

from an old English family, some of whom came to British North America in 1640.

RICHARD LEET WHITNEY, born at Waddington, N.Y., in 1805, had one daughter and ten sons, four of whom survive. He died in 1883. Albert resides in Prescott and George Edgar in Montreal.

Sir James Pliny was born in 1843, called to the bar in 1876; married Alice Park of Cornwall in 1877; has represented the county of Dundas in the Ontario Legislature since 1888; in 1905 appointed premier and in 1908 received the honor of knighthood from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (now King George V.) at Quebec. "Sir James is acknowledged to be the foremost man in all the House. The ruler of his Cabinet, his personality dominates the Assembly; every decree of the Whitney Government seems to smack of the rugged character of the man who stands behind it."

His brother, Edwin Canfield, born 1844, married Sarah, daughter of the late John Pliny Crysler, in 1879. Engaged extensively in the lumber business, he became a millionaire and philanthropist. The beautiful stone church erected in 1904 at a cost of \$8,000, on the site of the old rectory, was presented to the parish of Williamsburg by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Whitney "in loving memory of their parents." If none of this family are now resident in the county, the honored name of Whitney will be long remembered and handed down to posterity in the annals of Dundas.

In his history of the Iroquois high school, MR. ADAM HARKNESS tells us that JAMES CROIL and JOHN SYLVESTER ROSS were appointed members of the board of trustees in 1856, and exercised a marked influence on the school for several years. Mr. Croil, he says, "was a Scotchman, who about the middle of the century purchased and settled on the old Crysler farm. He was a gentleman of culture and devoted a considerable portion of his time to literary pursuits,

and wrote about that time his history of the county, known as 'CROIL'S DUNDAS'—a work of great merit the value of which increases as time goes on. He served on the board ten years, during five of which he was its chairman." At that time ALBERT CARMAN, a native of Iroquois, the distinguished General Superintendent of the Methodist church since 1883, was the headmaster.

JOHN S. ROSS was the son of a U.E. Loyalist; born in the township of Osnabrock in 1821; removed to Iroquois as a young man, when his energy and capacity for business soon gave him a prominent position in the community. He served as member of the Local Parliament a number of years, and for six years represented the county in the Dominion Parliament. He died in 1882. Mr. Croil, on the other hand, though frequently asked to enter the arena of politics, always declined to do so, saying it was not in his line.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLMASTERS.

The schoolmaster in those early days was an important personage in the community. He boarded round in the families of his district, which, apart from his teaching, afforded him many opportunities of doing good. One of these was MR. WILLIAM STYLES, a man of exceptional ability, who gave instruction to about sixty pupils in the school adjoining old Trinity church in Williamsburg, and was for some time private tutor in Mr. Croil's family. He and his brother James, who taught at North Williamsburg, coached pupils for the universities before the establishment of a high school at Morrisburg.

The first resident physician in this part of Canada was DR. WYLIE, a graduate of Edinburgh University, a man of rare ability, residing in Edwardsburg, who made his rounds on horseback with his capacious saddlebags, ready for any emergency. DR. JOHN HARKNESS, whose mother was a U.E. Loyalist, graduated in medicine from McGill University in 1862, and soon after commenced his practice in Matilda. DR. SHERMAN,