

was not satisfied with the country, and returned to Tilsonburg at the close of the year. Upon his return he entered into partnership with W. B. Wilcox, in a general store business, under the firm style of Bain & Wilcox, and this arrangement was continued until 1862, when Mr. Bain bought out the interest of his partner, and he carried on the business alone successfully for twenty-three years. Having then accumulated a handsome competency, he retired from active life in 1885. Upon the incorporation of the town of Tilsonburg, in 1871, he was elected the first reeve of the place, and represented the town in the county council for the years 1871, 1872, 1875 and 1876. In 1877, he was elected mayor of the town, and was re-elected by acclamation for the years 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1881. In 1862 he was appointed one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, and performed, we might say, all the magisterial duties for eighteen years. In 1864 he was elected one of the school trustees for the town, and held that office for several years. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is a member of King Hiram lodge, G. R. C., No. 78, and was W. M. in the said lodge for six years, and has been elected district deputy grand master of Wilson district twice (1878 and 1879). In politics Mr. Bain is a Reformer, and he has been president of the south riding of Oxford Reform Association. In religion he is a highly respected member of the Baptist denomination. He was married, in 1852, by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, of London, Ontario, to Laura L., eldest daughter of the late Abraham Vanorman, of the City of London. Mrs. Bain died in 1885, leaving a family of four children. Mr. Bain is a gentleman of a kindly disposition, and is greatly respected by all who know him. He has led a most active business life, and is now enjoying a well deserved rest. He is liberal, both in religion and politics, wishing every citizen to exercise the utmost freedom of thought, word and action compatible with law and order.

Moore, James Douglas, St. Mary's, Ontario, was born on the 18th of August, 1838, in Dumfries, upon a farm not far distant from Galt, Ontario. His father, George Moore, was born in 1801, in Northumberland, England, and his mother, Agnes Douglas, was born in 1812, in Roxborough, Scotland, she being the daughter of a farmer. The marriage of this couple took place a few years after George Moore had settled upon his farm. Under rather auspicious circumstances, the subject of

this sketch first saw the light. His parents, like other pioneers, was struggling with the difficulties of the bush; and when he grew old enough to be of any use, instead of being able to attend school, he was obliged to give his assistance to the numerous odds and ends of farm work. After he had passed his twelfth year, however, he attended school during the winter months, having resolved not to go out and try to win his fortune from the world without an education. So strong was his desire to excel, that he very soon outstripped larger boys at school. But his ambition was to be first in the everyday associations outside of school, as well as within its walls; and at ploughing matches, which were conducted with a high degree of skill, he carried off the silver cup amongst other important prizes. Before the introduction of reaping machines in his native section, he cut with his own cradle, in a space of twelve hours, no less than eight acres of heavy grain. Another instance of deftness of fingering may be given: after he had engaged in the egg business, he packed a barrel of seventy dozen eggs in the space of seven minutes. On the 24th May, 1866, he married Mary Black, the daughter of a worthy farmer in the section. Although Mr. Moore's father was the proprietor of a farm of 300 acres, highly and thoroughly cultivated, yet as he reflected that he had been so long a slave of toil, in wet and dry weather, through winter and summer, he decided that he would try some line of commerce for which he deemed he possessed the proper aptitude. On the 26th March, 1867, he moved to St. Mary's, where he began to purchase and pay cash for eggs and butter,—a method of paying considered an amazing phenomenon in those days. Not being satisfied with the ordinary methods of this trade, he was the first to pickle eggs to any considerable extent, and began to keep them over from a period of low prices till their value arose in the market. He was likewise the first dealer west of Montreal to erect a refrigerator to hold eggs over in their fresh state. His operation in eggs, as well as in cheese and butter, have been conspicuously successful. His wife died on the 13th January, 1869, and a year later, December, 1869, he married Elizabeth Shand. He has one daughter living by each wife, and the eldest of these graduated at the Young Ladies' College, Brantford, in June, 1885. Mr. Moore was for several years a member of St. Mary's town council, and could have easily had every office within the gift of his townsmen, but his business im-