

valuable property in Uxbridge. In 1854, with his usual foresight, he bought three hundred acres of land, upon which the larger portion of the village of Uxbridge has been built. Largely through his liberal policy in encouraging improvements, Uxbridge has reached the proportions of a town, being the most important station of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway. In addition, he possesses considerable landed property, extensive timber limits in Parry Sound district, and many valuable investments of different kinds. Altogether he ranks among the first of the wealthy men of the county.

Mr. Gould has five sons and four daughters, all married and living in and about Uxbridge, with the exception of one daughter, residing in the city of Brantford. He has given them a liberal education. On his sons becoming of age, he gave each a valuable farm in the immediate vicinity of Uxbridge. His oldest son, Isaac, has been for a number of years reeve of Uxbridge village, and Charles is a deputy-reeve of the township. Uxbridge, and the county of Ontario in its infancy, owe more to Mr. Gould than to any other man. For a period of nearly forty years, he has performed the duties of a magistrate, in a fearless, faithful, and satisfactory manner. He has taken a leading part in everything calculated to advance the material, social, and moral welfare of the community. His success is a striking illustration of what can be accomplished by industry, economy, perseverance, and strict integrity. His watchword has ever been promptness and punctuality in every act of life. In this way habits of the utmost value to a public man are acquired, and the confidence and respect of all with whom there are business relations secured. Did these principles prevail more widely, a healthier tone would pervade business circles, and the commercial interests of our country would be established on a sounder basis. Young men, whose advantages have been the most limited, will find Mr. Gould's career and success in life a most interesting and valuable study, and discover much that is worthy of imitation. Mr. Gould is still living; his physical strength is much impaired, partly owing to the very active life he has led, and partly to asthma, from which he has been a great sufferer for many years. His intellect is yet clear and vigorous.

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JOHN E. SMITH,

ST. THOMAS.

JOHN ENSLEY SMITH, mayor of St. Thomas, and one of the leading merchants of the town, was born near Grimsby, in the old Niagara District, December 29, 1830. His father William Smith, a farmer, was also a native of Canada. His mother was Ann Ensley, whose family were from New Jersey, her grandfather being one of the adherents to the Crown when the rebellion broke out in 1775, and was a Captain in the royal army.

The subject of this sketch was reared till near manhood on his father's farm, in the town-