WHITE, FRANCIS F., Manager of the William Davies Packing Co., Limited, Harriston, Ont., is the son of Mr. E. O. White, retired wholesale dry goods merchant, Toronto. Mr. White comes of an old wholesale dry goods merchant, Toronto. Mr. White comes of an old English family, which has owned lands in Bedfordshire, since the days of Queen Elizabeth. They trace their family on one side from Lionel Cranfield, Earl of Middlesex, who, in 1622, was M.P., for the county. He married Miss Sarah Shepherd of Basinghall St., London, a rich heiress. Sir Francis Drake, the bold navigator, who sunk some ships of the Spanish Armada sent to invade England, in the sixteenth century, was of an old Devonshire family, and the mother of Francis F. White is a lineal descendant of the old warrior, and the surname, Francis, has been perpetuated generation after generation. There is much in a name when it commemorates the brave defenders of one's native land. It is also recorded that one of the ancestors of the White family went bail for the father of the grand old Puritan, John Bunyan. It was charged that the old Bunyan had trespassed upon the estate of the Lord of the Manor, and had taken a rook's nest of young birds from the trees. The young rooks were by a strange freak of nature, of white plumage, instead of the natural black.

Francis F. White, was b. in Toronto, April 17, 1881, where he was

educated. In his early boyhood, he went to England, and visited the educated. In his early boyhood, he went to England, and visited the village of Elstow, where the white rooks' adventure of olden days took place, near to the famous old abbey, built by Judith, the niece of William the Conqueror. A relative of Mr. White farms some 400 acres of the old abbey lands. He began his commercial career in the office of the William Davies Co., Ltd., Toronto, and has literally grown up with the business, being promoted from time to time, until he occupied the important position of Manager of the Export Department. In 1905, he came to Harriston in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer of the Davies Packing Co., Ltd., and on January 1, 1906, was made Manager. The Harriston plant is an extensive one, originally costing about ager. The Harriston plant is an extensive one, originally costing about \$75,000. It employs about 60 hands, and has a capacity of handling 1,500 hogs per week. Its trade is largely an export one, which trade amounts to over 200 cars of bacon, hams and lard annually.

WHITE, JOHN, b. West Garafraxa, 1867. Mr. White is one of the largest land owners in West Garafraxa, and perhaps one of the most prosperous. He is a large buyer of cattle and other stock. He owns 400 acres, and resides on lot 15, con. 2, where he settled in 1892. owns 400 acres, and resides on lot 15, con. 2, where he settled in 1892. As an evidence of his enterprise, he has had a telephone line specially erected from Fergus to his own residence, and in this stands alone in the township, for progress individually. He has inaugurated many reforms and improvements by which the farmer largely benefits, for instance, he supplies the farmer with corn fodder, etc., at first cost. He is a leading spirit in every movement to advance the interests of the farmer in his township and county, and in himself his career is a verification of the well-known proverb—"Nothing succeeds like success." Mr. White has never sought public office, but he is highly respected, and by his integrity, commands the confidence of all. He is a Presbyterian and a Conservative. In 1893, he m. Alice Burns. Issue: Presbyterian and a Conservative. In 1893, he m. Alice Burns. Issue: Marie, John, James, and an infant daughter.

WHITE, NEIL (d.), was b. in Isle Islay, Scot., in 1839. When seven years of age, his father, John White, came with his family to Canada. This was in 1846, and they stopped first in Erin, where they remained about a year. In 1847, they settled in Arthur, and in 1854, John White, with his family, including Neil and James, came to Minto and took up lots 24 and 25, con. 4. They were among the few first settlers on the line, and lived there respected the balance of their days. Neil White was especially a representative citizen. He was one of the Neil White was especially a representative citizen. He was one of the founders of Knox Church, and took an active interest in affairs generally. He m. first, Margaret Gillespie, and for his second wife, Catharine Ferguson. His widow and two sons, Archibald, and George C. White, carry on the homestead farm on con. 4.

WHITE, THOMAS (d.), was b. Thornhill in 1814, d. 1892, age 78. He set in Arthur Tp., on the Owen Sound road, in 1853. The late Thomas White served ten years as Constable in Thornhill, and held the same office for ten years after he came to Mount Forest. He was also Tax Collector for several years. He m. Kate Fulton, who d. in 1900, age 86. Issue: Isaac, Mich.; Thomas H., Robert Gerrie, Mrs. Muir, and Mrs. Richard Scott, Arthur Tp., and Mrs. Armstrong, Teviotdale. Of these, Thomas Henry, b. 1852, Richmond Hill, owns 103 acres, lot 5, O.S.R., 50 acres of which he inherited from his father. He lived with his father until his death in 1892, and then started for him. lived with his father until his death in 1892, and then started for himself. He has been a hard worker and greatly respected by the entire community. He is a Methodist and a Conservative. In 1889, he m. Esther Grimshaw of Egremont. Issue: Earl, Henry, and Edward.

WHITELAW FAMILY, THE. One of the most notable pioneers in Guelph Township, was the late William Whitelaw, Sr., whose portrait appears on another page of this work. He was the oldest son of Andrew Whitelaw Sr., and Isabella Gladstone, and was b. in Merton, Berwickshire, Scot., in 1815, and received a liberal education at the schools there. He came to Canada in 1833, and found employment at schools there, in Kingston at \$8 per month. While thus employed a general store in Kingston, at \$8 per month. While thus employed, he became acquainted with the Captain of the old Royal Line of Steamboats, running between Montreal and Toronto, who, taking a fancy to Whitelaw, induced him to accept the position of steward on his He was quick at figures and attentive to business, and became a general favorite, not only with his employers, but with a large number of business and professional men with whom he came in contact. He continued on the lakes for about ten years. During the interval, and in 1840, he came to Guelph, and the first night slept at the house of the late David Allan, who advised him to purchase the farm in the "Paisley Block," which ultimately became his property. By his industry and frugality, he had saved sufficient money to do this, but while he was clearing the farm, he continued to sail on the lakes during the ing the summer season, and his services as steward were in demand so long as he cared to sail. From the time he set in the "Paisley Block," his active spirit prompted him to take a leading part in political and municipal affairs. He was by principle and conviction a Reformer, and soon occupied an influential position as a worker on that side. He was, for many years, Convenor of the Reform Association of Guelph Tp., and it was only during the latter years of his life that he resigned, and his son, Andrew, Jr., was appointed in his place. record is an equally honorable one. He was Deputy Reeve of Guelph Tp. in 1855, and Reeve from 1856 to 1862, and for the last three years Warden of the County. Later, he was again elected Reeve, and held the office for two years. In municipal office he was always re-elected by acclamation. In 1860, when the Prince of Wales came to Canada, Mr. Whitelaw and the late John Harvey, then Mayor of Guelph, went to Quebec to invite his Royal Highness to visit Guelph, which he did. On that occasion, Mr. Whitelaw represented the county, and Mr. Harvey the city. After retiring from municipal office, he was a number of times appointed County Auditor, and held that position at the time of times appointed County Auditor, and field that position at the time of his death. He was a very successful man, and made a specialty of breeding Leicester sheep, having many years before his death, gone to the old country and imported some of the best stock in this line that he could find. He was also a very successful breeder of thoroughbred cattle. In In every department of life, he was energetic and kept abreast of the times. He was a member of the Commission appointed by the Ontario Government to inquire into the condition of agriculture in the province. In private life he was a warm friend and genial companion, and highly honorable in all of his dealings, commanding the confidence and respect of all who were brought in contact with him. He m. Isabella Henderson, dau. of the late George Henderson, "Paisley Block."

They were both members of Kana Church and took an active interest. They were both members of Knox Church, and took an active interest in church matters, being especially good givers and helpers in building. He d. in 1895, in his 81st year, while his wife d. in 1893, age 65. They had the following issue: Mrs. Andrew Thomson, in Fergus; Andrew, Jr., George, Mrs. James Mutrie, in Eramosa; Alice, Helen, William, Jr., and Dr. Thomas, a successful practising physician in Edmonton. His second son George, m. Marion Dickie. He was in the Guelph Tp. Council for ten years, Deputy Reeve at the time the law was changed, and Reeve for two years. Andrew, Jr., and William, Jr., own the old Whitelaw homestead, comprising nearly 400 acres, and

are extensive farmers, and leading citizens. They make a specialty of Durham Shorthorn cattle, and Leicester sheep. Their cattle are registered in the Canadian herd books, while their Leicester's are recorded in the canadian herd. in the American flock books. Their reputation in this line is of the highest, both in Canada and in the U.S. At the World's Fair, St.

highest, both in Canada and in the U.S. At the World's Pari, St. Louis, they took twenty-eight prizes on their Leicester sheep, including two sweep stakes and several of the first prizes.

Issue of Andrew Whitelaw, Sr.: Mrs. Geo. Aitchison, Perth Co.; William, Thomas, George, Andrew 2nd., of the firm of Maxwell and Whitelaw of Paris, d. 1904; Robert, and Ellen (d.).

Whitelaw of Paris, d. 1904; Robert, and Ellen (d.).

William, b. 1815, d. 1895. (See above sketch.)

Thomas, m. Mary Gowdy, set. Guelph Tp. Issue: Andrew, George,

Mrs. Geo. McIntosh, Joseph, and Wilkie.

George, b. Scot., 1820, and d. 1856, came to Canada seven years
after his brother William, and set. in the "Paisley Block" in 1840.

After some years he purchased 150 acres of land in Nichol Tp., where
he set. and lived until his death. He was a man of great force of character and energy, and was one of the leading men, in fine stock, of the community, making a specialty of Durham Shorthorn cattle. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and in political views a Liberal. He m. Eliza Fisk, d. 1868, age 68. Issue: George C. Mrs. Wm. Street, James, Thomas, and Robert A. Of this branch, Geo C., m. Janet Elliott, and lives on and owns the old homestead in Pilkington. Issue: Margaret E., William D., Eliza, and George. James, m. Mary Pritchard (d.), and set. in Woodstock. Issue: Arthur; Thomas, m. Ellen Elliott, and set. 1st, in Pilkington, and later bought and set. in the old original Elliott homestead, in the "Paisley Block," where he still resides. Issue: Louisa E., Isabella F., Wellie M., Margaret E., George T., Robert T., and Janet L.

Robert A., m. Mary Holtzworth. He owns 136 acres, lot 7, con. B. Pilkington, where he resides and carries on mixed farming, making a specialty of fine stock. He is a leading man in the Tp., and has held the office of Councillor, Deputy Reeve, and Reeve. Issue: Emma, and

Andrew, 2nd., m. Ann Tennant, set. Woodstock. Robert, m. Margaret Blackwell, and is a wealthy manufacturer in

WILKIN, GEORGE, AND RICHARD. Two brothers are the origin of this family in Minto, viz., George Wilkin, Sr., b. Co. Sligo, Ire., 1810, and Richard Wilkin, Sr., b. the same place in 1812. The former was the pioneer of the family in Canada. In 1850, accompanied by his oldest dau. Fanny, he came to see the country, and look for a place to settle. They first stopped in Pilkington, and the following year, were joined by the rest of the family. In 1853—the year before the land sale in Minto—George Wilkin, Sr., and his son Lewis, made their way through the woods to Minto, and picked out 400 acres, lots 26, 27, 28, and 29, con. 5. They built a temporary wigwam, near the creek, covering it with bushes, which afforded them shelter until they could build a more substantial log house near by. They made a small clearing, and waited for the land sale, being joined in the spring of 1854 by the balance of the family. They, with the Campbells and Whites, were the first actual settlers on this line.

George Wilkin, Sr., m. Jane Roberts, in Ire. Issue: Mrs. John Brown, Lewis, Timothy, Richard R., Mrs. George Wilkin, and George, Jr., all in Minto. The family were all b. in Ireland, excepting George, He d. in 1890, age 81. Richard R. Wilkin, third son of George Wilkin, Sr., was b. Co. Sligo, Ire., in 1842. He m. Sarah Metcalf, dau. of the late respected pioneer, Joseph Metcalf, and has two children, Rolson, merchant. Man.; and Reuben, who m. Martha Raison, and runs the homestead. Richard R. owns 100 acres, lot 27, con. 5, upon which is a modern brick residence and good outbuildings. It is in a high state of cultivation, and he ranks among the best citizens of Minto.

In 1858, Richard Wilkin, Sr., and his family left Ire. for Canada, and took up their abode in Minto, purchasing 100 acres, lot 31, con. 5, of Patrick Donovan, and settling on it. There had been about half an acre cleared on this farm, and Richard Wilkin, Sr., and his sons cleared the balance. He was a progressive citizen in all that the word implies. He was one of the promoters of the first Church of England erected in Harriston. He m. Margaret Morrison, in Co. Sligo, Ire., in 1843. She was b. in 1822. Issue: George, Robert, Mary A. (d. age 26); Lewis (d. age 32); William, set N.-W.; Mrs. Wm. Roe, Richard, Jr., Mrs. Adam Spence, Mrs. Jas. Shaw, and Mrs. A. B. Cushing, set. N.-W. Mr. Wilkin d. Oct 20th, 1890, aged 78 years. His widow is still

Richard Wilkin, Jr., the youngest son, is one of the leading men in Minto. He owns "Springfield Farm," containing 250 acres of prime land on con. 5. It includes the old homestead. He makes a specialty of fine stock raising, such as Clydesdale horses, Durham cattle, and Oxforddown sheep. He is up-to-date in all of his appointments, and was the first man in Minto to own and put up a windmill.

Mr. Wilkin is a member of the Church of England. He m. Lucinda Erwin. Issue: Richard H., Edna P., Margaret V., and Andrew E. The Wilkin family, both branches, probably own as fine farms and improvements as Minto can boast of.

WILKINSON FAMILY. Among the old pioneers of Minto were Duncan, Donald, Alexander and John Wilkinson, and their sisters, Jean and Mary, b. in Argyllshire, Scot. They emigrated to Canada and set. first in Puslinch Tp., where many of their old neighbors had preceded them. There they remained some years, and when the land in Minto was put on the market, they took up 900 acres, which is still owned by the family. The land was taken up in 1854, although they did not settle permanently upon it until three or four years later. In the interval they retained their home in Puslinch, spending the winter months in Minto, making their clearings, and living in a log shanty they had erected for the purpose. The choice of the Minto farms reflects the good judgment of these old pioneers, as there are no better in the township. Only two members of the family were married, viz.: Jean, who m. Donald Smith; and Alexander, who m. Flora Stewart. Issue: Alexander, Jr., d. age 19; John, Donald, Christina, Annie, Jean, and Mary,

Duncan is living, aged 79, and Mary d. 1906. Duncan is on the old homestead on the ninth concession. Donald, Sr., d. 1891, age 67; Alexander, Sr., d. 1897, age 72; John d. 1898, age 70. These old pioneers were among the founders of Knox Church, and men of sterling qualities and strict integrity. The family has always enjoyed the respect and confidence of the whole community. John and Donald Wilkinson, only surviving sons of Alexander Wilkinson, own three hundred acres of land in cons. 6 and 7, where they reside with their sisters. They make a specialty of Clydesdale horses, of which they own some of the finest in Canada, and are enterprising citizens.

WILKINSON, KING SGT. JOHN A., is of Scotch descent. He was b. in 1874 on lot 14, con. 3, Puslinch Tp. In 1889, at the age of 15, he entered Battery A., Guelph. In 1891 he made at Kingston the best score in Canada with a nine-pound field gun, for which performance he has a silver medal, of which he is justly proud. In 1892, at Niagara camp, King Sgt. Wilkinson, then Sergeant Wilkinson, was in command of the sub-division which won the prize for stake driving (a military competition), winning from military teams from all over the country, and defeating the regulars at Kingston, for which the company received individual badges, and an additional prize of \$25. In 1894 he attended the School of Gunnery at Kingston. In 1896 he was a member of the Canadian artillery team which won the Queen's Prize at Shoeburyness. From 1896 to 1900 he was Sergeant Major of Battery A., under Col. Nicoll. On Dec. 9, 1900, he enlisted with the Canadian Mounted Rifles for South African service, and sailed on the Manhattan from Halifax. He saw service in the Orange Free State, Cape Colony, and the Transvaal, being in operations under Col. Plummer, from Kroon stadt to Lindley, and under Sir Walter Kitchener in the south-eastern part of the Transvaal. He was in Pretoria and Johannesburg; was transferred to Klerksdorp, and was in operations in the south-western part of the Transvaal, and northern part of Cape Colony. On the 31st March, 1902, he was wounded in the arm by an explosive bullet, losing

the hand, and also losing his right eye, which was struck by a piece of shell. He was also wounded in the body in a general engagement near Hart's River. In this engagement of four and one-half hours' fighting, 126 men of the British force of 1,360 were killed and wounded, and 191 horses lost. The Boers lost 260 men out of a force of 2,460. He was placed in a field hospital, and then invalided to England and kept in Netley Hospital for two and one-half months. While at Netley he had a twenty minutes' talk with Queen Alexandra. He was recommended by Lord Kitchener for distinguished bravery on the field, and on the 30th April, 1902, the title of King Sgt. was conferred upon him by King Edward. He is the only one in Canada who holds this title. He has also the South African service medal, with four bars and clasps. He was away for two years and sixteen days. On his return to Guelph, on Jan. 6, 1903, he was honored with a banquet and an address, and was presented with \$125 in gold by the people of Wellington Co., city of Guelph, and Puslinch Tp. For his services he draws a pension for life from the British Government. In Sept., 1903, he purchased 92 acres, front lot 12, Gore of Puslinch, and 10 acres across the road in Beverly Tp. He has since resided on his Puslinch farm, upon which he has built a first-class barn, which might be safely used as a model by the farmers in the county. In Jan., 1905, he was elected to the Tp. Council. He is a Presbyterian, and an Independent; very popular, and a valuable man to his township.

WILSON, HUGH, SR. (d.). This worthy old pioneer was b. in County Tyrone, Ire., and d. Guelph Tp. He m. Belle Gibson. They came to Canada with their family in 1830, and set. first at Dundas, where they remained for one year, coming to Guelph Tp. in 1831. He purchased 168 acres at 50c. per cre, upon which he settled, and with the help of his sons cleared the farm. He was a sterling citizen, and was one of the promoters of the St. Andrew's Pres. Church, Guelph, and an Elder in the church for some years. The Wilson family were one of the first to settle on the line. They were only preceded by the McCuen, Lenox and Shortreed families. Issue: William, James, Sr.; Hugh, Jr. (d. young); Mrs. James Chambers, Mrs. Thomas Loghrin, and Mrs. William Orr, all b. in Ireland.

William, b. Co. Tyrone, Ire., 1812, d. Guelph Tp., 1868, was raised and educated in Ire. He m. Mary Gailey in 1849. She was b. in Co. Tyrone, Ire., in 1830, and still lives on the Guelph farm. Issue: Mrs. James Stewart (d.), James, Jr.; Mrs. John Awrey, Thomas, Anna, Bella, Wil-

liam, Jr., and Sarah J.

James, Sr. (d.), m. Nancy Lynd, set. in Guelph Tp. His children
Bella and William set. in Bruce Co.

James, Jr., is unm. He owns 88 acres of the old farm, near the homestead, where he resides.

Thomas, m. Minnie Ryder, and lives on his farm (66 acres) near the homestead. Issue: Frederick.

William is unm., owns and lives on the homestead. His mother and sisters reside with him. His father owned in all 256 acres at the time of his death. He is an exemplary citizen, and very progressive, and the family from the beginning have been representative citizens of the community.

WILSON, JAMES, b. Edinburgh, was a miller by occupation. He came to Canada some time before 1833, and followed his occupation at Fraser's mills, for a time, and then was in Indian Lands, Glengarry Co. for a few years. He then worked at Doon mills until 1849, when owing to the persuasions of James Butterworth, elsewhere mentioned, who had worked with him at Fraser's mills, he came to Maryborough Tp. and bought 100 acres, east half lot 14, con. 10. He continued to follow his occupation and was one of the early millers of Hollin. He also started the machinery moving in the first Drayton mill. He was a staunch Presbyterian, attending the Pres. church at Rothsay, of which he was an Elder for years, and was a Liberal in politics. Mr. Wilson was one of nature's gentlemen, mild and quiet, but very popular with his acquaintances. He m. Jane Morrison. Issue: Daniel, b. 1833, set. N. Dakota; Mrs. J. D. Fawcett, b. 1840, at Drayton; James, Santa Cruz, California; George Agnes, Toronto; Mrs. Rich. Johnston, Vancouver, B.C.; Mrs. Driscoll, Toronto; Mrs. J. J. Doan, Mt. Forest.

George, b. 1847, Indian Lands, Glengarry Co., was 2 years old when he was brought to Maryborough Tp. He was raised on the homestead, 75 acres of which he now owns. He cleared the place, and carries on mixed farming. He has been Trustee S.S. No. 17, for 25 years, and Sec.-Treas. for the last ten years. He takes a great interest in school matters, his hobby being school children's drill and parade. S.S. No. 17 was the first school to give drill parade exhibitions and took the first prize even given for school drill at the Drayton Fair. He was for three years a Director of Rothsay cheese factory, and is a member of the Drayton Library Board, a Director of the Peel and Maryborough Mutual Fire Ins. Co., and has been a Director of the Peel and Drayton Agr. Society. He m. first Amy E. Hartney, of Drayton. He afterwards m. Catharine A. Johnson, of Guelph. Issue: Lorne G., in Moosejaw; Katie M., and Annie E., William C., and James O., all at home.

WILSON, JAMES FOSTER (d.). The subject of this sketch can not be classed with the very early pioneers of Harriston, as he did not settle here until 1877, but he came possessed of means, and immediately took a leading part in the affairs of Harriston and Minto. He carried on the lumber business, and besides putting up and purchasing business property in Harriston, he became a large land owner, and at his death in 1887 left a large estate. James Foster Wilson was b. in Penn. U.S., in 1826, and emigrated to Canada in 1846, settling in Wentworth Co. He started in life in Canada with just one dollar in his pocket, but by dint of industry and economy soon found himself possessed of some means, with which he built the first saw mill in Ancaster. At this time lumber was in great demand, and young Wilson made money rapidly. In the midst of his prosperity his mill property was destroyed by fire, and he found himself again destitute of means, but he had built up a business reputation for ability and integrity, and with an energy born of an indomitable will, he soon replaced his property, and his success continued. After some years, wishing a more extended field for his operations and investments, he moved to Harriston, and here continued the same energy and push that had characterized his success in Ancaster. He was successively Councillor, Reeve and Mayor of Harriston, and was also Trustee, and held other offices in the Methodist church, in which he took a great interest. In fact, anything for the betterment or advancement of the community, met with a ready response from James

Mr. Wilson m. first Margaret Stewart. Second wife, Matilda Stewart.

His oldest son, James W. Wilson, is the active executor of his father's estate, and a leading citizen of Harriston. He has held the offices of Councillor, Mayor, 1904-5, and is a member of the School Board. He m. a dau. of Robert Blackwood, of Harriston.

WILSON, JOHN (d.), b. Kilkenny Co., Ire., 1812; d. 1893. He came to Canada in 1851, set. at Durham, Grey Co., where he carried on farming. He had started in life previous to the famine in Ireland, and was in good circumstances, but the famine wrought his financial ruin, and he started life in Canada with nothing. He did considerable teaming between Durham, Guelph and Hamilton before the advent of railways. In 1871 he sold out in Grey Co., and purchased a farm in Arthur Tp., where he resided until 1881, when he came to Maryborough and purchased 100 acres, lot 4, con. 8, which is now owned and occupied by his son William. The late John Wilson was a man of considerable force of character, and of strict integrity. He was a member of the Methodist church, and in politics was a Conservative. He m. Margaret Hadean, who d. in 1884, age 64 years. Issue: Mrs. (Rev.) James Laird, in Caledonia; Mrs. Wm. Mainland (d.), Mrs. John Townsend, and

George.

George is a hardware merchant in Moorefield. He m. first Rachel Ternan. Issue: George, Jr., Margaret, John, Erline, Hannah, and Walter. Second wife, Mrs. Phillips. Issue: Harry and William. William, m. Catharine Booth, and as before mentioned, succeeded

his father to the old homestead, which he operates successfully. The Wilson family have always represented the very best citizen-