

to spend the same amount of money in getting ten pairs of poor birds. (3) He gave his birds the same care and attention that he gave to his cattle, sheep, and pigs. (4) He never ceases to try to learn more than he already knows about his fowls.

MR. NELSON MONTEITH, of Sunnyside Farm, Fairview, near Stratford, was born in 1862, and received the ordinary farmer's son's education; but after farming a few years he determined to have something better, and so entered the Ontario Agricultural College, where he spent three years, receiving his Associate's diploma in 1889, and his degree of B.S.A. in 1890. Since leaving college he has been working upon his own farm, steadily improving it in every possible way—not only in utility, but also in looks—by underdraining, thorough cultivation, and tree-planting, and by remodelling the farm buildings. Mr. Monteith is one who

places where an interest in fruit-growing is taken. His business is fruit-growing and raising nursery stock. He grows nearly all the kinds of fruit that the climatic conditions of his locality will permit. His currant plantation has been much admired. He cultivates all his fruits "early, late, and often." He allows others to grow weeds. He finds that there is no market for weeds; nor do his customers want them. He not only believes in thorough cultivation, but in keeping one's place, whether farm or fruit plantation, as beautiful as possible. He maintains that every occupant of land should "clean and curry it" as they would a horse. "The face of nature should not be left untidy." Mr. Morden is public-spirited. In 1895 he organized a local Horticultural Society, and became its secretary; and this, like his institute, is strong financially and otherwise. His fellow-directors on both boards are earnest and energetic; and all work together harmoniously for the public good. This, Mr.



Nelson Monteith, B.S.A., Stratford.

believes it to be a citizen's duty to serve the public whenever he is called upon to do so, and can do so worthily. He has, therefore, accepted a number of calls to public service, and in consequence has occupied a number of important positions. For ten years he has been associated with the North Perth Agricultural Society as director, vice-president, or president. During the past five years he has been director, vice-president, or president (his present office) of the South Perth Farmers' Institute. He has also been councillor, deputy-reeve, and (for three years) reeve of his township. And he is a director of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union.

MR. E. MORDEN, of Niagara Falls South, is one of the most enthusiastic institute workers that we have. In March, 1888, he called together the first institute meeting ever held in Welland county, and enrolled fifty members for it, and he has been the secretary of the Welland Institute ever since. He is also one of the most enthusiastic institute lecturers that we have; and being an easy, off-hand speaker, and his subjects embracing almost every phase of fruit-growing, he is much sought after in all



E. Morden, Niagara Falls South.

Morden claims, is essential to the running of an institute well; namely, hearty co-operation on the part of the officers. He is also an advocate of good roads, and has been such for many years. Mr. Morden takes an interest in matters municipal, and as such has taken part in one or two agitations. One of these was to bring it about that markets in cities, towns, and villages should be free, absolutely free; and he hopes to see the day when town and city corporations will not be allowed to raise their taxes by market fees. In this FARMING heartily agrees with him. The imposition of fees and license taxes has become a nuisance, and should be abated at once. Why do not farmers use their united strength to bring about reforms in these matters? Will they always forget that they are the real rulers of the country?

MR. JAMES McEWING, of Drayton, is of the sort of men that do honor to our Ontario agriculture. They are to be found everywhere throughout our fair province; but, perhaps, there are few who have turned disadvantages to advantages and won success out of apparent impossibilities to the extent that Mr. McEwing has. Born, as he