

much natural penetration and sagacity, his progress through life has dowered him with a shrewd, practical knowledge of the world, and given him an intimate acquaintance with his fellow-men. With a conscientious sense of his obligations as a citizen, he is easily influenced by appeals to his sympathy and to his purse. If he has a fault at all, it lies in the direction of being over-swayed by his heart; but he can be stern to those who forget the necessity of "living well and worthily." Usually of quiet and unassuming address, he is capable, on occasion, of firing into vehement outbursts on behalf of his favorite topic—abstinence. In this cause he has been a life-long and worthy champion, and for his services in its behalf, if in nothing else, he deserves well of his kind.

NATHAN CHOATE,

PORT HOPE.

ONE of the highest authorities on agricultural and horticultural matters in the Township of Hope, is Nathan Choate, many years a member of the Council of Agriculture in the Province of Ontario. He is a son of Jacob Choate, farmer and lumber merchant, who was born in the Shaker town of Enfield, N. H., moved to Glandford, Upper Canada, in 1798, and a little later to the Township of Hamilton, County of Northumberland, where our subject was born, March 9, 1805. Seven years later the family removed to the Township of Hope, County of Durham.

Nathan picked up such an education as a new country could furnish fifty-five and sixty years ago, and has spent his life in cultivating the soil and raising blooded stock, and the best varieties of fruit, being a very busy man till five or six years ago.

He has a farm of 530 acres joining the town of Port Hope, part of it, in fact, in the corporation; has long been an extensive grain grower: has also given a good deal of attention to fruit, such kinds as do well in this latitude, and has been quite enterprising as a stock-raiser—Devon cattle and fine wool and Southdown sheep being a specialty. As a farmer, stock-grower, and horticulturist, he has been a leading man in this vicinity.

Mr. Choate was President of the County Agricultural Society for fifteen or twenty years; was in the Provincial Council of Agriculture, as before intimated, for some time; a Reeve about twenty years ago, and Justice of the Peace about thirty consecutive years. In his township and wherever known, he is much respected.

Mr. Choate has had four wives and eight children, three by the first wife, who was Miss Charlotte Bedford; two by the second, who was Miss Millicent Boyce; and three by the third, who was Mrs. Martha Ayre. His present wife, was Miss Mary Ann Lukey. Five of the children are living. Charlotte Elizabeth is at home; Martha Achsah is the wife of Dr. Herriman, of