



JAS. CHALMERS

MR. JAMES CHALMERS, President of the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Railway Company, is a native of the city of York, Yorkshire, England, and no man is prouder of his birthplace than he. Came to Canada in 1856 and spent twenty-three years in active business in the cities of Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa.

Mr. Chalmers has been in St. Mary's since 1879, and owns a large hardware business in that flourishing centre. His efforts have been mutual with all schemes pertaining to St. Mary's welfare during the past twenty years, and to him is due a great deal of the success now merited by the line of which he is the official head.



J. W. Graham

MR. J. W. GRAHAM, lawyer of St. Mary's, is Secretary and Solicitor for the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Company. He arranged all the details of organization relative to the Company's inception, purchased the right of way through Blanchard, East Nissouri and West Zorra, straightened out all legal tangles and arranged matters for all parties concerned. Mr. Graham is a native of Blanchard township, Perth County, spent his boyhood on the farm, was educated in St. Mary's and re-

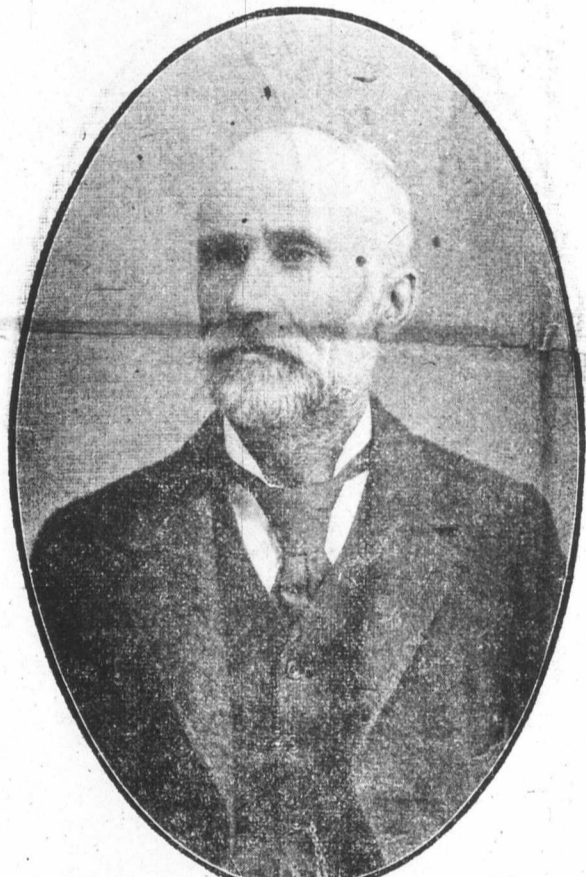
ceived his legal training with Fullerton, Cooke, Wallace and Macdonald of Toronto. He has been actively connected with the legal and municipal life of St. Mary's during the past fifteen years. To Mr. Graham falls the lion's share of commendation in respect to the successful termination of the enterprise with which he has been so actively connected. His genial, personal characteristics helped to pave the way and his untiring determination kept the ball a-rolling at all stages.



D. R. ROSS

MR. D. R. ROSS is Vice President and Director of the St. Mary's and W. O. R. He and Mr. Sutherland are the only representative stockholders living in Oxford County. Mr. Ross has been connected with all commercial schemes relative to Embro during the past thirty or forty years. He was born in West Zorra on Scotia Farm, now occupied by his brother, Mr. Columbus Ross. He moved to Embro nearly thirty years ago, correlating his farming interests with the milling industry—owning the Scotia Mills, now in the possession of Mr. Hamilton. These mills were burned and he purchased the

Embro oatmeal mills, which are still operated by him. Mr. Ross is President of the Cereal Milling Company, which has branches at Woodstock and Hickson. His municipal experience is well known to most natives of this county, having been County Councillor in West Zorra for four years, and Reeve of Embro for 5 years—a position which he still occupies. Mr. Ross was a Captain of the old 22nd Oxford Battalion, when it was in its most flourishing condition. He holds the enviable position of being Treasurer of Knox Church, Embro, at the present time. His many good qualities are too apparent to necessitate rehearsal.



T. O. ROBSON

MR. T. O. ROBSON is another Director of the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Railroad, from Blanchard Township. He is a native born Scot of magnetic personality. Since coming to Canada he has spent a greater part of his life as a farmer and drover, having large interests near the town of St. Mary's. It is believed that Mr. Robson is one of three who are the sole survivors of a

board of directors of a company that was organized 34 years ago, for the building of a railroad from Woodstock to St. Mary's. The other two are Judge Harding of Lindsay and G. B. Smith of Toronto, both formerly of St. Mary's. The road came nearly being built. Bonus by-laws were passed by all the municipalities concerned, but a flaw was found in the East Zorra by-law, and when it was submitted again it was defeated.



H. L. RICE

MR. H. L. RICE of St. Mary's is Treasurer and Director of the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Railway Company. His wide commercial interests and experience in the financing of large concerns gave to the company added financial stamina and good standing. Mr. Rice is a native of the city of Hamilton, has been a resident of St. Mary's during the

past thirty years, and is President and manager of the G. Carter, Son & Co. Limited of the aforesaid town. Mr. Rice has had wide municipal experience in St. Mary's, having been a member of the town council. His keen interest in educational circles is well known, being at intervals a member of the Collegiate Institute and Public School Boards of which he was the Chairman during 1907.



DAVID BONIS

MR. DAVID BONIS, a director of the St. Mary's and W. O. R. Company, is a native of Perth County, having been born in Blanchard township. He is still on the farm in his

native township and is widely known as a progressive commercialist. His ability to interest the brother farmer in the new scheme was an important asset to the success of the company.

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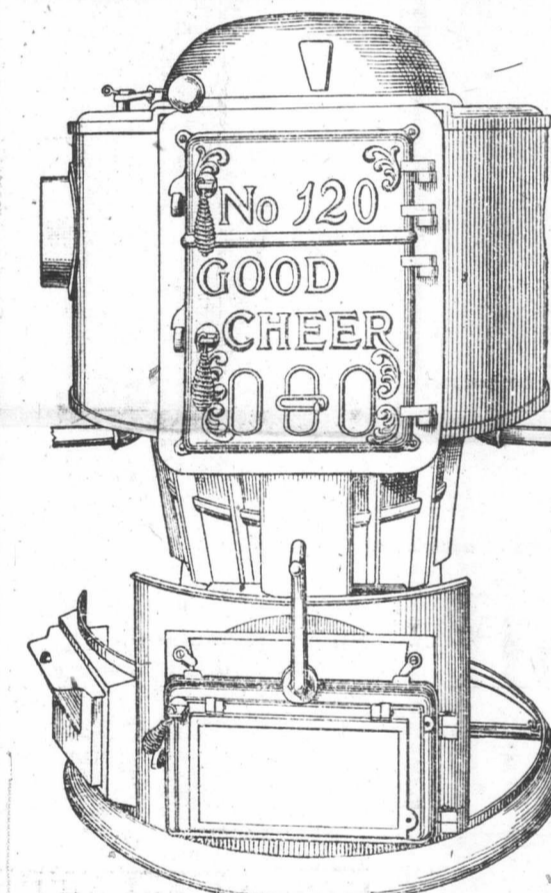
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easy connection with St. Mary's and Ingersoll. Taking all things into consideration, we see this hamlet developed into a thriving village very soon indeed. A few patriotic and determined commercialists who wish to see their country developed to something like its possibilities, may soon create a "boom" in this section that will out-distance the fondest prediction. Bennington, now has the chance of its existence, to become famous.

A LIST OF WORKERS

The following is a list of enthusiasts, who though not taking an official part in the construction of the St. Mary's and Western Ont. Railroad, worked hard in favor of the project started—Geo. Brown and John Willard, St. Mary's; H. J. Gleason, Jas. McWilliam, W. Sutherland, Chas. Mitchell, W. E. Anderson, R. A. Shrubsole, W. E. Anderson, F. Seaton, Wm. Atchison, Calvert, East Nissouri; Geo. Smith, Jas. Munro, J. McComb, J. B. Kay, Wm. McCormack, of West Zorra, and Messrs. Thos. Harro, E. J. Cody, O. M. Alger of

ROADMASTER

who is a resident of Galt, active to the principal factors of the St. Mary's and Western Ont. Railroad. He and Western Ont. with both men was a great favourite of the line and officials alike. Mr. Coope held the honor of having his name on the Junction between St. Mary's road branches off from the main line of the C. P. R. His many friends will wish him long to enjoy the added honor paid to his cognomen.



E. L. SUTHERLAND

MR. E. L. SUTHERLAND, who is a director of the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Railroad, and also a member of the Executive Board, was one of the hardest fighters in favor of constructing the line. His characteristic tenacity of purpose and capability to bring to successful issue whatever he undertakes, were well shown in the present project. Mr. Sutherland is a native of West Zorra, being born in Bennington. He is the son of the late Colin Sutherland, who was one of the earliest pioneers of Oxford. He farmed the homestead for thirty years, moving

to Embro in 1906, was Reeve of West Zorra for a number of years, was her representative in the County Council for some time, and was warden of Oxford in 1892, when the Court House was built in Woodstock. Mr. Sutherland has been Clerk and Treasurer of West Zorra for 14 years, and still holds that honorable position. He is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Western Farmer's Wind and Weather Insurance Company. His width of experience and knowledge of municipal law are great factors in railroad building. The farmers of Zorra can ill-afford to forget his industry.