ont., Nov. 14, 1858, a son of Richard and Margaret (Frazer) Hetherington, of Scotland, who were married in Canada, whither he had come in 1842, locating in Dundas, Ont. He first clerked in a store, and then operated a sawmill, which had been his work in Scotland. He located in the County of Kent in 1858, and took up 115 acres of land. His death occurred in 1885, when he was seventy-seven years old, while his wife died in 1895, aged seventy-one years, and they both are buried in the Gosnell cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. The father held minor township offices. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington were: James F., a machinist of Galt, Ont.; John, a farmer of Orford township; Maggie, who married William Bateman, a farmer of Orford township; Richard, on the old homestead; Euphemia, who married David McPherson; Isabella, deceased; Mary, who married James Shankie, a farmer of Orford township; Louisa, married to Albert Ethell, a farmer of Ridgeway, County of Welland, Ontario.

On Dec. 12, 1888, in Orford township, Richard Hetherington married Jessie McLean, and their children are Charles R., Blake F., Hazel, Hugh H. and Albert. Mrs. Hetherington was born in Orford township Jan. 10, 1866, a daughter of Charles and Agnes (Rose) McLean. Mr. Hetherington was only one year old when he was brought to his present home, upon which he has grown to manhood and he has developed the property, bringing it into a high state of cultivation. Fraternally, he is a member of the A. O. U. W., and in religious connection he is a Presbyterian, as is his wife. His political affiliations are with the Reform party, but he never has sought office. The farm and premises show that a good manager is at the head of affairs, and the thrifty, prosperous appearance of everything testifies to Mr. Hetherington's ability and success.

NATHANIEL A. NEELY, a prosperous and influential farmer of the Gore of Camden, is one of the large family born to John and Isabel (Hopper) Neely, many of whom are residents of the same locality as our subject.

The Neely family originated in Ireland, where the great-grandfather, John by name, lived and died in County Tyrone. His son, John (2), was born there in 1795, and his wife, Isabella (Carr) was also born there in 1816. Their marriage occurred in America. John Neely came to Canada in 1825, and located at Huntingdon, Quebec, on a farm, where he remained until his death in 1870. His wife survived him until 1886, when she passed away in her seventy-first year. Both were members of the Church of England. Eleven children were born to them as follows: Jane, the wife of Christopher Shaw, a farmer of Camden; John, the father of Nathaniel; Margaret, deceased wife of William Hanna; Catherine, deceased wife of John Grahams; William, deceased; Andrew, a farmer in Colorado; Isabel, late wife of James Henderson; Charles, unmarried, a farmer of Lower Canada; Robert, of County Huntingdon, on the old homestead; Archie, in Illinois; Elizabeth, who died young.

John Neely (3) was born March 15, 1827. He remained on his father's farm until he was married, and then came to his present farm in the Gore of Camden, in Concession 10, Lot 2, where he bought seventy acres, made a clearing, and built the house of hewed logs, in which he lived for twenty-five years before

building the residence he now occupies. He speedily got the farm under cultivation, and has managed it most successfully up to within a few years, when he retired. For some time now he has been confined to his bed, and all responsibility has been transferred to his son, John. Mr. Neely always took a great interest in politics, and has ever been a strong Conservative. His religious belief is that of the Methodist Church, and he has not only always been a stanch supporter of it in its practical activities, but is unusually well versed in Scripture.

On June 15, 1853, in County of Huntingdon, Quebec, John Neely married Miss Isabel Hopper, by whom he had the following children: Isabel, at home; Mary T., who married John Traxler, a farmer of Gore of Camden; John; Lucinda, deceased wife of Robert Blackburn; Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Shaw, a farmer of Chatham township; Andrew deceased; Adolphus, deceased; Nathaniel and Isaac, farmers in Camden township; Deborah L., Mrs. William Ellis; Diana and Delina, twins, the former married to Thomas Lewis, of County of Lambton, Ont., and the latter to Samuel Ross; and Eva, the wife of Malcolm McDonald, of Camden township.

Isabel (Hopper) Neely was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, April 18, 1829, the daughter of Andrew and Mary J. (Carr) Hopper. Her parents removed to County of Huntingdon in 1855, and lived there on a farm some years before finally settling in County of Kent. The father lived to be eighty-six years old, and the mother seventy-eight, their deaths occurring in April, 1886, on the 6th and 18th, respectively. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. To them were born: Daniel, deceased; Isabel; Margaret, wife of Edward Kelly, both deceased; William, of Waterloo, Nebraska; Margery and John, both deceased; Andrew, a farmer in Camden township; Catherine, late wife of George Kelly; Mary J., deceased wife of William Cooper; Samuel, deceased; Charles, a farmer in Missouri; Robert, deceased; Eliza A., wife of Frank Corless, a farmer and owner of a creamery near Omaha, Nebraska; and David, deceased.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Isabel H. Neely, and the great-grandfather of our subject, was Daniel Hopper, who was a lifelong resident of County Tyrone, Ireland.

Nathaniel A. Neely was born on the family homestead in the Gore of Camden, Oct. 23, 1867; he remained there assisting his father until after his marriage, when he moved to an adjoining farm, and has made it his permanent home. It is a place of sixty acres located in Concession 11, Lot 2, and Mr. Neely has turned it into a fine farm. He is progressive and up-to-date in all his methods, and is doing well. Politically, he is a Conservative, while his fraternal affiliation is with the C. O. of Foresters. He attends the Methodist Church.

On March 2, 1891, in Thamesville, Mr. Neely was married to Miss Amanda Ross, and to their union have come four children: A. Gerald, Mary V., Rhoda and Myrtle J. Mrs. Amanda R. Neely was born in Camden township Oct. 25, 1869.

Ross. William Ross, the father of Mrs. Amanda Neely, is a wealthy farmer of the Gore of Camden, owning four farms in the township, and he resides on one of fifty-five acres in Lot 6, Concession 4. He was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, July 5, 1839, the son of David and Margaret (Conagan) Ross. The father was a school teacher in Ireland, who came to Canada in 1848, and settled in Hamilton, Ont. He was there ten years, and then went to County of Kent, and took up his residence with his son in Camden township. He met his death by drowning in 1869, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died at the same age in 1873. They were members of the Church of England. Their oldest son, John, is deceased. Eliza, their first daughter, married Samuel Meredith, and is deceased. James is also deceased. Susannah and Jane, deceased, were both married. William was the youngest child, and the father of Mrs. Neely.

From the time William Ross was old enough to do a man's work, he supported his parents and cared for them until their deaths. Although he started poor, he has accumulated a competency, and is now the owner of four fine farms. Like his parents he belongs to the Church of England, and in his politics he is an ardent supporter of the Reform party.

Mr. Ross married, in Dawn Mills, in December, 1857, Miss Sarah Meredith, born in Guelph, Ont., April 5, 1839, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Bronson) Meredith, who came from Ireland to Canada in 1841,

and settled permanently on a farm. William and Sarah Ross are the parents of ten children: Maggie is the wife of Edward Norton, of Kent Bridge, Ont.; John is a farmer in Croton, Ont.; Sarah J. married Albert Lloyd, of Pontiac, Ont.; Charles is a farmer in Camden; Louise married Isaac Kelly, of Camden township; Amanda is the wife of Nathaniel A. Neely, of the same place; Samuel, William and Noble are able farmers in that township; and Ida, the youngest daughter, lives at home.

JOSEPH SWALWELL, who departed this life Sept. 17, 1896, and now lies buried in Bothwell cemetery, was born in York, England, Feb. 18, 1820, son of George and Ann (Ficher) Swalwell, of York, Yorkshire, England, where they remained. The father, an English gentleman by birth and training, died in 1860, aged seventy-six, while his wife died in 1862, aged seventy-four years. They were members of the Catholic Church. Born to this union were the following children: Joseph; George and John, who died in England; and Mary, unmarried.

In Leeds, England, in St. John's Church, Joseph Swalwell married Sarah Dickinson, and their children were: Joseph died at the age of four years, in England; Lucy Mary married Edward Howell, a farmer of Euphemia, Ont.; George C., a farmer on the old homestead, married Margaret Garlick; William, a ranchman of Vernon, B. C., married Jennie ———; Sarah married Edward Morley, a commercial agent of London, Ont.; Charlotte E. is with her mother; Alice M. married Thomas E. Clark, a banker of Bothwell, Ont.; Ann Elizabeth, married Robert Wilson, a commercial agent of London, Ontario.

Mrs. Swalwell was born in Norton, Yorkshire, England, March 9, 1822, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Sutton) Dickinson, also of England. Her father, who was a farmer, died in England in 1832, aged sixty-two years, while the mother died with Mrs. Swalwell in 1867, aged eighty-seven years.

The late Mr. Joseph Swalwell was a hatter and dealer in men's furnishing goods, clothing, etc., in Malton, England, where he continued successfully in business until he came to Canada in 1857, locating on the farm now the homestead. This land was then a wilderness, but he reduced it to a fine property. Before his death he had become quite prominent, being a member of the township council, and he affiliated with the Conservative party. Fraternally, he was a Mason, and took an active part in that order. He was a member of the Church of England, to which his widow and children also belong, and he died firm in its teachings. In his death the community not only lost one of its substantial, solid men, but his neighbors a true friend, and his family one of the best of husbands and fathers. Mrs. Swalwell lives on the homestead, as do her son and daughter, but they occupy separate houses. They are numbered among the leading people of Zone township, and are most highly respected.

DAVID MARSH, a prosperous farmer of Camden Gore, has been a resident there since 1875, when he came thither from Sheffield, County of Addington, in Eastern Ontario. He was born in the latter county June 12, 1838, the son of Benjamin and Christine (Wager) Marsh.

Benjamin Marsh was a farmer, and he passed his whole life in the County of Addington. His death occurred there, in 1871, at the age of ninety-two; his wife, who was many years his junior, survived until 1893, when she, too, passed away in her eighty-sixth year. Both husband and wife were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: George, Ephraim and Thomas, all deceased; Benjamin, of County of Addington; John and Joseph, deceased; William, a farmer in Camden Gore; Leonard, also a farmer in Camden Gore; Peter, a farmer in Napanee, Ont.; and David.

David Marsh, the youngest of the above family, remained at home until he was fifteen years old, and then began working for different farmers in the locality. This he continued until he was married, when he purchased a lease from the Canada Company for four years. At the expiration of that time Mr. Marsh bought forty acres of his present farm; this he has increased from time to time until he now has a fine farm of 150 acres located in the 10th Concession, Lot 4. His original purchase was wild land, but Mr. Marsh quickly brought it under cultivation, and has developed his whole farm into a splendid property.

In Tamworth, Ont., June 25, 1867, oc-

curred the marriage of David Marsh and Miss Ann Burley. They have two children: Sherman, who lives on an adjoining farm, and is married to Miss Sarah Wilson; and Martha, the wife of David Butler, a farmer of County of Lambton, Ont. Mrs. Ann B. Marsh was born Aug. 19, 1845, near Ernestown, Ont., the daughter of David and Ann (Black) Burley. She was one of six children, the others being: Ebenezer, a farmer of Shannonville, Ont.; John, a farmer, who lives in the State of Oregon; Thomas, of Clark county, Wash.; Arthur, deceased; Mary, a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, who married Arthur Greenwood, proprietor of a restaurant there. Mr. and Mrs. Burley passed their lives in the County of Hastings; he died in 1846, and she in 1863.

Mr. Marsh and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. In his politics he is strongly Conservative, and takes a somewhat active part in public affairs, having held several minor offices; he filled the position of school trustee six years. He is a man of ability and sound judgment, and is much respected by all who know him.

WALTER ALLISON, for many years a prominent and most highly esteemed resident of Orford township, was born Jan. 14, 1817, in Argyllshire, Scotland, and died in Orford township, on the farm now occupied by his four daughters, March 26, 1880; he was interred in the Duart cemetery. He was a son of James and Janet (Kellope) Allison, both of Argyllshire, Scotland, where they passed their lives and reared a family, as follows: James died in infancy; William died in Scotland; John lived in Scotland; Mathew died in infancy; Mathew (2) died in Australia; James (2) is deceased; Elizabeth, wife of William Fleming, died in the County of Lambton, Ont.; Hugh died in Orford township; Walter is mentioned below; Robert went to Kansas; Sarah married Finley Cook, of Glasgow, Scotland; and Peter died in Scotland.

Walter Allison learned the trade of stonemason in his native land, and thus, when he came to Orford township, County of Kent, in 1847, he was not entirely dependent upon the yield of his farming operations. The country was then but a wilderness, and his 100 acres was all bush land, which required long and patient work to clear and put under cultivation, transforming it into what it now is, one of the best farms in the township. He was a man of robust frame and was well suited for pioneer life. He became prominent in his locality as one of the solid, reliable citizens, and one who was always ready to support those measures which mean so much in the settlement of a new country. He assisted with his judgment in the making of the roads, in the building of the churches and schoolhouses and in upholding the laws. In 1878 he united with the Baptist Church and was always a true and consistent member. In politics he believed in the principles of the Reform party.

In 1843, in Argyllshire, Scotland, Mr. Allison married Catherine McDonald, and children as follows were born to this marriage: Mary, Janet and Margaret, who are on the old homestead; James, who died unmarried aged twenty-three years; John, a successful farmer of Orford township; Sarah, who died in 1901, wife of James Vyse; Christie, at home; Peter, a farmer of Orford township; Catherine, wife of Duncan Gardner, a farmer of the County of Elgin; and Elizabeth, wife of John Walker, a farmer of the County of Elgin.

The mother of this family was born Sept. 16, 1824, in Argyllshire, and died in the present home Nov. 16, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Duart cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Mary (McCall) McDonald, both natives of Argyllshire, who came to the County of Kent, in 1847, after a year's residence in the County of Elgin. They located on a farm in Orford township, and there the father died in August, 1888, aged eighty-eight years, the mother passing away March 5, 1888, aged eighty-seven years. They had the following children born to them: Catherine, who became the wife of Walter Allison; Mary, who married Thomas Lindsay, and is deceased; James C., inland revenue collector at Ridgetown; Christie, deceased, wife of John McKellar; John, who died in infancy; Donald, who died in infancy; John (2) who died in Orford township; Donald (2), who died in infancy; Samuel, a farmer of Orford township; Donald (3), who died in Orford township, as did also Alexander.

The fine farm of 100 acres which is the home of the four daughters of the late Walter Allison is situated on Lot 16, Concession 6. Mr. Allison moved there in April, 1854, from the farm in the same township on which he

settled in 1847. His daughters conduct the farm with signal success. They are well known residents of their portion of the county and are held in high esteem.

JOHN ALLISON was born in Orford township June 3, 1854, and now carries on general farming in Orford township, owning a farm of 100 acres in Concession 4, north half of Lot 17, to which he came in 1882. Like his father, the late Walter Allison, he is one of the first-class, practical farmers of the district. In November, 1881, Mr. Allison married Mercy J. James, who was born in 1858 in Oneida township, County of Haldimand, daughter of Christopher and Ada (Bell) James, both of whom were born in England and were married after coming to Canada. The mother died in 1863, in the County of Haldimand, and in 1875 the father settled in the County of Kent, purchasing a farm in Orford township, where he died in 1896, aged sixty years. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief, and the mother was a Methodist. They had the following children: Isabella (deceased), who married Ephraim Cruthers; Mercy J., Mrs. Allison; Anna, who died aged twenty-three years; John, a farmer near Highgate; and George, deceased. The father married for his second wife Sarah Templeman, who resides on the old homestead in Orford township, and the children of this marriage were: Agnes, deceased; Harriet, widow of J. P. Leaman; Margaret, wife of George Dupes, of the County of Elgin; Alberta, wife of George Gray, of Spokane, Washington; Alexander, who is on the homestead; Sarah, wife of H. J. Timoth, of Manitoba; and George and Catherine, residing with their mother on the homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison have had no children of their own, but they have cared for a number of orphans. They are among the most highly respected residents of the township. In religious belief they are Baptists. Politically, Mr. Allison votes independently.

BEDFORD RIPLEY, who, since 1888, has resided upon his present fine farm of fifty acres, Lot 2, 2d Concession, Camden township, is a general farmer and prosperous business man. He was born at Nappan, Nova Scotia, a son of Joseph Ripley.

On Dec. 25, 1890, occurred the marriage of Bedford Ripley and Ida Bedford. No children have been born to them. Mrs. Ripley was born in Harwich township, a daughter of Albert and Mariah (Winters) Bedford, also of Harwich township, where they reside, being prosperous farmers and prominent members of the Methodist Church.

Our subject was brought to his present farm by his parents, and has since made it his home. By his good management, thrift and enterprise, he has added to his possessions until he is now one of the successful farmers of the township, and he stands high in the respect and confidence of all who know him. Fraternally, he is a popular member of the Order of Maccabees. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church, toward which they are liberal supporters. In politics he is a Conservative, but he confines his efforts along those lines with casting his vote, his time being fully occupied with his private affairs.

ERNEST PFUFF came to his 250-acre farm in Orford township, Concession 11, Lot 16, in 1863, from the County of Perth, Ont. His birth occurred in Nassau, Germany, Aug. 20, 1837, and he is a son of William and Catherine Pfuff, of Nassau, Germany, farming people, who died there, the father in 1847, aged forty-four years, and the mother in 1893, aged seventy-five years. Their children were: John, deceased, of the County of Perth, Ont.; Ernest; Eva, who died in Germany; Catherine, who died in Germany, the wife of William Herman; and William, who died in Germany.

In May, 1860, in the County of Perth, Ont., Ernest Pfuff married Fredericka Kreider, and the children born of this union were as follows: John and George, unmarried, are with their father; Mary married John Dubes, of the County of Elgin; Elizabeth is at home; Minnie married Duncan McPhail, of Orford township; Henry is a farmer of Orford township. Mrs. Pfuff was born in Germany, and died on the present farm Oct. 11, 1894, aged sixty-seven years. Her remains were buried at Duart, Ont. She was a daughter of G. Kreider, of Germany, who lived and died in his native land. In October, 1900, in Thamesville, Ont., Mr. Pfuff married Mrs. Mary Ann (Rowe) Yeager. She came from England to Canada with her parents in 1851, locating in Hamilton, Ontario.

Mr. Pfuff remained at home until he was

twenty years of age, and meantime he had learned the locksmith trade, which he followed for about three years. Owing to the fact that he has the use of but one eye he abandoned his trade, and has since engaged in farming. In 1857 he came to Canada, locating in the County of Waterloo, where he remained five years, and then removed to the County of Perth; in 1863 he settled on his present excellent farm. First he took up fifty acres, to which he added from time to time. The family are all members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Pfuff is a Reformer. Having been a very thrifty, hard-working man, and one who understands his work, he has added to his possessions, and now is one of the best fixed farmers in his township, where he is universally respected.

HENRY FAUST, one of the enterprising business men of Blenheim, County of Kent, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest business man in that city. He is descended from German ancestry, and possesses in a large measure the energy, thrift and business ability of the German people. Adam Faust, his father, was born in Germany, and in 1850 came to Ontario, locating in the County of Waterloo, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. There he died in 1858. He was the father of the following named children: Conrad, of Los Angeles, California; Mary, now married and living in the County of Waterloo; Kate, Mrs. Vollmer, of the same county; and Henry.

Henry Faust was born in Germany in 1848, and was therefore but two years of age when brought to Ontario. When ten years old he lost his father, and when only thirteen he started to earn his own living, leaving home to learn the trade of a harnessmaker in Waterloo. In October, 1873, having thoroughly mastered his calling, Mr. Faust engaged in business at Blenheim, and for more than thirty years he has been one of the successful business men of the city. Lately he has retired, and he is now enjoying the fruits of a lifetime of toil. Politically, he is a Liberal, and for three years he served in the council of Blenheim. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in fraternal association he is a Mason.

In 1878 Mr. Faust married Miss Cordelia Stover, and they have had four sons: Henry Stanley, of Chicago; and George G., Arthur Douglas and William Charles, of Blenheim. During all of his business career Mr. Faust lived up to a high standard of excellence, and he has always held the confidence and highest respect of all who have had any dealings with him.

YATES WHITE (deceased) was long a prominent farmer and much respected citizen of the County of Kent, located in Howard, on Lot 82, Talbot Street north. He was born in Toronto in 1838, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Purchase) White, both of whom were born in England, and both died in County Kent, Ont. Yates White was the fourth son in the family, of which there is but one survivor, Thomas White, of Howard.

Yates White was but a boy when his parents removed to Howard, where they were among the earliest pioneers. There he grew to maturity, and in April, 1861, he married Miss Amelia Hewitt, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Gordon) Hewitt, the former of whom was born in England, and the latter on the bank of the river Thames, where her father, John Gordon, settled as early as 1810; the latter was a soldier in the war of 1812.

George Hewitt, Mrs. White's father, was a soldier in England prior to coming to Canada, and took part in many important battles, among them the engagement at Waterloo; he had a medal from the English government, giving record of eight battles in which he was distinguished. He took part in the war of 1812 in Canada, and in the Rebellion of 1836-37. After the close of the war of 1812 Mr. Hewitt settled on 200 acres of land in Howard, on the Talbot Road, given him from the English government through Col. Talbot, for military valor. In the woods that then covered the land he erected his log cabin, and gained his principal means of subsistence for several years by hunting and fishing. During these years he cleared some of his land, and later, after his marriage, in 1817, he commenced the life of a farmer, erecting a better home for the comfort of wife and children. There he passed the remainder of his life, and after his many years of hardship his last days were prosperous and peaceful. There both he and his wife died, leaving eleven children, three sons and eight daughters, as follows: Mary was the wife of Joseph Cross (both deceased), who settled in Canada, and died there, leaving a family; John, born at

the old home in Howard, died in the same place in young manhood; Catherine married Patrick McAuliff, now deceased, and lives with her three children, George, Thomas and Maggie, on a part of the homestead; Nancy, who is the wife of Neil McFarland, resides at Clearville, County of Kent, and her four children are Peter, John, Duncan and Elizabeth; Sarah, born at the old home, is the wife of William Pick, of Harwich; Thomas died in young manhood; Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of John Bury, who settled and died in Orford, leaving three children, George, Edward C. and Arthur; Martha, born in the old home, became the wife of George White (both now deceased), and left three children, Sarah, Mary and James; Amelia, born at the old home in October, 1827, survives her husband, Yates White; Ellen, who resides in Ridgetown, is the widow of George Butler, and has two sons, Charles and George; George, born at the old home, married Miss Nancy McAfee, of Orford, was a smith by trade, and lived at Palmyra at the time of his death, which occurred soon after his marriage.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. White settled on the Hewitt homestead, where they had the care of Mrs. White's parents until they died, and they continued to live there until 1892, when they moved to the south side of the farm, formerly owned by Thomas White, brother of Yates. Mr. White's death occurred at the homestead in March, 1893, after many useful years. His good management left the farms which he cultivated in much better condition than he found them, and his excellent methods are still followed by his son.

A family of nine children was born to Mr. and Mrs. White, as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1862, is the wife of Prof. John Newton, who resides in New Zealand; Margaret, born in 1864, is the wife of William Geddis, of Ridgetown, and has three children, Clare, Gordon and Glen; Miss Esther A., born in 1866, for a number of years was one of the county's most successful teachers, being a lady of culture and refinement, but on account of failing health was obliged to give up her profession; Sarah, born in 1868, died in young womanhood; Thomas H., born in March, 1870, became manager of the home farm after the death of his father, and is his mother's devoted companion (he is a first-class citizen, holding municipal office for several years past); John H., born in 1872, is a farmer in the County of Essex; Amelia J., born in 1874, is the wife of John W. Bailey, a butcher at Highgate, County of Kent, and has four children, Frank G., Gladys, Hewitt and Jean; Yates, born in 1877, is unmarried and a resident of Highgate; Grace, born in 1880, resides in Toronto.

Politically, Mr. White was a Conservative, and all of his sons entertain the same sentiments. He and his family were all attached to the Church of England. Fraternally, he was a member of the A. O. U. W., of Morpeth. In all these relations Mr. White displayed a Christian spirit and exercised forbearance, taking an active part when necessary, but usually pursuing the even tenor of his way.

The Whites and Hewitts were among the pioneers of the County of Kent. Major Hewitt is still remembered as a man of fine military presence, and he held a remarkable record as a soldier. His daughter, Mrs. White, is a lady of many beautiful traits of character, and is greatly esteemed in the community. Her son Thomas is one of the energetic and progressive farmers of this locality, and through the display of many manly attributes has won the high regard of all who know him.

ROBERT ALEXANDER has resided in the County of Kent from early boyhood, and now, at the age of eighty-five years, is one of the oldest residents in his section. The account which follows, of the emigration of the family and their settlement in the New World, is especially interesting as coming from the pen of one of the few remaining pioneers of this locality:

As Byron says in his tragedy of "Manfred," "I ask no passage on high, but oblivion, self-oblivion." But then he says, "Will death bestow it on me?" To compare small things with great, I feel like Burns. He was anxious to know if he could find the names of any of his ancestors in the Book of Heraldry, but could not find any. So I will just say like Alexander Pope, who, in company with some nobles who were boasting that their ancestors had come over with the Conqueror, said, "My plebian and ignoble blood has flowed through scoundrels ever since the flood."

After Cromwell subdued Ireland there was quite an emigration to Ireland from Scotland

into the Province of Ulster. My paternal ancestors were in the crowd that settled in Tyrone, Armagh and Derry. I can't say that any of them distinguished themselves, any more than that my father served in the Rebellion of 1798, as a yeoman. My grandfather Alexander having a large family on a small estate, some of the boys had to enlist in the army. My father, hearing that things were booming in Glasgow, came to Scotland—I don't or can't say what year. The Irish Yankee brags about Andrew Jackson. He said that the President was born two years after he left Ireland. At all events, I was born Jan. 30, 1819. Glasgow was then, as now, a great manufacturing center. Father being an expert hand loom weaver, the Glasgow factories furnished him with yarn. He had several looms and kept several journeymen. By hand looms they wove the cloth. Father carried the cloth to the factory and got another supply of yarn. He carried on this business in the town of Rutherglen, a couple of miles out of Glasgow. I needn't give you the names of brainy men that discovered the art of making cloth by steam. The hand loom weavers, not being able to compete, began to think of emigrating to America. So the hand loom weavers of Rutherglen set out under the leadership of a gentleman of the name of Jones, a retired officer of the navy, who had obtained a grant of land on condition that he colonized with good Scotch. My father joined the company in the year 1829, I being then ten years old. We got on a small vessel at the Bromalaw and sailed to Greenock, and got aboard the brig "George Cannan," commanded by Capt. Calander. In the year 1829, as I said, I was ten years old. My wife and her people were on the same ship, she being then six weeks old. All were bound for Quebec. It took six or seven weeks to get across the "herring pond," and then we got a small steamer to Montreal. We were greatly amused to hear the captain and crew talking French. Then we got on a boat they called a Duram boat, manned by Frenchmen. They propelled the boat with long poles, a string of men on each side. They placed the poles to their shoulders and shoved it along up the long sault, and there we sat with all our goods and chattels spread out on the deck. When we got to Niagara Falls we had to make portage—got into wagons; came to Port Erie, where there was a brig called the "Wellington," which brought us to our destination, twelve miles north of Sarnia, and landed us on the beach—a lot of the most unsophisticated, simple, ignorant crowd of emigrants ever landed on a foreign soil.

My father and my wife's father, disagreeing with our leader, Jones, left and came to Michigan. Father rented a farm from the notorious Capt. Westbrook, close to what is now Marine City. When father came to know the Captain's history—that he was once a British subject and that he had in the war of 1812 left Canada and joined the Yankees, and with his guerrilla band made raids into Canada (in fact, I, myself, talked with many who had suffered)—then, in the year 1830, having heard that Col. Talbot had to give free grants of land, he bade good-bye to Capt. Westbrook and on foot made tracks for Canada. That grand, benevolent, patriotic lady, Mrs. Coyne, administered to his wants. [Livingstone, in his travels through Africa, said that he always found the females the best, far superior to the males, in kindness and charity.] Not only that, but she gave him good advice, how to manage the old Colonel. She was an angel of mercy to many a footsore traveler asking for land. She told him not to approach the Colonel until after he had broken his fast in the morning. The Colonel received him kindly, gave him a grant, Lot No. 10, on the town line between Howard and Harwich, and there he squatted in the year 1830. The story of the first settlers in the bush is an old one, told by abler writers than I, so I slip over all the hardships that we endured. We got a shanty built, but father felled a tree on it and remarked that the beams being strong saved us youngsters. There was another tree that could reach, so he dared not tackle that, but sent me for to get a Mr. Cram, who was an expert, to cut it down. Having heard that we could make sugar out of the maple trees, he tied strips of basswood around them. Then we heard of other trees—bee trees, coon trees. We wanted him to mark the coon and bee trees, but he only laughed. I, being ten or twelve years old, in course of time became an expert axeman, in fact I never became distinguished for anything else. And so we struggled along—father at his old trade, weaving, mother spinning, my brother Thomas and I cutting and slashing down the primeval forest. And so we struggled along till the year 1846, when mother

died, on the 10th of May. In the month of November of that year I married Agnes McCauley, who with her family came over in the same ship, she being six weeks old. Her brother James previously married my sister Mary Ann. My time was spent in clearing off the heavy crop of timber, attending logging bees and raisings and raising a family of nine —there was no such thing as race suicide in those days—five boys and four girls. Father died in 1862. They were buried on the farm, but I had the remains moved to Ridgetown cemetery, where I will shortly join.

But a word on politics and religion. I have listened to Sir Alan McNab, to George Brown, to John A. McDonald, to Col. Prince, to John Llyllard Cameron, to Malcolm, whom we called the old coon, sympathized with William Lyon Mackenzie, but left the Globe because for many years he cried out free trade. In religion I have listened to the Rev. Mr. Ryerson, brother of the Rev. Egerton Ryerson. That in Burns consoles me when he says:

> What pleasure can it gie,
> E'en to the de'il,
> To scalp and scald
> Poor chaps like me
> And make us squall.

THEODORE A. SMITH. The stranger within the gates of Chatham would be impressed with the many fine residences of this city, among which none would claim more attention than that of T. A. Smith and family on Victoria avenue, and known as "Gaydene," while the hospitality which there prevails adds to its attractiveness.

Mr. Smith is one of the genial, wholesouled men of Chatham, who is a worthy descendant of a fine line of English ancestors. He is a son of William Henry Johnson Smith and a grandson of George Smith, who was born in England, but later made his home in St. Catharine's, Ont., where he passed the last years of his life. His children were four in number: George, deceased; Thomas, who died in Australia; John, formerly of St. Marys, now deceased; and William Henry Johnson.

The youngest son of the above family, the father of Mr. Smith of Chatham, was born in England, and accompanied his parents to Ontario. For a number of years he was engaged in a saddlery business at St. Catharine's and at Ingersoll, and died at the latter place in 1854. He married Lovina Reed, a native of Canada, who died in 1881. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, who settled in West Zorra township, County of Oxford, Ont., at an early day, being the first settlers there. Mr. Reed at that time carried his grist to mill on foot to Dundas, following a blazed path through the forest. He took up 1000 acres of land, and followed agricultural pursuits through a long life, becoming one of the prominent as well as one of the leading capitalists of the county. The children born to W. H. J. Smith and wife were: Emma, who died young; James Henry, who married and settled in Flint, Michigan, where he died in 1883; Theodore A., of Chatham; and Gertrude, deceased.

T. A. Smith was born Feb. 11, 1850, in Woodstock, County of Oxford, and was educated in the public schools of Ingersoll. At the age of fifteen he began his apprenticeship as a dry-goods clerk, and continued in that capacity for four years, going then to Orillia, where he accepted a position as manager of a dry-goods house. In 1879 he made his first individual venture in the purchase of a similar business in Toronto, but he remained in that city but a short time, coming to Chatham, where he embarked in the dry-goods business. Here Mr. Smith was very successful and continued his business for some four years, but failing health warned him that he must seek a more out-of-door life. Since then he has been practically retired from business, finding employment of a congenial nature in looking after his fine green house, being an enthusiastic lover of flowers. This recreation Mr. Smith has found conducive to health.

Mr. Smith is one of the most popular men of Chatham, and has held every office in the gift of the people. Before Chatham became a city he was a councilman, and after the charter was granted, was elected an alderman. In 1899 he was elected mayor, and in 1900 was renominated by acclamation and re-elected by the largest majority received by a candidate for mayor up to that time. On his retirement from office the following eulogy was published in one of the local papers:

"The *Banner-News* believes the occasion one calling for some reference to the retiring occupant of the mayor's chair. Mayor Smith

has served the people conscientiously and with dignity and tact. He has made mistakes but it is conceded that they have been of the head and not of the heart. He has made enemies—but there is consolation to be extracted from even that—not on the ground that we can 'love him more for the enemies he has made' but because the simple truth is that no man can suit all men. Often motives are impugned in the heat of argument which are wholly honorable and commendable.

"We believe Mayor Smith has had the interests of the city always near to his heart. He has worked diligently, with intelligence, and with a high regard for the rights of others. He will live in history as one of the best executives the city has ever had. The *Banner-News* says this freely in the face of the fact that it has never been privileged to enjoy Mayor's Smith's regard or favor."

Mr. Smith was chairman of the Fire and Light committee, and through his untiring efforts Chatham secured her electric light plant. Mr. Smith has filled the office of police commissioner; is a member of the Free Library board; and a trustee of the Public General Hospital. In 1901 he was the candidate of his party for Parliament, but the opposing party carried the election and seated George Stephens. Few citizens have ever approached Mr. Smith in public spirit, and few have so materially encouraged laudable enterprises. One of the improvements of the city due to his activity was the paving of King Street.

In 1874 Mr. Smith married Miss Sarah Clark Hodge, the eldest daughter of Hon. Samuel and Elizabeth (Clark) Hodge, of Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Smith's grandfather, Charles J. Hodge, and his wife, Adelia Seymour, were both natives of Cornwall, England, where he was born in 1795, and died in 1848, and his wife, born in 1796, died in 1856. They never came to America. Their children were: Samuel, Selina, and Sarah, Selina being the only survivor.

Hon. Samuel Hodge was born June 6, 1822, and was reared among the mines and chimneys of smoky Cornwall, where he learned the mining business thoroughly. In 1849 he came to America, landing at New Orleans. As he was not only skilled in mining, but was also a practical machinist, he secured employment as superintendent of the tearing down of the old walls of Fort Wayne, near Detroit, which was done by the United States Government, and until 1851 he continued a government employe. From that time he conducted a general mining machinery business of his own in Detroit, and became known as one of the city's most able men, leaving at his death a large fortune to his children, and also an untarnished name. Mrs. Smith is one of six children born to her parents, the others being: Charles James, of the Lake Superior Iron Works; Samuel F., deceased; Harry S., manager of the Riverside Iron Works of Detroit, founded by his father; R. R., deceased; and Bessie, the wife of Harry Parker, of Detroit. Two children have been born to Mayor Smith and his wife, namely: Dr. Theodore Henry, born in 1874, graduated from the Detroit Medical College in 1895, and is now practicing medicine in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, in company with Dr. O'Kieff; Bessie Hodge, born in 1876, after taking the common school course in Chatham, and passing through the high school, entered Neville's private school in Toronto, and is a lady of social graces, culture and refinement. The family belongs to the Episcopal Church. In fraternal organizations Mr. Smith belongs to the Royal Arch Masons; the I. O. F., in which he is chief ranger; the I. O. O. F. and Encampment; the K. O. T. M.; Sons of England; and the Royal Arcanum, in which he is past regent.

In the summer of 1901 Mr. Smith made a visit to Europe, visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, the Scilly Isles, France, Switzerland, Italy (stopping in Rome) and Germany.

The following from the Chatham *Daily Planet*, June 8, 1901, serves to show the high esteem in which Mr. Smith is held by his many friends in Chatham:

"At eleven o'clock to-morrow ex-Mayor T. A. Smith will leave the Maple City for New York, whence he sails on Tuesday, via the Cunard liner, 'Servian' for the Mother Land. Mr. Smith travels in quest of health and will extensively tour all the countries in Europe.

"The occasion offered opportunity to the citizens to give expression to the gratitude and esteem in which the retired Chief Magistrate is universally held, and the opportunity was gladly availed of. An address, embodying the sentiments of the community, was prepared, and last evening was set apart for the visit of

the citizens' delegation to the home of the gentleman they desired to honor.

"The gathering greeted by Mr., Mrs. and Miss Smith was a representative one, bearing with them the endorsation and approval of the entire community.

"N. H. Stevens, who capably performed duties of master of ceremonies, in a few well chosen and appropriate words stated the object of the visit of the delegation, and then read the following address:

" 'To Theodore A. Smith, Esq., Ex-Mayor of Chatham. Honored and Respected Sir:

" 'Having been informed of your contemplated tour to Great Britain, and the continent, with the view and purpose of recuperating your health, which we deeply regret is in a very unsatisfactory state, we the undersigned citizens of Chatham, representing, as we venture to say we do, the business and municipal interests of the city, and the consensus of opinion of all shades of politics, can not allow this opportunity to pass without expressing in this demonstrative manner our high regard and respect for you as a good patriotic citizen, a wise and scrupulously honest and conscientious councilor and mayor, and a spirited, generous advocate of all and everything that promised prosperity, advancement and profit to our fair city and county.

" 'Your fellow citizens honored you with their faith and confidence as councilor and alderman for some eight years, during which long period you neither rested nor slept while radical municipal reforms and improvements were being inaugurated and triumphantly carried forward and executed; and it is no vain flattery to say to you, honored Sir, that in the successful accomplishments of all these useful, lasting and beneficial reforms and improvements, your voice, energies and purse were always freely available, and we feel that it is more than possible, nay, indeed, very probable, that the ceaseless vigils and exhaustless attention given by you to the welfare of this city and its citizens have been the primordial cause which superinduced the wrecking and shattering of your once robust constitution and health, which the whole city so deeply deplores. We pray God that your travels in foreign lands, with their varied changes of scenes and air may bring you back to us again in that full vigor of your former manhood and strength, so that the people of this young city may hope to be again favored with your wonderful activity and mental resources in its behalf, and your lavish philanthropic and generous impulses towards the worthy poor and distressed.

" 'The citizens of Chatham, following the scriptural injunction regarding the faithful servant in small things, asked you to come up higher, and from the councilor's and alderman's seat you were elevated to the highest dignity in the gift of a grateful people, by worthily occupying the chair of Magistrate of this metropolitan city, and this, too, for the full period of two years, during which the city received wise and good laws, and you added a grace, lustre and dignity to that exalted office that will render it very difficult to fill by any successor.

" 'To enumerate the many good movements, policies, enactments and reforms which you ably promoted and advocated in behalf of the city would be simply superfluous, and would constitute the history of Chatham for the past ten or twelve years.' "

Here follows a partial enumeration of the many enterprises in which he took a most important part:

" '1. Improvement of the system of elections.

" '2. Advocating and promoting the municipal ownership of the water works.

" '3. Permanent and solid improvements instead of patching and botching.

" '4. Promoting the beet-sugar industry, and the establishment of a large factory in Chatham, for the benefit of the farmers of Kent County and the great increase of population and wealth of our beloved city. To this object you have given unstinted time and labor, not speaking of the well known fact that you have traveled extensively to distant centres at your own personal expense for valuable information and statistics.

" '5. Promoting and advocating the extension and usefulness of the Peninsular Agricultural Association, towards which you have always been a generous and cheerful giver of money, and otherwise.

" '6. The Athletic Association and all manly sports had in you an active and energetic

promoter and friend, and your contributions to these were always liberal and with a widely open hand.

"'7. Promoting the construction of a great radial railway, having Chatham as the pivotal focus. To this scheme you have spared neither time, labor nor your own money, and you are to be congratulated upon the reflection your untiring services and energies in this behalf are likely to meet your most sanguine expectations, and those of the city.

"'In one word, honorable and respected Sir, since you honored this city some twenty-one years ago by becoming a distinguished resident of it, your eyes and ears were always open and on the alert to everything pertaining to the prosperity and welfare of this young city, and, being happily a gentleman of wealth and means your capacious wallet was always gapingly open and unclasped to foster, encourage and assist any good cause of which your fellow citizens approved.

"'We do not approach you as party men or politicians, but we tender our condolence and respect upon the higher grounds of your stern, upright and spartan integrity and character as a good man, noble citizen, and a fearless, pure, incorruptible official.

"'To your good and excellent lady, Mrs. Smith, we also offer regards and deep sympathy, and we fondly hope that you will shortly return to her and to us, fully restored to your wonted vigor and good health.

"'In addition to this address, we respectfully beg that you will be pleased to permit us the pleasure and honor of presenting to you this box of fine Havana cigars, in order to beguile your weary hours, when sailing the unfathomable ocean.

"'Dated, Chatham, 4th June, 1901.

"'G. W. Sulman, N. H. Stevens, J. B. Stringer, Wm. Ball, H. S. Clements, Garnet Holmes, Jas. Dillon, M. Houston, D. G. Fleming, Robt. Gray, Wm. Stone, John R. Bray, Jno. A. Morton, Fred Stone, E. W. Scane, G. A. Witherspoon, C. H. Dunn, W. H. Harper, J. C. Wanless, W. W. Scane, W. M. Fleming, J. R. Reid, Jas. L. Wilson, G. S. Heyward, S. B. Arnold, Ward Stanworth, Thos. Scullard, W. J. Moore, J. B. Rankin, J. P. Dunlop, T. R. Coogan, Wm. Rannie, Wm. Mowbray, R. G. Fleming, Jno. Hendershott, J. R. Gemmill, F. A. Robert, Jas. Holmes, C. Dunlop, G. J. Blacksill, J. C. Weir, W. H. Gonne, W. E. McKeough, J. G. Kerr, J. E. Thomas, G. B. Merritt, W. E. Merritt, C. Purser, W. A. Thrasher, P. Grant, J. M. Pike, W. J. Bennett, C. Reid, G. G. Taylor, J. W. Aitken, Jno. McCorvie, J. and J. Oldershaw, Jno. Piggott, Wm. H. Tye, Geo. T. McKeough, J. J. Ross, S. Stephenson, H. W. Anderson, A. C. McKay, T. K. Holmes, A. D. Westman, W. H. Westman, H. A. Hall, E. J. MacIntyre, A. Lamont, A. Sheldrick, H. B. Lamont, I. L. Davis, Peter Robert, Trudell & Tobey, P. D. McKellar, S. Perrin, G. C. Park, D. M. Martin, Henry Dagneau, Jas. A. King, C. R. Atkinson, Geo. Taylor, A. F. Falls, Jas. Innes, Geo. B. Douglas, A. Heyward, John Lee, G. P. Scholfield, C. D. Williamson, J. M. Taylor, John E. Johnston, Fred Goodland, J. D. McKerrall, Frank D. Laurie.

"'Thos. Scullard then presented Mr. Smith with a box of cigars.'

"Ex-Mayor Smith made a feeling and appropriate response. He expressed his warm appreciation of the kindly and eulogistic wording of the address. It had been his privilege to be a citizen of Chatham for the past twenty-one years and he had always felt that the interests of the Maple City were identical with his own. Any efforts he had been permitted to put forth in the interests of the community had been both a pleasure and a privilege and he trusted that permanency might be attached to them. During his travels Mr. Smith would constantly hold most pleasing thoughts and memories of Chatham and its citizens.

"Members of the delegation all voiced bright sentiments of their own, perhaps most happily condensed in the anticipation of Mr. Wm. Ball who, in bidding Mr. Smith bon voyage, added, 'And may all your troubles—like the cigars—go up in smoke.'

"The delegation was most hospitably entertained ere their departure."

SAMUEL SHAW, a successful general farmer and prominent citizen of the Gore of Chatham, County of Kent, residing on Lot 25, Concession 2, where he owns and cultivates a fine farm of eighty acres, located upon this property in 1860. His birth occurred in County Sligo, Ireland, in May, 1836, and he is a son of John and Margaret (Shaw) Shaw, both of County Sligo, who came to the County

of Kent in 1842, settling in Chatham township, on Lot 18, Concession 7, where they took up 100 acres. They later increased their holdings to 600 acres, and all of the land was then in its wild state. The father died in 1893, after a long and hard life, aged seventy-two years, and the mother died in 1891, aged seventy-four years; they were buried in the Dresden cemetery. Both were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to this union were: James, deceased; Samuel; Robert, a farmer of Chatham township; Thomas, of Michigan; William, who died from the effects of a fall in 1901; and Margaret, deceased, wife of William Clark.

On June 19, 1863, Samuel Shaw married, in Dresden, Ont., Mary Arnold, and their children are: John Edward, a farmer of Chatham township; Herbert, at home, who married Emma J. Asseltine; Gardner, unmarried, a printer of Seattle, Washington; and Estella, of Toronto, Ont., who married Richard Stout. Mrs. Shaw was born at Dawn, County of Lambton, Ont., March 22, 1845, a daughter of John and Rachel (Farsloe) Arnold, of New Brunswick and the County of Kent, respectively. Mr. Arnold was born in 1816 and came to the County of Kent when a young man, but later removed to the County of Lambton, where he died March 2, 1871, after a life devoted to farming. His wife died Nov. 1, 1894, aged seventy years, and both are interred in the Salem Church cemetery. They belonged to the Methodist Church. Their family was as follows: Barbara, of Chatham township, widow of Hiram Simpson; Mary; Ellen, deceased; Isabella, of Chatham township, widow of Robert Shaw, a farmer; Rachel, deceased, who married Marshall Sigar; Isaac, a farmer of the County of Lambton; and John, a farmer on the old homestead. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Shaw was Henry Arnold, a blacksmith of New Brunswick.

Until within two years of his marriage Mr. Shaw remained with his parents, and at that time he removed to Toronto, for several months working upon a farm in the vicinity of that city, and then removing to his present farm, which was given him by his father. Since that time he has developed it, and made his property one of the best in the township. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and take an active part in its good work. In politics he is a Reformer, but does not aspire to public preferment. Thrifty, energetic and public-spirited, Mr. Shaw has not only prospered financially, but he has firmly established himself in the confidence of his neighbors, and made for himself many warm friends.

FRANCIS XAVIER GOULET, the first of the name to come to the County of Kent, was born June 11, 1791, at St. Jacques, County of Montcalm, Quebec, a son of Baptiste and Marie (Ratell) Goulet, who were of French extraction.

When a boy in his teens Francis Xavier Goulet left home to seek his fortune, and in about 1811 he was at Amherstburg, County of Essex, Ont. He was in the British army in 1812-14, during the second war with the United States, and at the close of that war, in December, 1814, was mustered out of the service. In 1815 he came to Raleigh township, locating on Lot 154, having secured 200 acres on the Talbot Road through the agent, Col. Talbot. Being a Frenchman, he was particular about the spelling of his name, and through his care in recording it is probable the original spelling has been preserved. From the time of his location in the township he made his home on the lake shore, and there died in November, 1876. During his lifetime most of the first grant was cleared up; he added to it 152 acres, and also owned 150 acres on the Middle Road. The farm is now owned and occupied by his grandson, John Goulet. Francis Xavier Goulet married Zylphia Hughson, daughter of George Hughson, one of the pioneers of the township, and the following children were born to this marriage: George, born March 15, 1826, is a farmer on the Talbot Road; he has served as school trustee since 1855. Hannah, deceased, was the wife of John Coatsworth, of Romney. John, born Aug. 23, 1829, a farmer owning one-half of Lot 152, Talbot Road, married Sophia Clark, and has sons James and Louis, the latter of whom has taken up literary work, and is connected with the Editorial and Press Association. Alexander was a resident of Raleigh township. Francis, deceased, who resided on the homestead, married Matilda Crawford. Rachel (deceased) married John McDonald,

of Tibury East. Louis, of Reed City, Michigan, is editor and proprietor of the Osceola County *Democrat*. Mary, Cecilia and Margaret died young.

ALFRED JAMES STONE, who carries on general farming in Orford township, he and his son owning 175 acres of land in Lots 5 and 6, Concession 5, has occupied the same since 1840, coming here from Esquesing township, County of Halton, where he was born Dec. 7, 1838.

Mr. Stone is a son of John and Mary (Burns) Stone, natives of County Carlow, Ireland, who were married in 1826 in Canada. John Stone came to Canada as early as 1820, being then twenty-two years old, and located on a farm at Elizabethtown, Ont. He and his wife came to Orford township in 1840, and here he secured 100 acres of wild land, where he made a small clearing as soon as possible, and erected a cabin. He died Nov. 16, 1877, aged eighty years, his widow surviving him until March, 1899, when she was ninety-two years old. They were buried in the Gosnell cemetery. They were people of most exemplary character, and consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Stone was a man of liberal education, and for many years had much to do with educational movements in Orford, serving for a long period as superintendent of schools. He was also township councillor, for several years was reeve, and from 1864 until the time of his death was justice of the peace. The death of so useful a man was widely lamented. His children were as follows: Thomas died, in 1899, at Chatham, Ont.; Susan died on the present farm in 1860; Richard died in Orford township in 1888; Betsey A. is the widow of William McKeough, of Chatham; Mary J., wife of Daniel Blue, died in June, 1877, in Orford township; Alfred James is the subject of this sketch; Laura is the wife of Frederick Atkinson, of Orford township; John N. died at Chatham in 1880; Emma died young.

Alfred James Stone was married (first) in Orford township, in 1862, to Esther Atkinson, who was born at Barney Castle, England, daughter of Anthony and Mary Atkinson, and died in April, 1863. For his second wife Mr. Stone married, in Chatham, Maggie Lamont, and children as follows have been born to this union: Minnie, who married Lesley McLaren, a grain merchant of Highgate; J. Franklin, of Orford township; Fanny, widow of Abraham Burchill, residing with her father; George R., an attorney at Chicago; and Ala B., a teacher in a college at Collingwood.

Mrs. Stone was born at Amherstburg, Ont., a daughter of John and Isabel (Lamont) Lamont, of Scotland, who came to Chatham, Ont., in 1830, and there remained a year, the father engaged in contracting and building. The family was then transferred to Amherstburg, returning to Chatham in 1840, and they all lived there until 1860, when they removed to Detroit, Michigan. All of this time Mr. Lamont was becoming very prominent as a contractor and builder. His death occurred in 1870, when he was seventy-six years of age. The mother returned to Chatham, and died at the home of a daughter in 1880, aged eighty years. They were members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches respectively, and he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. The children born to them were as follows: Mary, of Rodney, Ont., married to Daniel McLaren, a lumber manufacturer; Maggie, Mrs. Stone; Isabel, of Dutton, Ont., married to Dr. D. G. Ruthven; and Jennie, of Dawson City, widow of Hugh McKinnon, a government officer of prominence, who died Dec. 12, 1903.

Alfred J. Stone came to his present farm with his parents in 1840, and has remained upon it ever since. He is a Grit in politics, but has never aspired to office, being content to do his duty as a private citizen. For many years he has been a member of the Royal Templars, a temperance organization. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Church, and he is noted for his interest in its work. Having been hard-working and thrifty, he has made a success of his life work, and is justly regarded as one of the representative men of his township.

CORNELIUS ROE, who passed away May 27, 1904, was one of the prominent pioneer farmers of Dover township, and a man universally respected. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, March 1, 1832, son of John and Jane (Broadbent) Roe. Thomas Roe, his grandfather, lived and died in Lincolnshire.

In 1832 John Roe and family emigrated to the Dominion, settling on Lot 11, in Raleigh

township, County of Kent, where they took up 100 acres of wild land, and there died, he in 1882, aged seventy-four years, and she in 1887, aged eighty-three years, and both now sleep their last sleep in the town of Blenheim, County of Kent. They were consistent members of the Church of England. The children born to this union were: William, of Chatham; Cornelius; Caroline, of Dover township, widow of John Hyatt; Eliza, deceased wife of Alexander McLaughlin; Thomas, a farmer of Harwich township; Matilda, who died young; Ann, who married Patrick Gleason, of Raleigh township; Charlotte, of California, who married William Bennett; and John, on the old homestead in Raleigh township.

In 1860 Cornelius Roe was married, in Chatham, to Nancy Bump, and the children born to this union were: Laura, who married Joseph Hyatt, had four children, and died in 1900; Frederick, a farmer of Dover township; William, at home; Arthur, deceased; and Walter, at home. Mrs. Roe was born in Chatham township May 23, 1833, a daughter of William and Abigail (Sicklesteel) Bump, of the United States and Chatham township, respectively, and a granddaughter of John Bump of the State of Pennsylvania, where he lived and died. William Bump came to Canada at the age of eighteen, and located in Chatham township, where he worked on a farm. Later he went to Raleigh township and took up fifty acres of land, all wild, and there he died in 1863; his wife died in 1866, and they are both buried in Raleigh township, Middle Road cemetery. They were members of the Church of England. The children born to William Bump and wife were: John, who died young; Mariah, deceased wife of James Broadbent; David, who died in 1882; Catherine, deceased wife of Beeman Broadbent; Jacob, who went to Michigan; Mary, of Dover township, widow of James Chalmers; William, on the old homestead in Raleigh township; Nancy; Frederick, who died at the age of twenty-five years, and George, of Raleigh township.

Cornelius Roe remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located upon his late farm, Lot 19, 12th Concession, where he owned 130 acres of fine land, in an excellent state of cultivation; he also owned 145 acres on Lot 20, 15th Concession. When he first located there in 1860, Dover township was a wilderness. At times he would drive from his home to Chatham, through the woods, which were infested with wild animals, and he had many interesting experiences, which the brevity of this notice forbids mentioning. After a day of hard work clearing off the land, he and his father often carried their grain ten miles on their backs through the woods in the dark. Those were days when men toiled for what they obtained, and appreciated their blessings. In politics Mr. Roe was always independent, and he served very acceptably for five years as member of the council. For one year he also served as deputy reeve, and both in his official and private capacity he discharged the duties assigned to him ably and conscientiously. He was a member of the Church of England as is his widow, and was very active in its good works. Looking back over a long and useful life, Mr. Roe could reflect with pride upon what he accomplished, and enjoy the comforts his hard work provided, surrounded by the affection of loved ones, and the esteem of a wide circle of friends. His death removed one of the substantial men of the town, whose place it will be difficult to fill.

FREDERICK ROE, a successful general farmer and public-spirited citizen of Dover township, residing on Lot 19, 12th Concession, on his fine farm of fifty acres, which he has occupied since 1891, was born in a log cabin on a farm in Dover township, June 1, 1866, a son of the late Cornelius Roe.

Frederick Roe remained with his parents until he attained his majority, at which time he purchased his present farm, and he has since been actively engaged in operating his property. On May 16, 1889, Mr. Roe married Rose Harrington, of Chatham township, and the following family came to bless their house: A. Harold, Gladys, Ernest H., Joseph R., Edna M. and Frank L. Mrs. Roe was born Nov. 14, 1868, in Chatham township, a daughter of Napoleon B. and Elizabeth (Lalonde) Harrington, of Niagara Falls, Ont., and Montreal, respectively. Mr. Harrington located in the County of Kent at the age of twenty-six, prior to his marriage, and worked among the farmers. After his marriage he settled in Chatham township, on a farm where he now resides, consisting of 100 acres of excellent land, although at the time of purchase it was in a wild condi-

tion. Mr. Harrington was born Dec. 2, 1836, and his wife in June, 1849. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Ella married Charles Drew, an actor, of New York City; Rose is also married; Benjamin is a farmer on the old homestead. William is a resident of Chicago, Illinois. The paternal grandparents were William and Rebecca (Wiggins) Harrington, of the United States, the former of whom died in the States, while in the Union army, and the latter in Chicago.

In politics Mr. Roe is a Conservative; he does not desire office. Mr. and Mrs. Roe have cause to be proud of their children, who are exceptionally bright young people, above the average, and the home life of the family is a beautiful one. Throughout the entire neighborhood the Roes are most highly respected, and they all have many friends, not only in their township, but throughout the county, where both the Roes and the Harringtons are so well known.

ARCHIE A. CAMPBELL, one of the leading representatives of the agricultural class in the County of Kent, residing in Concession 4, Howard township, was born in Argyll, Scotland, in August, 1837, a son of Archie and Emily Campbell, both natives of Scotland, who were married in their native land.

Upon their arrival in Canada, in 1840, Archie Campbell and his wife settled on Concession 8, Howard township, County of Kent, where they purchased a large tract of wild land. This the father cleared off, and before his death became one of the prosperous farmers of that locality. He passed away in 1869, his wife having died in 1858. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, all born in Scotland; Donald; Duncan; Archie A.; Mary, deceased, who married John Balmer, of Howard township; and Christina, who married John McKercher, of Howard.

Archie A. Campbell was three years of age when his parents came to Canada, and he received but a limited education in the schools of Howard township, while working upon his father's farm. In 1876 he married Miss Margaret Sinclair, a native of Orford, born in April, 1848, daughter of John and Nancy (Gillis) Sinclair, both of whom were born in Scotland, he in 1810, and she in 1815. John Sinclair was the only son of Colon anl Mary Sinclair, who came to Canada among the first settlers of Aldborough, where Colon Sinclair settled in 1820, and there lived and died. In 1834, John Sinclair settled on a tract of land which he cleared off and made into a fine farm, living there until his death, in 1891; his wife died in 1889. They had the following children: Colon; John, of Orford; Archie, of Michigan; Neil, of Orford; Margaret, Mrs. Campbell; Dugald, who died in 1897; Duncan, of Orford; and Mary, who married Archie Thompson, of Aldborough. Mrs. Campbell grew to gracious young womanhood on her father's farm in Orford, where she received a fair education.

The home to which Mr. Campbell took his bride was the farm purchased by his father in 1866, and upon which he built a comfortable brick house in 1874. The land was wild when it came into his possession, but he worked hard to clear it up, and now he has 150 of the 200 acres cleared, thus making one of the best tracts of farming land in the County of Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have a son and daughter: John, born June 3, 1878, grew to manhood on the farm where he still resides, being a good, dutiful son, sharing his father's labors in the management of the property; Annie, born in October, 1884, a most accomplished young lady, resides with her parents. The political convictions of Mr. Campbell make him a member of the Reform party, as was his father before him.

The members of the Campbell family are sober, industrious men, whose influence is always cast in favor of the best interests of the community. Their many deeds of charity demonstrate that they carry religion into their daily life, and prove that men can be successful in their work and still follow the injunctions of the Master, to do unto others as they would be done by.

WILLIAM GILROY. The Gilroy family of the County of Kent is of Scotch extraction, and the family records disclose that John Gilroy, the grandfather of William Gilroy, of Blenheim, was born in that country in 1783 and died in 1866. He was the father of the following children: John, Adam, Samuel and Mary.

John Gilroy was born in 1818 in Ireland,

and died in that country in 1858, his wife, Jane McAdoo, dying in the same year. She was a daughter of William and Ann (Alford) McAdoo. A family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilroy, namely: Ann Jane married Charles Scott, a farmer of New York State, and they have children—James, William Henry, John and Mary Jane; William is the subject of this sketch; John, who is in the laundry business in Baltimore, married Lucy E. Fisher, now deceased (their son, William Samuel, is a physician in Baltimore); Robert, of Kansas City, died Nov. 4, 1902; Samuel married Ellen Bell, and they have children,—Euphemia, Mary Jane, Thomas and John; Elizabeth married Robert Loyd, and they have children—Maude Mary, John Morley, Ethel May, Florence Jane, Winifred and William. The father was a teacher and farmer by occupation.

William Gilroy was born Dec. 24, 1839, in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and at the age of nine years accompanied his uncle Adam to Ontario, settling in the County of Hastings, where he grew to manhood. On March 15, 1860, he engaged in a mercantile business at Roslin, continuing same until 1868, when he removed to Thomasburg, where he pursued the same line until 1888. On Feb. 13, 1889, he opened up his store at Blenheim, and has become one of the prominent and representative business men of that city. For three years he has been a valued member of the city council. His political adherence is given to the Conservative party. Religiously he is a member of the Church of England.

On Oct. 17, 1867, Mr. Gilroy married Matilda Wilson, who was born Nov. 5, 1834, in the County of Hastings, daughter of John and Jane (Wilson) Wilson. The other members of the Wilson family were Margaret, William, Thomas, Mary Ann, John, Jane, Isabel (twin of Mrs. Gilroy) and Rebecca.

JOSEPH CLARK (deceased), for many years a very prominent resident of the County of Kent, was born in England in 1806, a son of John and Helen Clark, who lived and died in that country. They had the following named children: David, William, John, Joseph, Elizabeth, Helen and Martha, of whom Joseph and William were the only ones to come to Canada.

While still in England Joseph Clark married Aug. 22, 1826, Mary Ann Baines, who was born in England Nov. 23, 1811, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Simson) Baines. In 1827 they came to New York, where they resided for ten years, and in 1837 removed to the County of Kent, Ont., settling at Cook's Corners, near Charing Cross, where Mr. Clark cleared up a farm. After making his home in that locality for about eight years he moved to the Watson farm, where he lived four years, and from there he came to the 4th Concession and rented a farm for a time, afterward locating in Blenheim. Later he returned to farm life, but soon thereafter moved to Ridgetown. Once more he settled upon a farm upon which he remained until 1882, when he located in Blenheim, and there his death occurred in 1896. Mr. Clark was converted to the Christian faith in New York, and after locating in Ontario became a minister of the Methodist Church, and took a very active part in its work, as a class-leader. He was a very devout man, an eloquent and convincing preacher, and during his long life did an immense amount of good. His loss was deeply felt by hundreds who had been helped not only by his offices as a minister of God, but also by the upright, noble life he led in their midst.

Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark: Elizabeth, Mrs. Falkner, had two children, Joseph Henry and Sarah Jane, and she and her husband are both deceased. Eleanor married William Graham, and their children were Mary Ann, John (deceased), James Henry, Maggie, Thomas, Charles Wesley, M. D. (of Milwaukee, Wisconsin), and Sarah Jane. Martha, Mrs. Cameron, had two children, Amanda and Irene. William, a farmer of Harwich township, married Dorthea Butler, and his children were Ellen, Joseph, James, Mary Ann and Bernice. Joseph died at the age of seventeen years. Sarah Jane died at the age of five years. Mary Ann is mentioned below. John, a farmer in Harwich township, married Amelia Jones, by whom he had three children, Viola (deceased), Vita and Nora, and by his second wife, Carrie, he had two children, Lula Louise and John. David married Maggie McKinzie, by whom he had three children, Garnett, Henry and Charles, and by his second wife, Sarah Coller, he had one

daughter, Mary. Charles Wesley married Hannah Herring and they had three children, Gordon, Minnie and Eva.

Mary Ann Clark was united in marriage, in 1876, to James Bell, who was born in 1832 in Ontario, a son of David Bell. James Bell was a farmer until his death, which occurred in 1885, in his fifty-fourth year. To James Bell and his wife were born the following children: Amanda Maud married Theodore Pickering, editor of the Blenheim *Tribune*, and they have had one daughter, Louise. Harriet May lives in Blenheim; John is deceased; George Henry completes the family.

In politics Mr. Bell was a member of the Conservative party. He was an active Methodist, and a most excellent and worthy gentleman. Mrs. Joseph Clark, the mother of Mrs. Bell, makes her home with the latter, and although past ninety years of age is in possession of all her faculties, and recalls the incidents of pioneer days as clearly as though they occurred but recently. She is an honored member of the household, and a very entertaining and remarkable woman for her age.

GEORGE SCHWEITZER, one of the prosperous general farmers of Orford township; living on the North Ridge road, in Lot 15, owns and operates a fine farm of 105 acres, upon which he erected, in 1903, a substantial brick residence, which is much admired in the surrounding country. This property was the original McKerracher homestead, settled by Finley McKerracher in 1832, and Mr. Schweitzer has lived here since 1887.

George Schweitzer was born in Aldborough, County of Elgin, in November, 1860, and is a son of Jacob and Magdelina (Miller) Schweitzer, of Germany, who were married in the County of Kent. The father died in the township of Aldborough in 1870, aged sixty-seven years, and is buried in the German cemetery at Aldborough. The mother who still resides in that township, was born in 1837. She is a member of the Methodist Church, as was her husband. The children born of this union were: John (deceased), of Orford; George; Janet, who married Richard Hempton, a farmer of Michigan; and Jacob, a farmer on the old homestead in Aldborough.

On Dec. 26, 1886, in Ridgetown, George Schweitzer married Isabella Janet McKerracher, and their children are: Nellie, Janet C., John and George Robert. Mrs. Schweitzer was born March 30, 1863, on the farm the family now occupies, daughter of Robert and Janet (McLaren) McKerracher, of Perthshire, Scotland, who came to the County of Kent in 1832 and settled on the present farm, where they remained. The father died May 26, 1895, aged seventy-five years, and the mother passed away Jan. 29, 1895, aged seventy-one years, and they are buried in Ridgetown; they were members of the Presbyterian Church, and excellent, Christian people, highly esteemed by all who knew them. The children born to them were: Alexander, who died on the present farm Jan. 20, 1883; and Isabella Janet, Mrs. Schweitzer. Mr. McKerracher was one of Nature's noblemen, pure-minded, honorable to the extreme, and noted for his amiable disposition and sweetness of temper. No matter how grievous the deed, this tender-hearted gentleman could find an excuse for the sinner; he was one who when hurt, turned the other cheek, and won every one by his Christian virtues and his large charities, many of which were done in secret, following the Bible injunction to do good not to be seen of men. Such men set an example the worth of which can not be overestimated.

George Schweitzer remained with his parents until eleven years of age, when he went to work for himself among the farmers, continuing thus until his marriage, when he settled on his present farm. His enterprise and good management have resulted in further development of an excellent property. Fraternally, he is a member of the A. O. U. W. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but he is not active in party affairs and has never sought office. He is a man highly esteemed for his many sterling traits of character.

ARTHUR McFADDEN is a pioneer settler of the County of Kent, and for many years was a thrifty farmer of Raleigh township, living upon the family homestead. This property is now cultivated by his sons, who sustain the reputation established by their father for energy, enterprise and good management.

James McFadden, father of Arthur, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, where he grew to manhood and learned the trade of

carpenter. Soon after his marriage he left Ireland and emigrated to Canada, within a short time moving to the neighborhood of the Welland canal, where he was employed upon the building of its locks. He followed his trade for a time at Ottawa, and later resided for several years at London. In 1836 he came with the family to the County of Kent, where he first located on a farm in Harwich township, but he afterward bought a farm in Chatham township and was conducting it successfully at the time of his death, which occurred when he was fifty-four years of age. His wife, Jane (Currey), was also a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and died in Chatham several years after her husband. To Mr. and Mrs. James McFadden were born the following children: Robert, who died in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was foreman in a factory; Arthur; Mary, who married Peter Moe and died in Gosfield township, County of Essex; Jane (deceased), who married William Burton; and Eliza, widow of George Hubert, residing at North Bothwell.

Arthur McFadden was born in County Armagh, Ireland, April 19, 1825, and was three or four years of age when the family emigrated to Canada. He first attended school in Ottawa, but most of his education was obtained after coming to the County of Kent. When he reached the proper age he learned the tanner's and currier's trade, and for some fifteen years followed it in Chatham. About forty years ago he purchased his first land in Raleigh township, consisting of twenty-five acres, in Lot 3, Concession 7. The spring after locating there he added another twenty-five acres, and from time to time purchased more until he now owns 275 acres. When he located on this property it was all wild land, and not drained, only a few acres having ever been touched. As his sons grew to manhood they assisted him, and now the farm is one of the finest in the County of Kent.

Arthur McFadden married, in 1856, Mary Mather, a native of Northumberlandshire, England, who was brought by her parents to Montreal when five years of age. To this union were born the following children: Mary Jane, who married Anson Kenneth, of Chatham township; Ralph James; George Arthur; William Thomas; Esther Ann, widow of George Green, a resident of Chatham; Margaret, who married William Clark, a farmer of the 8th Concession, Raleigh township; and Eliza Emma, at home.

Politically, Mr. McFadden is a Reformer. For six years he served as trustee of the 4th section school, and he was pound master for some time. The sons, Ralph, George and William, have remained at home and carry on the farm, where agriculture is now being conducted upon a large scale. They sell annually about 100 hogs, keep a herd of fifty head of horned catttle, sixteen horses and thirty sheep, making a specialty of blooded stock. The cattle are all Durham shorthorn, of the crooked shank family; the sheep are of the Oxford breed, and the horses are standard bred. For the past fifteen years they have exhibited stock at the fairs in the Counties of Kent and Essex, and they have never failed to carry off a large percentage of the prizes in the classes they have entered. In addition to their stock, the young men have from thirty-five to forty acres in corn and fifty to sixty acres in hay. In politics, like their father, they are Reformers, and George has from time to time been called upon to serve as poll clerk and pathmaster. The young men are enterprising, wide-awake and progressive, highly esteemed in the neighborhood, and citizens of whom the township may well feel proud.

JOSEPH CHEFF, a retired merchant, ex-postmaster, and one of the leading factors in the upbuilding of Big Point, County of Kent, was born in Lower Canada June 30, 1826, a son of Joseph, Sr., and Delease (Tithrow) Cheff, of Lower Canada. Frank Cheff, his grandfather, was born on the ocean during the voyage of his parents to Canada from their native home in Germany. He died in Champlain, New York, and his wife returned to Lower Canada, where she died.

Joseph Cheff, Sr., son of Frank, was a farmer and hotel-keeper, and during his active life was a very prominent man. He died at Lake Superior in 1876, aged seventy-three years, and his wife, Delease, died in Lower Canada in 1845, aged thirty-seven years. Their only child was Joseph. They were earnest and faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church.

In January, 1844, Joseph Cheff married, in St. Philip, Lower Canada, Mary Ann Mar-

tin, and the following children were born to this union: Liza, who died young; Emma, deceased wife of Joseph Thibodeau; Joseph A., a farmer of Frenchtown, Montana; Edmond, a farmer of Dover township; Alphy, a hotel man of Pain Court; Eliza, who married Joseph Passeaneau, a farmer of Dover township; Zephire, a merchant of Big Point, Ont.; Avoy, deceased; and Cefrie, who died young. Mrs. Cheff was born in St. Philip, Montreal, Oct. 6, 1825, a daughter of Paul and Mary Ann (Ducloe) Martin, of Lower Canada, where they lived and died. Mr. Martin was a farmer at St. Philip, and he died in 1882, when seventy-five years of age; his wife died in 1855, aged fifty years. They were members of the Catholic Church, and died in that faith. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin were: Glutie, deceased, who married Julius Brosoe; Paul, Azellia, Edward and Moses, deceased; Lize, a farmer of Dover township; Julia, who died young; and Mary Ann, Mrs. Cheff.

Joseph Cheff remained with his father in the latter's tavern until his marriage, after which for four years he worked for various farmers. Removing then to the County of Kent, he located in Dover township, for two years more working upon farms, until he accumulated sufficient to purchase a fifty-acre farm on Concession 8, Lot 10, on which he made his home for forty years, and of which he still retains possession. The original fifty acres was added to until he had 350 acres, and he still owns it all. In 1882 he built a general store at Big Point, and carried on a successful general mercantile business for many years. Mr. Cheff was the first postmaster at Big Point, and held the office until 1890, when he retired. For one year he served as township councilman, and in politics has always been a member of the Reform party. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. Although he has retired from active business life, Mr. Cheff takes an interest in affairs, and both he and his wife enjoy in the highest degree the respect and confidence of the entire community.

ZEPHIRE CHEFF, general merchant and postmaster at Big Point, in Dover township, County of Kent, and one of the leading men of his community, was born Jan. 9, 1865, in that township, son of Joseph Cheff, a prominent old settler of the county.

Mr. Cheff remained with his father until he was married after which he worked for his father for a period, and then engaged with his brother. In 1890 he purchased his present fine farm, where he carries on general farming and is meeting with unqualified success. In politics he is a member of the Reform party, and is very active in local affairs. In November, 1889, he was married to Miss Merraline Martin, at Big Point, and the following children have been born to this union: Omer, Ceville, Roland and Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Cheff are members of the Catholic Church, and they are respected wherever they are known.

Mrs. Cheff was born at Big Point, Dover township, March 30, 1867, daughter of Moses and Mary (Pelot) Martin, of Montreal, who were married in St. Peter's Church, Tilbury township. Mr. Martin died in 1892, aged fifty-eight and was buried in Big Point cemetery; his widow resides in Big Point. She is a member of the Catholic church, with which he also united. The children born to these parents were as follows: Dusty, of Chatham; Katie, of Montana, who married Joe Page; Mrs. Cheff; Pauline, of Montana, who married Tom Windwood; Sizerine, of Montana, who married Joe Como; Dilema, of Montana, who married Jim Rankin; Dannie, deceased; and Joe, of Dover township, residing with his mother.

NELSON BLUE, a general farmer and successful stock dealer of Orford township, resides upon a fine farm of 100 acres in Lot 8, North Middle road, upon which in 1896 he built a handsome brick home.

Mr. Blue was born in Orford township Aug. 19, 1869, son of John and Mary J. (Stone) Blue, of Orford township and Brockville, Ont., respectively. The father was a carpenter by occupation, but after working at that trade for several years after his marriage he commenced farming, continuing that work during the remainder of his life. His death occurred in August, 1901, when he was seventy-three years of age, while his first wife died June 31, 1875, aged forty years, and both are buried in Duart cemetery. They were members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches, re-

spectively. The children born to them were as follows: John F., a farmer of Orford township, resides upon the old homestead; Minnie is the widow of Donald J. Gillies, of Chatham, Ont.; William is a farmer of Orford township; Alexander, a bookkeeper, is in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Nelson is mentioned below; George, a traveling salesman lives in London, Ont. The father married for his second wife Clara Corneil, by whom he had no children. Mrs. Blue, who still resides in Duart, Ont., was born in the County of Middlesex, and is a daughter of Philip Corneil, of that county.

On Nov. 18, 1896, in Raleigh township, Nelson Blue married Della E. Goulet, and their children are Donald A. and Mary M. Mrs. Blue was born in Raleigh township, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Laird) Goulet, of that township, where Mr. Goulet was a school teacher for twenty years. His death occurred in February, 1902, when he was seventy years of age. Mrs. Goulet also died in February, 1902, aged sixty-four years, just three days after her husband. They were laid to rest in Union cemetery, at Cedar Springs, Ont. Mr. Goulet was secretary of the school board for many years, was trustee of the Chatham high school for a long period, and was also deputy reeve and member of the council for a number of years. He was very active in politics. He was a very highly educated gentleman, as a teacher was remarkably popular, and was one of the most prominent men of his day. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Goulet were: Ida A., deceased; Della E., Mrs. Blue; Francis, on the old homestead in Raleigh township; and Alexander B., an implement dealer at Blenheim, Ontario.

Prior to marrying the mother of Mrs. Blue Mr. Goulet married Margaret McIntire, and she bore him the following named children: Rachel J., of Romney township, who married George H. Dawson, a farmer; and Margaret C., of Blenheim, Ont., who married Archibald Sampson, clerk of the Fourth Division Court.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Blue were Frances X. and Zilpha (Hughson) Goulet, of Quebec and the County of Kent, respectively. Both died in Raleigh township. He was a veteran of the war of 1812 and received a medal.

Mr. Blue remained with his parents until his marriage, although he was not always working upon the farm, when he was nineteen years of age going to Toronto, where he was in the Agricultural Department a year. He returned and helped in the farm work. His farm is one of the best in County Kent, and is kept in perfect order. The man at the head of affairs appreciates truly the value of order and thrift, and his success proves that the time devoted to caring for land, implements and cattle is not lost, but yields large returns. Mr. Blue raises thorough-bred cattle, hogs, etc., making a specialty of shorthorn cattle, and his stock business is steadily growing, Mr. Blue being recognized as one of the leaders in his line in the County of Kent.

Fraternally, Mr. Blue is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the Maccabees, in both of which organizations he is very popular. He and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church toward which they give liberally. In politics he is a Reformer, but he has never aspired to office, his private affairs being such as to demand all his time. Whole-souled, honorable, a good friend and kind neighbor, Mr. Blue has made a large number of friends over a wide territory. Keen in business, prompt to take advantage of an offered opportunity, he has made a success of his life, and is numbered among the substantial men of Orford township. His fine home is finished in hardwood, and is thoroughly equipped with all modern conveniences, including furnace and gas.

WILLIAM NICHOL, late one of the prosperous business men of Blenheim, came of Lowland Scotch stock, his great-grandfather, Adam Nichol, having been born in the Lowlands of Scotland, where he lived and died. He had one son, William, born in Scotland in 1756, who died in Chatham in 1832. From Quebec, where he first resided on coming from his native land, he moved to Toronto. He married Lizzie Wood, also a native of Scotland, and they had the following children: Betsy, Margaret, Annie Mary, William and Elizabeth, all but Annie coming to Ontario. In 1834 the family came to the County of Kent, settling in Tilbury township, and from there they came to Harwich township in 1837. In this township the father of our subject learned the trade of a carpenter and grew to manhood. He married Betsy Tinling, daughter of Thomas Janet (Davidson) Tinling, and died in Har-

wich township in 1879. The children born of this marriage were: William; Janet; Thomas; Eliza, deceased; Craig, deceased; James; John; Margaret, deceased; Margaret (2).

William Nichol was born in 1823 in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Ontario with the family. When twenty-five years of age he began business life for himself, in 1847 purchasing a farm on Lot 20, Concession 1. This property he cleared and placed under cultivation, and later sold it and located on Lot 2, Concession 6, where he farmed until 1893, when he sold out and moved to Blenheim.

In 1856 Mr. Nichol married Eliza Beele, a native of Canada, a daughter of William and Margaret (McCorrigan) Beele. The following children were born to them: William married and has four children, Jane, Vernon, Elsworth and William; Margaret married James Findley, and has had children, Bertram, Leroy, Mabel May, Minnie and Betsy (deceased); Walter married Elizabeth Stewart, and has two children, Betsy and Lila; Jemima became Mrs. Rodehouse and has had children, one of whom, Lula, is deceased; Mary Janet married and is the mother of Grace, Arthur, John Newton and Frank; Emily is unmarried; Lois Ann is the widow of John Hough, and has three children, Eliza Jane, Clarence Melvin and Stanford Arthur; Elizabeth M. is the widow of John McLeod, and has had children, John Wesley (deceased) and Isabella Eliza Feasley.

Mr. Nichol was a man highly esteemed in his neighborhood and one who bore an important part in the development of the County of Kent. His recollections of bygone days were very entertaining, and he was often called upon to relate his experiences of those exciting times. His death was greatly lamented, not only by his family, but by his many friends.

THOMAS BOON, justice of the peace, license inspector for East Kent, and prominent in the business circles of Bothwell as a successful undertaker and furniture dealer, came to this locality in 1856 from Toronto, Ont. He had located in that city in 1854, on coming from Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was born Aug. 2, 1833, a son of Thomas and Isabella (Robertson) Boon.

In July, 1854, Thomas Boon was married, in his native city, to Margaret Clephane, and the following named children were born to this union: Thomas, a farmer of Bothwell, Ont., formerly a railroad man; George, who died in 1866; John, unmarried, at home; Margaret, a school teacher, living at home; Isabella, a school teacher of London, Ont.; Maria, unmarried, at home; and Jessie.

Mr. Boon served an apprenticeship to the trade of cabinet-making, beginning same at the age of fourteen years, and has since successfully followed it. For two years he was engaged thus in Toronto prior to locating in Bothwell, but while there the factory in which he was employed burned twice, and this influenced him in making a change. Upon coming to Bothwell he worked for William Adamson for two years, and then, as the factory had closed, started in business for himself, embarking in furniture dealing and undertaking at the same time. He has been very successful in all of his undertakings, being a sound, conservative and reliable business man.

For seven years Mr. Boon found time to serve his township as reeve and member of the county council; has been a member of the school board for many years; since 1867 he has been justice of the peace; and in 1876 was appointed license inspector for East Kent, which position he still retains. For a long period he was president and director of the Agricultural Society. In politics he is a Reformer and very active in party matters. His religious faith makes of him a Baptist, and he contributes liberally toward that denomination. Fraternally, he is a Freemason. Mr. Boon is a courteous gentleman, thoroughly versed in all the branches of his business.

THOMAS ELGIE, formerly a farmer, and now a prosperous business man of Dresden, is one of the sons of George Elgie, and was born on the old Elgie homestead Feb. 5, 1870.

Mr. Elgie, like his brothers, was reared on the farm, and for a number of years made farming his business. He remained at home until 1893, and then moved to an adjoining farm, where he lived for four years. At the end of that time he went to Wabash, in the same township, and farmed there for three years, thence going to Thamesville, where he sold farm machinery for a year. His next move was to Dawn Mills, where he purchased a farm, but his tastes inclined rather to a mercantile life, and after two years on the farm Mr.

Elgie purchased his present business in Dresden. He deals in farming implements and buggies.

On April 16, 1900, Mr. Elgie was married, in Dawn Mills, to Miss Eva Kelley, who was born in Wabash, Camden Gore, in 1874, daughter of Edward and Catherine (Hopper) Kelley, of the County of Kent. The father died in Camden Gore in 1887, and was buried at Dawn Mills. The mother is still living, residing on the old homestead. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were born eight children, namely: William E., an agent for farming implements in Chatham, Ont.; David, a farmer of Michigan; Mary J., who married Andrew Brown, of Saginaw, Michigan; Caroline, the wife of William Phillips, a farmer of Camden Gore; Lovina, the wife of Archie Phillips, also a farmer in Camden Gore; Eva, Mr. Elgie; Tilllie, at home, unmarried; and Melvin, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgie have had one child, Beulah E. They are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Elgie is a Conservative in politics, and while he has no desire to seek office he is interested in local political matters and in all affairs which affect the welfare of the community. Fraternally, he is a member of several organizations, belonging to the I. O. O. F., the Woodmen, the Orangemen, and the C. O. of H. Circle, in all of which he takes an active part. He is a member, too, of the Wabash band.

Mr. Elgie is a prominent merchant in Dresden, and has built up a good business there. He is greatly respected for his integrity and ability, and is popular with all his acquaintances.

EDWIN FRENCH (deceased). Among those who played an important part in the development of Chatham township was the late Edwin French, who was born on the homestead on Lot 9, Concession 4, April 19, 1856, son of Anselm and Nancy (McIntire) French, of Nova Scotia and County Kent, respectively.

Anselm French and his wife located, after their marriage, on the farm in County Kent, and proceeded at once to redeem it from the wilderness. They made a clearing for their home, erecting a diminutive frame house, in which they lived for several years, and then built the home in which they passed the remainder of their days. He died in 1894, at the age of seventy-six, and his wife the same year, at the age of seventy-four, and both are buried in the Louisville cemetery. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and actively interested in its founding, Mr. French having donated the site for the church building from a portion of his land. Anselm and Nancy (McIntire) French were the parents of the following children: John, a harnessmaker of Kent Bridge, Ont.; Susan, who married Edward Wicks, a farmer of Chatham township; Rachel, who married Thomas Richie, now living retired at Dresden, Ont.; Sarah A., deceased wife of Duncan Richie; Thomas, of Chatham, Ont.; Edwin; Eliza, widow of William Smith, of Dresden, Ont.; Annie, who married John Dowswell, a manufacturer of Dutton, Ont.; Sylvester, a plumber of Cleveland, Ohio; and Harry, a farmer of Dresden, Ontario.

On October 22, 1879, Edwin French married, in Chatham township, Annie Sandercock, and six children have been born to this union: Harry N., at home; Lawrence M., deceased; Melvin P., Violet M., Elmer W. and Bertha P., at home. Mrs. French was born in Devonshire, England, a daughter of Francis and Ann (Prouse) Sandercock, of England, where they were married, and where they remained until 1864, when they emigrated to Canada, locating in Port Hope, Ont., and there they spent the remainder of their lives. By occupation Francis Sandercock was a butcher. He died in 1892, aged seventy years, while his wife died in 1894, aged seventy-one years. Their children were: Elizabeth married Arthur Graham, of Port Hope, Ont.; Thomas is a retired farmer of Blenheim, Ont.; George is a farmer of Bowmanville, Ont.; John is a farmer of Port Hope, Ont.; Susan married Robert Blackburn, of Chatham, Ont.; Nora of Winnipeg, married W. Prowden; and Annie became Mrs. Edwin French.

Edwin French became the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres, which he carefully and systematically cultivated along most improved modern lines. In 1891 he erected a handsome brick residence, which he furnished elegantly, he and his good wife having exercised much refined taste in the decorations. As a lover of good music, and being desirous of giving his children every advantage, he purchased one of the finest pianos to be had in this vicinity. Mr. French died Dec. 12, 1897, and his remains

were interred in the beautiful cemetery at Louisville. He was a man of prominence in his township and served for a number of years as school trustee. In the Methodist Church he acted as steward, was a Sunday-school teacher, and always gave liberally toward the support of the church. Until about two years prior to his demise Mr. French was a healthy man, but at that time his health began to fail, and he never regained it. His death was felt throughout the community, while in his home his place can never be filled. His widow is living in the comfortable home his care and thrift provided for her. The farm is now the property of his son, Harry N., to whom it was deeded upon his attaining his majority. The French family is well and favorably known in the community, and recognized as a leading one in County Kent.

JOHN FRENCH, brother of the late Edwin French, and a successful harnessmaker of Kent Bridge, Ont., was born in Chatham township July 22, 1838. Like his brother and nephew, he is a man highly esteemed by his business associates and friends, and he has borne his part in the development of the county and his special community, and proven himself a worthy member of so old and substantial a family. He is steward and superintendent of the Methodist Church at Kent Bridge

STANLEY AND CHRISTOPHER LETHBRIDGE, of the firm of Lethbridge Bros., liverymen at Chatham, are of English extraction, their father having come to Canada from England.

Garland Lethbridge, the father, was born at Ivy Bridge, Devonshire, England, in 1831, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Huxham) Lethbridge, both of whom died in Deptford, England. As long as he remained in England Garland Lethbridge followed farming, and when he came to the new country, in 1887, it seemed most profitable to continue at that work. He settled first near London, Ont., and later on the "Barr farm," near Chatham, where his death occurred in 1897. He was a member of the Church of England, and his political ties were with the Conservatives.

Garland Lethbridge married Miss Mary Ann Bickley, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Foss) Bickley, of English extraction. Her paternal grandfather was James Bickley, and her mother's father was Peter Foss. Mr. and Mrs. Lethbridge had a family of ten children, as follows: Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Screator, by whom she had one daughter, Nellie, deceased; George, a farmer of the County of Oxford, who married Miss Mary Tilfer and has one daughter, Hazel; Clara, wife of Lester Wilsey, and mother of one daughter, Elsie; Fred, of Merlin, Ont., who married Miss Minnie Hurd, of Raleigh township, Kent County, and has four children, Elsie, Mabel, Garland and Stanley; Hannah, late wife of Joseph Badder, who left two sons, Stanley and Franklin; Sarah Ann, deceased wife of George Day; James B., who died when two years old; Stanley, who married Miss Maggie Wilmore; Christopher, who married Miss Emily Babcock; and Walter, of Chatham.

Both Stanley and Christopher Lethbridge were farmers in Raleigh township for some time, but in 1902 they bought out the livery business of William Gardiner, of Chatham, to which they have since devoted their attention exclusively. The brothers agree in their politics and religion, both being Conservatives and Presbyterians. Christopher Lethbridge belongs to the C. O. F., while his brother is a member of the K. O. T. M. They are reliable business men, whose good qualities and upright methods have won them the respect of their associates.

JAMES R. GOSNELL, an enterprising citizen and prosperous farmer of Orford township, County of Kent, lives along the Middle road, on lot 12, where he owns a fine fifty-five-acre farm, to which he came in 1872. He also has a place of seventy-five acres in the same township.

Mr. Gosnell was born near Highgate, Orford township, in December, 1846, a son of John and Sarah (Reeder) Gosnell, of County Cork, Ireland, and Derbyshire, England, respectively. The father came to Canada with his father, who died in Toronto of cholera, the mother continuing the journey with John and her other children to the County of Kent, and taking up land in Orford township. Here John Gosnell died in 1872, aged seventy-two years, while his wife passed away in 1862, aged fifty-five years, and they were tenderly interred in the Gosnell cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Church. The following chil-

dren were born to them: Mary A., who died when six years old; Lawrence B., a farmer of Orford township, who is mentioned elsewhere; Ellen, who died in infancy; Henry J., deceased; Catherine, wife of W. J. Gosnell, of Pilot Mound; Rebecca, deceased, who married Henry Reeder; Henry J., deceased; Christopher W., a farmer of Orford township; Charlotte, of the County of Elgin, married to Robert Barker; Jerusha, who married Hall Barker, of the County of Elgin; James R.; Thomas H., a farmer of Orford township; Wellington, a farmer of Harwich township; and George A., a farmer of Orford township.

On June 29, 1872, in Selton, County of Kent, James R. Gosnell married Anna Houser, and five children have been born to them: Mary L., Matthew H., William J., Frank E. and Roy McP., all at home. Mrs. Gosnell was born near Niagara Falls, Humberstone, Ont., in 1851, a daughter of Mathew and Catherine (Clicker) Houser, of Germany, who were married in their native country, and came to Canada at an early day, settling near Niagara Falls. The mother died aged seventy-two years, in Buffalo, New York. The Houser family moved to the County of Elgin, where they lived for twenty-five years from 1853, and then located in Buffalo, New York, the father retiring from active life at the time. He was born in 1821. This worthy couple long were consistent members of the Methodist Church, and were beloved and revered by a large circle of friends not only in the church, but throughout the community. They had three children besides Mrs. Gosnell: John, a farmer of the County of Elgin; Mary, of the County of Elgin, married to George Smeltz; and Mathew, who is in the commission business at Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Gosnell was with his parents until he was sixteen years of age, and then began working among the farmers, thus continuing for five years. He then entered a sawmill, and worked there for eight years, when he married, and as before stated, located upon his present farm, which he has placed in an excellent state of cultivation. He has added to his holdings until he is regarded as one of the substantial men of Orford township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell are consistent members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Reformer, but he has never desired nor sought office. Throughout the community he and his wife are admired for their many excellent qualities of heart and mind, and their influence is for good among those with whom they are thrown in contact. The success which has attended them is the result of hard work, constant thrift and excellent management.

WILLIAM MOWBRAY, a prominent and successful farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, living on Lot 7, 2d Concession, was born on the Ridge Road, in Howard, June 24, 1840, a son of William and Helen (Pool) Mowbray. His parents were both born in Scotland, the father in 1797, and the mother in 1812. William Mowbray's parents, William and Isabella (Mitchelson) Mowbray, died in Scotland.

William Mowbray, father of our subject, came to Canada in 1833, and here followed the trade of linen weaver. After living for some time in Chatham, working at his trade, he married, in 1839, and located near Ridgetown, where his wife died in 1841, leaving him one son, William. After the death of his wife Mr. Mowbray settled on a tract of land, all wild, on the Botany Road, in Howard township, where he started life as a farmer, and died in 1877. He never married again, giving all his care and attention to his son William.

William Mowbray (3) received an excellent education, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. In February, 1867, he married Miss Christina McFarland, of Delaware township, County of Middlesex, near London, a daughter of John and Isabella (Henderson) McFarland, one of the prominent pioneer families of the County of Middlesex. Mrs. Mowbray was born in that county in November, 1847, and grew to womanhood there. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray settled on the old Mowbray homestead, where he farmed most successfully, remaining there until 1888, when he purchased the Peter McBrayne farm, on which he now makes his home. To this purchase he has added 80 acres, now having one of the finest farms in the County of Kent. On the eighty acres, known as the Atkinson farm, he erected a new barn and has a similar structure on his home farm. Understanding thoroughly every detail of farm life, he is enabled to make a success of his calling. He and his wife are the parents of the follow-

ing children: Helen, the eldest now living, born in May, 1868, married Frederick Algriffith, of Paradox, County of Middlesex, and has two children, Gladys C. and Julia M. John, born in February, 1870, is unmarried and owns and occupies the old homestead. William, born in September, 1874, attended the home schools and the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, completing his education at the University of Toronto, from which he was graduated in 1895; for three years he was a teacher in Arthur, County of Wellington, and he is now a teacher in the Collegiate Institute of Chatham, being very successful and very popular, as he is a young man of great parts, and excellently fitted for his work; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Isabella May, born Oct. 4, 1876, married J. C. Fletcher, who was a farmer of Tilbury East, County of Kent, and both are now deceased; they left no family. James M., born in Howard, in May, 1878, is unmarried and living at the old home; he was educated in the Howard schools. Frederick B., born in August, 1883, received a Collegiate Institute education in Ridgetown, and is now a student in the Medical Department of the University of Toronto. George G., born Aug. 28, 1886, is at home. Carrie B., born in 1887, is a student of Chatham Collegiate Institute, and is a bright and intelligent young lady, very fond of her books. Christina Pearl, born Dec. 14, 1890, is a student in the home schools. The remaining four children died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Mowbray has been identified with the Reform party, and he has held the positions of auditor and assessor of Howard for two terms. The religious connections of Mr. Mowbray and his family are with the Presbyterian Church, and when St. John's Presbyterian Church was erected near his home he was one of the founders and leading men, and he was also one of the most liberal contributors, taking a personal interest in all the work. In all the relations of life Mr. Mowbray has proven himself an upright, conscientious man, one whose success has come as the result of his earnest efforts. For twenty-two years he has been the agent of the M. I. Bucannon General Machine Mfg. Co., of Ingersoll, handling hay forks and similar implements, and in recognition of his business ability and faithful service the company presented him with a handsome gold watch. Mr. Mowbray and his family are highly regarded throughout the community in which they have made their home for so many years.

WILLIAM J. AND DAVID L. GARDINER. These two prominent agriculturists of Tilbury East township are men of ability in their special line of work. One has evinced skill in managing and keeping thoroughly intact a well-improved seventy-five-acre farm, partly developed by his father. The other has shown his power in grappling with nature in her wildness, and he now has a splendid 200-acre farm as a result of his industry. The brothers come of an able and successful Scottish family.

William Gardiner, their father, at one time a large land owner in the County of Kent, was born in Scotland, and during infancy was brought by his parents to Canada. He was reared for the most part in the County of Durham, and when still in his teens moved with the family to Tilbury East township, County of Kent. For some years he remained upon the home farm engaged in agricultural work, and he later moved to a fifty-acre place on Lot 11, Concession 6, where he lived for five or six years, carrying on farming profitably. During this period he erected upon his land a sawmill, from the operation of which he materially added to his income. Having purchased the seventy-five-acre farm on Lot 16, M. R. N., which was taken up from the government by the late Angus Grant, and which is now owned by his son, William J. Gardiner, he moved thereon, and resided there for some years, during which period he cleared up much of the land and put it under thorough cultivation, engaging extensively in all branches of general agriculture. He also erected substantial and attractive buildings, making the farm one of the most desirable for its size in the township. Finally, however, about seventeen years ago, he purchased one of the finest properties in the township, the 200-acre tract known as the Stewart place, whose attractive brick residence and good buildings would do credit to a city. Here, fully developing the resources of the land, he remained until he gave up active farming, in 1896. By wise management he succeeded in amassing considerable property, and at one time he owned 475 acres of land, much of which he has divided among his sons. About

1896, desiring to lead a less strenuous life, he turned over the management of his large farm to his son and moved to Leamington, where he still resides, interested to some extent in farming.

Mr. Gardiner's first wife died shortly after their marriage, and he subsequently married Mrs. Agnes (Stewart) Richardson, who had two daughters by her first union: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Joseph Brown, of Tilbury East; and Isabelle, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner have been born ten children: William James, who is mentioned below; Jane, who died in childhood; John Lee Brodie, who married a Miss Sloan and who has succeeded his father in the ownership of the Stewart farm; David Lee, who is mentioned below; Mungo Stewart; Robert M., of Detroit; Murray and Agnes, twins, both of whom died young; Henrietta Forest, who married Charles Campbell; and Leticia, who married David Martin, son of Col. Martin, and resides in Mersea township.

Mr. Gardiner has always assumed his full share of life's responsibilities, taking an active part in all works affecting the welfare of his community, and as a Reformer he has been influential in local politics. Socially, he stands high as a member of the A. O. U. W. As a man of marked integrity of character and a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church at Valetta, he served for many years as elder and Sunday-school superintendent.

William J. Gardiner was born on a place near the old Gardiner homestead, owned by his mother, October 16, 1864, and he was reared in Tilbury East township. When he began farming on his own account he settled on his present farm in Lot 16, M. R. N., which comprises seventy-five acres, and he has not only kept up the farm, but has added much to its value by the erection in 1900 of a splendid new barn. The other buildings were put up while his father occupied the place. Practical in his methods, he has won the confidence of agriculturists in his section, and his products command good market prices. Mr. Gardiner's achievements and many admirable traits of character have won him the esteem of all who know him. In politics he is a Reformer, and in local affairs his word carries weight. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Valetta, and he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gardiner married Sarah Sloan, whose family is mentioned elsewhere, and two children have come of this union: Mary Eva, born Jan. 8, 1890; and William S. Raymond, born Sept. 10, 1902.

David Lee Gardiner, another son of William Gardiner, was born at the family residence on the 6th Concession, Sept. 12, 1868. He received the ordinary rearing of well-to-do farmers' boys of his locality, and upon reaching his majority received from his father the south half of Lot 9, in the 7th Concession, and settling there he began life for himself. With ten acres of this already cleared, he soon opened up larger areas to cultivation, and branched out in his industry. In a short time he was enabled to erect substantial buildings, and to equip the place with implements and stock, enabling him to engage in all lines of general farming. On Oct. 18, 1893, Mr. Gardiner married Ellen Agnes Campbell, whose family is mentioned elsewhere, and by this union there have been four children: David Gordon, born July 15, 1895; William James, April 22, 1897; Mary Agnes, July 6, 1899; and Matthew Harold, Dec. 2, 1901.

After marriage Mr. Gardiner continued his agricultural pursuits, and he has made a splendid success of his work. Some years ago he enlarged his farm by an additional land purchase, now owning the entire lot, an area of 200 acres, fully half of which he has cleared and put under cultivation. In addition to farming he has each winter passed his spare time in getting out timber for hubs, making trips to Chatham, a distance of twenty-four miles, every other day, to dispose of them. So far he has delivered over one thousand hubs, receiving good money returns for his industry.

Mr. Gardiner combines with a fertile, well-balanced intellect marked force of character and a large capacity for work. His attainments and his many admirable traits of character have won him a large circle of warm friends. He is well known throughout his community, and both he and his wife are highly esteemed members of the Presbyterian church at Valetta. Politically, he affiliates with the Reformers.

NORMAN H. ADRAIN resides on a fine farm of 115 acres in Lot 18, 7th Concession, and is a prosperous general farmer of Orford township, County of Kent.

Mr. Adrain was born upon this farm Dec. 27, 1876, a son of James and Lois (Chaut) Adrain, of Bastard township, County of Leeds, Ont., who came to the present property in 1870, when it was all a wilderness. By hard work and great thrift they managed to clear their land and accumulate considerable money, and the father is now one of the principal farmers of the township. He was born in October, 1837. The mother died Dec. 5, 1890, aged forty-seven years, and is buried in Duart, Ont. She clung to the faith of the Methodist Church, of which the father is also a member. Their children were: Arzey and Minnie, who died of diphtheria; Laura, residing at London, Ont.; Lillie, who died young; Norman H.; and Amos, with his brother Norman.

On Oct. 18, 1899, in Bothwell, Ont., Mr. Adrain married Edith Smith, and they have one son, Herbert. Mrs. Adrain was born at Caledonia, Ont., Aug. 6, 1881, a daughter of George and Maggie (Wright) Smith, of Onondago, Ont. The father resides in Caledonia, Ont., working at his trade of brickmason. He was born in 1853. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church. They have had children as follows: William, Fred, Edith (Mrs. Adrain), Jessie, Agnes, Bruce, Florence, Stewart and Maud.

Norman H. Adrain remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, when he returned to the place of his birth, from which the family had moved when he was seventeen. This excellent property was inherited by Mr. Adrain when he attained his majority, and he is making many improvements upon it. There is a handsome brick dwelling on the place. Both he and his wife attend the Methodist Church, in which they are prominent. In politics he is independent, believing it best in local questions to vote for the man rather than for principle. He is an energetic, enterprising young man, and one whose future looks very promising.

WILLIAM J. MILLER was born in Lansdowne township, County of Leeds, Ont., Feb. 4, 1849, the third son of William and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Miller. He comes from good stock, on the paternal side tracing his genealogy back to Rev. William Miller, his great-grandfather, who was a minister of the Church of England in County Tyrone, Ireland. His mother belonged to the Gilbert family, respected pioneers in the County of Leeds, whose posterity include members of some of the leading families of the Bay of Quinte District and other parts of Canada.

William James Miller passed his early boyhood in Lansdowne township, where he experienced all the vicissitudes incidental to life in a log cabin for a boy brought up with a large family of brothers and sisters. He attended the log school of the neighborhood. Coming to Zone township, County of Kent, with his father in November, 1858, when only nine years of age, like all pioneer boys he learned how to work, and assisted his father and older brothers in building the log house which was the first home of the family. The country was wild and covered with a dense growth of wood at that time, and it was some years before the settlers cut out and graded roads through that part of the township, work in which the Miller family assisted. Mr. Miller well recollects seeing wild turkeys and deer for several years after they came to Zone, and after nightfall the howling of the wolves frequently disturbed their slumbers, and warned the settlers that it was hazardous for them to be out after dark. They were obliged, too, to yard their cattle and sheep at night on this account. The only settlers Mr. Miller remembers being in Zone township when he arrived were Richard and John Stevenson, of Lot 11, Concession 2, who came in 1842; William Corlett, who had settled on Lot 10, Concession 2, in 1849; John Brown, on Lot 11, Concession 1; Samuel Harris, Lot 9, Concession 2; the McAnallys, Lot 6, Concession 1; and the Brooks and Boothroyd families. There was quite a settlement at Florence, and it was here that the settlers attended church, and also purchased the few necessities that they were compelled to have. Money was a very scarce article in those days, and most of the goods were obtained in exchange for farm produce.

William James Miller was married, Feb. 14, 1872, to Margaret McEwan, and they had two children: William Frederick, born Jan. 15, 1873; and Jessie Isabel, born Oct. 22, 1874. Mr. Margaret (McEwan) Miller dying, he was married on Oct. 22, 1879, to Sarah Herbert, daughter of Elvin Herbert, a respected pioneer of Dawn township. Three children blessed this union: Bertha Melissa, born Jan. 11, 1883;

Herbert Roy, June 11, 1885; and Mary Myrtle, June 24, 1890. The eldest, William Frederick Miller, married Emeline Laing April 3, 1895, and has two children, Howard James and Johnson Byron. Both Mr. and Mrs. William James Miller belong to the Church of England, and have attended church at Florence from childhood.

Mr. Miller is a stanch Conservative of the Sir John A. Macdonald school, and takes an active interest not only in politics, but in everything of public interest. He is a progressive man, and abreast of the times in information on current subjects. He has held the office of school trustee for over fifteen years, and has been town councillor for Zone for the past three years. Mr. Miller owns the north half of Lot 4, Concession 1, Zone, a part of the original Miller homestead, and the north half of Lot 4, Concession 2, Zone, all excellent land, containing a comfortable home and good outbuildings. The members of the Miller family are respected citizens in the community.

JOHN V. SHAW, a prosperous retired farmer of Chatham township, residing on Lots 18 and 19, in the 6th Concession, owns a fine farm of fifty acres. He located here in 1851, taking up 150 acres, but since then he has disposed of 100 acres.

Mr. Shaw was born in Nova Scotia, Oct. 15, 1830, and he is a son of Moses and Sarah (Cann) Shaw, of the County of Annapolis, Nova Scotia. In 1854 the family emigrated to the County of Kent, settling one mile south on the 5th Concession, where they took up fifty acres. During the war of 1812 the father served gallantly, as captain of his company. His death occurred in 1867, when he was seventy-three years of age, while his wife passed away in 1869, aged seventy-four years. They were buried in a private cemetery on the homestead farm. They were members of the church of the Latter Day Saints. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were good, kind, charitable people, who desired to live in peace with all and to serve their Maker to the best of their ability and understanding. The following children were born to them: Martha, deceased, who married Israel Wyman; Zabina, of Racine, Wisconsin, now deceased; Sarah, deceased, who married William Nicholson, of Boston, Massachusetts; Elizabeth, who married David Churchill, of Beaver River; Phœbe, deceased life of Thomas Churchill of Long Island, New York; Elenora, who married Capt. Lyman, of Milton, Connecticut; Hannah, who died young; Fanny, who died after marrying Clement Telford; Coleman, deceased; John V.; Capt. Moses, a captain of a large vessel, who died on the Atlantic ocean, of smallpox; and George, who died in Lansing, Michigan.

On April 25, 1849, in Nova Scotia John V. Shaw was married to Sarah J. Victory, and children as follows were born to this union: Dr. John E., a prominent physician of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Edna, who married Israel Cheete, of the County of Lambton, Ont.; Dr. Bowman, a prominent physician of Clare, Michigan; Georgiana, who married William F. Wells, of the County of Lambton, Ont.; Clement, deceased; and Avelina, who married Isaac Andrews, a farmer of Chatham township. Mrs. Shaw was born in Yarmouth July 11, 1835, a daughter of Asa and Luticca (Corning) Victory of the same locality, where the father was a shipbuilder and died in August, 1897, aged eighty-three years; the mother died in August, 1889, aged seventy-six years. They were members of the Latter Day Saints. The children born to this union were: Sarah J.; Mary; and Alberta, who married Oren Arnold, a farmer.

Mr. Shaw remained with his parents until his marriage, with the exception of a few years spent upon the ocean. At the age of fourteen he shipped on a sailing-vessel, plying between England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States and the West Indies. In 1851 he located on his present farm to assist his father-in-law, but after a year he shipped on fresh water, and served as first mate for three seasons between the County of Kent, Lower Canada, Quebec, Montreal, and other ports. One of his trips consumed two years, during which time he did not see his home. Another voyage kept him out of sight of land for 105 days, and the crew upon this occasion was nearly starved to death, and the cargo of salt lost. The sailors of those days suffered untold hardships. Upon another occasion his ship was frozen in the northern seas for four months. However, as his wife and her mother were so anxious to have him settle upon the farm, he left his sea-faring life, and has remained a farmer ever since. Since

1854 he has been a member of the Baptist Church, and for several years was a deacon. In politics Mr. Shaw has always been a Reformer, and he served very acceptably as postmaster for twelve years at Appledore, Ont., having a grocery store in connection, but he resigned the office. Both he and Mrs. Shaw are very active for their years, and enjoy having their friends about them in their pleasant home. No couple in the County of Kent stands higher in the public estimation, and their present prosperity is well merited, as it has been gained through industry and honesty.

HECTOR L. JOHNSTON. One of the old and honorable families of the County of Kent is the one which bears the name of Johnston, which had its origin in England, the first member to cross the Atlantic, as far as known, being William Johnston, a native of England, the great-grandfather of Hector L. Johnston, of Thamesville, County of Kent.

Prior to the American Revolution, William Johnston came to America and settled in New Jersey. He brought one son, also named William, and here other children were born. When troubles arose between the Colonies and the mother country William Johnston returned to his native land. William Johnston (2) grew to manhood in New Jersey, and, being a U. E. Loyalist, moved to Canada and located in Aldborough, County of Elgin, Ont. Later, in 1829, he moved to Croton, in the County of Kent, and what is now Johnston's Corners, was named after him. At that date the country was unsettled, the nearest white neighbor living at a distance of five miles. His land was located on Lots 7 and 8, Concession 13, Camden Gore, and there he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years. The first marriage of William Johnston (2) was to a Miss Trusdale, a native of the State of Pennsylvania, and his second marriage was to a Miss Harbour. The children born to the first union were as follows: James Herbert, William, Thomas, Deborah, Betsey, Nancy and one other. Nancy is the only survivor, and now, over eighty-two years old, resides at Johnston's Corners.

James Herbert Johnston, son of William (2) and the father of Hector L., was born at Aldborough Sept. 19, 1817, and was twelve years of age when the family moved into the County of Kent. Here he grew to maturity and began his active life in the lumber business, later opening up a store at Johnston's Corners, which, in 1863, he removed to Dresden. One year later he opened a store at Wheatley, then a mere collection of houses, which he named Wheatley in honor of an old resident, a Mrs. Wheatley. Mr. Johnson was the first postmaster at Croton (Johnston's Corners). In 1840 occurred his marriage to Miss Catherine McDowell, daughter of John McDowell, whose wife's maiden name was McLean; this family came to Ontario from Scotland, in 1804, settling near Wallaceburg. John McDowell had a son, Allen McDowell, who is now a resident of Port Lambton, aged over eighty-two years, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Grant, now a resident of the County of Lambton, is over seventy-eight years old. Catherine, the mother of Mr. Johnston, was born in 1847. Her sister Mary married Joseph Vincent, and Flora married a Mr. Gish.

The death of James Herbert Johnston took place in 1882, his wife surviving until 1898. They were most estimable and highly respected people, esteemed by their friends and beloved by the following family of children: John Harbour, deceased, married Mahala Watson, and they had these children, Maggie, John Frostwood, Charles and Harvey; Angeline died at the age of eight years; Louis Napoleon, a resident of Toronto, married Sarah McDonald, and their two children are Essyltha and Lafern; Sophia M. is a resident of Thamesville; Hector L. is mentioned below; Dr. Edwin R., deceased, married Sadie Nelson, of the State of Michigan, and their one child, Edwin R., is a resident of Michigan; Alice died at the age of two years; Helen M. married John Duncan, of Thamesville, and their two children are Catherine M. and James Kenneth; Henrietta died young; William J., a veterinary surgeon at Brigden, married Janet Young, and their one son, William, follows his father's profession; James H. (deceased), and his wife, Maria, had two children, Frazier M. and Carlisle.

Hector Lyon Johnston was born at Croton, County of Kent, May 28, 1850, and grew to manhood on the old homestead. He began his business career at the age of fourteen years by acting as clerk for his brother at Dresden,

receiving $6 a month for his services. With the adventurous spirit of youth, he soon resigned this position in order to become a sailor. After about ten years of sea-faring life he was located for two years in Michigan City, State of Indiana, employed by the Michigan Central Railway Company, and then returned to the County of Kent. For some sixteen years Mr. Johnston has been one of the prominent citizens of the county, for ten years efficiently filling the office of assessor of Camden township. In 1892 his sphere of usefulness was enlarged by his appointment as clerk of Thamesville, a position he still fills. For six years he was the reliable secretary and treasurer of the order of Patrons of Industry for County Kent. He is also connected with the K. O. T. M.

On Oct. 18, 1893, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage with Miss Mary Effie Tiffin, daughter of Thomas and Emma Tiffin, and the one son of this union bears the name of Hector Nelson. Mr. Johnston enjoys the high regard of his fellow-citizens, being a man of character and responsibility, as well as a public official of marked capacity.

WILLIAM C. McGREGOR, a representative of one of the early families of Tilbury East township, a member of the municipal council, and a man who has been prominently identified with the agricultural progress of his section, was born Oct. 22, 1843, on the old McGregor homestead.

Alexander McGregor, his father, was born at Balmoral, Aberdeenhire, Scotland, where he grew to maturity and married Margaret Coutts. Two children were born to this union in Scotland, and in 1840 the family came to Canada, making their way directly to Tilbury East township, where members of the Coutts family had previously settled. A small clearing had been made on Lot 12, of the 4th Concession, and upon this land Alexander McGregor and his family located. He prospered, and before his death was the owner of 400 acres, 300 being in one block. In politics he was a Conservative, and he took an active part in the affairs of the party, served the township for many years as assessor, and was also census taker. His death took place in 1865, at the age of sixty-one years, the mother dying aged fifty-nine years. They were the parents of the following named children: James, born in Scotland, is a resident of Duluth, Minn., where he has been engaged in a number of enterprises, real estate, building, etc.; Ann, born in Scotland, is Mother Theresa, at the convent in Chatham; John A. for many years a prominent citizen of Tilbury East, member of both township and county council, is now engaged in ranching in the Northwest; William C. is mentioned below; Allen R. died aged twenty-three years; Francis died aged twenty-two years; Jessie Mary (deceased) was the wife of Thomas McVey, of Tilbury East.

William C. McGregor grew to manhood on the home place and received such educational advantages as the locality afforded in that day. Though his opportunities were limited, reading and association have given him a good practical education, and he ranks with the intelligent citizens of his community. After the death of his father he came into possession of the homestead farm, and also owns an additional 200 acres in the township. His life work has been farming, and, as he has entertained progressive ideas and has favored advanced methods and machinery, he has very satisfactorily demonstrated what can be done with the soil of this part of Ontario. The part he has taken in the various farmers' institutes is well known through the county, and he has been called upon to fill many positions in agricultural organizations. At present he is one of the directors of the Agricultural Society, of which he has been president. He has devoted much attention to the improving of stock. In politics Mr. McGregor is a Reformer, and he is at present a member of the Tilbury East council.

Mr. McGregor married Miss Ann Drew, of Raleigh township, and to this union were born the following named children: Martin A., a farmer on Concession 5, married Mary Agnes Guller; Alexander J. and James E. both assist in carrying on the home farm; Jessie Mary and John C. are at home; Cecil is a student at the convent at Chatham, which he entered with high honors; Robert R. was drowned at the age of fifteen; three died in infancy.

Martin Drew, father of Mrs. McGregor, was a pioneer of the County of Kent. He was born in Ireland and in 1832 came to America, living for two years in the State of New Jersey. Coming to Canada, he spent a short time

at Port Stanley, and in 1834 located on government land in Lot 5, Concession 10, in Raleigh township, County of Kent, becoming one of the most prosperous men of his part of the county. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church and it was at his house that the first mass ever held in Raleigh township was celebrated, by a priest who came from St. Peter's on the Thames.

COUTTS. The first Scotch family to make a permanent residence on the plains in the northern part of Tilbury East township was that of Coutts. John Coutts, the maternal grandfather of William C. McGregor, was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, where he married Ann McDonald, and the following children were born to them: Margaret became the mother of Mr. McGregor. William J., born July 14, 1814, one of the prominent men of Tilbury East, in 1859 married Catherine Drew, a daughter of the late Martin Drew, of Raleigh township. Ann and Mary died young. John took up government land in Canada, and his son John is a barrister at Thamesville. Allen went to Texas, and was engaged in building flat-boats during the Civil war in the States. Sarah married Duncan McEachran, and resided in Sombra. Hon. Alexander, the most prominent member of the family, who served his district as M. P. P., resided upon Lot 10, Concession 5, on the homestead taken up by his father, and his widow now resides in Tilbury village. Mary died aged twenty-two. Jane Ellen Ann, the only surviving member, resides with Mr. McGregor; she possesses a wonderfully clear memory, although born in 1829. Grandfather John Coutts, with wife and family, left Scotland in 1833, spent the winter at Ancaster, Ont., and in the fall came to Tilbury East township, where he took up crown land. All was then wilderness, but by Christmas, 1834, the family was comfortably housed in a log cabin, which was occupied until the present residence was built, in 1849. The wet season of 1838 was unusually severe, but the Coutts family, having some means, was enabled to bear the privations better than many of their neighbors. However, the outlook was so discouraging that John Coutts called his sons together and directed them to see if a drain dug near the house would make it habitable, and if there was enough fall to turn a toy water wheel—one foot in diameter—they would remain. One of the sons made the wheel and the current was found strong enough to turn it, so the decision was made to remain on what proved to be one of the garden spots of Ontario. John Coutts died in 1851, aged seventy-five years, and his wife passed away in 1858, at the same age. Many landmarks recall these old families, and all through this and Raleigh townships the names of McGregor, Drew and Coutts are familiar.

DUNCAN LEITCH, a prosperous farmer residing on Lot 6, 2d Concession, in Howard township, County of Kent, one of the worthy and public-spirited citizens of his locality, was born in Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1847, son of James and Christina (McFarland) Leitch.

The parents were both born in Scotland, in 1800 and 1807, respectively, and were married there. James Leitch received an excellent education, being able to talk both Highland and Lowland Scotch. In 1848 he emigrated to Canada, making the trip by way of New York and Albany, Buffalo and Port Stanley. The ocean voyage consumed six weeks. From Port Stanley he came on by team to Howard township, settling in the woods in the 3d Concession, where he erected a log cabin, 18x20, and commenced life as one of the pioneers of western Canada. During the first year he worked on the Grand Trunk railroad, but he afterward engaged in farming on his property, and there died Oct. 20, 1880. His wife died Aug. 23, 1872. Before his death he replaced the primitive log cabin with a comfortable frame house. He became very prosperous. All of his family were Presbyterians, and he and his wife were members of that denomination for many years, and active workers; he was one of the founders of the Botany Presbyterian Church, built in 1858. In politics he was a member of the Reform party. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity. Three died in the old country. Of the others Malcolm died in Howard, in 1861, while a young man. Daniel, born in Scotland in 1837, was educated in his native land, and now resides on a farm in Harwich township; he married Miss Lizzie Robertson, of Harwich township, who bore him six children, James, Walter, Duncan, Mary, Christina and Isabel; he later married Maggie Bobiel, of the County of Kent, and they have three children, Maggie,

Pearl and Albert. James, born in Scotland in 1839, is unmarried and a resident of Harwich township. Duncan is mentioned below.

Duncan Leitch was reared upon his father's farm, receiving his education in a primitive log school house. He remained at home, assisting his father, until his marriage, April 25, 1883, when he was united to Miss Katie Anderson, daughter of William and Sadie (McCariger) Anderson, old and prominent pioneers of Howard township, who came from Scotland in 1837. Mrs. Leitch was born in October, 1859, and grew up in Howard township. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Leitch settled upon their present farm, a large tract of bush land, all of which Mr. Leitch has cleared by his own unaided efforts, making of it one of the finest farms in this section of the country. To Mr. and Mrs. Leitch has come one daughter, Christina, born April 12, 1884, a bright, charming young lady, who was educated in the schools of Howard. Religiously, Mrs. Leitch is a member of the Methodist Church, while Mr. Leitch was brought up in the Presbyterian faith. He is a strong believer in the principles of the Reform party. For several terms Mr. Leitch has held the position of pathmaster at Howard, efficiently and satisfactorily discharging the duties of that office.

Mr. Leitch comes of one of the old and worthy families of western Canada, the members of which have nobly borne their part in the development of this section of the Dominion, and to whom much credit in due. That they have all been able to bring plenty and civilization out of the wilderness, and become men of prominence and prosperity, reflects great credit upon their ability and foresight in building wisely and solidly, not for only the immediate present, but for the future.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER EVERETT (deceased). Few citizens of the County of Kent were better known or more thoroughly respected than was the late William Alexander Everett, whose death on Feb. 20, 1889, removed one of the early residents of Chatham township. His birth took place Aug. 13, 1815, in Chatham township, nineteen years after the settlement of his family in that locality.

The Everett family is of Welsh extraction. The grandfather, William Alexander Everett, was born in Pennsylvania about 1740, and married Nancy Jackman, also a native of that State. In 1796 they settled on the 1st Concession, river front, in Chatham township, near Louisville, and there engaged in farming until they died, the grandfather passing away in 1821 and his widow a few years later. The children born to these worthy people were: (1) Adam, the father of our subject, is mentioned below. (2) William, born in 1783, in Pennsylvania, came to the County of Kent in 1796, married Hannah Fleming, an aunt of Dr. D. G. Fleming, of Chatham, and had fourteen children, thirteen of whom grew to maturity—James, William Alexander, John T., David H., Nancy (who died in infancy), Barbara (who died in 1900), Rebecca, Dorothy Ann, Mary, Elizabeth, Emeline, Melissa and Amelia, the survivors being Mary, of Oregon; Emeline, Mrs. R. E. Cornwall, of the State of Washington; and Miss Amelia, of Oregon. (3) David, born in Pennsylvania, who came to the County of Kent in 1796, was a hatter by trade but followed farming later in life. He married Mary Houk, of German extraction, and they had three daughters and five sons, of whom Samuel and Henry, of Oregon, and Sarah, Mrs. T. W. Wright, of Hamilton, North Dakota, are the survivors. (4) John, born in Pennsylvania, who came with the family to the County of Kent, married Sally Sherman, and they had five children—David, William, John, Elizabeth and Sarah, of whom William, John and Sarah (wife of Marcellus Minschel) still reside in Howard township, County of Kent. (5) Mary. (6) Elizabeth. (7) Rebecca. (8) Rachel.

Adam Everett, father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, and in 1795 came to the County of Kent, Ont., Canada, preparing for the family to come the following year. In Kent he married Nancy Hazlett, a native of Ireland, and they had children as follows: William, Richard, Adam, Joseph, Mary (wife of Ira Allen), Rachel (wife of Alexander Whitesell, of Howard township), Elizabeth, Thornton (a resident of the County of Lambton), John and Seth. Mrs. Rachel Whitesell and Thornton are the only survivors. The parents of this family were members of the Methodist Church. The father passed away in 1843, the mother in 1850, both well advanced in years. Mr. Everett and his three brothers

all settled in Chatham, at Louisville, and engaged in farming, and they took the first wheat from the County of Kent to Detroit, Michigan, in a boat called the "Blacksnake," which had a capacity of twenty-five bushels of wheat and four men. Adam Everett was the first man to carry the mail between London and Sandwich, Ont., making the trip on foot at first, afterward on horseback.

During his active years William Alexander Everett followed agricultural life on Lot 21, 1st Concession, township of Chatham. In 1850 he was united in marriage with Miss Jane McLean, who was born in Scotland Aug. 13, 1830, and came to the County of Kent in 1843.

In political sentiment Mr. Everett was a Reformer. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Church during a long and happy united life. He was a man of stable character, of unimpeachable integrity, for thirty years he administered the law as justice of the peace, and for twelve years was reeve of the township, also serving as a member of the county council. He was held in high esteem in every relation of life, and when its end came it closed an honorable career. Mrs. Everett, with two of her daughters, resides in Chatham. The valuable old farm was disposed of by the family in 1900.

JAMES WINTERS, who during life was a very prominent and successful farmer of Howard township, County of Kent, residing on the 3d Concession, was born in Ireland, Jan. 12, 1818, a son of Daniel and Eliza (Kerr) Winters, who came from that country to Canada in 1828. After landing in the Dominion they settled on a farm in the 3d Concession, Howard township, where they spent their life, and the father died in 1889, the mother in 1885. They were the parents of a large family, four of whom are living: Daniel, of Howard township; Hannah, who married Thomas Smith, of Texas; Betsy, married to Philip Matson, of California; and Jane, who married Andy Barrett, of Chatham.

James Winters was educated in Ireland, and after coming to Howard township worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He married Miss Elizabeth Robinson, the worthy daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Robinson, natives of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1833. Mrs. Robinson died on the journey of cholera, but Mr. Robinson settled in Harwich township, County of Kent, among the early pioneers of that locality. He cut the first tree felled on his farm and built a log house in which he made his home until his death. His wife left two daughters, whom he brought to their new home, Janet and Elizabeth. The latter, born in 1830, married James Winters. Janet, the elder, born in 1828, was reared and educated in Canada, and married Richard Allison, who settled on the river Thames, where she died leaving one daughter, Elizabeth Allison, who married Isaac Fritz, of Chatham township.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters started their married life on the farm now known as the Winters homestead, which was then wild land, and on it Mr. Winters erected a log house, where they lived a number of years, meantime clearing off their property and bringing it to a fine state of cultivation. In 1878 he erected the present comfortable frame structure, and he also put up two large barns and other outbuildings, in which work he was ably assisted by his son George. The death of Mr. Winters occurred in December, 1896. He was one of the founders of the old Botany Presbyterian Church, of which he was a consistent member for many years. In politics he was a stanch member of the Conservative party. He and his wife were the parents of the following family, all born on the old homestead: Elizabeth, the eldest, married John Clark, of the 3d Concession, Howard township, and has nine children, May, Margaret, James, William, Robert, George, Henry, Janet and Ethel; Mary is unmarried, and residing at home; George now conducts the farm; Janet, unmarried, is living at home; Sarah married Timothy Fritz, of Howard township, and has one daughter, Mary E.; Margaret married Robert Galbraith, and resides near McKay's Corners, on the town line (she has no family). The entire family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which they take an active part. James Winters was a member of the Order of Orangemen at McKay's Corners. The best monument which can be raised to the memory of any man is that which he himself builds during life. Marble may crumble away, but the results of a life of good deeds live forever. As it is impossible to estimate the full effects of any wrong-doing, so is it

true that all good deeds exert a powerful influence, and that a man whose life has been one long record of such has placed succeeding generations under heavy obligation to him and left to his family a heritage of priceless worth.

GEORGE WINTERS, the only son of James, was born and reared on the old home farm, of which he has been manager since the death of his father. He is one of the intelligent, public-spirited farmers of the county, and thoroughly understands agricultural work, being able to get excellent results by his progressive methods. By his genial manner and many excellent traits of character he has made numerous friends, and is most highly esteemed in the neighborhood, as are also his mother and sisters.

JOHN W. ARNOLD, a retired farmer and prominent resident of Wallaceburg, Ont., was born in Chatham township, one mile from Chatham, Oct. 11, 1840. His parents, Jacob and Sarah (Dack) Arnold were natives of Chatham township and Dublin, Ireland, respectively, and the father was a farmer. He passed away in Louisville, Chatham township, in 1861, aged fifty-two years, while his wife died in July, 1893, aged seventy-nine years, ten months, eighteen days, and both are interred in the Arnold cemetery. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church. The following children were born to them: John W.; Martha, of Chatham, who married William Leek; Thomas, who died in 1902; Richard, a farmer of Chatham township; Samuel, of Toronto, Ont.; Mary, of Chatham township, widow of Marshall Stonehouse; Jacob, of Chatham township, a school teacher; Ninian, a cabinet maker in California. By a former marriage, to a Miss Dolson, Jacob Arnold had one child, Sarah, who married Gilbert Morton, of Louisville, Ontario.

John W. Arnold first married, in 1867, in Chatham township, Adelia Merritt, who was a native of Chatham township, daughter of Deacon James Merritt, of this county. Her death occurred in 1882, when she was forty-four years of age. There were no children by this union. In June, 1884, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage, in Chatham township, with Elizabeth A. Taylor, and to them was born one child, John B., who died in infancy. Mrs. Arnold, who is a most energetic and capable lady, was born in Chatham township, a daughter of William C. and Jeanett (Baxter) Taylor, of Scotland, where the parents were married, but came to County Kent at an early date. Mr. Taylor was a miller by calling and operated the well known mill at Dawn Mills. His death occurred in 1894, when he was seventy-eight years of age, while his wife died in 1871, aged thirty-five years, and they lie buried at Dawn Mills. Both were firm members of the English Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were: Sarah C., of Wallaceburg, widow of Albert Roberts; William C., of Blenheim, Ont.; Samuel F., a carpenter of Wallaceburg; Elizabeth A.; Agnes E., of San Francisco, California, who married Ninian Arnold, brother of our subject; George A., a farmer of Tupperville, Ont.; and Jeanett, deceased.

Mr. Arnold remained with his parents until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Chatham township for a few years, and then purchased a farm in the same township, where he remained until January, 1902, when he retired and located in Wallaceburg. In politics he is a stanch Conservative, and a loyal subject. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are highly respected in the community, where the Arnolds and Taylors are so well-known, and they dispense a very kindly hospitality to a large circle of warm friends in their pleasant home.

FRANCIS A. WHARRAM, a thrifty farmer of Romney township, County of Kent, where the greater portion of his life has been spent, is a son of Francis Wharram, who was born in Yorkshire, England.

Francis Wharram, the father, was reared and married in his native land. Upon coming to America he resided in various States, including New York State, and he then went to eastern Ontario, near Niagara. When he settled in Romney township he rented the farm now owned by Thomas Robinson, and then for a short time lived upon the farm of Jonas Robinson. By trade he was a tailor, and in addition to farming did considerable work in the line of his calling. His next removal was to Blenheim, where he carried on tailoring, and in 1851 he went to Tilbury East township, settling on the Ainslee farm of 300 acres, on the Middle road. There he did tailoring, farmed,

and conducted a tavern and general store. This last venture not proving successful, he returned to Blenheim. He died in Romney township, at an advanced age. Mr. Wharram married Harriet Lawson, who died in Tilbury, and their children were as follows: Sarah Ann (now deceased) married Robert Fredericks, who died of starvation in a Southern prison during the Civil war, in the United States; Sophia married Henry Kilborne, of Bay City, Michigan; Henrietta married George Brown, of Grindstone City, Michigan; John is deceased; Francis A. is mentioned below; Hannah is the widow of Antoine Demau, of Port Austin, Michigan; Robert is of Romney township.

Francis A. Wharram was born on the Jonas Robinson farm, April 4, 1843, and was first sent to the Coutts school, on the Middle Road; he received instruction from Benjamin Marks and Mr. Foley. When sixteen years of age he began farm work in the employ of Joseph Robinson, with whom he remained six years, receiving the first year $40, the second $55, the third and fourth $60, and the fifth and sixth $75. All of this time he worked from daylight until long after dark, and was employed at potash making in addition to regular farm work. The next two years he was employed by John Robinson, and he then began to learn the trade of carpenter, at which he continued for five years. In time he was able to purchase 100 acres of Lot 14, Concession 1, which was then covered with bush, and he cleared this land and erected substantial buildings thereon. Later he purchased the other 100 acres of the same lot and fifty acres of Lot 15, and in addition to this bought other land in the township. In 1899 he erected a fine brick residence near the lake shore.

Mr. Wharram married Lucinda Robinson, and two children were born to them: Jonas, who now owns the north half of Lot 14, in 1903 erected a fine brick house upon it; he married Emma Featherstone, by whom he has two children, Lloyd and Harvey John. Capitola married John Walker, of Romney township, and has had three children, Vera, Bertha and Aletta.

Mr. Wharram began the battle of life without a cent of capital, but by untiring labor, enterprise and thrift he has accumulated a handsome property, and is recognized as one of the leading men of Romney township. The family all attend the Methodist Church, in the work of which they are much interested.

HENRY MARCHETER, a cabinetmaker, millwright and carpenter of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, one of the substantial men of his city, was born at Three Rivers, on the St. Lawrence, June 5, 1837, a son of John and Sophie Marcheter, of Montreal, who were of French extraction. They died at Three Rivers, the father passing away in 1877, aged ninety-seven years, while the mother died when Henry was only eighteen months old. By occupation the father was a stonemason. Mr. and Mrs. John Marcheter had four children: Sophia, of Three Rivers, married John Lecroix, a brickmason; John is deceased; Terseal married William Hernois, of Three Rivers; Henry is mentioned below.

In August, 1858, in St. Clair, Ont., Henry Marcheter married Jennie Hawk, and they had children as follows: Jennie married Thomas Deloram, of Wallaceburg; Frankie, James and Sophia all died young. Mrs. Marcheter was born in Dover township, County of Kent, a daughter of John Hawk, of that county, who was a ship carpenter, and she died in 1888, aged forty-six years. In May, 1892, Mr. Marcheter married in St. Clair, Michigan, Mrs. Mary (Bourdon) Mayo, who died in 1898. There were no children of that union.

Until he was fourteen years of age Henry Marcheter remained with his parents, and then learned the trade of cabinetmaker. When he was eighteen years old he went to Vermont, U. S., and after two years' service as a journeyman went to St. Clair, Michigan, where he worked two years at his trade. After that he removed to Mooretown, Ont., and conducted a shop for seven years. An opening occurring in Wallaceburg in 1866, he located there, building a tow barge, which he operated five years, after which he returned to his trade, at which he has continued to work ever since, meeting with marked success. In 1873 he established the first planing-mill and lumber yard in Wallaceburg, which he sold in 1880. In 1893 Mr. Marcheter attended the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, for the purpose of displaying his patent automatic car coupler. In addition to this he has an automatic contrivance for swing gates on bridges,

which is patented, as well as a patent water gauge for steam boilers, but unfortunately he disposed of the latter to a party who is making a fortune out of it. Another patent of Mr. Marcheter is a spring bed fire escape. Being a natural machinist, his attention has turned naturally toward improving existing machinery, and his inventive genius has enabled him to place upon the market some very excellent articles, some of which are in general use, and others will be in the near future. In addition to his other interests he has some valuable real estate, and he is one of the leading and most influential men of Wallaceburg.

Mr. Marcheter is a consistent member of the Catholic Church. His political views make him a Reformer, but he has never aspired toward public office.

JAMES ATTRIDGE has resided upon his 100-acre farm at Highgate, Orford township, County of Kent, since 1871. The Michigan Central and Walkerville railroads pass through his property, making it very valuable.

The birth of Mr. Attridge occurred in Rochester, New York, May 16, 1843, and he is a son of William and Sarah (Attridge) Attridge, of Ireland, who were married in Rochester and came to Canada in 1845, settling in the County of Kent and purchasing a farm of 100 acres in Orford township. There the mother died in 1876, aged sixty-eight years. The father died at the age of seventy-four in London, Ont., to which city he removed in 1877. Both were members of the English Church, and are interred in the Gosnell cemetery in Orford township. The children born to this union were as follows: William, a farmer of Highgate, Ont.; twins who died in infancy; Samuel, a retired farmer, residing with our subject; and James. Mr. Attridge's paternal grandfather, a native of Scotland, settled in Rochester, New York, and there passed the remainder of his life.

On May 24, 1876, in Bothwell, Ont., Mr. Attridge married Mariah Attridge, and three children have been born to this union: Mary L., who died in infancy; William M., with his father; and Sarah L., also at home. Mrs. Attridge was born in Hamilton, Ont., May 7, 1847, daughter of Andrew and Lutisia (Ross) Attridge, of Ireland, who came to New York in 1850, and thence to Orford township. There they remained, engaged in farming, the rest of their lives, he passing away in 1889, aged eighty, and she in 1857, aged thirty-three. Mr. Attridge is buried in the Gosnell cemetery, his wife in the Watertown cemetery, County of Wentworth, Ont.; they were members of the English Church. The following named children were born to this worthy couple: Samuel, who is a farmer of Orford township; William, also a farmer of that township; Rebecca, who married Hon. John Lee, M. P., of Orford township; Mariah, wife of James Attridge; Sarah, of Windsor, Ont., who married Thomas Burchill, a retired farmer; Emanuel, an extensive farmer of Deloraine, Man.; and George, a farmer of Harwich township, County of Kent.

James Attridge remained with his parents until he was twenty-eight, and then removed to his present farm, prior to his marriage. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the English Church. In politics he is a Conservative. Few farmers more thoroughly understand their business than Mr. Attridge, and his success is a pleasure as well as a pride, not only to himself and family, but to his large circle of warm personal friends.

ISAAC J. SKINNER, a successful general farmer residing on Lot 9, Concession 3, upon his fine farm of 200 acres, located on the same in 1896, and lives in a handsome brick house erected in 1902. His birth occurred in Dawn township, County of Lambton, Ont., Feb. 17, 1871, and he was brought by his parents to the home adjoining the one he now occupies, when he was five years of age, and there grew to manhood. When he located upon his farm, he was unmarried, and lived there, operating his property, until 1903, when, on Jan. 8th, he was happily united in marriage with Miss Priscilla Stewart, who was born in the Gore of Chatham, in April, 1879, daughter of Archibald Stewart, one of the prominent men of this locality.

In 1897 Mr. Skinner took a trip of ten months to Scotland for his health, and had a very enjoyable journey, but aside from this has devoted himself closely to farm work, and now has one of the best developed pieces of property in County Kent, twenty-three acres of which he devotes to raising sugar beets. He usually employs Indians upon his farm. Fraternally he is a member of the C. O. of F.,

and in politics is a Reformer. Through energy, enterprise and ability, Mr. Skinner has amassed a very valuable property and placed himself among the prosperous young farmers of his community, and he and his young wife make welcome their large number of friends to their beautiful home, where a kindly hospitality is always shown.

J. ERNEST GOSNELL, one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Orford township, resides on Concession 5, north half of Lots 17 and 18, Middle road. He was born upon this property June 29, 1861, a son of Lawrence and Eliza (Bowers) Gosnell, and the place was settled by his grandmother in 1832, and has remained in the family ever since. It comprises 112 acres, upon which Mr. Gosnell has a nice brick house, built in 1874.

Lawrence Gosnell was born Feb. 6, 1817, in County Cork, Ireland, and came to the County of Kent with his mother and several other members of the family. The father, Joseph Gosnell, died of cholera while on the way to this county, an account of this being given elsewhere. Lawrence Gosnell was a brilliant man, well educated, keen and prosperous in business, for a number of years served in the council, and bore his part in the development and advancement of the community. He married Eliza Bowers, who was born in Lower Canada, and who long preceded him to the grave, dying Jan. 23, 1875, at the age of fifty years, on the old homestead. Mr. Gosnell's death occurred Jan. 2, 1892, in Orford township, and both are interred in the Gosnell cemetery. They were thoroughly good people, and lifelong members of the Methodist Church, in which for a long time he was class leader, bringing many into the church by his earnestness and piety. The children born to this couple were as follows: Samuel, a farmer of Orford township; Augustus, a farmer of Orford township; Emma, of Highgate, who married R. C. Scott, formerly a miller; Mary L., of Highgate, who married Charles Crichton, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; Elizabeth, of Ottawa, married to P. G. Keyes, an interior officer; Eliza A., who died young; J. Ernest; Nettie, deceased Aug. 19, 1893, who married A. M. Burchell, and died at the age of thirty years (Mr. Burchell is also deceased, and their son, Fred W., makes his home with his uncle, Mr. Gosnell); and Fred, who died May 29, 1893, aged twenty-five years, in Highgate.

In February, 1893, in Mosa township, County of Middlesex, J. Ernest Gosnell married Margaret Watterworth, and they have two children, Bessie and Helen. Mrs. Gosnell was born in the same township, March 1, 1864, daughter of John and Jane (Walker) Watterworth, of the County of Elgin and Ireland, respectively, very prominent and worthy people.

Mr. Gosnell has lived upon his present farm all his life, and has made many improvements, now owning one of the best properties in the township. He is a Methodist in religious faith, while his political views coincide with those of the Reform party. Like his relatives on both sides of the family, he is a representative man, and can be counted on to support what he believes to be for the best interests of the community, although he is too shrewd and able a man to be imposed upon, and must first be thoroughly convinced. This care on his part makes his advocacy all the more to be welcomed, and his advice is therefore sought in private affairs as well as public matters by those in authority.

GEORGE WELLINGTON McKEE, a well known tobacco merchant of Windsor, Ont., is a native of that Province, having been born in Sweaburg, in February, 1866. His parents were Thomas and Salinda (Van Sickle) McKee, both natives of Pennsylvania.

Thomas McKee went to Canada when a young man, and for many years was a government detective. He lived in Woodstock, Ont., until September, 1885, when he moved to Windsor, there remaining until his death, Sept. 29, 1899, at the age of fifty-seven. His wife still resides in Windsor, now advanced in years. Both were members of the Baptist Church. They had the following children: George Wellington, mentioned below; Anna, who married Allois Master, and lives in Windsor; Joseph, who is a printer in Windsor; Abraham, who lives in Windsor; Thomas, who carries on a meat market in Windsor; Norman, who is also a resident of Windsor; and Lena, deceased.

George Wellington McKee came to Windsor with his parents, and continued to live at home until his marriage. He soon entered the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, as a brakeman, and remained with that

road for ten years. He then established himself as a tobacco merchant, and has ever since continued that business. Mr. McKee was married, Dec. 21, 1892, at the home of the bride, in Harwich township, to Alda J. Burk, a native of that place, daughter of Solomon Burk. No children have been born to this union. Mrs. McKee is a lady of pleasing manners, of intelligence and refinement, and a great book lover. Mr. McKee is well known among his fellow townsmen as a wide-awake and prosperous business man. He is a member of the Reform party in politics, and fraternally is connected with the A. O. U. W. and the Woodmen of the World.

JAMES HOLMES, county clerk and local Registrar for the city of Chatham, was born Dec. 12, 1846, a son of Javiz and Rosanna (McLocklan) Holmes, the former of whom was born in the State of New York about 1803, and his wife in 1809. For a number of years prior to his death, Javiz Holmes operated a flouring-mill in the city of Chatham, to which he added a distilling business, carrying on both lines for a long period. His death took place in 1860, his widow surviving until 1886.

The family born to Javiz Holmes and wife consisted of thirteen children, named as follows: Sarah Jane, deceased, married Alexander McFerson, and left two children; Lafayette married Ann Strong, has three children, and resides with his family in Detroit, Michigan; Eliza married James Cleve, and died leaving two children; Elizabeth died at the age of twenty years; Mary married and is now deceased; Hiram married (first) Ellen Wellwood, who left one child at death, and by his second wife he has two children; Cornelius became a wheelwright; Demetrius married Mary Clark, and both are deceased; Henry married Mary Maw, and has five children; Javiz engaged in a sawmill business; William and James were twins, and the former is deceased; and Samuel married Mary Clark, and they have one daughter.

James Holmes, of Chatham, was born in this city Dec. 12, 1846, and attended the schools of this locality. The family was large, and as early as the age of twelve years he started out to make his own way in the world, beginning as a clerk, at a salary of $1.50 a week, and boarding himself, in the book store of P. C. Allen, of Chatham, with whom he remained for four years, acquiring in this time a thorough knowledge of the details of this business. At the expiration of the four years, Mr. Holmes accepted a clerkship under Mr. Cooper, and remained with him during the succeeding four years, making an eight-years' experience in this business. With the money he had been able to save, he then embarked in a stationery business of his own, which enjoyed a long period of prosperity, expanding into a large business by the time Mr. Holmes was ready to dispose of it in order to accept his present position, in September, 1890. His success was gratifying on account of being the result of his own unaided efforts. In 1875 he built his fine home on Victoria avenue, and in 1876 he married Miss Jane McKerrall, a daughter of John McKerrall. To this union have been born five children, namely: Mary Gertrude, who is a teacher in the McKeough school at Chatham; William S., who is a student in the Detroit Dental College; and James McKerrall, Edith R. and Charles R., who are students in the Collegiate Institute of Chatham. The religious connection of the family is with the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Holmes favors the Reform party. He is a man equipped in every way for the important duties he is called upon to perform, and he enjoys the esteem and good will of his fellow-citizens.

MANSON CAMPBELL, one of the leading business men and public-spirited citizens of Chatham, County of Kent, Ont., is a member of one of the old pioneer families of the Province which came originally from Ireland, where the founder of the name in the New World was born and married; his wife's ancestors were of English extraction. Later in life he emigrated to the Dominion, settling in the County of Northumberland, where he followed farming and lumbering, floating the logs down the Trent river. He died in that county many years ago. His family were as follows: Jane, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; John, a lumberman, deceased; Robert, of Berlin, Wisconsin, engaged in the marble business; George, deceased; Alexander, deceased; Stephen, of Wisconsin; William, father of Manson, now deceased; and Daniel, of Belleville, Ontario.

William Campbell was born in the County

of Northumberland, where he engaged in lumbering and remained there until 1866. At that date he came to Chatham, and formed a partnership with George McColl, under the style of McColl & Campbell, for the manufacture of fanning-mills, and this partnership continued until 1870, when Mr. Campbell purchased the interest of Mr. McColl, who had founded the business in 1865, and continued at its head until his death in 1879. When Mr. Campbell assumed charge he changed the style to the one the house now bears, The Campbell Fanning Mill Company. William Campbell married Sarah Comstock, of Colborne, County of Northumberland, born about 1829, who died in 1895. Five children were born of this union: Eliza died at Port Terry; Manson is mentioned below; William, in business with Manson, married a Miss Henderson, and they have three children, Thelma, Huntley and Alexander; Annie, wife of Albert Robinson, resides in Seattle, Washington; Alice married F. R. McLaren, a prominent business man of Seattle, Washington.

Manson Campbell was born at Port Terry, March 25, 1856, and when ten years of age was taken by his parents to London and later to Chatham, there continuing his education, begun in London. At the age of fifteen years he entered his father's factory, steadily mounting to the top, learning the business in all its details, so that when he assumed charge, in 1880, after his father's death, he was competent to conduct affairs in a manner which brought increasing trade and widened the field of operations. Mr. Campbell has continued in charge of the business, and has established a branch factory at Detroit, Michigan, and in the two establishments employment is given to 125 men. In addition to his interests in this firm Mr. Campbell is a stockholder in, and president of, the Chatham Manufacturing Company, director in the William Gray & Sons Carriage Company, of Chatham; director in the Kent Canning Company; vice-president of the Chatham Gas Company, and vice-president of the Dowsley Spring and Axle Company, of Chatham.

On March 12, 1884, Mr. Campbell married Flora McNaughton, daughter of Duncan McNaughton, of Harwich township, and four children have been born to them: Duncan Roy, a student in Chatham; William Stuart, a student in Chatham; Dora May; and Grace Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are consistent members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In political matters his opinions make him a stanch Conservative. Fraternally, he is a member of the United Workmen. For five years Mr. Campbell served most acceptably in the city council, with credit to himself and benefit to the city, and from 1895 to 1896, he was mayor of Chatham. Enterprising, public-spirited, endowed with great capacity for business details, Mr. Campbell has forged to the front, and he is justly numbered among the leading representatives of the commercial life of Chatham.

JOHN J. McCOIG, a retired farmer of Concession 11, Harwich township, County of Kent, was born Feb. 14, 1830, in Argyllshire, Scotland, a son of John and Catherine (McNaughton) McCoig, who were born, reared and married in that county.

John McCoig was born in 1787, a son of Neil and Catherine McCoig, who died in Scotland. In 1842 he came to Canada on a sailing vessel, spending seven weeks on the water. From Quebec he came to the present home in Harwich township, although at that time all the land was covered with a dense growth of timber, and he bought this wild land for $2 per acre. He built a log cabin in which he lived for some years, later replacing it with a comfortable frame house. He died in 1863, and his wife died in 1878, aged eighty-four years. In religious belief and practice they were Presbyterians, and he was one of the founders of the church here, and one of the first elders of McCall's Church at Chatham. Politically, he was a Reformer, although in early life he supported the Conservative party. These children were born to John McCoig and his wife: Neil died in Canada, at the age of eighteen years; John J. is mentioned below; Duncan, born in 1832, married Sarah Taylor, and they reside in Harwich, 11th Concession; Barbara, born in 1838, married Kenneth Urquhart, a Scotchman, now a wealthy retired business man of Chatham; Margaret is the widow of Donald McCoig, of Concession 10; Mary (deceased) married John Hamil, who resides in Harwich (their only daughter is a Mrs. Johnston, of Harwich); Archie, born in Scotland, married Bella McTavish, of Dover, was a car-

penter by trade and died in 1868, leaving two children,—Bella, deceased, and Archie, of Chicago; Daniel, born in 1840, in Scotland, married Christie Martin (first), who died leaving four children, Christina, John, Archie and Ella, all of Chatham, and his second marriage was to Mary Black, who had one son, Harry (Daniel lived and died in Chatham); Margery, born in Scotland, married Benjamin Fields, of Santa Cruz, California, and they have one son, Martin; Neil, born in 1843, in Canada, married a Miss Wilkinson, of Wheatley, Ont., where he died in 1880, leaving one son, Harry.

John J. McCoig was the fourth member of the above family. He gained his early education in the schools of Scotland, and was thirteen years old when he came to Canada. His youthful life was similar to that of the majority of the farmers' sons of the locality—school in winter and farm work in summer, and he remained under the parental roof until grown to maturity and ready for his marriage. This took place in 1861, to Miss Jane McKerrell, of Chatham township, and he subsequently took the management of the present farm. Here Mrs. McCoig died in 1868, leaving a son, Dougal, who resides near his father on the Hawley farm; he married Christian Taylor, daughter of William Taylor, and they have one daughter, Margaretta. In 1872 Mr. McCoig was married (second) to Miss Amelia Hamil, who was born in 1848, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Kenny) Hamil, and grew up in Harwich. Mr. and Mrs. McCoig then settled on the old homestead, where he erected his present fine brick house in 1890, and he has also put up all the substantial buildings which contribute so much to the air of comfort and prosperity which surrounds this pleasant home.

In 1869 Mr. McCoig was elected market clerk for the city of Chatham and County of Kent, and filled the office for seven years in all, during which time he resided at Chatham, renting the farm. There he was a large grain and pork buyer for James Lamont, and for three years was engaged in a grocery business there. Since returning to the farm he has continued agricultural life. The children of his second marriage are as follows: John, born in Chatham, died in childhood; Lizzie, born in Chatham, was educated for teaching in the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, and for five years has followed that profession in the county; Lena, born in Harwich, was also educated in the Collegiate Institute and the London Normal school, and for three years has been a successful teacher; Laura, born at the present home, first attended the local school, then graduated from the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, taught for three years in County Kent, and subsequently took a course in the London Normal School from which she graduated in 1903; Marguerite is in the advanced class in the home school; John and Alice are still students in the local schools. Mr. McCoig's family is unusually intellectual and the young ladies are types of culture and refinement. He was one of the founders of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, which was built on land deeded by him for that purpose. All his family are members and liberal supporters of the same. In politics he is identified with the Reform party. He is widely known and most thoroughly respected for his many sterling traits of character.

JAMES L. WEIR. The Weir family has been identified with the County of Kent for many years. John Weir, the grandfather of James L., was born in Scotland, July 24, 1765. He was a sea-faring man, captain of the "Janet and Margaret," which sailed from the port of Greenock, and he died in his native land when his son Malcolm was but a young boy.

Malcolm Weir, son of John, was born in Scotland July 25, 1812, and there grew to manhood. In 1834 he came to Ontario, locating on Lot 14, River Front, Raleigh township. In 1850 he accepted a position with the Bank of Upper Canada, located at Chatham, and with this institution he remained until about the time it closed its business, in 1863. For some time prior to this Mr. Weir had been treasurer of Chatham, in which capacity he continued until 1884, when he practically retired from active life and died in 1887. Politically, he was a Liberal. His religious views were in accordance with the Presbyterian Church. In 1837 Malcolm Weir married Miss Amelia E. McIntosh, a daughter of James Lochlin McIntosh, who was born on the River Spey, in Scotland, in 1759, and who became a member of the 71st Highlanders, entering as a drummer boy at the age of fifteen years. He came to Canada with Gen. Cornwallis and served in the Revolutionary War, his distin-

guished services being rewarded by a grant of land in New Brunswick, whence he moved to Toronto, and to the County of Kent in 1818, settling in Raleigh township. With his two sons, Alexander and William, he served in the War of 1812, and was at the battle of Queenstown Heights. He died in Chatham at the age of ninety years. By his wife, Mary McDonald, Mr. McIntosh had a family of seven children: Alexander, William, Daniel, Lochlin, Grace, Isabella and Amelia E. Mrs. Weir was born March 20, 1810, in Toronto, and she died Dec. 18, 1903. She was seven years old when the family located in the County of Kent, and could recall the journey made from Toronto to Delaware by sleigh, thence down the river Thames to Raleigh on a raft, owned by Joseph Eberts (father of the late William Eberts, of Chatham). At this time there was no such city as Chatham—the land upon which rise the beautiful spires of church, school and public buildings, and stand the substantial business houses and elegant residences, and where flows the busy life of a prosperous community, was then covered with timber and brush, awaiting the pioneer's ax and industry. A few country stores dotted the river bank, but commercial dealings were confined to the barest necessities. The prices of some of the commodities equaled and surpassed many of the luxuries of the present day, cotton cloth selling for fifty cents a yard, and salt at $5 per barrel. Many trips were made by the housewives to Detroit, by means of canoes, where they sold butter and eggs, and then returned the same way with "store goods." The humble little canoe, so necessary at that time, presents a striking contrast to the commodious steamer, "The City of Chatham," now plying between the same places.

A family of seven children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Weir, namely: Mary and John, deceased; James L.; Victoria, the wife of George Sheriff, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Edwin, of Chatham; George, who married Clara B. Ingraham, of Winnipeg, though a native of Ontario, and resides at Spokane, Washington (they have four children, Graham, Nellie, Mary and John); and Annie Eliza, a resident of Chatham. Mrs. Weir was one of the venerable residents of Chatham, and a lady whom all desired to honor. This city had been her home since 1853, and few could speak more entertainingly of its growth than this most esteemed resident, who bore the weight of ninety-one years with reasonably good health and complete retention of her mental faculties. Her death caused universal sorrow.

GEORGE ELGIE. The proudest heritage to the thoughtful man is the record of a clean and honorable life—a name that bears no blot on its honor. Wealth and noble birth sink into insignificance before the untarnished escutcheon of plain honesty and morality. Those who left their native land and, coming to the New World, established homes in the wilderness, and by industry and perseverance built up comfortable competences, have laid the foundation for a race of sturdy men and loyal women, unflinching in trouble, brave in peril, and upright at all times. Such a pioneer has been George Elgie, who is now living retired in Dresden, County of Kent, Ontario. He was born in Naisbury, Yorkshire, England, April 5, 1832, a son of William and Mary A. (Watson) Elgie, of that county.

William Elgie was a miller and followed his trade in England, but feeling that the advantages for earning a better living for his family were superior in Canada he came in 1833, with his wife and children, across the deep blue sea, to found a new home, and to carve out of the primeval forest such comforts as his toil might win. They located in Guelph, Ont., where he operated a mill until his death, in 1835. He belonged to the Church of England. To himself and his wife were born children as follows: William, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is captain of a vessel; Mathew, deceased, who was a farmer in Wisconsin; Thomas, deceased, who was a farmer in the township of Nissouri, County of Middlesex, Ont.; Sarah, who is the widow of Walter Nichol, and resides in Grand River, Ont.; George; and Ralph, a farmer in Dresden. After the death of the father the widowed mother wedded John McLevy, to whom she bore three children: John, a farmer of Florence, Ont.; and James and Phœnix, twins, both deceased. Mrs. McLevy passed away in 1839.

George Elgie, as the son of poor parents, early began to care for himself. At the tender age of eight years he worked among the neighboring farmers at whatever he could do, and his cheerful willingness to perform any and all labor he could, won the good will of his em-

ployers, and he was seldom at a loss for something to do. In 1857 he came to the County of Kent, and purchased a farm of 200 acres in Chatham Gore, which he cultivated one year and then sold. He then went into the lumber woods, and for three years engaged in that work, at the end of that time purchasing a wild farm of 150 acres in Chatham township to the improvement of which for twelve years he devoted himself. He toiled early and late, and with much wisdom, so that before many years had passed his land was yielding good returns for the labor he had expended. However, he sold it, and bought a farm of 140 acres in Camden Gore, and later on purchased three more farms. His property has been acquired wholly by his own energy and economy, and he is now living retired, serene in the consciousness that his life has been well spent, and that he has well earned a restful and care-free old age. When he first left the farm he located in Ridgetown, but after ten years moved to Dresden, in 1903.

On Aug. 24, 1857, in Chatham, George Elgie was united in marriage with Sarah Randall, who was born in Adelaide, Ont., Aug. 29, 1837. Her parents, William and Nancy (Oxley) Randall, of Wiltshire, England, came to Canada in 1835, where he engaged in farming, and died in March, 1871, at the age of seventy-seven; the mother, who was born in 1797, died in 1867. To William and Nancy Randall were born children as follows: Martha (deceased), who married Thomas Dowden; William (deceased); Samuel, a retired farmer in Bay City, Michigan.; Thomas (deceased); George, a merchant in Michigan; Jennie, who died in infancy; Sarah, Mrs. Elgie; and Mary A. (deceased), who married Stephen Thore. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Randall wedded Anna Ashley, and to this union came three children: John (deceased); Grace, (deceased) wife of Joseph Myers; and Mercy, of Deckerville, Michigan.

To George Elgie and his wife were born the following children: William, a farmer, who is now reeve of Camden Gore; Joseph, who has a fine farm of 170 acres in Camden Gore; George A., a farmer in Camden township; Mathew, who died Sept. 10, 1866; Annie E., who married William E. Cruse, of Port Huron, Michigan; Thomas, an implement and buggy dealer in Dresden, who also has a farm in Camden Gore; James H., a farmer in Camden township; John W., who died April 20, 1887; and Martha J., who married William E. Corlett, a farmer of Zone township. Mr. Elgie has twenty-two grandchildren. The family are all members of the Methodist Church, and are highly esteemed for their sterling qualities, carrying out in their lives the wise teachings of Christian parents. In politics they advocate the principles of the Conservative party. Progressive and thoroughly up-to-date, Mr. Elgie and his sons take active interest in all public improvements, and are liberal in donating time and means for the advancement of their towns. None in the County of Kent stand higher in the honest respect of their fellow citizens.

JOHN PIGGOTT, of Chatham, County of Kent, Ontario, is senior member of the firm of John Piggott & Sons, dealers in lumber and manufacturers of general house furnishings.

O'LOANE. The O'Loanes, to which family the wife of Joseph H. Spencer, of Morpeth (mentioned on page 466) belongs, spring from a good family in Ireland, Ballymena, County Antrim. Grandfather O'Loane's mother was a Macquillain, members of which family were old chiefs in Antrim not so very long ago.

Grandfather James O'Loane studied in Trinity College, Dublin, where he distinguished himself in mathematics, was mathematical tutor in Quebec, and subsequently professor of mathematics in what is now Victoria University. He retired to Glanford, where he took private pupils until his death. Grandmother O'Loane was a daughter of George Fredric Smith, who was a lieutenant in the war of 1812-13, and Elizabeth Ryhert, both of whom were children of U. E. Loyalist parents receiving grants of land in Ancaster and Glanford, Wentworth County. Mrs. Spencer's great-uncle, Dr. Cyrus Smith, of Glanford, has now in his possession her great-grandfather's sword. Her father, Daniel O'Loane, was prepared to enter the university, but on the death of his father remained at home to manage the estate. In 1865 he married Emily Mattice, daughter of Reuben Mattice, of Glanford, and to this union were born five sons and three daughters: Mrs. David Wilson, of Morpeth;

James Harvey, of Chatham; Mrs. Joseph H. Spencer, of Morpeth; Reuben M., of Trenton, Michigan; Walter and W. D. O'Loane, at home; Mrs. George Westcott, of Palmyra; and M. Howard, a farmer of Benito, Manitoba.

MAJOR THOMAS M. FOX, a distinguished citizen in Wheatley, Romney township, County of Kent, a man prominently identified with the growth of the County, senior member of the firm of T. M. Fox & Son—lumber merchants, real estate and insurance agents, commissioners and conveyancers—was born in Mersea township, County of Essex, Nov. 2, 1829, son of Thomas and Jane (Fox) Fox, both natives of England.

Thomas Fox, grandfather of our subject, was a native of England, and being a member of the British artillery, came to America during the war of 1812, and participated in the battle of Lundy's Lane, and also at Queenstown Heights. After the close of the great struggle he received his discharge (he served nearly twenty-one years), and took up a grant of land in Mersea township, where he engaged in farming and shoemaking, spending the remainder of his life upon this property.

Thomas Fox, father of Thomas M., was quite young when he was brought to Mersea township, and there he grew to manhood upon the home farm, assisting his father in every way possible. Later he became a farmer. Thomas M. Fox was the only child born to himself and wife.

Major Thomas M. Fox was reared to manhood in Mersea township, and when fourteen years of age, he became apprenticed to the trade of carriage building; subsequently he also learned the trade of carpenter, and he has followed that calling all his life. In 1866 he started a sawmill, and manufactured all sorts of building material. In this connection he also does contracting and building. From 1869 to 1890 he operated a flouring mill in Wheatley, selling it in the latter year. This was the first flour mill in Wheatley, and although destroyed by fire in 1882, the enterprising owner immediately rebuilt it. In 1901 Major Fox removed from the County of Essex across the line into the County of Kent, although a resident of Wheatley for some thirty years. Since 1894, beside his former extensive operations, he has added lumber and real estate and insurance business, and since his removal to Wheatley he has been a conveyancer. His years have proved no detriment to his activity, and he is remarkably well preserved both physically and mentally.

In 1863 Mr. Fox organized a company of volunteers, of which he was commissioned captain, and this company was afterward attached to the Essex Battalion, and in 1867, he received his commission as major. During the Fenian raid, in 1866, they were called out for service, and were stationed in Windsor, Ont., from June 2d to July 5th. He has taken an active interest in public affairs; has served as a member of the Mersea township council, and he efficiently filled the office of reeve of the township for six years; in 1867 he was appointed a justice of the peace. Major Fox also holds the office of commissioner, being appointed by the High Courts of Ontario in May, 1878, and in 1880 he was appointed reeve of Romney township, County of Kent, and served for two years. He has served as postmaster for a number of years, but since he has grown older, he has gradually declined public honors.

On Aug. 20, 1851, Major Fox was married, at Detroit, Michigan, to Miss Phœbe White, who was born in the township of Mersea, County of Essex, Nov. 19, 1829, daughter of James and Phœbe White, natives of Scotland and England, respectively, but who were married in the County of Essex, where they were pioneer farming people. Major Fox and his wife had the following family: (1) Rebecca married Gowan Hairsine, of Mersea, and has five children, Casper, Carl, Maud, Ivan and Sidney. (2) Frederick J., of Mersea, a partner of his father, has been reeve and justice of the peace of the township of Romney for the past six years; he married (first) Nettie Copeland, of Smithville, Ont., who bore him two children, Florence and Nettie. He married (second) Edith Dales, and one daughter, Nellie, has been born of this marriage. (3) Harriet married (first) Edward Scott, and had two children, Grace and Stanley. She married (second) George Sunter, and lives in Tacoma, Washington. (4) James, deceased, married Arvilla Lounsbury (who is now Mrs. Palmer Burns), and had four children, Estella, Forest, Mervin and Alberta. (5) Sarah is deceased.

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(6) Lewis, deceased, married Florence A. Malott (now Mrs. Alexander Mervin), and had two children, James and Harry. (7) Nettie is deceased.

Major Fox is a very energetic, popular citizen, ever ready to assist in all matters pertaining to the advancement of his community. His genial disposition and honest business methods, have won him a host of friends in both the counties of Essex and Kent.