

Silver Mining Company; one of the founders, and president of the Agricultural Savings and Loan Company.

The Sheriff is reputed to be a man of large means, and an extensive landholder, strictly honest and upright in all his dealings. Temperate in his habits, of robust constitution, and great activity, he bids fair to spend many more years of usefulness, and do much by his well matured judgment and large experience, to benefit the community among which he is so well known, and highly respected.

PATRICK WHELIHAN,

ST. MARY'S.

PATRICK WHELIHAN, Registrar of the South Riding of the County of Perth, was born in the County of Tipperary, Ireland, April 23, 1832. His father, James Whelihan, a farmer and land agent, died when the son was two years old, leaving the widowed mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth D'Arcy, with a family of eleven children, of whom he was the tenth child. He was brought up on a farm until sixteen years old, receiving, meanwhile, a national school education.

In 1848 the family came to America, landing at New Orleans, La., where the mother and an older brother caught the yellow fever, dying at Cincinnati, Ohio. This was a trying period in the life of young Whelihan. The great calamity nearly exhausted his means, and he found himself, at sixteen years of age, with small means and a younger sister on his hands to educate. Afflicted, but not disheartened, he pushed forward as far northward as London, Ontario; soon afterwards returned to Ohio, made an engagement to work for an English railway firm, Chamberlain, World and Walker, and had charge of a supply store while they were building railroads in Ohio and Pennsylvania. While thus laboring, he purchased and paid for 200 acres of land near the village of Lucan, in the Huron district, Ontario, and on which his brother now resides.

In 1851 Mr. Whelihan went to Kingston, Ontario, and spent two years in acquiring a knowledge of the dry-goods business; in the spring of 1853 removed to London, and spent a short year in a grocery store; settled at St. Mary's in 1854, and was a general merchant here until October, 1871 (except two years spent at Stratford), when he was appointed registrar.

In 1867 he purchased the business of Mr. Corcoran, wholesale and retail grocer at Stratford and conducted it successfully for fifteen months, while carrying on his farming operations in the township of Blanshard, at the end of which time he resold the business back to Mr. Corcoran.

At twenty-one years of age he was appointed a justice of the peace, and that office he