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## EPHRAIM AYER JONES.

The subject of this sketch was born in the township of Westminster, County of Middlesex, on what is known as the North Street, on October 22nd, 1827. His father first settled on the above homestead, in the year 1810, and was originally from Pennsylvania, being of Dutch descent.

His mother was born in York State the late J. C. Aye of Lowell, Mass., the well known medical scientist, being an uncle of Mrs. Jones. He lived on the farm until a young man. After he attained his majority, he left his parents and repaired to Plympton township, in the county of Lambton, in good hope of hewing out a home in these Western wilds. In the year 1851 he settled on lot 25, concession 5, and has since remained upon the same farm. After a good many years of hard toiling he has

now one of the best agricultural farms of one hundred and fifty acres in the township of Plympton. He has been in the apiary business for about forty years, beginning with a few hives at first, and gradually improving until he had attained wonderful skill as an apiculturist. He has, at present, about seventy-five skips, which are wintering in good shape. He

has experimented upon different kinds of hives and has had greatest success with the Richardson hive.

He is also a breeder of Shropshire and Cotswold sheep, an industry which, in association with bees, he finds profitable.

Mr. Jones is an active man in promoting the best interests of his country. Although becoming advanced in years, his intellectual powers are strong. In the way of doing

good and as a neighbor, he cannot be excelled.

