

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.,