

## *BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.*

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JOHN ANDREWS is the owner of "Fairmount Farm," a homestead of 300 acres, composed of lots 2 and 3, on concession D of the Township of Southwold. He was born in what is now the City of St. Thomas, October 1st, 1831, and was married October 31st, 1855, to Isabella McLarty, who was born in Scotland, in July, 1829. Of this union five children, viz., Richard A., Mary J., Margaret W., Albert E., and Isabella L., have been born. Mr. Andrews has officiated for two years in the Township Council, and was also elected 1st Deputy Reeve, and returned to the same position twice by acclamation. The father of John Andrews was Rev. Richard Andrews, a minister of the Congregational Church, who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1794. He married, in his native county, Mary Slee, and in the spring of 1831 emigrated to Canada, arriving at St. Thomas in June of that year. This place was then a mere hamlet, and as there were none of the Congregational denomination in the neighborhood, Mr. Andrews joined the Baptist Church, and became its pastor. He also became teacher of the St. Thomas Seminary, and instituted the first class in Hebrew ever organized there. He was, besides, a land surveyor, and laid off a portion of the future city of St. Thomas. Rev. Mr. Andrews afterwards took up farming, and died in 1849, his widow following him to the grave in 1855. Seven of deceased's children are still living, viz.: John, whose name heads this sketch; Richard, who is in Chicago; William and Thomas, in Oregon; Albert, a farmer in Ingham County, Mich.; Elizabeth, wife of a Mr. Whitnam, St. Thomas; and Mary, wife of D. B. McRae. Mr. John Andrews has been identified with the Farmers' Mutual Fire Association since its organization, and was its president for one year.

DENNIS AVEY owns 50 acres of land on lot 13, concession 5 of the Township of Aldborough, which is worth about \$2,000. Mr. Avey was born in Suffolk, England, in April, 1821. His parents had thirteen children, of whom two are dead, and the remaining ten reside in England. Mr. Avey married Mary Ann Rosher, of the County Norfolk, England, in 1856, and came to America the same year. At first the young couple settled in Toronto, but at the end of a year removed to London, where they lived for thirteen years, and then took up the land which they now occupy. They have had three children, viz.: George Vanderdeck, deceased; another infant son, also deceased; and William George, who is now living with his parents.