

says, in a shanty in the backwoods, and left an orphan at the age of four years, he realized to the full all the hardships and privations of a pioneer life. But, nevertheless, he has achieved distinction and success out of it all, and now has a farm of 188 acres in the county of Wellington, said to be one of the best even in that county of magnificent farms. Mr. McEwing is, like so many other of our successful farmers (it would be a grand thing for Ontario if we could say "like *all* our successful farmers"), an enthusiastic institute worker. He was the first president of the West Wellington Institute (when it was organized in 1886, being one of the first that was formed in the province), and he has been its secretary ever since. He attended every meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute, was many times a member of its executive board, and was its president in 1884. He is secretary and manager of one of



James McEwing, Drayton.

the most successful farmers' mutual insurance companies in the province. As a farmer he follows "mixed farming." He describes himself as being an early convert to the gospel of underdraining, and takes pleasure in reflecting that he has done a good deal of missionary work along that line, both by precept and example.

MR. JOHN McMILLAN, M.P., of the township of Hullett, in the county of Huron, is one of the best known farmers in the province. He was a member of the Agricultural Commission appointed in 1880, whose report, issued in 1881, constituted the most notable contribution to agricultural knowledge which up to that time had ever been made in Canada, and one of the most notable in the history of agriculture the world over. (See *FARMING* for September, page 3.) He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Ontario Agricultural College, and takes a deep interest in the success of the Experimental Farm. And for a number of years past he has been a most valued member of the Farmers' Institutes' delegations, visiting in that capacity almost every part of the province. In partnership with his two sons, Robert and Thomas, Mr. McMillan does a large business in buying and fattening cattle, and shipping them to the British market, and in this business the firm has been remarkably successful. Mr. McMillan



John McMillan, M.P., Seaforth.

is a firm believer in the dehorning of cattle, for the reason that it makes them quiet and easy to be managed. He also believes that it is better to keep cattle in loose boxes rather than tied in stalls, for the reasons (1) that the cattle have more freedom; (2) that it requires less labor to care for them; and (3) that then the manure they make needs to be taken out only three or four times during the winter, when it can be spread directly on the land, and thus produce the very best results. He also believes in growing corn and preserving it in the silo as the cheapest and best bulky fodder that can be raised.

MR. THOMAS McMILLAN, of Seaforth, is a farmer who is an enthusiast in his business. He believes that he is



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