

Oxford. Mr. Harley was one of the first License Commissioners for the County of Brant and was for many years associated with the late William Watt, the elder, and Wellington McAllister, of Oakland Township. He was also one of the first directors of the Royal Loan and Savings Company. In the year 1904 Mr. Harley passed away after two years of declining health, Mrs. Harley having predeceased him in the month of February of the same year. Mr. Harley was universally respected by all with whom he came in contact. There are four sons living, viz.: William Harley, retired, in Burford village; James Harley, K.C., of the firm of Harley & Sweet, Brantford; Edmund Harley, Clerk of Records and Writs, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, and Archibald Harley, a farmer, residing on the homestead.

Brant County and the U. F. C.

Two residents of Brant County were identified with the movement which ultimately culminated in the establishment of the organization known as the "United Farmers of Ontario." For many years there had been the Ontario Farmers Institute system, the Farmers Club movement, Fruit Growers Association, Stockholders Association, Dairymens Associations and so forth, while the Dominion Grange was also still in existence. It was the latter organization which took the initiative in the promulgation of a plan to consolidate the various local associations and to form a new central institution. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and to arrange for the calling of an organization meeting, the personnel consisting of E. C. Drury, H. B. Cowan, J. J. Morrison, J. Z. Fraser, (Burford Township) and W. C. Good, (Brantford Township.) It was also decided to form a United Farmers Co-operative Company, indeed the latter proposition was the immediately main objective. The call was issued for a gathering to be held in Toronto, March 19th and 20th, 1914, and about two hundred farmer delegates attended. There and then the U.F.O. was launched, with E. C. Drury as first President and the Co-operative Company, with W. C. Good, President. J. J. Morrison was elected Secretary of both as well as of the Grange. Mr. Morrison first of all had an office in his own home on the farm in Wellington County, and later he occupied cramped and delapidated quarters in Toronto, without even a stenographer to help. The Co-operative company finally commenced to attain a solid footing and is now doing a business which amounts to millions of dollars. The political side of the movement came almost by accident. The utmost idea in this regard, as far as the Ontario Legislature was concerned, consisted of the hope that a sufficiently large group of rural members could be returned in order to have some effect upon legislation. However, in 1918 there was a bye election in