

discharge of his duties. He is one of that class of men who are always found at their post, ready to attend to business.

Sheriff Hossie attends the Presbyterian church, but is not, we believe, a communicant.

His wife was Miss Kate Linten, of Stratford, daughter of John J. E. Linten, formerly clerk of the peace for the county of Perth. They were married in October, 1876.

The predecessor of Mr. Hossie in the office of sheriff, was Robert Moderwell, the first sheriff of Perth, taking the office when this county was set off from the district. He is yet living in Stratford. He was for years very prominent in the local Agricultural Society, and still takes a lively interest in such organizations and interests.

## WILLIAM FURBY,

### PORT HOPE.

ONE of the oldest journalists in the county of Durham, or this part of the Province of Ontario, is William Furby, a native of Bridlington, Yorkshire, England, and a son of John Furby, a school teacher, who, during the winter season, made a specialty of instructing sailors in navigation. Our subject was born September 5, 1799, and at the time of preparing this sketch is in his 80th-year. He was educated by his father; learned the printer's and cabinetmaker's trade; in 1819 crossed the Atlantic ocean, and spent five or six years with an older brother, Robert Furby, at Waterford, Vermont, teaching most of the time; then spent a short time in Montreal, working at his trade, and in 1826 settled in Port Hope, here being engaged in the furniture business for many years.

In 1831, Mr. Furby purchased a young weekly paper called *The Telegraph*, in which he could "see no money," and which he soon disposed of. A little later he started another paper called the *Port Hope Gazette and Durham Advertiser*, and in 1850, he established the *Port Hope Guide*, now the oldest paper in the town, and published daily as well as weekly, by George Wilson. Mr. Furby edited and published the *Guide* in connection with the furniture business, until 1856, after which his son George managed it a while, selling out in 1858.

Mr. Furby is just rounding up his four score years; yet is in fair health, and has the use of all his mental faculties. He has been a very industrious man, of excellent habits in all respects; is a member of the Church of England, and has been all his days, and is spending the evening of his life with his son George, in comfort, and in reading and quiet meditation. A correct, christian life usually guarantees a serene close.

A few years ago he published a series of articles in the *Guide* entitled "Reminiscences of Port Hope," which were full of local interest, and will be very valuable to the future historian. We have had occasion to draw from them some data in this work.

In 1831, Miss Ann Manning, of Port Hope, was joined in wedlock with Mr. Furby, and