

making it comfortable for the winter, he had little time left for making much of a showing in the way of a clearing. The first year was the hardest with him, but once settled the rest was easy. He is one of the first members of the Englehart Agricultural Society, and the first year took 16 first prizes at the fair. The second year he won 21 prizes, one of them being a plow valued at \$113. Mr. Prospect, while not possessed of a large cash capital at the start, was fortunate in possessing a good team of horses, with which he earned \$700 in cash the first winter in New Ontario. People talk of pioneering in New Ontario. The word is a misnomer. What would be the chances of the real pioneers of old Ontario in the early days making \$700 in cash in a single winter? Only a few of the very lucky ones made that much during their lifetime.

Mr. Levi Smith.

Mr. Levi Smith, of Heaslip, Evanturel township, was one of the first settlers in that township. He located his farm eleven years ago. At that time there were no roads north of New Liskeard. The T. and N. O., all freight and passenger traffic came in by boat up Lake Temiskaming to New Liskeard. Among his early experiences was to carry in his provisions on his back, through the forest from New Liskeard, but later only from Toms-town. Mr. Smith, who formerly hailed from Bracebridge, now owns a well-improved farm, a herd of nine cows, as well as horses and pigs. He had a fine crop this year, and some of his grain brought him prizes at Englehart fair.

Mr. Wm. Schell.

Mr. Wm. Schell, owner of one of the best farms in Oxford county, paid a visit to New Ontario a few years ago, and became so enamored with the charm of the new district and its many possibilities that he was not long in deciding to acquire land holdings. He now owns three farms, four hundred and eighty acres in all, within one mile of Englehart. His buildings can be seen from Englehart station. He has in all sixty acres cleared and under crop. He has this year a field of potatoes which won first prize in the field crop competition. A small patch was dug by the judges in a part of the field that appeared to be a fair average of the crop. The estimate was placed at 500 bushels to the acre, a total yield of 337 bags, which at \$1.25 per bag, the prevailing price, would net him \$421.25 per acre. A ten acre field of potatoes as they grow in New Ontario would thus return at the above rate a yield of \$4,212. With Mr. Schell, however, farming is a science. He had at Englehart fair this year sheaves of oats the straw of which measured six feet two inches in height, and barley five and one-half feet. He had also on exhibition a plant from a single grain of barley with 50 stools or shoots, each well headed and with an average of 10 grains to the head—a return of 500 to 1. The writer saw this for himself, and it is