

Port Hope; Lucy Ellen is the wife of William Meeking, of Hope township; Nathan B., is a farmer and stock-raiser near Waterloo, Iowa, and Asa works most of the homestead. Both sons have families, and are enterprising men.

When Mr. Choate came to Smith's Creek, now Port Hope, in 1812, it was an embryotic town, in the rough, with many more red men than white in this vicinity. He has seen a town of 7,000 inhabitants grow up here—as solid in its appearance as many towns in the Province which have put on city airs, and have more people and perhaps less wealth.

Another very early settler at Port Hope, was Marcus Fayette Whitehead, who was born in Nova Scotia in 1795, and appointed Collector of Customs in 1819, and held that office till 1872, Mr. Furby, in his "Reminiscences of Port Hope," speaks of Mr. Whitehead's character in very strong terms of commendation. He was very courteous and obliging. In dealing with smugglers, he tried to do his duty faithfully, and had ample opportunities for cultivating the virtues of patience and forbearance, not to mention "long-suffering" in a fifty years' experience in a single office of a somewhat trying nature. In his younger years Mr. Whitehead studied law with Thomas Ward, elsewhere mentioned; and at one time he was Deputy Sheriff of the Midland District. He died at Port Hope, April 27, 1875.

WILLIAM RUSSELL,

DUNDAS.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, Manager of the Manufactory of Gurney, Russell and Co., of Dundas, was born in the Township of Ancaster, within one mile of Dundas, May 18, 1837. His father, John Russell, was born near Glasgow, Scotland, coming to Canada in 1835. His mother, whose maiden name was Janet Smillie, was also from Scotland. When William was a small child the family moved to another part of Ancaster, eight miles from Dundas, where our subject aided his father in clearing two farms in the dense forest, in what is now known as the "Scotch Block," picking up, meanwhile, such knowledge of the elementary branches as the country schools could furnish. Subsequently, by private effort, he secured a good practical education. Continuing to farm until twenty-two years of age, he then commenced traveling for agricultural houses, and continued to follow that business for sixteen years, his field of operations being what is now the Province of Ontario.

From 1874 to 1877, Mr. Russell was a member of the firm of Forsyth and Co., manufacturers of agricultural implements and machines, on the same grounds and buildings, since enlarged, now owned and used by Gurney, Russell and Co., which latter firm commenced operation here in the last year just mentioned. It is connected with the firm of E. and C. Gurney and Co., of