

a big stock, good buildings and a comfortable home, a well improved farm which would bring a big price if he wished to sell, and a cash surplus to tide over the proverbial rainy day.

Mr. F. Tellier.

Mr. F. J. Tellier, of Heaslip, Evanturel township, New Ontario, one of the first settlers in that district, is among those who have made good, and when a man can experience the same reverses as Mr. Tellier and then make good it pays a tribute to himself as well as to his district. In 1902 Mr. Tellier left his old home at Strathroy, West Middlesex, and struck out for the great clay belt. He took with him his wife and three children. There was at that time no railway nearer than Mattawa. From the latter place he went to New Liskeard by steamer, leaving his wife and family at the latter place for three weeks while he located his farm. Tomstown, on the White river, was then the nearest point to his farm that could be reached by steamer, a distance of four miles. In July of that year the Government began the construction of a colonization road through Evanturel township, due west from Tomstown for a distance of fifteen miles. This gave him access to his farm, and on September 20 he moved his family and all belongings to his farm into a small log building covered with tar paper. His first misfortune was to take typhoid fever a couple of months after settling in their humble farm home. A short time elapsed until his youngest daughter, then only a child, and later his little son, developed the disease. His wife nursed the three patients with untiring watchfulness until exhausted from the strain, and she too developed the malady and died as a result. Mr. Tellier remained on the farm during the winter, during which time he cleared a few acres of bush. In the spring he waded through the deep flood water which covered the roads and carried the children to the steamer landing at Tomstown, and took them back to relatives in Strathroy. He came back to the farm a couple of weeks after and "batched it" there for two years, made a bigger clearing, and built a bigger and better house. Two years after he brought the children back to the farm and married again the following year. Truly his first years in New Ontario were anything but full of encouragement, and a man with less nerve and determination would have abandoned the country after the first year. In spite of all these reverses he fought it through and is to-day independent. Besides owning a farm that at a sale would bring a price up in the thousands, he has a full supply of farming implements, horses, cattle and pigs, good buildings, a comfortable house, and a bank account for the proverbial rainy day. Mr. Tellier is a believer in mixed farming. Potatoes he figures on as a sure crop and one that pays exceedingly well in New Ontario. Potatoes are a crop well adapted to its soil and climate. Hay and clover too are sure and the prices are invariably high. New Ontario is the place for the young man with a small capital, he says. Mr. Tellier is one of the directors of the Englehart Agricultural Society.