

trade with a man named Helm (father of the late John Helm of Port Hope) as a machinist and was a first-class workman, none better, could always get the highest wages, but would spend it as fast as he got it. He got married when about twenty years of age. John was a good mechanic, too, and saved his money. Daniel learned the printing business with H. J. Ruttan, who was editor and owner of "The Cobourg Star." Andrew was Collector of Inland Revenue at Belleville where he died. I was the fourth son of my father. I have always stayed at home, and since I have been able I have done all the work about the house. When Daniel had learned his trade or profession he bought a lot from H. J. Ruttan on William street and started to build on it. My father was a millright and a good carpenter, and did all the fine work, made the doors. I helped with the rough work and was in my teens then. I dug most of the cellar and helped my father to dig the well and put the pump in, and the drain from the cellar. My father made pumps and I worked with him making and repairing them, and after he died I continued the same work for some time. My brother Daniel had a habit of running accounts and neglecting to settle them. He bought a young mare at a sale, paid with a note. My father kept the mare, raised two colts out of her. This note with bills which Daniel had run for material for the house, &c., amounting to some hundreds of dollars, he could not pay. He had to appeal to John, who would not let him have the money until he got a deed of the property. Daniel gave John a deed; the deed says eighteen hundred dollars, but Daniel got only eight hundred. John furnished most of the lumber for the house, which I suppose he valued at a thousand. John took the mare, the two colts and an old waggon and other things and sold them. There was a mortgage on a farm of John's. Andrew bought the mortgage and when he died the mortgage amounted to over nine hundred dollars. Andrew often said that John should give me a deed of the place. I said no, if he gives a deed let him give it to Annie. I told this to John after Andrew died. Annie was dead now. He said he would give the deed to me, as there was no one that had a better right to it. I have spent a great deal more on the house than the whole place is worth to-day. There were only two