

CHAPTER XII.

THE NEW ERA.

In January, 1904, in consequence of the death of Andrew Pattulo, Col. Munroe was elected for North Oxford to the Ontario Legislature.

The following year, 1905, the Ontario elections took place, and Col. Munroe was again elected with a substantial majority. In May, 1905, Rev. A. G. McLaughlin retired from Knox Church, Harrington, much to the regret of the people. In September of the same year, the congregation of Harrington extended a call to Rev. A. H. Kippan, who was inducted and assumed the charge on the 12th of October of that year. The Harrington congregation was very fortunate in securing Mr. Kippan as pastor. All branches of work in the church have been brought to a high state of efficiency through his untiring efforts. As a pulpit orator he is unsurpassed.

In July, 1905, Mr. J. D. Ferguson, of Brooksdale and Burn's churches, resigned, and seven months later, Rev. S. M. Whaley was inducted on the 6th of February, 1906.

In June, 1906, Rev. Mr. Patterson retired from the pastorate of Knox Church, Embro. He was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Barbour in May, 1907.

A branch of the Traders' Bank was established in Embro in May, 1906, and a branch of the Farmers Bank in 1908.

In 1905 a company known as the St. Marys and Western Ontario Railway Company, was incorporated for the purpose of building and operating an