

homes the sunlight of affection and care while the other four are living together in Orono. Alexander Colville united his fate with Miss Kate McNeil. They, too, were among the original Scottish pioneers. She is a sister of Mrs. Duncan McConnachie of Bowmanville.

Here is another family who have been and are closely related to Bowmanville. I regret that space will not allow me to give them an extended notice much as I would desire so to do.

Mr. Alexander Colville left two sons and three daughters. Of the former, Alexander resides with his mother and Miss Mary in this town, and William on the homestead in Clarke. The other two, one is the wife of Mr. Geo. Pollard, Clarke, and the other Mr. Thos. W. Underwood, now living in Markham.

I feel that I cannot avoid recalling another lot who were among the very early Scottish emigrants, hailing also from the highlands. Neil Smith took up land north on the Darlington side of the boundary line and there the family was raised and I am glad to say three of the boys have continued to reside in the old neighborhood. Some two years ago Miss Smith and Mr. James Smith retired, and are spending their time in Bowmanville, living on Liberty street where Mr. Thomas Burden lived for so many years. The other two daughters are Mrs. J. F. MacDonald just east of the town and Mrs. Neil McDonald, Bowmanville. Hugh Smith, a brother of Neil's, took up land near George A. Stephens' mill and of all his children there is left only Mrs. William McDonald, Liberty St. She is a good sample of the original stock.

I am a firm believer in the transmission from one generation to another of the qualities both of mind and body. Some are inclined to scoff at this proposition but my experience leads to a decided conviction that no greater gift can be bestowed upon any people than that of an unblemished ancestry and nothing should be more highly prized by those who are fortunate enough to have inherited a good strain of blood. It is a law of Nature that like begets like. Those I have been discussing, the Smiths and the others, had a good record behind them, coming from those who feared God and honored the King. Their lives in Darlington will again go down the stream with the same untarnished history. This was the kind of emigration that has told so powerfully on the well being of Darlington. They

were and are sober, industrious, honest and progressive citizens.

#### NOBILITY OF FARMING

During the last twenty years there has sprung up all over the Province a tendency, which I fear is still growing, for the boys to leave the farm. This is much to be regretted. They seem possessed with an idea that a living can be obtained and success achieved by an easier method. Granting that in some exceptional cases this may be a correct rule; still, I am convinced that in by far, the greatest number of cases, it is a great mistake. I was recently talking to Mr. Charles Williams, a son of one of the Darlington pioneers, the late Mr. Jesse Williams who lived north-west of Eton-ki-len, that highly elevated spot, named after the great historic town in Ireland. Speaking about that part of Darlington, the conversation turned on farming. I expressed my conviction that it was the best of all pursuits. He said, "I have no fault to find with it or with what I have financially achieved as the result of my efforts." He is still on the place his father owned and cultivated. He said, however, not in a tone of satisfaction that his son could not be induced to remain on the farm, giving as a reason, the difficulty of getting proper help, and the high wages that had to be paid necessitating undue labor on the part of the proprietor. In some instances, this state of things may exist, though on the whole I do not think a greater mistake could be made by an intelligent boy as there is no occupation to which he may devote his time with a fair chance of making his mark, but what is attained with equally hard labor and where it is combined with great mental application is doubly trying. It is true that the professions must be largely recruited from the ranks of the farming community, as it is the first and best constituency from which to draw strong men, the rural life creating in them vigorous constitutional life. This applies to both the mental and physical. There is no question as to the correctness of the statement that among the foremost men of the day in every department of human activity—there are many who have risen from the sons of the soil. Taking the rank and file of those who have taken up mercantile and other pursuits, I honestly believe, could the facts be obtained, the majority would have been better off in every way, had they trod in the steps of their forefathers. The noblest way in which to make a living, is that of tilling