

change, and more out-door exercise, he therefore moved on a farm which he owned at Hollen, and remained on it six years, planting an orchard, improving and making a very pleasant home.

In 1873 Mr. Robertson removed to Harriston; dealt in grain two years; was in a cheese-box factory the same period, and in May, 1877, opened the Harriston Bank, a private institution of which he is the sole proprietor, and which is quite prosperous.

Mr. Robertson is a stirring business man, making a success of any enterprise in which he engages, and his pursuits, as is here seen, have been somewhat varied. He may be called most emphatically a business dispatcher; has a good share of public spirit and takes pleasure in seeing the town progressing.

He was a councilor five or six years of the township of Maryborough, and has been a magistrate for twenty-five years. When appointed to this office he was the youngest magistrate in the county, and now he is one of the oldest.

When the "Trent affair" occurred in 1861, and there was a prospect of a war with the United States, Mr. Robertson being a Captain of Militia, raised a company of volunteers, of which he was appointed Lieutenant, and was engaged in drilling this company at times for two years; but they had no occasion to deal in "villainous saltpetre."

Mr. Robertson is a Reformer, an influential man in the party, and an earnest worker during a political canvass.

He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has held several offices in the order. He belongs to the Methodist Church of Canada, and has been an official member for the last twenty years.

Mr. Robertson was first married in March, 1853, to Miss Margaret Henderson, of the county of York, she dying in 1872, leaving eight children, one of them, the eldest daughter since following her to the spirit world; and the second time in 1873 to Miss Margaret Garbutt of the county of Wellington, having one child by her.

JOHN D. SMITH,

PORT HOPE.

IN 1797 Elias Smith and Jonathan Walton received a grant of land, of three lots, first concession township of Hope, about 700 acres, lying along the shore of lake Ontario, on condition that they would build a grist mill and saw mill, and encourage settlement. The latter they would naturally be disposed to do, as mills would be of no use unless there were people to patronize them. They induced many families to settle in the township of Hope, some arriving with them; and their mills, located at the mouth of Smith's creek, soon became paying investments.