

which he made his life work. James Alexander Cooper, the father, was also a native of Queenston, born January 16, 1833. He, too, was reared to agricultural pursuits and throughout his life engaged in the tilling of the soil. He married Ellen E. Spencer, who was born February 19, 1838, and was the daughter of Robert Spencer, a farmer of the township of Stamford.

Angus M. Cooper, having acquired a public school education at Pine Grove, took up the active work of the farm and is now engaged in the cultivation of fruit upon his farm near Niagara-on-the-Lake. He has made a close study of horticulture and his practical experience well qualifies him for the successful conduct of his business. He annually gathers good fruit crops, for which he finds a ready sale on the market. He belongs to the Methodist Church.

JOSEPH HEALEY.

Joseph Healey, postmaster at Niagara-on-the-Lake, was born in Niagara township on the 19th of September, 1860. His father, Patrick Healey, was a native of Ireland and came to Canada in early childhood, settling in Niagara township, where he spent his entire life as a farmer. He was well known in the community and enjoyed the respect of all who knew him, so that his death was deeply regretted when in 1881 he was called from this life. His wife was a native of Ireland and also came to Canada in childhood days, the family home being established in Niagara township. She bore the maiden name of Mary Fitzgerald and was a daughter of Martin Fitzgerald from the county of Waterford, Ireland.

As is usual, the first notable step which Mr. Healey made in life was the acquirement of an education. He pursued his studies in the public and high schools at Niagara-on-the-Lake, passing his intermediate examination at the high school in 1879. Subsequent to that time he had a short mercantile experience, after which he turned his attention to farming on the river road about two miles from Niagara-on-the-Lake, conducting a stock and fruit farm. His attention was devoted continuously to its further development