

to keep a family of ten children in a city even at the seemingly high wages paid for laborers in the cities was not by any means a business proposition. Keeping a family in clothes, paying house rent and buying provisions for them, to say nothing of the possibility of sickness, at a cost of \$3 a day and a daily wage of \$2 per day, when work could be had, did not figure out to satisfy Mr. and Mrs. Schaffner, yet this is what the average unfortunate wage-earner in the cities is doing every day. Husband and wife held a consultation one evening concerning the future and the acquisition of a homestead farm in New Ontario seemed to be the only solution of the problem, and they accordingly lost no time in getting there. Time was the essence of the agreement in this case, for as Mr. Schaffner figured it, if he should wait longer until he had earned more of the "big wages" in the city he would not have enough money left to pay the railway fare for the family. After nine years' homesteading in New Ontario, what is the Schaffner family worth to-day? The landed interests consist of 1,120 acres. Mr. Schaffner has in his own name 320 acres, while the five sons have each a lot of 160 acres. Their land holdings, together with improvements, are worth to-day at least \$25 an acre, to say nothing of the value of their stock. Mr. Schaffner has on his own farm over fifty acres cleared, has four horses, besides a herd of cows and a large number of pigs. Then he has first class buildings, machinery of every description, and considerable capital besides. It would indeed be hard to make any comparison whatever between Henry Schaffner, wage-earner, and Henry Schaffner, the progressive and influential farmer of Brentha, member of the Englehart Agricultural Society and a man of standing in his community. Comparisons would have to be left entirely out of the question. The whole thing would resolve itself into a matter of the widest contrasts. The sons have much to thank their parents for. Instead of spending the best days of their youth as conscripts in the German army, to be known only as number so-and-so, of regiment so-and-so, and to be found only through filing indexes, little units on the checker board of the German fatherland, for "der fighting Kaiser," to move at will, they are independent in their young manhood and living under the flag of the freest country in the world.

#### **Mr. George Kingston.**

Mr. George Kingston, of Martha, four miles from Englehart, New Ontario, has a field of four acres of potatoes this year that will yield him a profit almost as great as that of the average one hundred and fifty acre farm in old Ontario. A reasonable estimate of his crop will be about 300 bags to the acre, which at \$1.25 a bag, the prevailing price, would net him the handsome sum of \$1,500. Of that sum not more than \$300 should be required for labor, cost of seed and other expenses at the very outset. Then in addition to that Mr. Kingston has a large clearing and grows other big crops which add materially to the revenue from the farm. He has one of the finest farm houses in New Ontario.