

crowded in a month's time, and that his thirty-three years of travel would have enabled him to circumnavigate the globe 122 times, he having driven his fleet steed swiftly and safely over 3,050,000 miles, and accepted responsibility for thousands of lives. Mr. Colby is well and widely known in Windsor and vicinity, and has a wide circle of friends who esteem him highly.

WILLIAM MORRIS GOATBE, now of Sault Ste. Marie, served as a member of the council of Tilbury West township, and is a farmer and stock raiser well known throughout that section. He is a man who has made a success of his own life, and he comes of worthy ancestors of English origin, the family being well known in Yorkshire, England. This branch has been resident in Canada for almost a century, Mr. Goatbe being of the third generation this side of the water.

Capt. Joseph Goatbe, grandfather of William M., was a native of Yorkshire, England. He entered the British army as a private, and by reason of meritorious service rose before long to the rank of captain. Under Wellington he served with distinction in the famous battle of Waterloo, and a few years later, in 1834, was assigned with other veterans to duty in Halifax, Nova Scotia, continuing in the regular service until 1837, when he was pensioned. His services, however, came again into demand almost immediately, during the troublesome times of 1837-38 in Ontario, when he was commissioned by the British government to drill volunteers for the service, Sir Francis Bondhead being sent out to take charge of them. Capt. Goatbe received £400 from the government for this service, which was greatly appreciated, for he proved himself to be distinctly the right man in the right place on this occasion, as he had in many other instances.

After quiet was restored, the captain settled down to a peaceful, agricultural life, having made a home on a tract of land in Wheatly township, County of York, Ont. In England he had married Ann Smith, who bore him a family of sixteen children, only two of whom were sons, and his wife and fifteen children joined him in Ontario, one daughter remaining in Liverpool, where she married a Mr. Robinson. The family was on the ocean nine weeks. The captain and his wife spent the remainder of their lives on the farm, dying there. She was a Christian woman, a devoted wife and mother, and, like her husband, a consistent member of the Church of

England. He was a staunch Conservative in political sentiment.

Thomas Goatbe, the youngest of the two sons of Capt. Goatbe, was born in 1823, in the parish of Howden, Yorkshire, England. In his native land he attended the school provided by the government for soldiers' children, and he was fourteen years of age when the family crossed the Atlantic. He grew to manhood on the farm in Wheatly township, amid pioneer surroundings, and became accustomed to hard work. But the experience only made him the hardier, as his long and active life well testifies, for he is still living, at the ripe age of over eighty, in excellent health, after a lifetime of continuous industry. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, assisting faithfully in the farm work, and then, marrying, went west to the County of Huron, which was then in its primitive state. He settled in Turnberry township, where he owned two hundred acres of land, built a log house and engaged in farming, and there he remained until his wife died, when he sold his place and returned to the County of York. After a short stay he came back to Huron, settling on a tract of one hundred acres in Turnberry township, on which he put up a frame dwelling. He made his home on that farm until 1869, when he sold out and came with his family to the County of Essex, locating in Rochester township. As there was some dispute over the title of that tract, Mr. Goatbe gave it up, and for some time was engaged in railroading, taking a contract for the construction of the Canadian Southern road, which occupied him for several years. He then removed his family to Harwich township, in the County of Kent, and for five years operated a farm which he rented, at the end of that time removing to Gosfield township, County of Essex, where he bought fifty acres. There he still resides, and many improvements have been made in the place under his management. Mr. Goatbe is highly respected in the locality where he now lives, as he has been in every other community with which he has been identified, and he is enjoying the fruits of a life of honorable toil, conspicuous for integrity and straight-forward dealing.

Mr Goatbe first married a Miss Ockridge, by whom he had two children: One that died in infancy; and Joseph, who lives with his father in Gosfield township. His second wife was Jane Ann Morris, a native of Devonshire, England, daughter of William Morris, of the same county, who died in the County of Huron, Ont. Mrs.