

in partnership with Andrew and Peter White, and they did a very heavy business. For some years the firm has been Bell and Hickey, and as there has been a depression in the lumber trade for the last six or seven years, they have done only a moderate business—from 200,000 to 250,000 feet of square timber, and from 15,000 to 18,000 saw-logs. Their best market for square timber they find at Quebec. The winters of 1877-'78-'79, Mr. Bell spent in Florida, and seems inclined to "take the world easy."

He was chairman of the school board of Pembroke for a number of years—the only office we believe, that he would accept; he seems inclined to let the offices go to those who like such honors and responsibilities.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and was for a long period an elder, resigning when he went south.

Mr. Bell married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter White, a pioneer settler in Pembroke, in 1850, and they have five children living, and have lost two.

Mr. Bell has an older brother, John Bell, who was born in the same place, came to Canada at the same time, and until recently has been in the lumber business here with fair success. He has a wife and four children; is a man of a solid christian character, and, like his brother, a very substantial citizen. He has a farm two or three miles from town, on which he lives, and which he is cultivating.

JOHN BARCLAY,

OAKVILLE.

AMONG the older merchants, still in business, in Oakville, is JOHN BARCLAY, a son of Matthew and Mary (Fleming) Barclay, born in Paisley, Scotland, August 19, 1820. He is an older brother of Francis Barclay, of Georgetown, whose sketch also appears in this volume; received a grammar school education in the old country; came to Canada with the family in 1832; attended school at Markham six months, and there assisted his father in tilling the soil until 1847, when he came to Oakville. Here he was a clerk in the post office, and four years in the dry-goods store of William F. Romain; in May, 1853, commenced business for himself, opening a general variety store, having continued steady in trade here for twenty-seven years. For the larger part of this time his business has averaged from \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year, he being one of the best known merchants in the county of Halton. He is also dealing in grain, and the character of no trafficker of any class in this vicinity stands fairer.

Mr. Barclay is a prudent and cautious man, watching his business with an eagle eye, yet never overlooking his duties as a citizen, and willingly sharing in the burdens of municipal office. When the town was incorporated (1857) he went into the council, serving several