Elmira on the 22nd of February 1853. On this day there was born a child to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin. The child was named Clara and is now wife of Mr. Sebastian Schwalm, of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Martin are at present living at Glenallan, Ont.

The first white child born in Elmira was Mr. Walter Bristow, whose birth

occurred in a small log house, which stood where now stands the exhibition building of the Woolwich Agricultural Society. Mr. Bristow now lives near Spruce Grove. Alberta, Mrs. John Stork, of Elmira, is the oldest person yet living at Elmira, who was born here.

The first house built in Elmira, was a small frame building which still stands in the rear of Dunke's block, serving as a ware-house,



The Oldest Dwelling House in Elmira.

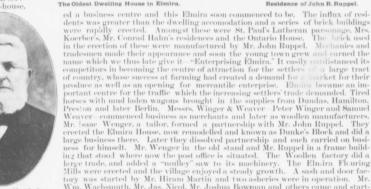
while the oldest house, yet serving for a dwelling, stands opposite the O'Donnell House and is occupied by Mrs. D. C. Luckhardt.

The oldest brick house was erected in 1856. It now belongs to Mr. John R. Ruppel, whose father, Mr. Casper Ruppel, built it,

> It is still well preserved and attractive

At the begining of the last half of the 19th century Elmira began to experience a decided improvement. The number of inhabitants increased. There came the Ruppels, John, Casper and Charles, Geo. Baetz, Adam and Charles Klinek, Chr. Wehnes, John D. Reising, A. Jennings, Nicolas Weitzel and many others.

The opening country surrounding, demand-







Charles Klinck, Forty-nine years a resident