

INTRODUCTORY



THE LATE JACOB BEAM
ONE OF OUR EARLIEST SETTLERS

UPON the occasion of the Old Boys' and Old Girls' Re-union of Beamsville and Clinton Township, it seemed fitting that some recognition of the happy event, such as this Souvenir number, should be prepared to commemorate the occasion, and to keep green in the memories of those Old Boys and Old Girls who attend from a distance, as well as those at home, the conditions under which the Reunion was held, and to present the portraits of many of those who were active in forwarding the movement, besides many who are and some who have been prominent in municipal, church and business circles. The book is far from complete in this respect, but notwithstanding this the compilers believe that it will meet with popular favor and approval.

Some there are whose portraits are contained herein, who will have crossed the "great divide" before another similar event takes place in Beamsville and Clinton Township.

In point of settlement this community is one of the oldest in Ontario. It is also one of the most favored spots in the Dominion of Canada, being in the heart of the Niagara fruit belt. What a change has been wrought in this district during the past century, or since the war of 1812? But this booklet is not designed for historical purposes. That is a volume by itself.

This brief introduction will have to suffice as the views and portraits will be of considerably more interest to both the Old Boys and Old Girls who are visiting the scenes of their earlier days and also to the Old Boys and Old Girls who have never forsaken the home of their birth. To all of them, we extend a kindly greeting, and hope that their meeting together again may be mutually happy, and that the memory of it will ever remain as one of the brightest spots in their lives.