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BEING a Graphic Delineation of the Retrospective and Prospective History of the Village of Norwich and Township of North Norwich, together with Sketches of People and Enterprises that have been prominent in achieving for this Community its fine Status, Industrial, Commercial and Social.

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History of North Norwich Township.

A hundred years ago the township of North Norwich was an unbroken forest, no roads except a few blazed trees made by the surveyor or the track of an Indian, and deer, wolves, bears, and other wild animals were numerous.

The township of Norwich, now North and South Norwich, was surveyed by Mr. Hamley in 1790. The survey did not include the Gore of Norwich, that being surveyed by Peter Carroll in 1835.

In a territorial division of Canada West made on July 16th, 1799, Norwich was made a portion of the County of Norfolk. By an Act of Parliament, which came into effect, Jan. 1st, 1800, Norwich became part of the County of Oxford.

On July 22nd, 1800, Mr. Wilcox, of York, (now Toronto), received from the Crown a grant of 15,000 acres of land lying east of the middle town line, and from the 1st to the 12th concessions.

Norwich was for many years a township consisting of 12 concessions, one mile in width, numbering from North to South and having 28 lots of 200 acres each in each concession, exclusive of the Gore on the east side. In 1855 it was divided into North and South Norwich; the road passing between the 6th and 7th concessions being the boundary line.

During the year 1809, Peter Lossing came from Dutchess County, N. Y., to look for a suitable home for himself and family, and being informed that there were desirable lands opened up in Oxford County, he visited them and found that they suited him.

He returned to Canada the same fall, (1809), accompanied by his brother-in-law, Peter De Long, (also of Dutchess County, N. Y.), and they purchased from Mr. Wilcox, of York, (now Toronto), for 50 cents per acre, his entire tract of land, 15,000 acres, in the township of Norwich; and on the 14th of July, 1810, Mr. Wilcox deeded to Peter Loss-



Peter Lossing.

ing and Peter De Long, jointly, the land referred to, first releasing a mortgage that was held against the property by one John Gray. Having secured the property, these two pioneers returned to Dutchess County to make suitable arrangements for occupying their new homes.

Peter Lossing, at once, made every effort to find persons who would purchase and settle upon the land in Norwich, and received hearty support in his project. Adam Stover agreed to accept 1,000 acres of land for each of his children who would go to Canada and live upon and improve their land. Three sons, Michael, Frederick and Adam, and one daughter, Mrs. Peter McLees, accepted the offer of their father and came to Norwich and made it their home. Joseph Lancaster agreed for 3,000 acres. Many others also decided to come to Norwich, including the Motts, the Cornwells, the Snyders, the Sackriders, the Emighs and others, about fifty families in all. Having secured the co-operation of these others, Peter Lossing and his family moved to Canada in the fall of 1810. He travelled all the way with his teams, bringing with them what goods they could, while another portion of goods was brought by rafts and boats through the Mohawk river, Lake Champlain and Lake Ontario, his two sons and some other young men, who came to seek a home in the wilds of Canada, having the management of the expedition.

After spending a few days at the home of John Yeigh in Burford (who kept an open house for travellers and new settlers), Peter Lossing accompanied by his three sons, Solomon, Edmund, and Benson, two hired men, and a surveyor named Halsted, started for Norwich. He left his wife and daughters, Mary and Athelinda, to remain with the family of Mr. Yeigh at Burford.

Peter Lossing and his company reached Norwich with a great deal of difficulty, the first 7 miles of their journey was to Coady's

Pond, via the old stage road, and the 5 miles from Cooley's Pond to Norwich was made by a path marked with blazed trees, which had been made by the surveyors. When they arrived at the site of their future home it was near evening, so they cut down a couple of trees and constructed a rude shelter of brush and camped for the night, the site is now occupied by the late family residence of Martin Cornwall, on Quaker street. The first tree cut in North Norwich, was begun by Benson Lossing, then 11 years of age, and finished by his father, Peter Lossing. In a few days they had a log hut constructed on their own home farm, lot No. 8, 3rd Concession, in which Mr. Lossing and his sons and three men who accompanied them made their home during the winter, while they were engaged in chopping and clearing the land; they also cleared a sled road through to Cooley's Pond.

About the first of March 1811, they had completed a comfortable log house made of hewn timber with shingled roof, and Mrs. Lossing and daughters came from Burford to occupy their new home, and had the honor of being the pioneer women of North Norwich. A small settlement existed where Otterville now stands, and of great importance it was for there was a small grist mill there built of logs, with no road to it but a bridle path.

Sears Mott, with wife and family of six children, also moved into Norwich township in 1810, and settled on the farm on Quaker street still owned and occupied by one of the grandchildren. In 1811, a number of families arrived in Norwich, viz., Peter De Long's, Michael Stover's, Frederick Stover's, Solomon Sackerider's, John and Elias Moore's, John Siple's, Peter McLees'; in 1812, Henry Hilliker's, John Palmer's, William Curtis'; and in 1813, Joseph Woodrow.

The statistical returns of 1818, gave 11 heads of families and 67 children in these families.

Peter Lossing, being a minister among Friends, established religious services in his house in 1811, and this was the beginning of



Frederick Stover.

Friends' meetings here. In the spring of 1811, he brought a number of apple trees from near Victoria, and planted them on his farm, and the same fall they bore an apple, which is supposed to have been the first fruit grown in the township.

Peter De Long with his family moved into Norwich in the spring of 1811, he left his family with Mr. Yeigh for six weeks, while the men cut a wagon road into Norwich, and erected his first house on the north half of lot 10, in the 4th concession and therein was born the first white child in the township in the person of Garry V. De Long, on the 2nd of Nov., 1811, and he afterwards became the first Reeve of the township. A. W. De Long, grandson of the pioneer, owns and resides on one hundred acres of the land originally bought from Mr. Wilcox.

David De Long, brother to Peter, moved to Norwich the next year, 1812, and purchased the lot opposite his brother on the south side of the concession, and lived on the same farm until he died in his ninety-third year.

William Hulet, father of Chas. H. Hulet, Victoria street, was the first teacher in the township, the school was opened in the fall of 1812, in a small log house on the bank of the Otter, the attendance was 15. A few months later a second school was commenced in the northern part of the settlement, teacher Elias Snyder, father of the late Elias H. Snyder, of Burgessville, average attendance during the winter 25. Early in 1813, the south school was discontinued, and one started in Peter Lossing's house, with Peter Lossing as teacher.

The first marriage in the township was in 1812, and was performed by B. Mallory, Esq., M. P. P., the contracting parties being Mr. George Wright and Miss Susan Mott. In 1813, Mr. John Palmer was married to a daughter of Mr. Frederick Stover's. They were members of Friends and there being no way for them to be married in their denomination, they went on horseback, eighty miles, to the township of Peiham, Welland County. In 1815, Mr. George Southwick and Mrs. Paulina Howard, daughter of Peter Lossing, were married, and they

too, travelled on horseback to Pelham, accompanied by their groomsmen and bridesmaid for the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Southwick were the parents of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Treffry.

Thomas Horner, Esq., a magistrate residing near Princeton, frequently came to Norwich, to perform the rites of marriage. In those days no minister of any denomination except the Church of England was permitted to do so.

One great inconvenience in the pioneer days was the lack of postal service, as no postoffice was established in the county until 1821, at Ingersoll, and a postoffice was established at Burford about the same time. The nearest postoffice was Ancaster, then about 55 miles by the roads.

Persons travelling from the eastern frontier or to it were often made the carrier of letters. When a postoffice was established in Burford there was a weekly mail which arrived on Saturday evening making Sunday, a delivery day, and people travelled five, ten, fifteen miles in the hopes of getting a letter. Correspondence was rather expensive then, postage on a letter from England, sixty cents, from New York, twenty-five. Norwich was the second postoffice in the county, and was opened in 1830, Peter Lossing, postmaster.

In the summer of 1811 there were eleven families living in the township, 5200 acres of land had been taken up, the first season 32 acres had been put in crop, in the second 735 acres. The farms were improved so rapidly there was soon a surplus of wheat.

In 1817 the population was 170, the producing agriculturists 22. In 1820, the surplus wheat of Norwich amounted to several thousand bushels. For many years this surplus had to be teamed to Ancaster. (Hamilton not a market at that time) the roads were rough and difficult to travel, so that twenty-five bushels was considered a full load, and it required a three days' journey.

The lack of medical attendance was also a great hardship. Dr. Ephraim Cooke was the first doctor to settle in Norwich, he came in 1831. There was no doctor nearer than Tilsonburg, twenty miles



Benson Lossing.

away. For years previous to the arrival of Dr. Cooke, Mrs. Stover, wife of Adam Stover, 2nd, was the practising physician. She was a capable and intelligent woman, and a skillful nurse, (especially in the care of women and children), and was in great demand in the early years.

Michael Stover owned the one thousand acres of land upon which the village of Norwich is built, and his youngest daughter Paulina, was the first white girl born in Norwich township. She afterwards became Mrs. John McKee, and Mr. and Mrs. McKee were the parents of Mr. Hugh McKee, who with his son own and reside on Brookside Farm. The old home of the Stover's was situated on what is now Clyde street, and near the site of Mrs. Spence Walker's residence. He had a large orchard of twenty-five acres in extent, it was situated on the north side of Elgin street, and extended from Washington to Clyde street, now thickly built up with pretty residences, a few of the old trees are still left in the various lawns.

The first home in the settlement entered by the "Angel of Death" was that of Peter De Long, when the beloved wife and mother was taken, there being no cemetery at that time, she was laid away in a grave on the home farm, but years afterward the remains were brought to the family plot in the Norwich cemetery, where she and her husband lie side by side.

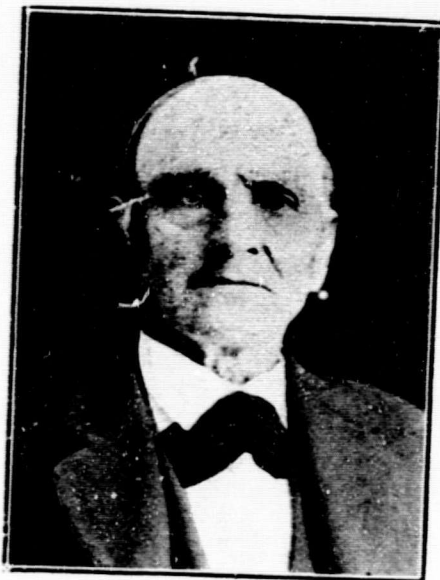
During the next twenty or twenty-five years after the first pioneers entered Norwich there was a great influx of settlers who occupied the land purchased by them; among them were the Dennises, Cohoes, Gillams, Holmeses, Barkers, Snyders, Haight and scores of others.

One of the ancient institutions in the township was the yearly town-meeting. The first one held in the township was in 1816, and they met at a hotel kept by Caleb Tompkins, the younger, just one mile north of the village of Norwich, then called Gommorah, later Carolan's Corners. The house was occupied later by Thomas Carolan, who had a blacksmith shop on the south side of the road. In that hotel the township meetings were held to appoint the pathmaster.

pound-keepers, assessors, collectors, etc., which was done by the choice of the people by open vote. There the courts were held, Joseph Woodrow, John G. Lossee, Solomon Lossing being the first Commissioners appointed by the Government, constituting what was known as the Commissioner's Court of Requests.

By an Act of Parliament in 1841, Norwich belonged to the District of Brock. Each district was governed by a council composed of one representative from each municipality, and those having 300 on the assessment roll were entitled to two, Norwich had two. The first council met at Woodstock, Feb. 8th, 1842, the members from Norwich were John Palmer and Solomon Lossing. In 1843, Solomon Lossing and William Carroll were the councillors, but Mr. Lossing being appointed warden, D. D. Wilson was elected in his place. In 1844, Mr. Lossing was appointed warden again, and the same councillors went from Norwich. In 1847 and 1848, Wm. Carroll and J. H. Cornell were the councillors, Wm. Carroll was elected warden. This was the last of the District Council, the District of Brock was changed to the County of Oxford.

The first election for the township of Norwich was held in the village of Norwich in 1850. James Bass, returning officer and John McKee, poll clerk. The councillors elected were Garry V. De Long, John Griffin, Michael Stover, Truman Wilcox and Asa Durkee. The council chose Garry V. De Long for reeve, Abraham Swartout, collector of taxes, Moses Mott as clerk and treasurer, and James Cornwell, Jessie Cornwell and Wm. Jacobus assessors. In 1851, T. Wilcox was reeve, the same council with the exception of Benjamin Holmes taking the place of G. V. De Long. In 1852, Asa Durkee was reeve, and here the records are lost until 1856. In 1855 the township of Norwich was divided, the south half called South Norwich, and the north called North Norwich. In 1856, the reeve of the first council of North Norwich was Hiram Van Valkenburg; in 1857, Paul Bedford was reeve; Dr. Ephraim Cook followed him in 1861; D. S. Butterfield in 1862, 1863 and 1866; John



Garry De Long.

Palmer, 1864; Josiah Campbell in 1865; Thos. Abraham in 1867 and continued until 1873 when E. W. Burgess succeeded him. In 1871, Mr. Abraham was warden of the county. In 1874, Thos. Abraham was again elected reeve and held the office for eight years in succession. (In 1876, the village of Norwich became independent and elected a council themselves). In 1882 and 1883 Wm. Fewster was elected reeve, and in 1884, Thos. Abraham was reeve again making 15 years of service as reeve of the township. In 1885, Mr. Fewster was elected and held the office of reeve for three years making five years of Reeveship. In 1888 and 1889, E. H. Snyder served as reeve, then Martin Emigh in 1890, 1891 and 1893, and again E. H. Snyder in 1892, 1894, 1895, 1896, making for Mr. Snyder six years as reeve. In 1897 and 1898, Henry Park was elected reeve; in 1899, 1900, Chas. W. Carroll was reeve; in 1901, 1902, Henry Sneath; in 1903, 1904, M. L. Bushell; in 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, John A. Fleming; and in 1909, 1910 John A. Kneal; and in the Centennial year of the township of Norwich we have the following council: Reeve, John A. Kneal; Councillors, James E. Carroll, B. L. Moore, Ernest E. Hammer and Robert Fewster, a photo of which appears on another page.

The first township clerk was Seth Weston, junior, then Dr. Cooke who served for three years; Moses Mott, twenty-four years, clerk, and clerk and treasurer, sixteen years; John Duncan, 1885, the offices of clerk and treasurer were separated and Thomas Walker became treasurer and C. E. Burgess clerk.

Thomas Walker filled the position of treasurer nearly nineteen years, up to the time of his death in 1904. Charles E. Burgess is still the popular and efficient clerk, and has entered upon his twenty-fifth year of service.

The educational facilities in the township were not neglected, the first school was opened in the fall of 1812 and as the population increased additional schools were commenced. The first schools were

supported by each person paying a certain fee for each child attending, the usual fee being two shillings per month for each child, but varied according to the number of children in attendance and the amount to be paid for the teacher. Teachers at that time received from £8 to £15 per quarter, their board was free as they boarded around among the families in the section. The school law passed in 1816 provided that the inhabitants of the township might assemble on June 1st each year for school purposes, and as soon as twenty scholars could be obtained they might build a schoolhouse and hire a teacher. Dr. E. Cook was the township superintendent in 1844 and John McKee in 1850. The first record of a school in Norwich village that can be obtained is in 1829. The teacher was Nathan Town, and the trustees were Wm. Cowan, Adam Stover and James Berker. Mr. Town, afterward Dr. Town, was father of Mrs. B. De Long and grandfather of A. W. De Long. There are at present in the township excellent schools, at Beaconsfield, Burgessville, Quaker street, Friends Separate School, Newark, Pleasant Valley, the Gore, and Norwich village. The Entrance Examination is taken up in each of these schools, and the Norwich School has a Public School department and a High School department. In the Public School are four teachers; in the High School two teachers, in which the students are prepared for the Junior Leaving Exam.

Between the years 1820 and 1830 a small village began to grow. The first general store was opened out by James Barker and his son William P. Barker in 1828, and was a success from the first. They kept ample supplies of dry goods, groceries, glassware, crockery, hardware, patent medicines and drugs. The store was situated on the south side of Main street near the Corner hotel. The goods were brought from Toronto and Niagara by the aid of horses and wagons, the drivers often being molested by wolves prowling through the forest.

In 1833 there were but thirteen houses between Mrs. Smiley's residence and Dr. Riddell's farm, the Stroud House was then on the



Mr. and Mrs. John McKee.

south-west corner of Main and Stover streets, and there was a hotel one mile north kept by Caleb Tompkins the younger, in the building afterwards occupied by Thomas Carolan. The postmaster was Dr. E. Cooke, who resided on Quaker street at that time in a house afterwards converted into a drive house by Henry Sutton. The doctor's office and the postoffice were in the upper part of the building.

MILITARY HISTORY.—In 1824 J. H. Throckmorton had been appointed captain of the local militia, and in 1829 there were 70 in the company. John Kelly was also captain in 1829 with 80 men. In 1838, the first Regiment of Oxford in Dereham and Norwich was commanded by Col. B. Brigham. In 1852 the officers were: Lieut. Col. Thomas Wallace, Captains Joseph Agar and Wm. B. Searls and Captain and Adjutant John G. Carroll.

Norwich took an active part in the Rebellion of 1837. On the 6th of December 1837, Dr. Duncombe, then an M. P. P., arrived here stating McKenzie had possession of Toronto, called a meeting and made a patriotic speech, asking for volunteers. On the 12th he had a force of about 180 men besides officers, and they left here on that date and arrived at Scotland in the evening. They had met an addition of volunteers from Long Point and then had a force of 300 men: The next day Duncombe having received dispatches that Capt. McNab was within a day's march with 500 men, they decided it better policy to retreat back to Norwich, which they reached after dark and each one thought it was his business to look after himself. There were a number arrested in Norwich and sent to various prisons, and many of them were sentenced to be hung. Among the residents of the village and the township who suffered at this time were:— Dr. Cooke, John A. Tidey, sr., Dr. Town, Elias Snyder, Daniel and Paul Bedford, Stephen Smith, Gordon De Long, John Dennis, Abram Sackrider and Solomon Lossing. One after another received their pardon except Daniel Bedford, (who resided in Newark), he was hanged at London, Jan. 11th, 1839. His body was

secured by his friends and buried in the Friends cemetery by his father.

The Norwich boys were to Front in the Fenian Raid of 1866, in connection with the 22nd Battalion, Oxford Rifles. The late Capt. Bleakley was associated with this Battalion for twenty-seven years. At the time of the Fenian Raid No. 6 Company was composed mostly of young boys all of Norwich township and had only been organized a couple of months; they were but little acquainted with military training or the methods of warfare. The Company was under the command of Captain Nesbitt of Holbrook and Lieut. George Bleakley, Ensign M. Nesbitt, and Sergeants Joseph A. Tiley and Colborne Pettit. When the orders came from headquarters they were off in a few hours. The Company took the train to Woodstock, thence to Paris, then on to Port Colborne, where they saw the seven dead Canadians who had been killed at the battle of Ridgeway. The next day they went on to Fort Erie, rode on the train for eight or nine miles, then walked the rest of the way. Fort Erie is a 22 mile journey from Port Colborne. They found little food on the road, the Fenians had cleaned out everything, and their sleeping quarters were the tables and furnishings of a billiard room. As the Fenians had disappeared, they took the train to London, via Hamilton, where they remained a couple of weeks for military drill. Their return to Norwich was a time of great rejoicing, a splendid supper was served, speeches, music, etc., made an excellent programme for the occasion.

About 1847 Norwich began to be quite a trading place. Michael Stover had built a saw mill, a carding mill and a flour mill. This,



Moses Mott.

Wallace had a good general store and was post-master, was also running a distillery. Matthew and Robert Scott had a general store, ashery and saleratus works, James Wickham a carriage shop, Wm. Addison and George Walker had furniture business, Wm. Poldon blacksmith shop, John McKee, a tannery, and others commenced business about that time.

While Norwich has always been noted for its fruit it has also taken the lead in the county for its agricultural and dairy produce. In 1852 its butter product amounted to 112,930 pounds and cheese 112,540 pounds.

This was made possible by the very early recognition of the progressive farmers of the exceedingly fine pasturage over practically the whole of Oxford county and especially in Norwich, thus affording abundance of the very best milk-producing feed. This naturally turned their attention to the breeding of fine strain of cattle. Soon the formation of an Agricultural Society was talked of and steps were taken to form one.

The earliest records of the North Norwich Agricultural Society that the present secretary has, dates back to 1861. At that time Gilbert Moore was president, James Barr, vice-president, Hugh McKee, secretary-treasurer; directors William S. Moore, Wm. Tuffry, H. S. Losee, Henry Lossing, Daniel Young, Sylvester Harris, Robert Shannon, Nelson Brown and A. Baird.

North Norwich and South Norwich were formerly one society and the exhibitions were held alternately at Norwich and Otterville.

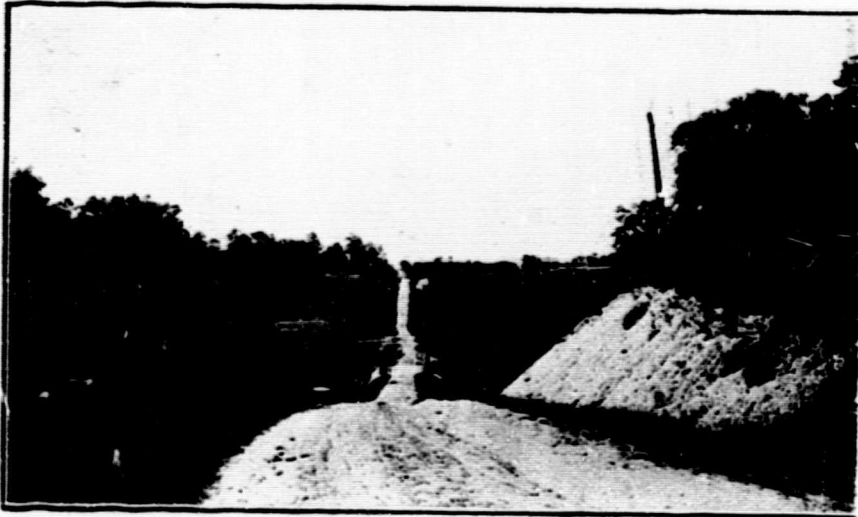


NORTH NORWICH COUNCIL.—1—J. A. Kneal, Reeve: 2—E. E. Hanmer, Councillor: 3—Jas. E. Carroll, Councillor: 4—Robt. Fewster, Councillor: 5—Andrew Cohoe, Treasurer: 6—Chas. E. Burgess, Clerk: 7—Benj. Moore, Councillor.

The Cheese Industry of North Norwich.

In 1864, Mr. Harvey Farrington led the way for Canadian cheese factories which have become a special industry. He purchased the farm and residence of Mr. Garry V. De Long, and gave the contract for building a cheese factory to Mr. Hiram Van Valkenburg. The factory was one mile north and one mile west of the village of Norwich. Manufacturing operations began in the spring of 1864. Mr. Henry Lossee was from the first a successful dairyman and his factory was in a way a dairy school. He was one of the first to show the farmers what to do with their whey, which

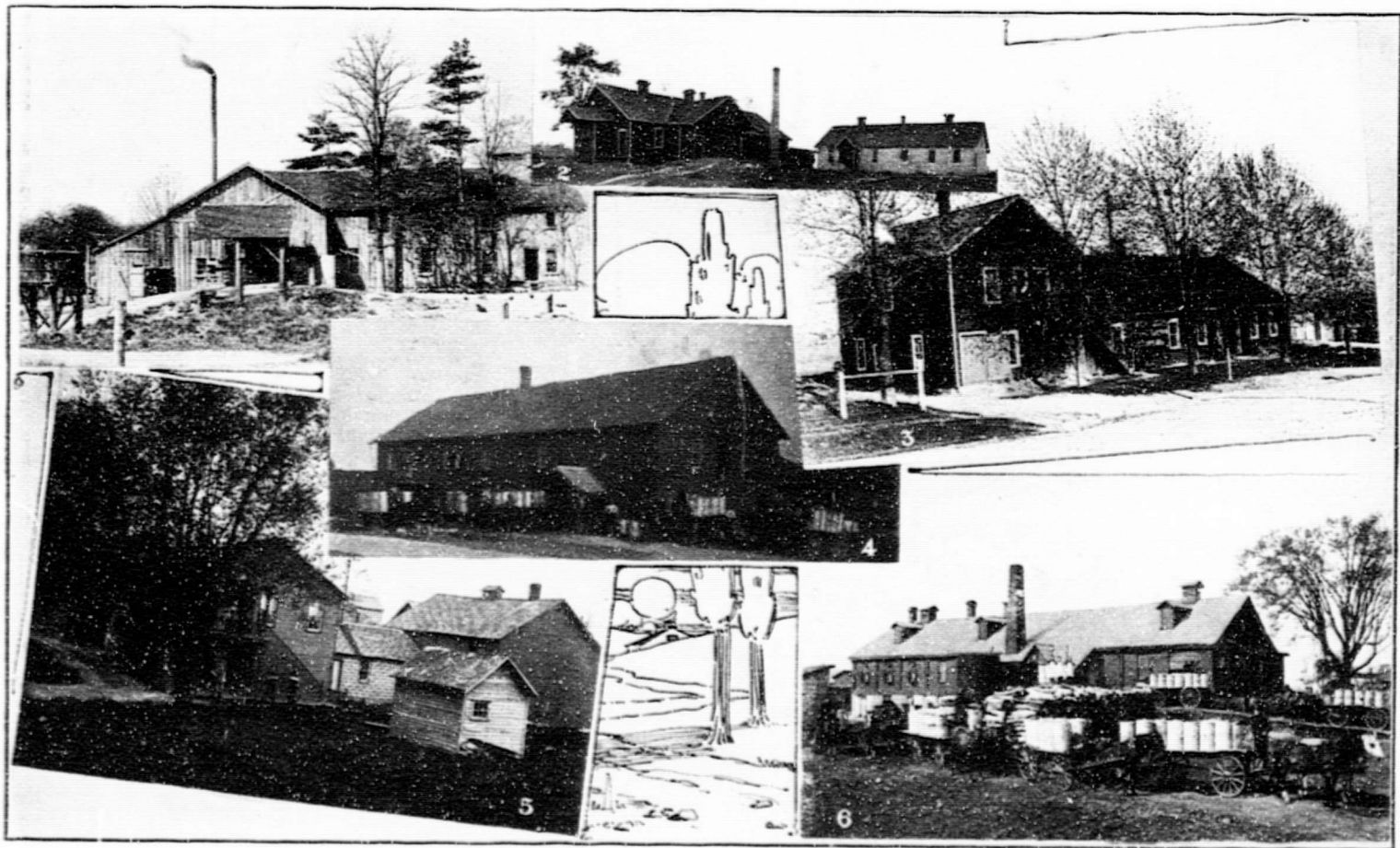
was considered a nuisance to factories and a source of disease and filth, and was prominent in the introduction of cheese-making.



Driveway in the Vicinity of Norwich.

Mr. Farrington erected the Burgessville factory in 1866, East Oxford in 1867 and another in Blenheim, called the Richwood factory, and bought the Henry Lossee factory in 1888. After his death in 1878, his son I. L. Farrington managed these factories until 1902. The factories in North Norwich are: Burgessville, owner, Mr. Hoover; Lossee, owner, John Eccles; Norwich Gore, owner, R. Snell; Norwich Junction, owner, Mr. Herron; The Zenda factory, owned by Mr. A. Darroch; New Lawson, owned by Mr. Harrison, and the East Oxford, owned by Mr. Scidmore, although just over the boundary, draw a large amount of milk from North Norwich.

The Norwich factories average about one hundred tons each per year.



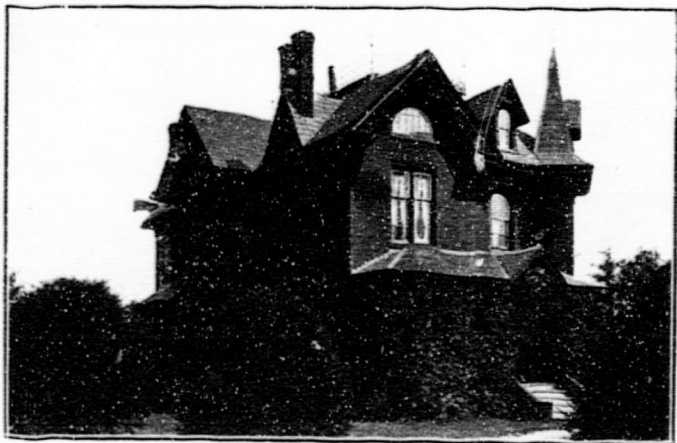
CHEESE FACTORIES OF NORTH NORWICH.—No. 1, Losee, No. 2, Zenda, No. 3, Gore, No. 4, Newark, No. 5, East Oxford, No. 6, Norwich Junction.



THE OLD DR. COOK HOMESTEAD, until recently occupied by Mr. J. C. Shaw, now the property of Mr. Ralph Moore.



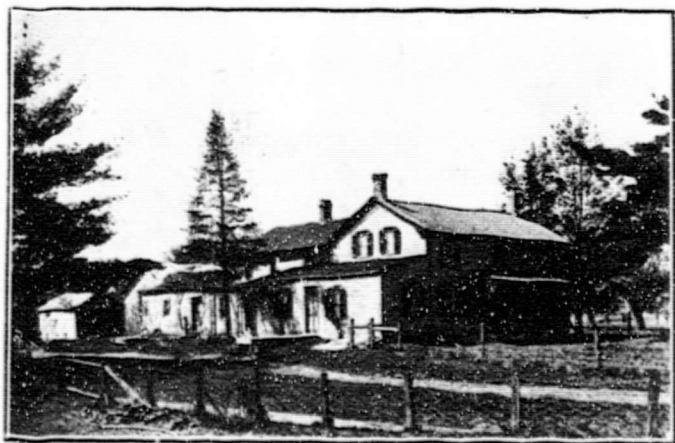
Residence of Mr. W. Waring.



Residence of Mr. M. Furlong.



Residence of Mr. Walter Hemmingway.



The Mott Homestead, Quaker St.



"Sunny Lawn," Residence of Mr. Andrew Cohoe.



"Green Lawn," Res. of Mr. M. E. Hopkins.



Home of Reeve J. A. Kneal.



"Evergreen Farm," Res. of Mr. Isaac Rush.



Residence of Mr. W. Derbyshire.



Residence of Mr. Jas. E. Carroll.

Norwich Township Churches

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Beautifully situated southwest of Norwich is St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church which was erected about sixteen years ago when the parish was under the charge of Rev. Father Brady, though the foundation of the parish dates back considerably farther as this is the second church. There are about one hundred and fifty members in the church,

including among them such influential families as the McNallys, Furlongs, Duffys and others. At one time the congregation had a resident pastor, but of late years it has been attended to from Ingersoll and Woodstock.

THE GORE METHODIST CHURCH.

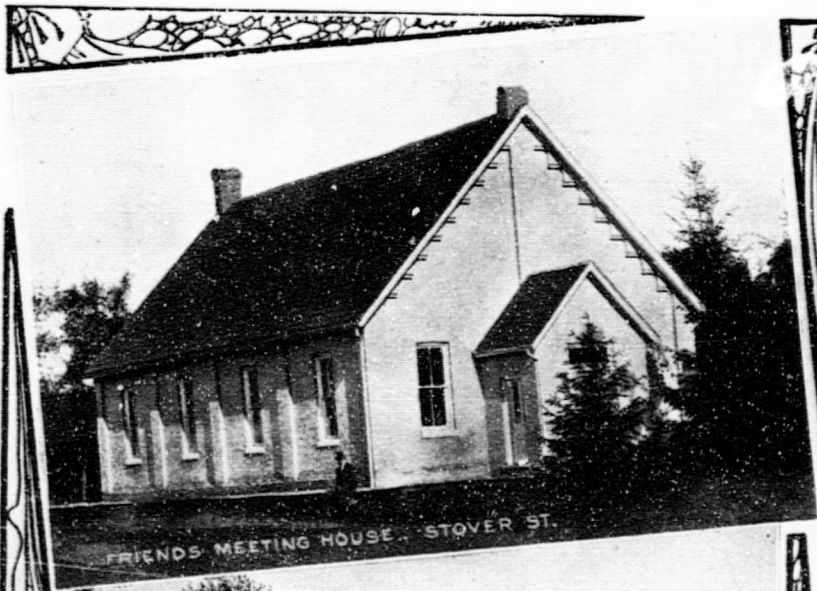
This organization dates back for about fifty years and has had a progressive history. Belonging to the Otterville and Bookton Circuit it has had a number of esteemed pastors and its present efficient minister is Rev. J. A. Jewett. Its membership numbers fifty with a thriving congregation. It has a flourishing Sunday School ably superintended and with competent teachers. It also has a King's Daughters' and Sons' Circle which is a decided acquisition and support to the church. The outlook for the work there is very encouraging.

THE ORTHODOX FRIENDS' CHURCH.

The Society of Friends held religious services in 1811 at the home of Peter Lossing, one of their ministers. They built a brick structure in 1849, usually termed the "Old Brick." Some years ago they again built, this time just outside the village corporation, on Stover Street North. Here they hold their First Day, and Fourth Day services regularly and faithfully in their attractive white brick meeting house.

THE YOUNG FRIENDS' CHURCH.

This organization was a branch from the parent stem, the Orthodox Friends, and separated from it about twenty years ago, they are usually designated the Young Friends. Their place of worship is the "Old Brick" on Quaker Street, where they congregate from week to week. Both bodies of Friends contain adherents of recognized worth and they are highly esteemed in the community.



FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, STOVER ST.



ST PETERS R.C. CHURCH



GOBE METHODIST CHURCH



FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, QUAKER ST.

North Norwich Churches.

The Stock Farms of North Norwich.

RETTIE BROS.

Native ability combined with industry are finely exemplified in the persons of James and Alex. Rettie. These sturdy Scots came from Aberdeenshire in the eighties with nothing but their personal belongings. For a few years they worked for different farmers in the vicinity and then rented the farm on which they live. Fifteen years ago they commenced to keep pure bred Holstein cattle. Five years later they were exhibiting in Toronto, London, and other leading shows in Canada.

Their cattle have taken the very highest honors in the show ring, and have made the very highest records in public milk tests, some of which have never been equalled.

In a little over twenty years, starting with practically nothing, the Rettie Bros. now own 240 acres of land. Their herd is composed of fifty head of the best pure bred Holstein cattle in Canada, with which they have taken the best prizes and have secured a splendid record which they expect to maintain at Toronto and other fairs this year. Mr. J. Rettie is a Vice-President of the Holstein Friesian Association of Canada.

BROOKSIDE STOCK FARM AND NORWICH DAIRY.

One of the oldest herds of Ayrshires in Canada to-day is the "Brookside" herd owned by H. and J. McKee of Norwich. This herd was established in 1872 by Mr. Hugh McKee, the senior member of the firm, who are father and son. The aim from the beginning has been to breed for "performance" and they have never been carried away by any fad for color or "fancy" show type. In following their aim they

have not only achieved success in producing performers, but they also have produced animals that are hard to beat in the show ring. They placed a number of their Ayrshires on exhibition at the great National Dairy Show, in Chicago in 1906. Every animal exhibited, except the stock bull, was of their own breeding. They were successful in winning 2nd and 3rd on cows; 1st and 3rd on 2 year old heifers, and first on 1 year old heifer and 1st for herd. It is however in the great provincial dairy tests at our Winter Fairs where the Brookside Ayrshires shine. From 1902 up to the present time, with one single exception, every 1st prize that has been won in the class for mature Ayrshire cows in the great dairy tests at the Ontario Winter Fair has been captured by a "Brookside" bred cow. Probably the most noted matron in the herd to-day is the grand old veteran Sarah 2nd, dam of the great cow, Jean Armour, which sold at Geo. Rice's great dispersion sale for \$510.00 to an American buyer, and we understand has since been resold for \$1500.00.

Sarah 2nd has the following string of victories in dairy tests to her credit:— 1st at Ontario Winter Fair, 1902, 1st and Sweepstakes in 1903, 2nd in 1905, 1st in 1906, 2nd in 1907, (the 1st being won by her daughter, Jean Armour), and 2nd in 1908. She is now in her 14th year, going through the yearly "Record of Performance" test and bids fair to make a record of over 12,000 pounds of milk. The champion milk-producing Ayrshire cow of Canada is Annie Laurie 2nd with a record of 15,134.4 lbs. of milk, 598.5 lbs. of butter fat in one year. She is a Brookside herd cow recently sold from the herd. Her dam was a half-sister to Sarah 2nd.

The Norwich Dairy like the Brookside herd is also an old established institution, the inaugural trip having been taken on Thanksgiving day, November, 1886.

STOCK FARMS—Continued.

With regard to the quality of Brookside Ayrshire milk, we will let the facts speak for themselves, and give below the report of records made and prizes won by the 6 cows and heifers from this herd at the Ontario Winter Fair dairy test last December. The test being for 3 days.

| MATURE COWS. | Prize Award'd. | Pounds of Milk. | % of Butter Fat. | % of Total Solids. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Victoria | 1st. | 166.81 | 4.3 | 14.16 |
| White Floss of Brookside | 2nd. | 161.99 | 4.4 | 14.23 |
| 3 YEAR OLD HEIFERS. | | | | |
| Queen Jessie of Springhill | 1st. | 133 | 4.6 | 14.47 |
| Star's Sarah | 2nd. | 137.44 | 4.1 | 13.87 |
| 2 YEAR OLD HEIFERS. | | | | |
| Scotties' Victoria | 2nd. | 94.75 | 4.1 | 13.87 |
| Scotties' Nancy | 3rd. | 92.77 | 4.2 | 13.99 |

SHADELAWN—THE HOLSTEIN-FRESIAN STOCK FARM OF MR. T. L. DUNKIN.

This farm was secured from the Crown by David Dunkin, father of the late Gilbert Dunkin in the year 1824. Thirty-three years later on, in the year 1857, he built the house now occupied by the family. In the year 1865 he built a cheese factory which he operated until his death in April, 1899.

In the same year his son, T. L. Dunkin, purchased the interests of the other heirs and has since operated it as a Dairy Farm.

In the year 1906 he engaged in the breeding and rearing of pure bred Holstein-Fresian cattle. The foundation stock was purchased in Michigan principally from the noted breeder, Mr. Harvey S. Day, of Willis. The present herd now consists of about 40 head, a few of which appear in the accompanying illustrations.

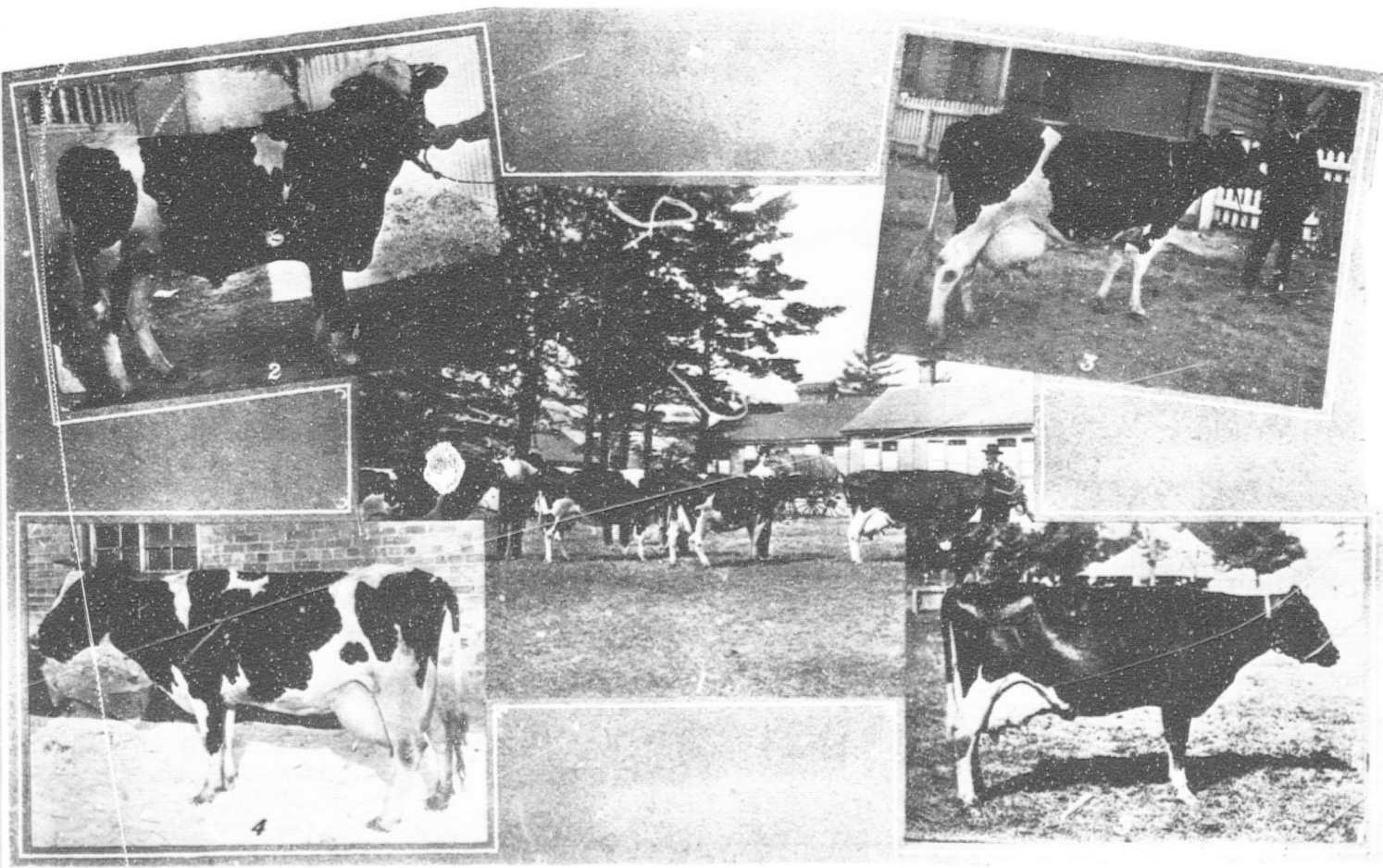
MR. A. E. HULET.

The proprietor of the Evergreen Stock Farm is one of the most successful young farmers in North Norwich. The beautiful farm on which he lives was part of the tract purchased by his grandfather from the Crown, and contains 150 acres of choice land. Mr. Hulet, after keeping store for five years in Norwich, went on the farm in 1902. For six years he has made a specialty of raising Holstein cattle and has taken prizes in the shows of Toronto, Ottawa, London and a number of smaller fairs. His beautiful herd contains forty head and one needs but to look at them to see how well they are kept. They have always tested well and their records are a matter of pride to their owner. Mr. Hulet makes daily shipments of cream to Toronto. He is an enthusiastic stockman, and one of the members of the Norwich Agricultural Society. A Graduate of Woodstock College, he has always taken a deep interest in education and has been for a number of years trustee of Pleasant Valley School.

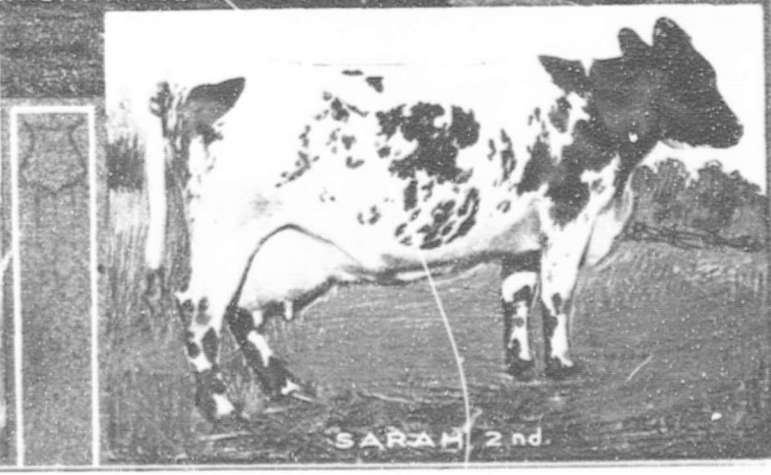
MESSRS. G. AND F. GRIFFIN.

These well-known cattle breeders, father and son, have had great success with thoroughbred Holsteins. Six years ago they got the foundation of their fine herd from the pure bred stock of Messrs. Rettie Bros. and Rice. Now their famous "Homestead Herd" number twenty-five beautiful cattle and as a consequence they have been able to sell all available stock with the greatest ease and could have disposed of more if they had had them.

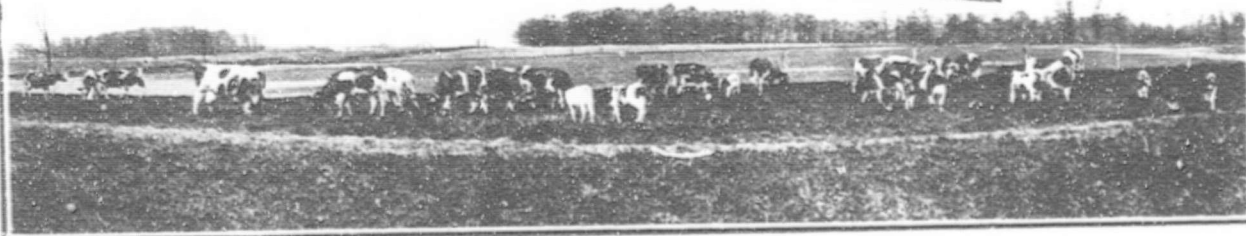
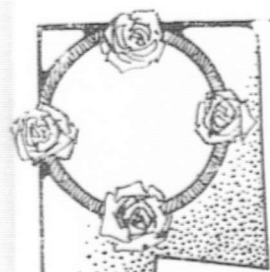
They have been among the fortunate exhibitors at the cattle shows and have made records which they will furnish to anyone on application. Should anyone desire to commence keeping the best strains of Holsteins, he can do no better than to buy from their herd. The bull which is seen in the accompanying illustration was procured from Gordon Manhard, Leeds Co., Ontario, known as a high-class breeder of the best Holsteins in Canada. It is gratifying to note that this success has attended the deserving efforts of one of our Norwichites, as Mr. Griffin, sr., was born in North Norwich, and has lived on his present farm, north of Burgessville, for 55 years.



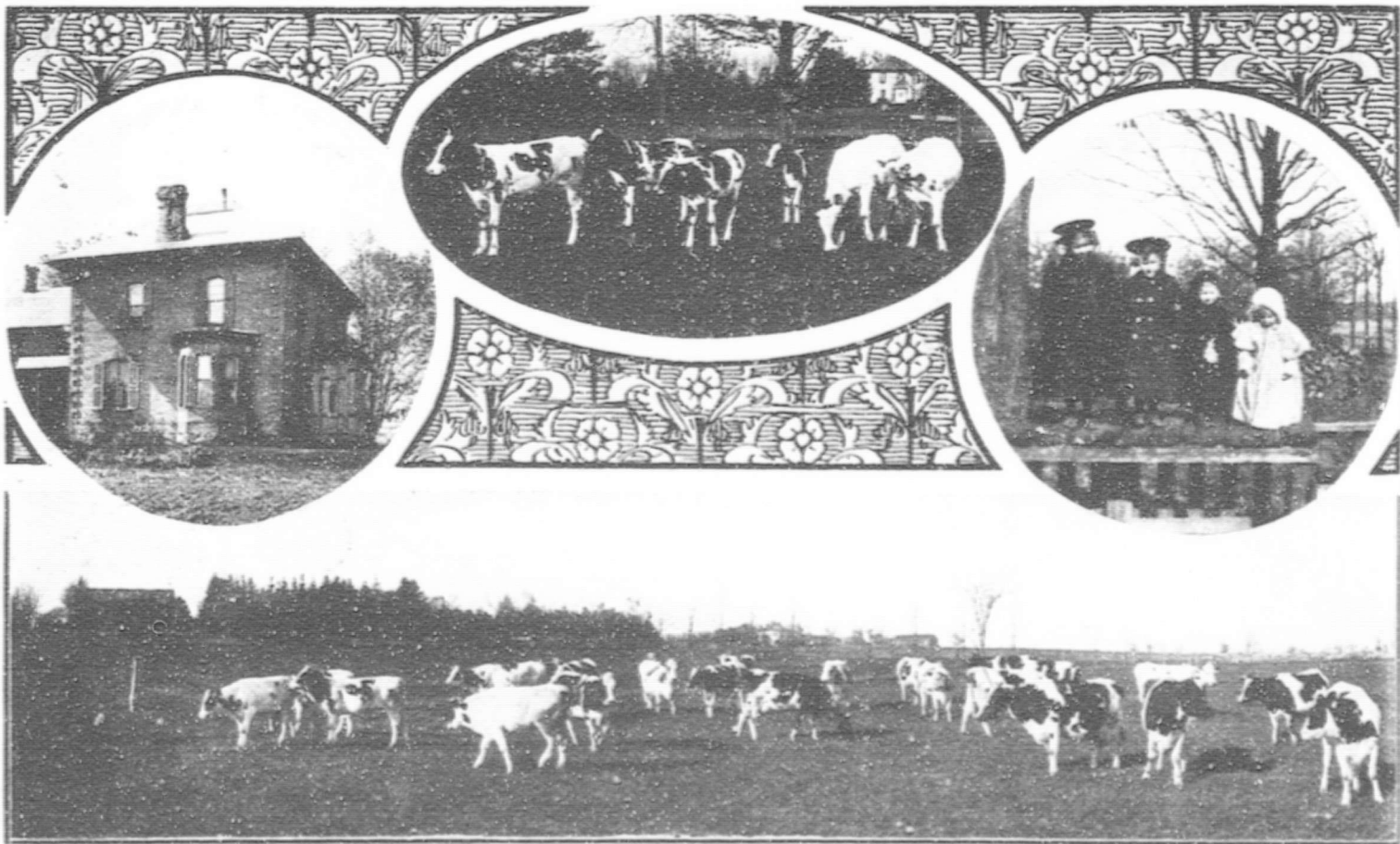
A few of Rettie Bros. Prize-Winning Holsteins.



"Brookside" Stock Farm and Dairy, owned by Messrs. H. and J. McKee.



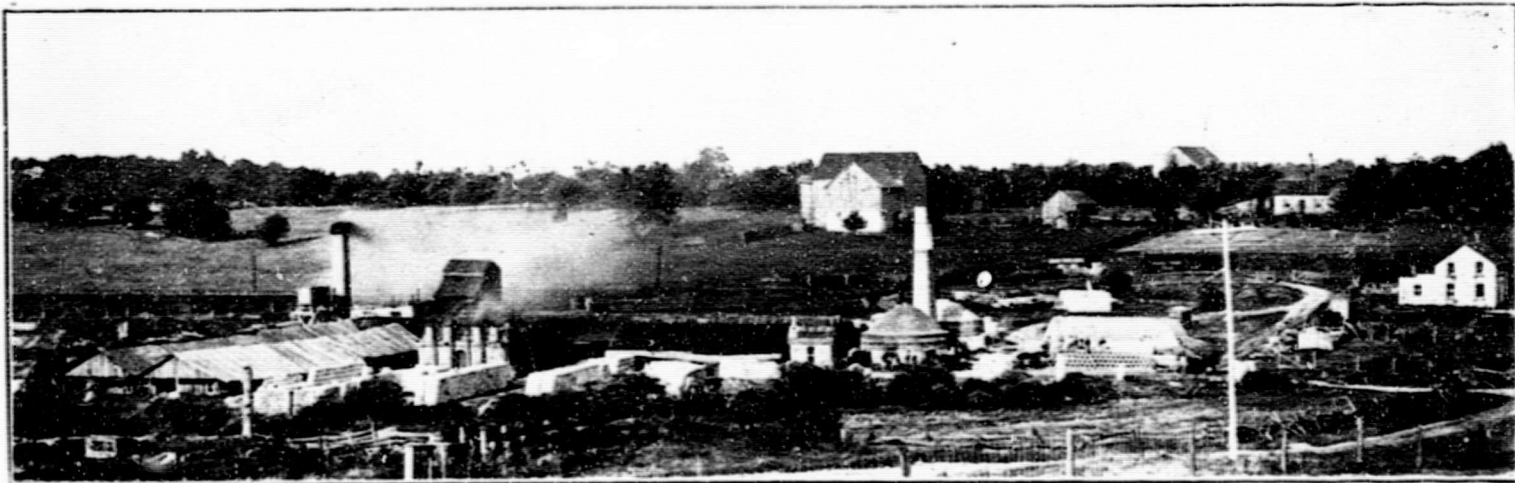
"Shadelawn," the Holstein-Fresian Stock Farm of Mr. T. L. Dunkin.



Evergreen Farm, Owned by Mr. A. E. Hulet.



Homestead Stock Farm, Property of Messrs. G. & F. Griffin.



Messrs. Geo. Deller & Sons, Brick and Tile Yards.

GEO. DELLER AND SONS.

The senior member of this firm came to our fair Dominion from old London about four decades ago. For three of them, he has resided in this vicinity with his family, and during that time he has achieved a notable reputation as a brick and tile maker. For eighteen years he did business at Haight's Corners, after that he located at what was then known as Close's yard, where on Quaker St., he has built up quite a hamlet around what is now known as Deller's brick and tile works. Associated with him are his two sons, Fred and Arthur, who are the managers. The season of making extends from May till October, in-

clusive, during which time thousands of their special 3—18 inch tile and large barn brick are made. Special machines combining speed and strength are employed for this work, after which the brick and tile are dried before going into the kiln, where they are fired to a hardness that makes them adapted to the uses they are put. Oxford County is a splendid field of operations. The farmers are constantly adding to their tile drainage, many barn foundations use the barn brick. Mr. Deller and his sons are therefore widely known in the county through their trade, and wherever they are known they are highly esteemed as men of genuine worth and integrity. Mr. Deller is one of the oldest and most highly honored members of the Norwich Methodist Church.



THE OLD STEVENS HOMESTEAD—The above House was built ninety years ago, and the Barn 83 years ago.



Driveway on the New Durham Road.



Quaker Street, North Norwich.

The cross on the road indicates where the first tree
was felled in 1810.

NORWICH.

A Brief Sketch of this Enterprising Village, Past and Present.

In January, 1876, Norwich became an incorporated village, and consequently elected a separate Council from that of the township; Monday, Jan. 3rd, 1876, was the first appointment of a village Council. The results of the election were as follows:— Reeve, Gilbert Moore; Councillors, James Barr, D. M. Donald, M. Charlton, H. J. Adams.

For the township:— Reeve, Thos. Abraham, Deputy Reeve, E. Palmer; Councillors, H. Van Valkenburg, W. Fewster, John Shehan. School Trustees:— Geo. Bleakley, James Barr, Dr. Padfield, T. H. Dredge, S. Pitcher and Howard Nicholson.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS FOR THE PAST THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

Reeves:— Gilbert Moore, 1876, 1877; Seneca Fitcher, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1893, 1894; Geo. A. Cooke, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1888; L. F. Bungay, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1892; Edward Pettit, 1895; J. D. Hogarth, 1896, 1897; H. S. Moore, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1902, 1907, 1908, 1909; C. G. Hulet, 1901; J. A. Yeo, 1903; Thomas Brown, 1904; Pennington Marsh, 1905, 1906; Arden Cameron, 1910.

Treasurer:— Geo. Barr, 1876, 1877; A. P. Miller, 1878; Jonathan Clutton, 1879; James Haken 1880 to 1888; Wm. Fairley 1899 to 1910.

Clerks:— Wm. Walker, 1876 to 1878; Dr. Lount, 1879, 1880; J. H. Farrington, 1881 to 1883; Wm. Walker, 1884 to 1889; Wm. Fairley, Oct. 28, 1889 to 1910.

First Assessor:— Wm. Topham; First Chief Constable, James Stevenson.

Annual Meeting of the North Norwich Agricultural Society was held in the Brady Hall, January 15th, and the following officers elected:— President, L. D. Swartout; Vice-President, Oliver Jaques; Sec.-Treas., Wm. Topham; Directors, A. P. Miller, John Shehan, Henry Aikman, Wm. Lynes, Elias Mott, Joshua Gillam, Albert Wilson, John Topham, Wm. Fewster; Auditors, T. H. Dredge and Jordan Palmer.

At the time of the corporation there were two railroads running through Norwich, the Port Dover and Lake Huron; the Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell, the latter not completed. The two Presidents lived in the village, Gilbert Moore was the President of the P. D. & L. H. R. and Dr. James Carroll, President of the B. N. & P. B. R.

There were three churches, Trinity, Rev. T. E. Saunders, In-

cumbent; Canada Methodist, Rev. G. H. Cornish, pastor; Presbyterian, Rev. W. M. Martin, pastor.

Physicians:— Dr. E. Cooke, Dr. Jas. Carroll, Dr. C. W. Padfield and Dr. Fitzgerald Sutherland. Postmaster, Gilbert Moore, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, James Barr.

The business men of the village in 1876 were:— John A. Tidey, Medical Hall; D. Nicholson, photograph gallery; W. Addison & Son, steam cabinet factory and undertaking; S. Pitcher, dry goods and groceries; Royal Canadian Bank, Jas. Macdonald; C. G. Sutton, jeweller; G. A. Wilson, painter; M. Charlton, boot and shoemaker; W. Poldon & Son (Ernest), general worker in iron and steel; H. J. Adams & Son, harness shop; Chas. Brown, meat and poultry; George Walker & Son, furniture warehouse and undertaking; Claudius Tidey, conveyancer, notary public, commissioner; Couzens & Rawlings, carriage makers; Wm. Strobe, butcher; W. Hand & Co., general groceries; Jos. McCormick, painter, grainer and grazier; S. Carter, livery; Joseph Will, boot and shoemaker; Bungay & Merritt, dairy furnishings, hardware and iron works; Mrs. F. J. Clarke, variety store and millinery; D. W. Miller, dry goods, groceries, tailoring; P. H. Clark, merchant, millinery, etc.; Haken & Co., boots and shoes; T. Batty, stove emporium and tinware; Geo. Bleakley, manufacturer and dealer in furniture; Donald & Nicholson, architects, builders and planing mills; John Fitch, pumps; R. S. Aikman, confectionery and bakery; Wm. Walker, commission merchant, dealer in plaster, lime, etc.; Geo. Zuefeldt, dentistry; Brady House, N. Brady; Stroud House, C. Dake; and the Brown House, W. R. Brown.

In 1876 the first Fire Company was organized. There were between forty and fifty members on the Fire Company Roll and from the list the following officers were chosen:— Captain, Geo. Bleakley; 1st lieut., Wm. Topham; four second lieutenants, J. F. Poldon, B. Addison, H. S. Moore and Jas. Barrett.

Hook and Ladder Company officers were:— Captain W. H. Burtch; first lieut., Peter Craib; 2nd lieut., G. W. Poldon, first axeman, D. Mustard; second, J. H. Adams; third, W. H. Miller; fourth, Geo. Copeland. Sec.-Treas. of both Companies, Wm. Walker.

In December of 1876 arrangements were made to form a Mechanics' Institute. The officers elected were:— President, W. T. Turney;

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Vice-President, H. S. Moore; Secretary, Wm. Walker; Treasurer, A. P. Miller; Directors, Gilbert Moore, Jas. Barr, S. Pitcher, G. C. Sutton, Geo. Barr, Jas. Haken, D. M. Donald, Geo. Bleakley, Geo. Stanhoff and Chas. Adams.

Norwich streets were in darkness, when not lighted by the moon, the only street lamp was the one erected on a pole in front of the Standard office, the sidewalks were of plank and there were only on a few streets beside Main and Stover Streets. The first arrangement introduced for lighting the streets was coal oil lamps erected on poles on the principal streets. In 1890, the late Wm. Merrill introduced an arc light system. The dynamo was made in Waterford, and the cost of the whole enterprise was \$2,500. The power was furnished by a threshing machine.

When Mr. Merrill died in 1894, the Beattie Bros. purchased the property and continued the business of electric lighting until 1897, and was followed by several months of darkness. Then the council advertised for tenders and H. Webster was accepted and he installed an incandescent electric lighting plant. There are few homes and business stands that are not lighted by electric light now. There are about 1850 lamps in use altogether, and the streets are lighted by about 70.—32 candle-power incandescent lamps.

The first business block built in Norwich was D. W. Miller's, built in 1876, contains the Molson's Bank with residence of manager, and the store was known as the "Old Reliable Store." The late Gilbert Moore did more in the building up of Norwich, than any other person. The Port Dover and Lake Huron Railroad was built mainly through his persistent efforts. The fine brick block built by him on Main street compares favorably with those in larger cities. The year 1881 was noted in Norwich for the building boom; \$75,000 was invested in new



Clyde Street, looking South.

buildings erected during the current year. Mr. Moore made an important addition to his splendid block so that it was a structure 141 ft. by 75 in area. The late John A. Tiddy erected a fine block of white brick on Stover street facing the bank about this time. It was purchased later by Jas. Haken, burned, and Mr. Haken built a handsome new building, (still the owner), occupied by Mr. McWhirter's Drug Emporium, with the Masonic Rooms in the second storey.

Seneca Pitcher's brick block was also built in 1881 which is a fine addition to the business establishments of the village.

Mr. Barr also built a fine block on Main street. Mr. Henderson's handsome brick block on Main str. was built soon after this, and in addition to those referred to there are on the north side of Main street several other fine business blocks:—Bleakley furniture emporium, Mr. Forsyth's music and variety store, R. A. Vair's groceries, etc., Sutton

Block, Jas. Searl's, occupied by T. E. Patterson; south side, Carroll's block, Trader's Bank, post office and express office, all of which are built of brick and attractive in appearance.

D. M. Donald's building for a Fruit Evaporator was built about 1881, the site was where the present school building is, it was burned several years later. The present establishment is situated in the southwestern part of the village, the proprietor, Mr. Schier, has equipped the building throughout with new and up-to-date machinery. About 45 hands are employed and has a capacity for 1000 bushels of apples per day.

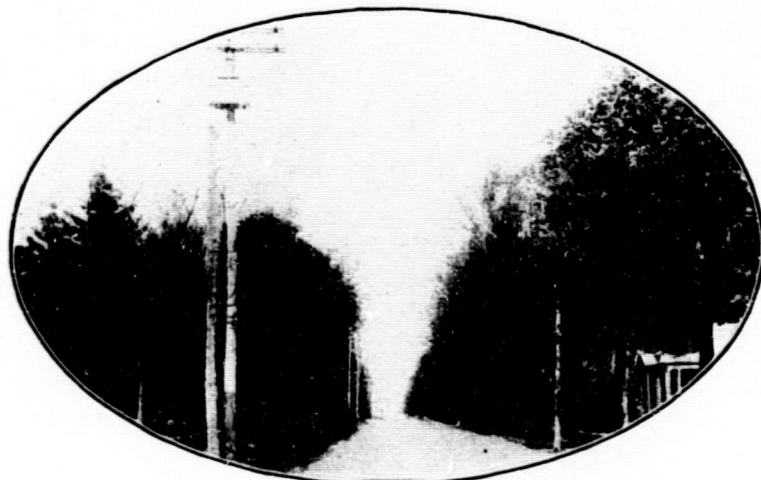
The Vinegar Works established in Norwich about thirty years ago by the late Mr. Allen is the largest industrial institution in Norwich and annually uses about 100,000 bushels of apples. From 15 to 60 hands are employed. Mr. Allen was the first man in Canada to manufacture

vinegar on a large scale in a factory for commercial purposes.

The burning of the Oxford Flour Mills belonging to Mr. Isaac Rank, which occurred the summer of 1909, was a heavy loss to the town. In the early 50's Mr. Wilson Buck had a grist mill in the village, near the site of W. Bowman's planing mill, afterwards run by Mr. Barr and Mr. Collins, this mill was burned twice, and after the last fire was not rebuilt. In later years Mr. Edwin Palmer built an Oatmeal mill on the site of where Mr. Rank's mill stood, Walker and Hadper converted it into a Flour Mill, it was burned, afterwards rebuilt and was in the possession of Mr. Rank when burned the second time. The advent of the Hydro-Electric power will without doubt see the establishment of a new grist mill.

E. H. Thomas & Co. opened out a very important industry in Norwich, which in a few years developed into extensive business operations; they purchased the old school property, the building was of considerable dimensions and they built on and added to, to accommodate the necessities of their enterprise. They however received what they considered a better opening for their business in St. Thomas and removed there, even taking with them, the bricks, stone, etc., that composed their old building. The West, Taylor Bickle, Co., Limited, are carrying on a splendid business in the manufacture of brooms, turning out about 40,000 dozens of brooms and whisks yearly. They have been located in Norwich since 1905; the firm employs 28 hands and keeps three travellers on the road. The officers of the company are:— President, G. West; Vice-President, W. J. Bickle; Sec.-Treas., George A. Lees.

The head office of the Otter Mutual Fire Insurance Company is situated in Norwich and is under the charge of H. VanValkenburg,



Residential Section of Main St. East.

secretary-treasurer of the company.

The introduction of a weekly newspaper was contemporary with the incorporation of the village. Mr. Pilcher, proprietor of the first paper, the Standard, soon gave way to others. Among those who followed him were P. Craib, Jaffray Bros., etc., till one happy day, Mr. Bartholmew came and stood at the helm of this important enterprise, while in the meanwhile the Standard merged into the Gazette. For twenty-eight years Mr. Bartholmew wielded the press in the interests of Norwich, upholding its virtues, and forgetting its vices, and during that time was a friend to everybody. Failing health obliged him to retire from active life, and J. S. Winterbourne, of Berlin, took his place.

The Public Library and Reading Room is an important institution in the village. It is open on three evenings of the week, and on Saturday afternoons. In addition to a well-selected collection of books on Science, History, Biography, Voyage, Literature and Fiction, there is a fine lot of books specially adapted for the Juniors, also a table arranged with magazines and papers for the Juniors. Miss Amelia E. Polden has charge of the library, and by her persistent effort and study of library problems, it is becoming an important feature in the education of the young people, and is also a place for them to spend a pleasant hour in reading.

Unquestionably one of the biggest assets to any place are the advantages that it possesses for residential, industrial and educational purposes. In these important particulars, Norwich excels. Situated in the centre of a most fruitful section of the banner county of Ontario, it gives the impression of contentment and prosperity.

The finest maple trees adorn its well-kept streets, which are paved

with cement walks. Well-trimmed hedges and green lawns front the handsome houses, which the residents take pride in keeping attractive. Its business blocks are substantial and well built and its public institutions are a credit to it. It boasts of a number of manufacturing concerns, and a splendid school. It has an alert and aggressive Council, headed by Reeve Cameron, and composed of capable men, who are on the lookout for the progress of the village. It will bear comparison with any place of its size in Canada as to its representative men, among whom may be mentioned Mr. H. S. Moore, postmaster for twenty-eight years, and an outstanding figure in all its enterprises. Another prominent official is Mr. W. Fairley, who is familiar with the civic and legal matters relating to the village and is the Dominion Excise officer for Norwich. Norwich is an ideal location for prospective manufacturers. Its shipping facilities are supplied by both the B. & T. and the G. B. & L. E. divisions of the Grand Trunk. It has no large towns as competitors, nearer than sixteen miles and it was one of the places that passed the Hydro-Electric power by-law. It is also expected that Norwich will be supplied with natural gas. With these business and educational advantages, with social and religious privileges equal to any place, clean streets and healthful surroundings, there is no reason why Norwich should not continue to go forward in everything that makes for prosperity, progress and the well being of its inhabitants.

There is a local W. C. T. U., which has rendered good service in all the moral issues of the village, and was a prominent factor in the local option campaign. Its officers were:— President, Mrs. H. Van Valkenburg; recording secretary, Miss Alice Treffry; corresponding secretary, Miss Amelia E. Poldon; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Train.



Washington Avenue, looking South.

nis; treasurer, Geo. Stevenson.

Home Circle—Leader, R. Haylock; financial-secretary, J. McKnight; treasurer, J. D. Hogarth.

Royal Templar—Select Councillor, Smith Cornell; secretary and treasurer, H. Eggman.

Chosen Friends—Chief Councillor, Mr. Geo. Bowman; recorder and treasurer, Dr. J. H. Frain.

Maccabees—Chairman, Chas. Hubert; record keeper, R. A. Vair.

Woodmen of the World—Council Commander, Nelson Elliott; clerk, D. C. Beattie.

The history in this book was written for the Gazette by the well-known historian, Miss A. E. Poldon.

There is also a Woman's Institute, the officers are:—Mrs. Jacob Moore, president; secretary and treasurer, Miss Sadie Cornwell.

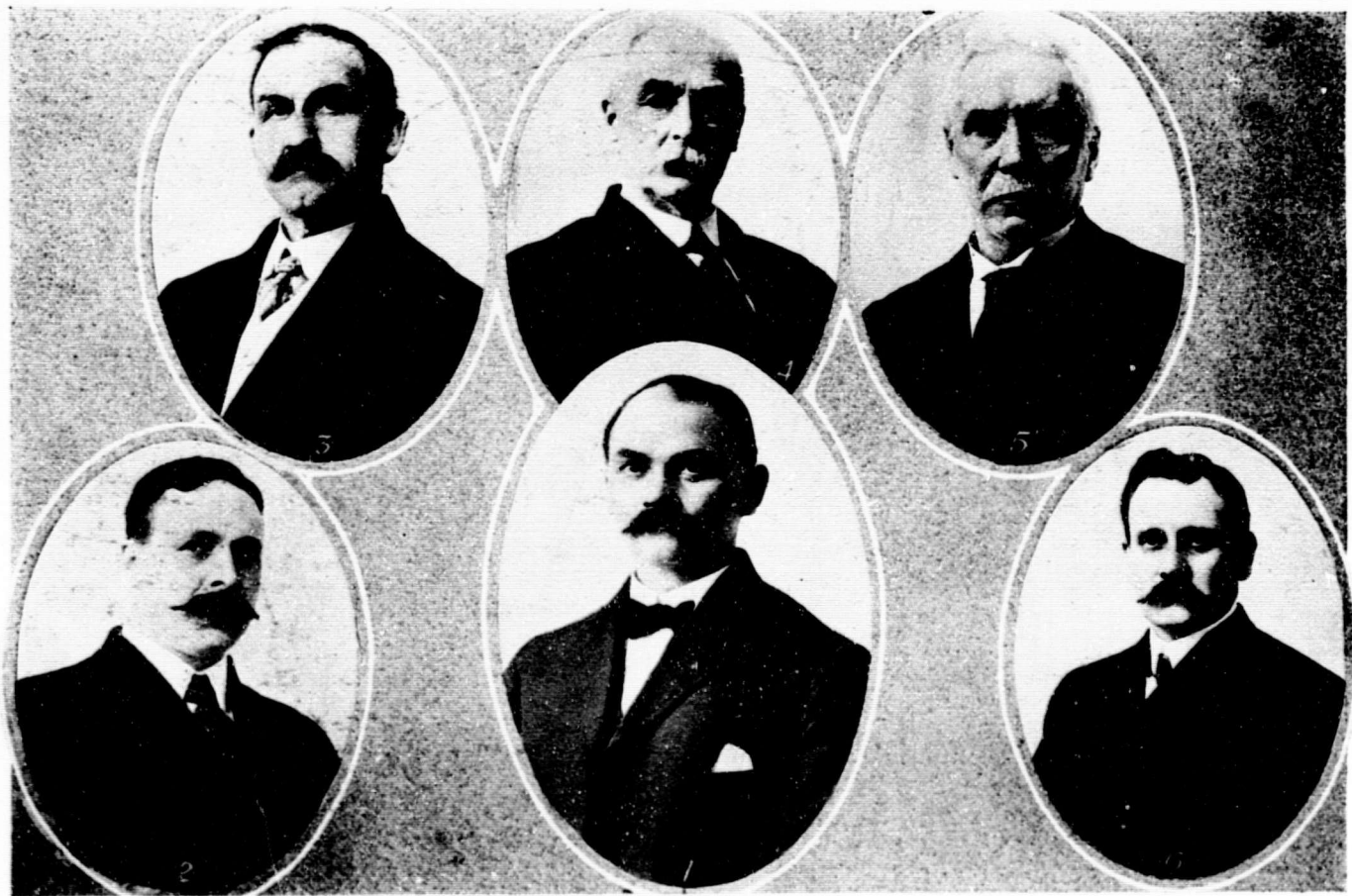
There are ten different fraternal societies in Norwich. Masonic, St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., worshipful master, Dr. E. W. Moles; senior warden, Newton Haight; junior warden, N. C. Macwhirter; past master, W. H. Eggman; treasurer, James Haken; secretary, G. W. Poldon.

I. O. O. F.—Noble Grand, Geo. Stevenson; recording-secretary, W. H. Miller; financial-secretary, W. H. Poldon; treasurer, J. D. Hogarth.

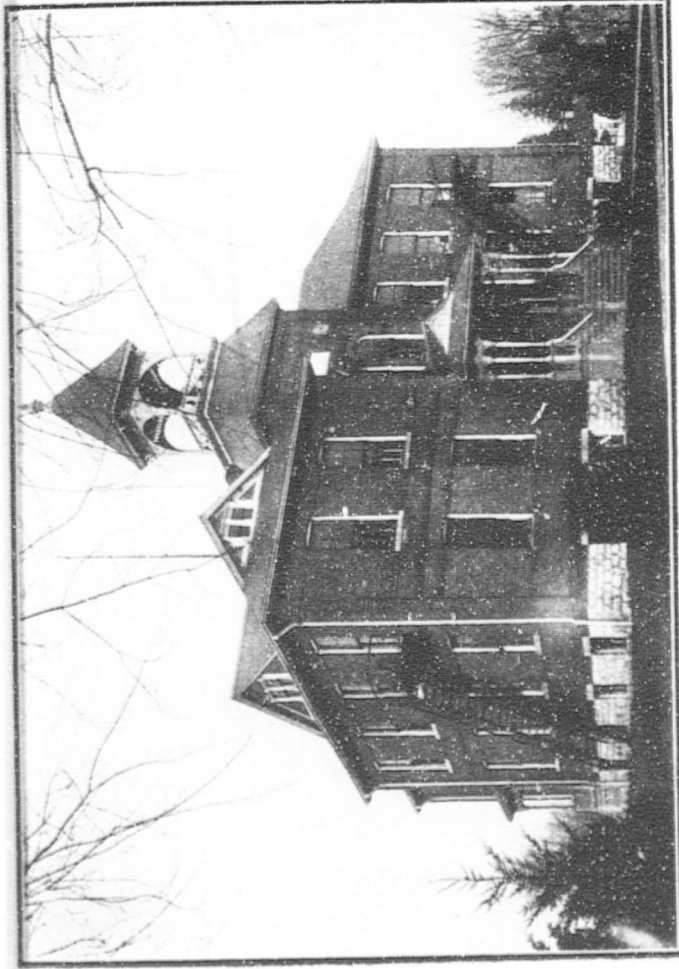
I. O. F.—Chief Ranger, J. C. Johnson; recording-secretary, Arden Cameron; financial-secretary, Wm. Fairley; treasurer, Jas. Croll.

C. O. F.—Past Chief Ranger, Joseph Bowman; secretary, Dr. E. W. Moles.

A. O. U. W.—Master, W. Corlett; recording-secretary, G. W. Poldon; financial-secretary, H. Den-



NORWICH COUNCIL—1. Arden Cameron, Reeve; 2. C. G. Hulet, Councillor; 3. W. Corlett, Councillor; 4. J. McKnight, Councillor; 5. W. Fairley, Clerk and Treasurer; 6. W. E. Maedel, Councillor.

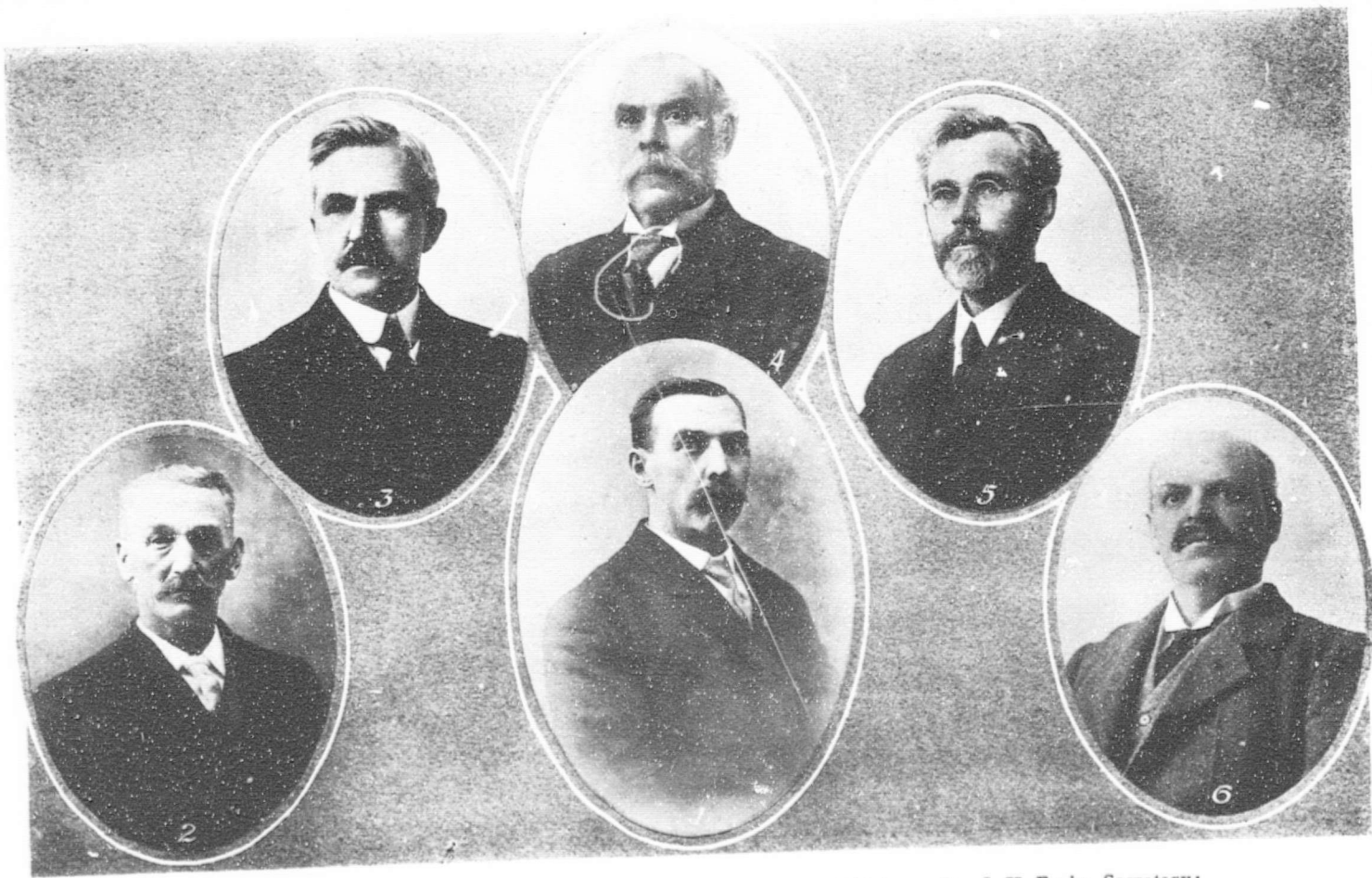


NORWICH HIGH AND PUBLIC SCHOOL



TEACHERS OF THE NORWICH SCHOOL.

Mr. Lawr. Miss Dunwoodie. Miss Walker. Mr. Cavley.
Miss Jull. Miss McKay.



NORWICH SCHOOL BOARD—1, J. A. Yeo, Chairman; 2, Nelson Elliot; 3, Dr. J. H. Train, Secretary;
4, W. Johnston; 5, Dr. E. E. Harvey; 6, Dr. A. D. Ellis.



F. W. CATTEL.

"The apparel oft proclaims the man," with a good suit of clothes on one's back, the world looks brighter. Mr. Cattel can accommodate you in this regard, be your purse fat or lean. He is an experienced cutter and tailor and his Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnishing establishment is stocked with an assortment of the very latest goods to suit the tastes of the public. He came here from Vittoria ten years ago, liked Norwich so well that he stayed, and by integrity and sterling ability has become widely known. He recently moved into more commodious quarters, which he has fitted out in a style that does credit to our town. Among other fine lines, he handles the King hat. His outside interests are varied. He is appreciated Fin. Sec. of the Baptist Church and Sunday School. He is a prize winner in Single Comb Brown Leghorns, having been successful at the large fairs, including Toronto, as a poultry exhibitor.



Interior of W. G. Ionson's Store.

W. G. IONSON,

W. G. Ionson is the successor of the oldest Drug House in Norwich. This store was begun by the late Jno. A. Tidey in 1855; in 1903 E. H. Jackson Co., Ltd., with D. J. Matthews as Manager, succeeded Mr. Jno. Bannon, son-in-law of Mr. Tidey and now of Alberta; on June 1st, 1910 the business was purchased by Mr. Ionson.

Under the able management of D. J. Matthews, the business has enjoyed a steadily growing trade, and prospects for further growth are very encouraging. This store makes a specialty of high-grade drugs, druggists' sundries, perfumery, etc., while prescriptions receive careful attention. Mr. Ionson also carries a full line of stationery as well as office and school supplies.

This business enjoys the esteem and confidence of both town and community, and it is far from boasting when we say this is one of the best Drug Houses in Ontario.



Interior of Mr. C. G. Hulet's Store.

C. G. HULET.

The proprietor of "The Popular Dry Goods House" has had a varied business career in Norwich. He was at first bookkeeper in the Old Oxford Mills in 1891. He then purchased the Flour and Feed

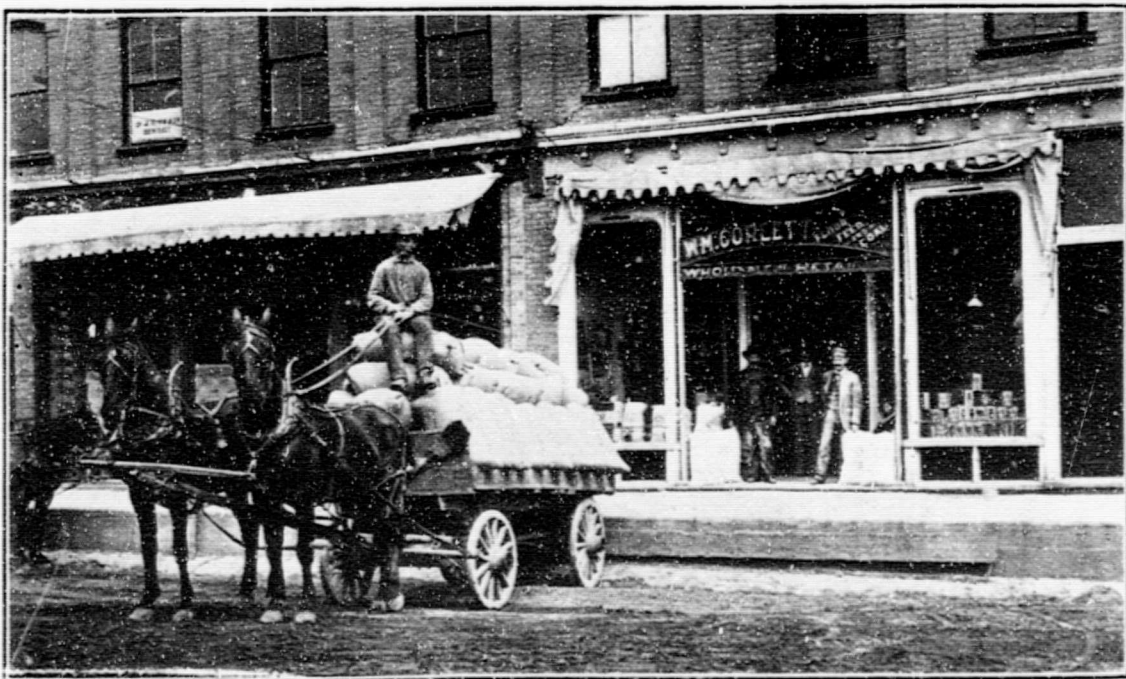
Store from Walker, Harper and Co. As the firm of C. G. Hulet and Co., he was in partnership with E. H. Thomas in 1892 in part of the old Batty stand. Later he sold out to Mr. Thomas and in 1894 bought the Miller General Store. This he sold to R. Neville. In 1903 he bought his present business, succeeding Mr. Nelson Hicks. To Dry Goods and Millinery have been added Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Carpets, etc. He has largely increased his staff and employs ten assistants. Five in the millinery department and an equal number in the other branches. He is the sole agent in Norwich for the famous 20th Century Clothes, as well as for the McPherson Shoe.

In the midst of this busy life, Mr. Hulet has taken a very prominent part in the affairs of the town.

In 1897 he was elected to the Council, and has served in all its important offices, including the Reeveship; being the present energetic Chairman of the Streets and Walks Committee.

He has also occupied all the offices of the Masonic and Oddfellow Orders.

Besides this he has been an enthusiastic supporter and encourager of athletics, and has been the Secretary Treasurer of the Norwich Bowling Club since its formation.



Where Norwich gets its Flour, Coal, Etc.

WM. CORLETT.

Though a resident in Norwich only about ten years, the name of this popular flour and feed dealer is a household word in the community. Genial and obliging, he has gained the esteem of all. He purchased his present business from the E. H. Thomas Co. His experi-

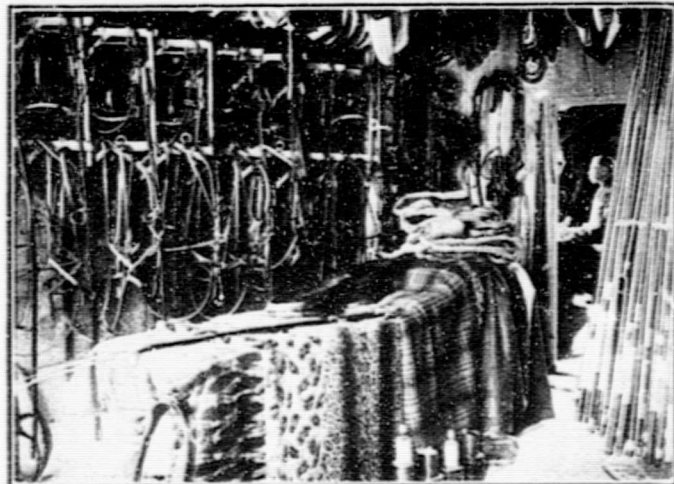
ence as a miller in Delhi has doubtless contributed to his constantly increasing success. Besides flour and feed and all kinds of grains, he handles a choice assortment of garden plants and seeds. He also sells cement, and has an extensive coal trade. In civic affairs, he is a member of the Town Council. As a lodge man, he is Past Master of the Masonic Order and Master Workman of the A. O. U. W.



Interior of N. C. Macwhirter's Drug Store.

N. C. MACWHIRTER.

An indispensable factor to the good health of a community is a well-ordered drug store, and a man who understands how to manage the same. In this old established pharmacy, and in its owner and manager, Mr. Macwhirter, the town of Norwich is fortunate in having these conditions fulfilled. A native of Owen Sound and a graduate of the O. C. P., Mr. Macwhirter has been in business six years here, first of all managing what was then known as The Haken Drug Store, and then purchasing it about three years ago. The interior of the store is attractive, furnished. The drugs carried are the purest and freshest. There is a fine assortment of drug sundries, magazines, school supplies and stationery, wall papers and window shades. The unfeeling courtesy and natural ability, coupled with the genuine love of his profession, is enabling Mr. Macwhirter to sustain and even to add to the fine reputation enjoyed by this old stand, and under its new name of the N. C. Macwhirter Drug Store, it will continue to flourish.



Showroom of Mr. R. Harris' Harness Depot.

R. HARRIS.

Mr. Harris was initiated into the mysteries of harness manufacturing in Erie, Walpole Township, and pursued his calling for some time in Hagersville. For 17 years, he has plied needle and thread in Norwich, 10 of which have been under his own management. Associated for 16 years with him for weal or woe, has been the genial J. H. McKee and they are still fellow laborers. The product of their united effort, you will find the length and breadth of the county; for their patrons want the best and they get it when they give Mr. Harris a call.

If it is a set of harness or a whip, robe or rug, you may purchase it from him. In the art of collar-making, he is a specialist. Do you desire a brush or comb for that high stepper, this is the place to get it, in fact, anything in his line, Mr. Harris can furnish you promptly and satisfactorily. He is a member of the O. C. H. C., holding the position of Secretary for the lodge.



Norwich Musical Society Band.

Norwich Churches.

The village has no less than five churches—Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, and Free Methodists, all of which are well supported. An interesting history attaches to each. The Methodist Church is a fine large brick building, situated on Main Street; the land for it was given by Michael Stover in 1824. The original church was a rarer structure, the present edifice being the third one erected on the site. The pastor is Rev. J. H. Robinson, residing in the parsonage.

The Presbyterian Church was first a frame building on John Street in 1849, and the present brick edifice was erected in 1879 on Main St. They recently celebrated their sixtieth anniversary. Rev. J. A. McConnell is the minister.

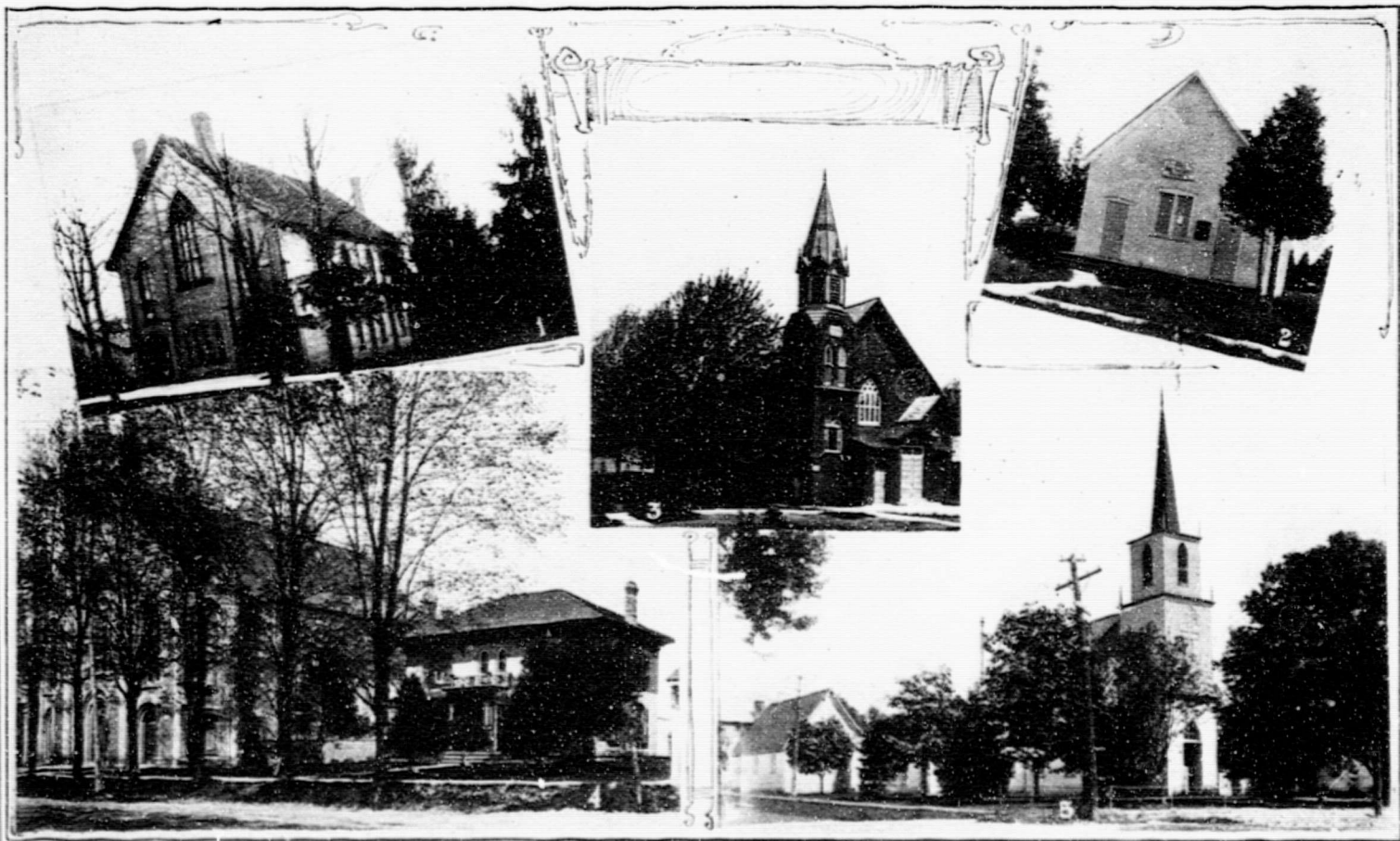
The first Anglican Church building was destroyed by fire, and the present place of worship was reared in 1867 on St. over Street North. Its rectory is the reconstructed Poldon family home, and its rector Rev. J. A. Robinson.

The Baptists purchased their property from the Methodists when the Episcopal and Wesleyan branches united. It is situated at the corner of Albert and Elgin streets. They recently held their twenty-fifth anniversary, and are cared for by Rev. W. E. Bowyer.

The Free Methodists have an attractive frame church on Carmen Street, which was built in 1907, though they had held meetings in Norwich before that in a hall on Main Street for some years. Preaching services are conducted by Mrs. L. J. Coleman, and Miss F. Teal, who live in the parsonage at Kelvin.

NORWICH MINISTERS: 1—Rev. J. A. McConnell, Presbyterian; 2—Rev. J. H. Robinson, Methodist; 3—Rev. J. A. Robinson, Anglican; 4—Rev. W. E. Bowyer, Baptist.





CHURCHES OF NORWICH. — 1 — Presbyterian; 2 — Free Methodist; 3 — Baptist; 4 — Methodist; 5 — Anglican.



The Morgan Hardware Company.

This firm, with Mr. W. Morgan as its manager, came from Delhi in January of 1910, buying and occupying the establishment known as The Batty Hardware Co., which had a reputation of thirty years' standing, and which the present firm intends to sustain. The store is finely equipped for business, having splendid fittings, office show cases, cash carrier system, and shelf goods all boxed. Besides carrying a fresh

stock of Hardware, Stoves, Tinware, Paints, Oils, Glass, Silverware, Roofing, Woven Wire Fence, Hammocks, Artists' Supplies, Garden Tools, Fishing Tackle, etc. Mr. Morgan makes a specialty of the famous Sherwin-Williams Paints, the kind that "covers the earth." Though a recent arrival in Norwich, Mr. Morgan is already popular. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the A. F. & A. M.

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ARDEN CAMERON.

This sturdy knight of the anvil and the forge was an apprentice in Holbrook in 1893, and served with the late Jerome Gagnier at Norwich in 1898. In 1901 he started business in the south part of his present stand on Stover St.; later adding a carriage repair shop and still later going into carriage manufacturing. He is an expert horse-shoer, and has been also successful as a manufacturer of carriages, many of the fancy buggies in Norwich and vicinity bearing his name. Recently he made a special laundry wagon now in use in Toronto.

In 1905 he was elected to the Council, of which he has been a member ever since, and has served as chairman of the various committees. In 1910 he was declared Reeve by acclamation, and is proving himself an efficient officer. He is the Sunday School Superintendent and Treasurer of the Baptist Church, and is also interested in fraternal societies, being a member of the C. O. F., I. O. F., K. O. T. M., and L. O. L. He has civic progressiveness, and seeks to promote the interests of Norwich.



Interior of Mr. T. Lewis' Jewelry Store.

T. E. LEWIS, JEWELLER.

An inspection of the business run by Mr. Lewis shows him to be a man of taste, both in the selection and display of his stock and in the furnishing of his store. Counters and wall fixtures of quarter cut oak; show cases of plate glass, windows attractively dressed, a large safe, these all give an impression of enterprise and alertness, which is confirmed by the report of the support he obtains from the public. Watches, clocks, chains, rings, silverware, optical goods are displayed in profusion and elegance. Mr. Lewis enjoys an extensive and lucrative repair-trade. He came to Norwich from Otterville where he formerly had a stand, and though residing here scarcely two years is meeting with a splendid reception.



BLEAKLEY'S FURNITURE EMPORIUM.

The oldest place of business in Norwich.

Established in 1849, by the late Captain George Bleakley, (then a young man of nineteen). There were no railroads, near Norwich, at that time, and it was no unusual thing for him to drive to Buffalo

for special chairs, other furniture being manufactured in his own workshop.

He was a progressive, stirring citizen, always working in the interests of his home town.

He was Captain of No. 5 Company, 22nd Battalion, Oxford Rifles, for over thirty years, and served as Lieutenant during the Fenian Raid. At his death in January 1905, the business passed to members of his family, and is still carried on by them, under the old name. This house has kept step, with progress of the times. It has a large, modern, and complete stock of all kinds of furniture, including Parlor Suites, Parlor Cabinets, Odd Chairs, Tables, Secretaries and Desks, Elegant Dining-Room Furniture, Bedroom Suites, Iron Beds, Springs and Mattresses, Handsome Couches, Hall Racks, Seats, and Mirrors, Willow and Reed Rockers, Framed Pictures a specialty, Kitchen Cabinets, Tables and Chairs, Clothes Racks, Screens,

Easels, etc. There is also a large furniture repairing shop, connected with this store, all work satisfactorily done, by an expert cabinetmaker, with prices just right.

Orders receive careful and prompt attention, and satisfaction guaranteed.

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McKNIGHT AND BISHOP.

This well-known hardware firm was commenced by Mr. Jno. McKnight, who established the business about 8 years ago, when he came here from Vittoria. About two years ago, Mr. F. Bishop entered into partnership with him and the union has been a happy one. In their well-stocked store will be found, Hardware, heavy and light, including Stoves, Cutlery, Oils, Farm Implements, Wire Fencing, everything in fact, that a well-ordered hardware business should have. Their specialties are:— The Hecla Furnace, The Elephant Brand Paints, and pairs for The Massey-Harris Machinery. Mr. McKnight is Bill's leader, Treasurer, and on the Managing Board of The Presb. Church, a member of the Town Council, and a man whose judgment is respected. Mr. Bishop, though younger than his partner, is equally well known, and is recognized as a rising business man in our town. He is a member of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church.



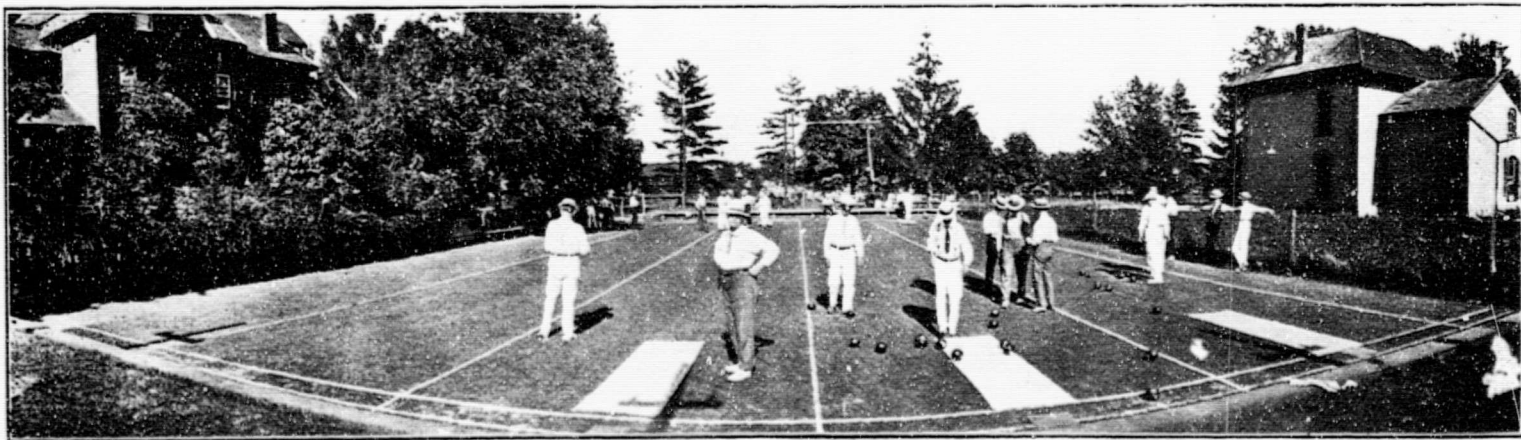
Interior of Bleumenstock's Cigar Store and Barber Shop.

L. G. BLEUMENSTOCK.

The Palace Barber Shop, Tobacco and Cigar Store are run by Mr. Bleumenstock, who purchased the business a short time ago from Mr. Frank Abraham. It is a thoroughly up-to-date shop in every respect, and it has all the facilities afforded by larger shops in larger towns. It is kept scrupulously neat. Antiseptic cases contain the razors, sanitary head rests are used for the chairs, while compressed air is also employed. A satisfactory hair cut or shampoo, and a smooth clean shave are guaranteed under the tonsorial skill of Mr. W. A. Duffin, who looks after this department. In the tobacco section, there is a choice line of tobacco and cigars of the leading kinds, and the smoker's sundries. Mr. Bleumenstock also sells fine razors and razor strops. He is ever attentive to the wants of his customers, and is well liked.



Main Street Looking West and Stover Street Looking North.



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DR. E. E. HARVEY.

Dr. E. E. Harvey is one of the most prominent citizens in Norwich. He graduated and was silver medalist of the University of Toronto, in 1893. The doctor commenced to practice medicine in Norwich, July 1st, 1893, and by his professional knowledge, his skill, his geniality and kindness of heart, he soon became master of a wide and lucrative practice, which has been constantly increasing. He was appointed Medical Health Officer in 1893.

Dr. Harvey has served on the Board of Education a number of years, was the Chairman for two years, and has always manifested a

great interest in the school work, and in order to promote efficiency and thoroughness, has from year to year given three or four prizes in books to those pupils who took the highest marks in the Entrance Exams.

The doctor was a member of the Council for one year, and though frequently nominated for reeve and for councillor, has felt the necessity of declining the honor by the multiplicity of his professional duties. He is a valuable member of the Board of the Public Library, (which position he has occupied for years) for while the doctor keeps himself well posted in all the advanced methods in Medicine and Surgery, he is also in touch with the best authors and the best literature of the day.

The doctor was appointed Police Magistrate in 1906, and in his official capacity has been an unqualified success in the administration of "Justice and Mercy." He is also an esteemed member of the Methodist Church and fills the important position of treasurer of that Society, and takes an active interest in all its organizations, Sunday School, Epworth League, etc.



J. D. HOGARTH.

Mr. Hogarth has been a familiar figure in this locality for a number of years and has taken a prominent place in the activities of Norwich. For some time he was a successful school teacher, and served in this capacity at New Durham, Stratford, Guelph and Norwich. He also conducted a grocery business in Norwich for about eight years. Since retiring from this, he has engaged in Insurance, Conveyancing, and Real Estate and follows his calling with acceptability to his clients. For ten years he has been the Customs Officer in Norwich and as such is well liked. He has been honored by the citizens in municipal affairs, having been Reeve for two years. He has also been a member of the County Council. At the time of the erection of the school, he was Chairman of the School Board and took a deep interest in the erection of the school building. He has also held important positions in the various lodges of which he is a member. He has ever been on the side of progress, and Norwich owes much to men of his stamp.



Mr. W. E. Maedel's Bakery.

W. E. MAEDEL.

For a dozen years this enterprising baker and confectioner has supported a large class of patrons with the staff of life. He is also noted for the quality of his cakes and buns and the delicacy of his confections. Prospective brides and grooms are aware that wedding cakes are his specialty, and an order placed with him receives prompt and satisfactory attention. He also deals in fruit, and while his stock of groceries is not large, it is carefully selected. For out of town customers, as well as for residents, he employs his splendid delivery rig, and makes trips to Burgessville, Holbrook, New Durham and Beaconsfield on Tuesdays and Fridays, and Newark and south on Wednesday and Saturday forenoons. Mr. Maedel is a valued member of the Council, and a man of public spirit.



GEO. POLDON AND SON.

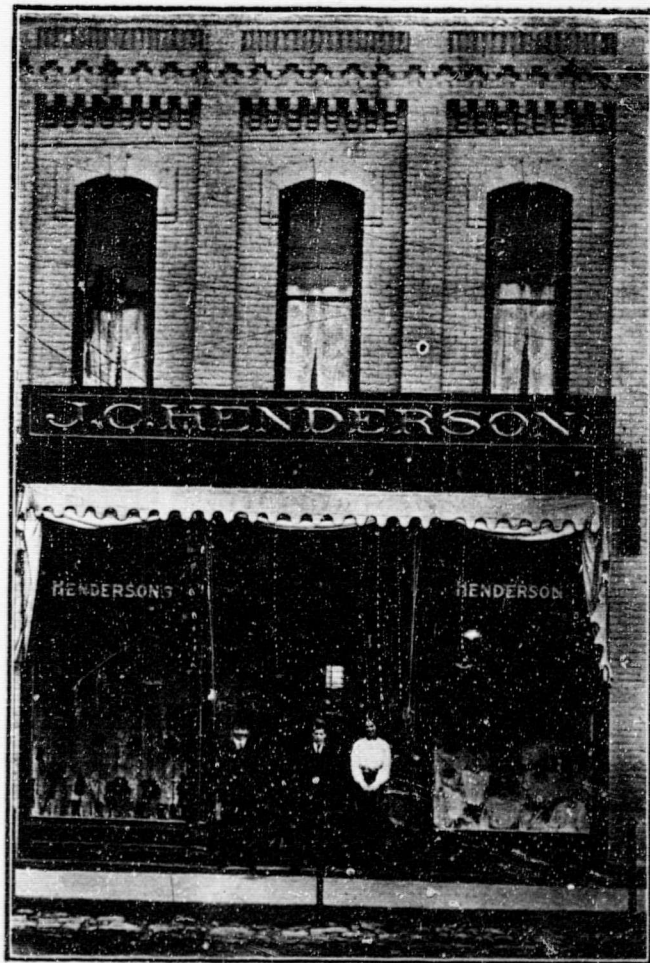
This oldest established Blacksmith and Carriage Business was begun by the late W. Poldon in 1852, and afterwards was known as Poldon & Son, Geo. joining his father in the business. It is still Poldon & Son, Geo. being the senior and W., grandson of the founder, the junior member of the firm. They have sustained a reputation for reliable work. Proficient in the several branches of their business, they enjoy a large patronage. They are makers and repairers of carriages, buggies, sleighs and cutters, and do all kinds of woodwork. They are expert horseshoers and workers in iron and steel, and are equally at home in repairing and refitting engines, bicycles and machinery of all sorts. They have installed a fine gasoline engine, which supplies motive power.

Naturally of a modest disposition, Mr. Geo. Poldon could not be induced to stand for civic offices, but, has however, been keenly interested in municipal affairs. He has been President of the Public Library for about twenty-five years, School Trustee, Captain of the Fire Brigade, Clerk of Post Office for three years, is a member of the Cemetery Co., Secretary of the A. F. & A. M., and Recorder of the A. O. U. W. He holds the Fenian Raid medal. W. Poldon is an all round athlete, is Fin. Sec'y of I. O. O. F., and a member of the A. F. and A. M. He is one of our most popular young men.

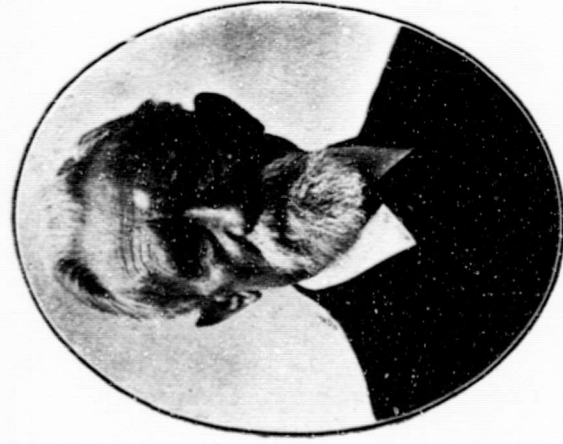


J. C. HENDERSON.

Thirty years before the public is the record of this well-established firm. Commenced by Henry Henderson, later it became Henderson Bros., then J. C. Henderson & Co., and now J. C. Henderson is the proprietor, whose name it bears. Its various branches are millinery, mantles, ready-made clothing, hats, caps and shoes, carpets, dry goods, and produce. The patrons of this store are found in all the surrounding country. Mr. Henderson is assisted by a staff of ten. Genial, unassuming, and courteous, Mr. Henderson holds no small place in the esteem of the people of Norwich and of Oxford County, while the fact, that after so many years, the trade is larger than ever, speaks volumes for his alertness and ability, and augurs well for the future.



THE OLD GUARD.



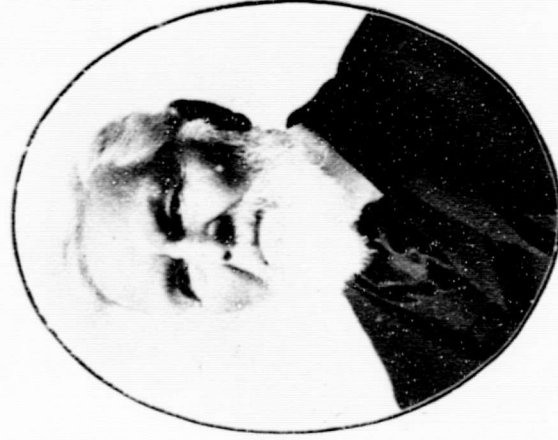
Mr. Jas. Haken
Resident of Norwich for 61 years.



Mr. Jas. Stevenson
Resident of Norwich for 61 years.



Mr. Hugh McKee
Resident of Norwich for 70 years.



Mr. S. Pitcher
Resident of Norwich for 58 years.

Resident of Norwich for 58 years.



Mr. Harvey Griswold
Resident of N. Norwich for 84 years.

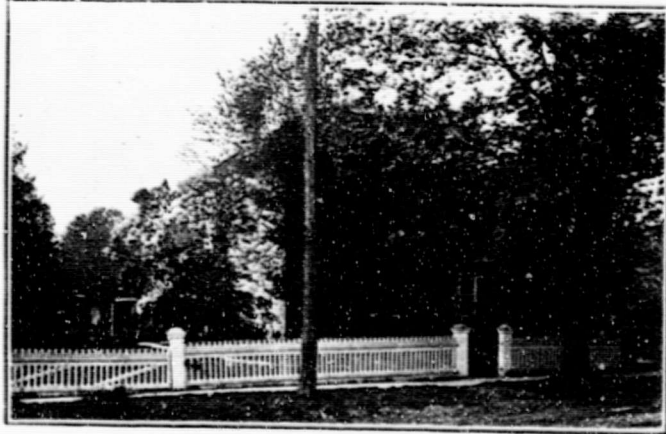
Resident of Norwich for 40 years.



Rev. T. R. Clarke, Kelvin
Methodist Minister at Norwich 20 years
ago.



Mr. F. J. Clarke
Resident of Norwich for 49 years.



Residence of Mr. F. J. Clarke.



Mr. Jas. Irwin's Brick Yards

From Newfoundland to Toronto when 6 years old, thence to Norwich in 1878, came the jovial proprietor of The Norwich Junction Brickyard. He was not long in learning of the superior qualities of the clay to be found here for his purpose, and he commenced a business that has come to be recognized over Ontario as among the very best. In fact, Norwich is the only place of its size in Canada where pressed brick cannot enter because of the fine quality of the red brick made by Mr. Irwin. Nineteen twentieths of the brick houses in the town are



Mr. Jas. Irwin

built of it. The specifications of many architects call for it, so great was the demand that Mr. Irwin stopped making tile in order to manufacture brick exclusively. A trip to his brickyard, where one will see the very latest equipment, will repay the visitor. His present managers are his two sons, Edwin, the chief, and Hugh, the assistant manager. Mr. Irwin also represents the Equitable Assurance Society, which is known all over the world as a standard institution.

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H. G. RODDY.

An experience in the trade of about ten years has qualified this home grown Norwichite as a first class maker of bread, cakes, buns, confectionery, fancy biscuits, and wedding cakes. He also has a choice stock of fruits and groceries. His store on Main St. has been an established bakery business for 18 years, and he is a worthy successor of the successful men who have preceded him. The trade has increased under his capable management and is widely distributed. His delivery wagon goes to Beaconsfield, New Durham, and Burgessville, besides serving the town patrons. He is a Royal Templar of eight years' standing, and is also member of I. O. O. F.



H. COUZENS AND CO.

When seven years old Mr. Couzens came over the water from old England. He learnt the trade of a carriage painter with Wm. Scarf, Woodstock, and came to Norwich about 45 years ago, entering into partnership with the late R. Rawlings in 1868 and occupied a shop where the Broom Factory now stands. He built his present premises on the corner of Main and John Sts., where he does a flourishing business in building and selling carriages, buggies, sleighs and cutters, and has besides a good repair trade. In the same premises you will find Mr. T. Chiswell, the carriage blacksmith.

Mr. Couzens has the honor of living in the oldest, unaltered residence in Norwich. He has been the efficient tax collector for 26 years, has held office in various lodges, has been financier of the A. O. U. W. for 16 years, and is Past Master of the Masonic Lodge. He always takes an interest in the advancement of Norwich and vicinity, and is a most worthy citizen.



H. VAN VALKENBURG.

Norwich claims as one of her native sons, this well known and respected citizen. He was born in Norwich, and aside from occasional trips away, has always lived here. He has taken a deep interest in the welfare and progress of our town, and has identified himself in civic affairs. He has held office on the School Board and in the Council. He is a Trustee of the Methodist Church and was Recording Steward for a number of years.

Perhaps he is best known as the able and affable representative for sixteen years of the Otter Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which has its headquarters in Norwich. Since he became Manager and Sec'y Treas. the business has greatly progressed; and has increased its amount of risk from half a million to nearly four million dollars.

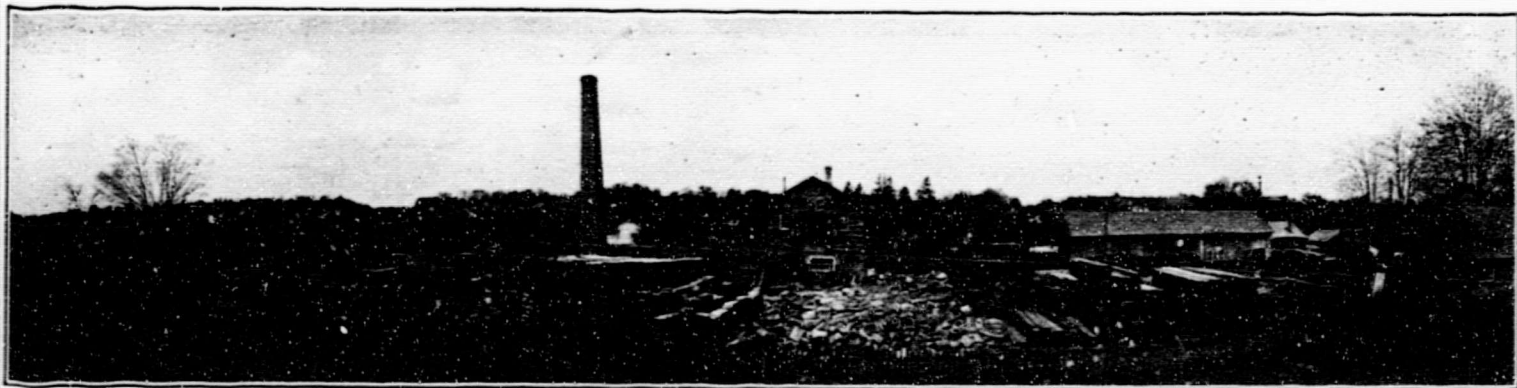
He is also the local manager of the Bell Telephone Co., employing two day and one night operators. In the ten years he has directed the branch here, the subscribers have increased from twenty to about a hundred. All who know him hope that for many years he may continue in the position he occupies and for which he is so well qualified.



DR. R. RIDDLE.

This competent Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist came to Norwich three years ago after graduating from the O. V. C., Toronto, and has met with marked success. Brought up in Wilsonville, he early showed signs of that fitness for his profession and the skill that he now possesses in an unusual degree. He was passionately fond of all kinds of pets, and it was his delight, as a boy, to bandage wounded birds and animals. These proclivities decided his career. He is the busiest man in Norwich. Night and day he is called on; and his practice extends to Tillsonburg, Tecterville, Scotland, Beaconsfield, Oriol, Holbrook, Newark, Cathcart, Harley, Hatchler, Otterville, Burgessville, and other places too numerous to mention. In a county where farming is so widely followed as it is in North Norwich and vicinity, it is a great boon to the horse lover and the stockmen to have such a man as Dr. Riddle, and his sources are highly appreciated.

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W. F. Bowman's,

Saw and Planing Mill and Cheese Box Factory.

W. F. BOWMAN.

To the enterprising residents of Norwich and to the progressive farmers of the district, the industry owned and operated by Mr. Bowman is a great benefit. Many a beautiful residence, and many fine barns and buildings he has supplied with the product of his factory. Lumber, Sash, Doors, Tanks, Lath, Shingles, Wood, Cheese Boxes, and Builder's Supplies he can furnish to any quantity. His lumber business covers over 2 acres and is a scene of interest and activity. In the winter, thousands of feet of logs are teamed to his yard to be transformed into suitable building material to suit the demands of his many

customers. He manufactures about 60,000 cheese boxes per season, and in 1909 he cut about $\frac{1}{2}$ million feet of hardwood. He enjoys the confidence of his employees, of whom he has a very efficient staff. Mr. Bowman has a fireman, W. B. Edmonds, who has fired continuously for 33 years, which is a record, and includes 7 years previous to the founding of the lumber mill when a grist mill stood on the present site. Mr. Eric Haines is the efficient Fin. Sec. He is also prominent in musical and lodge circles, as is Mr. Bowman, who has taken all the degrees in the I. O. O. F. and C. O. F., and is one of the foremost workers in these organizations. Last winter he had a particularly fine lot of logs which he bought in the surrounding country, and anticipates making ready for a very busy summer.



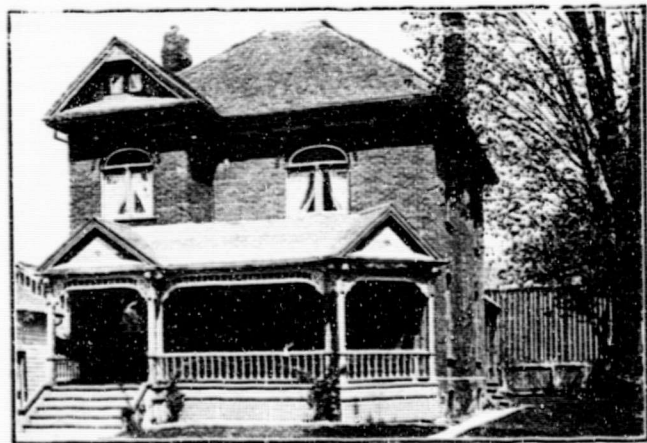
Residence of Mr. M. Bushell.



Residence of Mr. C. Fry.



Residence of Dr. E. E. Harvey.



Residence of Mrs. B. Addison.



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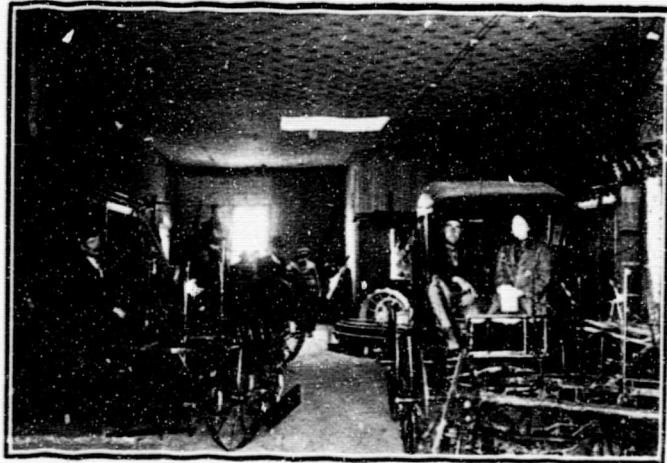


GEO. S. WILSON.

A survey of the Furniture and Undertaking establishment of Mr. Wilson will convince one that he is progressive in his ideas. Since coming to Norwich from Ingersoll one and a half years ago, when he purchased the McIntyre and Co. business, Mr. Wilson has forged steady

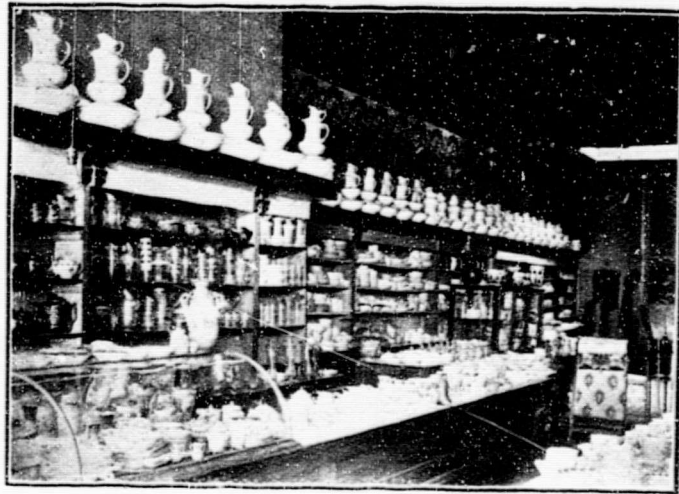
ly ahead. He is a graduate of the Canadian Embalmers' Association and is thoroughly competent. He handles all kinds of furniture and has a splendid line of carpets and rugs. Mr. Wilson is interested in music and sports, being an all round athlete. He is also Chaplain of the C. O. F. His motto in business is "Small profits and quick returns."

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Interior of C. W. Carroll's Implement Warerooms.

The name of Carroll has been familiar in the history of Norwich for 66 years. Mr. C. W. Carroll is keeping up its best traditions and is recognized as one of the successful men of the township. A native of Norwich, he has farmed all his life, till lately, when he sold his beautiful farm and retired from farming. Being a very active man, he felt he must engage in something, and as he had a wide experience in machinery, he was appointed agent for the McCormick Harvester Co., in succession to Mr. Sylvester Robbins, who had removed to Woodstock. As their representative, Mr. Carroll, with Mr. Howard Bawtinheimer as associate, handles a great variety of agricultural machinery, including Binders, Mowers, Cultivators of all kinds, Disc Drills, Cream Separators, Waggons and Sleighs, in fact, everything in the implement class. Recently he sold a car and a half of Manure Spreaders. Mr. Carroll has served in a public capacity many times as President, now Director of Norwich Agricultural Society, County Councillor, Deputy Reeve, Reeve and Warden, serving altogether eleven years. He is also an authority on Shorthorn Cattle and a judge at the fairs; and is besides Inspector for the Otter Mutual. He has bought a residence on Clyde St., and is a highly respected and useful citizen.



Interior of F. Walker's Grocery and China Store.

F. WALKER.

Enterprise and dependability are characteristics of a successful business man, and that Mr. Walker has these, is evidenced by his large grocery trade. Before coming to Norwich he acquired the art of producing the necessaries of life from the farm; and now he can not only produce the goods, but he knows how to sell them. Six years ago he came to his present stand, succeeding Mr. Jas. Mills. Since then he has remodelled and materially improved the interior of his store, also adding various lines, such as crockery and wall paper. His customers are assured of a prompt and courteous service whenever they come. He is up-to-date in his bookkeeping, using the Envelope File Check System. He is the son of the late Thos. Walker, well known as the highly respected treasurer for twenty years of North Norwich Township. He holds office as the Sec'y.-Treas. of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and is also the Sec'y.-Treas. of our Public Library.



H. WEBSTER.

Electricity did a good turn for Norwich when it wove its spell about Mr. Herbert Webster, and transformed him from a miller in 1896 at the Oxford Mills in partnership with Mr. R. F. Hicks, to a competent manipulator of its subtle power. In 1898 Mr. Webster contracted with the Council to light the village for ten years, and bought the arc plant of Beattie Bros., established in 1890 by the late Wm. Merrill. He now owns and operates a fine incandescent system by which our streets are lighted, and besides this has installed in homes and business houses 1850 electric lamps, or about $1\frac{1}{2}$ lamp per capita. In this he is assisted by an able electrician, Mr. Walter Daykin. Mr. Webster also possesses a modest water pumping station by which water is supplied for street sprinkling, hotels, fire purposes, bowling green, and he also runs a steam heating plant and skating rink in the winter. He is also Chairman of the Board of Health, Secretary of the local branch of the Children Aid Society and Lord's Day Alliance.



F. E. LOSSING.

Flour, Feed, Seeds, Coal and Wood are the commodities to be purchased at this reliable stand on the corner of Main and Stover Sts. Among other well known brands of flour, he handles the celebrated Five Roses. He also makes a specialty of Steele, Briggs and Co.'s seeds. His "Fairbanks" public weighing scales are conveniently situated near his premises and are in constant use. He enjoys a deservedly increasing trade. Mr. Lossing is a descendent of Peter Lossing, who was the first settler to come to these parts, and whose history appears in the front of this book.

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S. PITCHER.

New York State, where he was born in 1824, gave to Norwich this hale and hearty octogenarian. He arrived in the township when he was 18 years old and came to the then tiny village in 1852. He established his present business in 1854, and still takes an active interest in it. His two sons, D. S. and F. A. Pitcher, are with their father in the management. They handle a first class line of Dry Goods, Ready Made Clothing, Crockery, and make a specialty of working men's garments, overalls, etc. F. A. is Treasurer of the C. O. F., while D. S. has held all the offices respectively in the I. O. O. F. They are both fine musicians, being leading members of the Norwich Musical Society Band and Orchestra, of which D. S. is the esteemed and efficient leader, and of which every member with one exception, is a Norwichite, nearly all being trained by D. S. Mr. Pitcher has watched practically every stage of the town's growth. He was gazetted successively as Ensign, Lieutenant, and Captain in the Centenary Militia of 1856. Reeve for about seven years, County Constable for several years, has been School Trustee, and was J. P. for a considerable period. He was also one of the Directors of the P. D. and L. H. railroad afterwards taken over by the G. T. R. He is in excellent possession of all his faculties, and his reminiscences of his life in Norwich are delightful to listen to.



Mr. S. Pitcher's Store.



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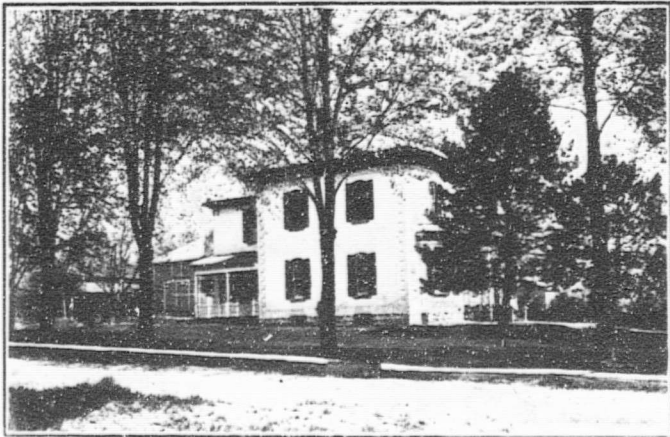
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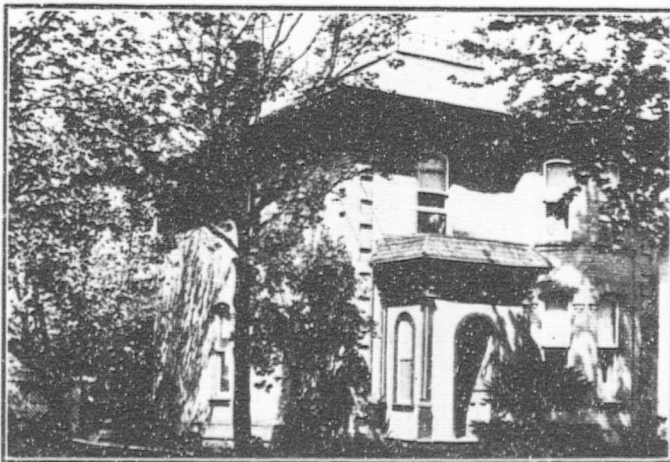
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"Maple Hurst," Res. of Dr. A. D. Ellis.



Residence of Dr. E. W. Moles.



Residence of Rev. W. E. Bowyer.



Interior of Mr. L. Walter's Barber Shop and Cigar Store.

L. WALTERS.

"The Antiseptic Barber Shop" is an up-to-date establishment and is a model of cleanliness. Its patrons are assured of a safe, smooth shave or haircut. The two chairs are furnished with head-rests covered with antiseptic paper, which is changed for every patron. Mr. Walters, the proprietor, is a thoroughly competent workman and he is assisted by Mr. W. Viger, who has had a wide experience as a barber, and is deservedly popular. This house will be headquarters for the Old Boys, who desire tonsorial work while at the Centenary. A choice line of tobacco and cigars is to be had here. Since coming to Norwich five years ago Mr. Walters has added to his business very materially until today his establishment is second to none of the kind in any town of a similar size, but Norwich, in Ontario. Mr. Walters takes a keen interest in sports and is an enthusiastic lawn bowler.

A. SEARLS.

Born two miles from Norwich, Mr. Searls is a member of a family that are as much a part of Norwich as its name. He has been 37 years a harness maker, and has been the owner and proprietor of a thriving harness business in Norwich for 13 years. He handles all kinds of heavy and light harness, and is an expert maker and repairer. A fine display of Harness, Whips, Collars, Brushes and Combs, Rugs, Dusters and Blankets, Trunks and Valises may be seen in his store, and the prices are right. Mr. Searls has actively identified himself in civic affairs, being honored by the citizens in election as Councillor for five years.

He is also the esteemed Agent for insurance of the I. O. O. F., and has been Trustee of this order for 17 years.

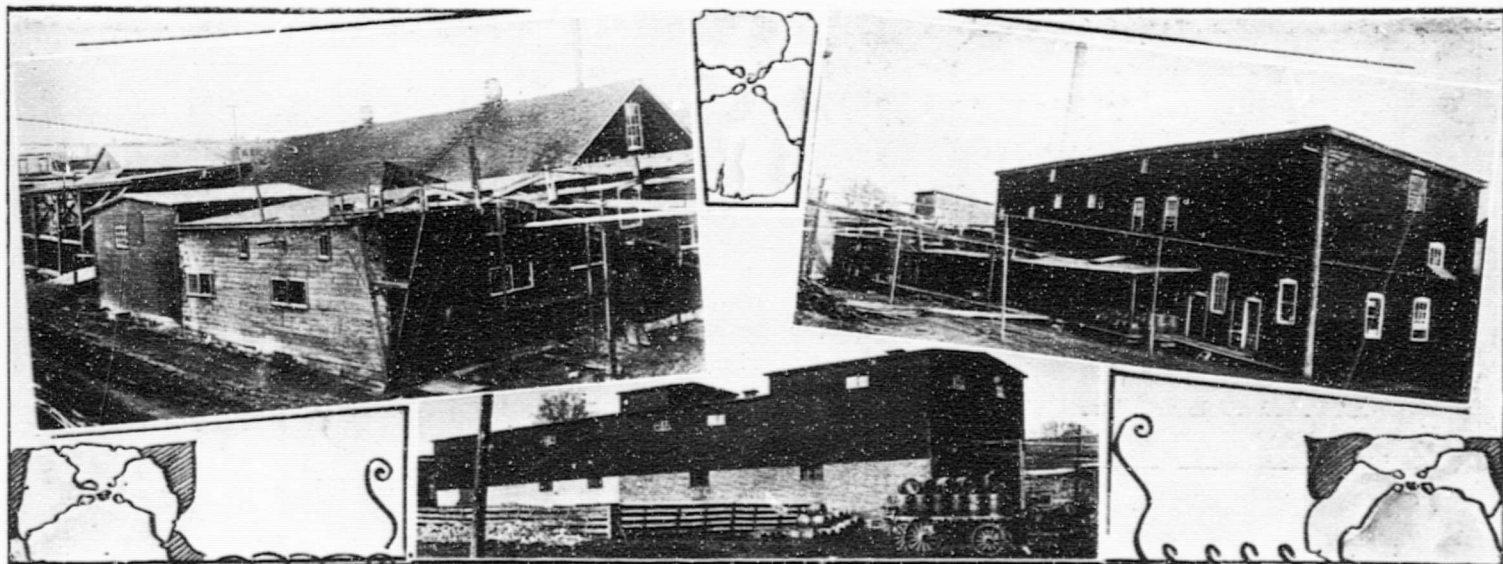
He is one of the most obliging of men and is held high in the estimation of his fellow citizens.



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THE ALLEN VINEGAR WORKS.



CIDER MILL.

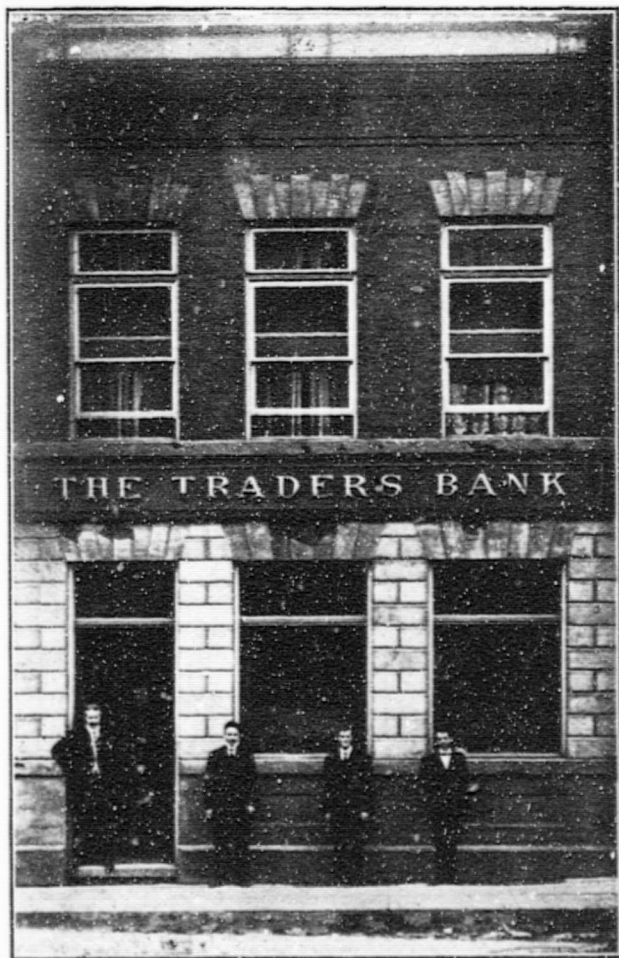
STORE HOUSE No. 1

VINEGAR FACTORY

S. ALLEN.

The growth of this enterprise is a matter of history in Norwich. About thirty years ago Mr. Allen commenced making vinegar on the place which is now covered by an acre of buildings. His partners were Mr. H. Dager and E. Palmer, whom Mr. Allen later bought out. From a small beginning, the business has increased phenomenally, until the name of Allen is known over the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as well as in England, and is a guarantee for the superior quality of the firm's White Wine and Cidar Vinegar and Apple Juice. In the manufacture of these, at times, about sixty workmen are employed, especially in the fall when upwards of 100,000 bushels of apples are shipped in from the magnificent orchards of Oxford and Brant counties.

In Mr. Allen's decease on March 8th the township of Norwich suffered a distinct loss, the town was deprived of one of its most distinguished citizens, and his workmen of a sincere friend. A number of the employees have worked under him for many years and were attached to their employer. The firm continues to bear his name with Mr. C. Fry as manager, a position he fills with acceptance on account of his long experience and association with Mr. Allen. Mr. Elmer Loring, a nephew of Mr. Allen, the capable foreman and in the various departments an able force of workmen. In the office are Miss Bishop, stenographer, and Mr. P. L. Howell, bookkeeper supervised by Mrs. S. Allen. It is expected that the present season will be one of the most successful in the history of this flourishing industry.



THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

(Norwich.)

Few towns if any can boast of enjoying wider or better banking facilities than the town of Norwich, given by the Traders Bank of Canada, which institution opened their branch four and a half years ago. With Capital and Reserve of \$6,550,000 Assets over \$42,000,000, and Deposits of \$31,000,000, this institution although only young, being incorporated in 1885, can be truly placed in the front rank of Canada's splendid Banking Institutions. Few banks can show such progress in the course of twenty-five years. At the present time, this bank has one hundred and eleven branches located throughout the different parts of the Dominion. It has also correspondents in almost all the foreign countries. This institution with its business rapidly increasing, found it necessary to erect a new Head Office Building, which was completed in 1906, and is now the highest commercial building in the British Empire.

Small personal accounts form a large part of the business in the Savings Bank Department. There is a wider use for this department, however, Executors and Trustees and Treasurers of Societies will find it a satisfactory depository for their trust funds. A Savings Account is a convenient form in which to keep your surplus money. Funds so deposited draw revenue equivalent to the interest on first class bonds and may be withdrawn at any time without delay. Interest is added to Savings Accounts twice a year, the end of June and December.

The Traders Bank of Canada makes a specialty of Farmers Business, which fact is proven in our own county. Oxford being recognized second to none as a farming district, this institution has nine branches within its boundary lines, which enables them to give their customers very wide banking facilities. Notes can be paid to any of these branches and transferred and also deposits made, when receipts are given in every case.

Mr. Geo. Chambers, at present the local manager, assisted in opening the branch as accountant, having obtained a thorough knowledge of the business while a member of the staff in the Guelph Branch. He, with the other members of the staff, appreciate your business.



E. W. MOLES, D.D.S.

Dr. Moles is a graduate in 1900 of R. C. D. S., Toronto. He came to Norwich shortly after his graduation and took over the practice of Dr. Farrington, who had retired from business. Dr. Farrington's practice had been bought by Dr. Kenny, of Tillsonburg, and was purchased in turn by Dr. Moles, who refitted the office with modern dental appliances. From the commencement, Dr. Moles has received a large patronage, which, by his unflinching courtesy, workmanship, and skill, he has maintained and added to. He has taken a deep interest in educational matters and for a number of years had been the donor of a gold medal, given to the pupil of the High School Department, who obtained the best standing. He has been Fin. Sec. of the C. O. F. for nine years, and is W. M. of St. Johns Lodge, No. 104, A. F. & A. M. He is also a lover of the rod and gun, is fond of athletics, encourages the development of manly sports in the town, and is popular with all classes.



JOHN A. YEO.

Ringling steel and clanging hammer make merry music in the shop of this son of Vulcan. Here for seventeen years he has made "the fiery sparks to fly." Is it in horseshoeing or in general repair, he can do you a piece of work as good as the best. He is a most estimable citizen and takes a keen interest in everything pertaining to Norwich. For several years he was on the Council and was also honored with the Reeveship. Four years a member of the School Board and the present Chairman, a Trustee of the Methodist Church, the Treasurer of the Sunday School, a member of the Quarterly Board, and a leading singer in the choir, besides being a member of the Oddfellows and the Royal Templars, these evidence his versatility and character, while he is very popular because of his gifts as a chairman and a ready speaker on public questions.



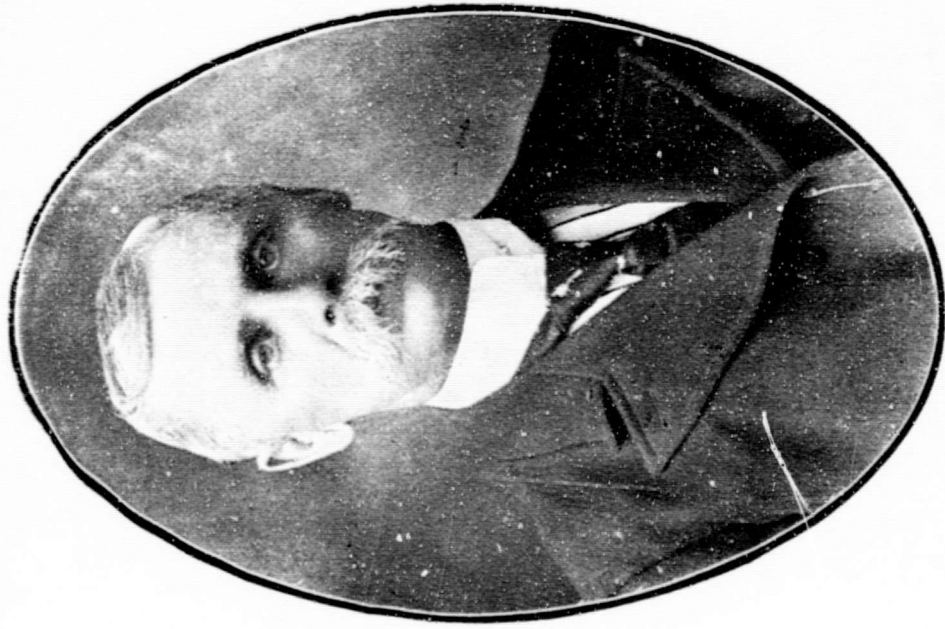
M. S. SCHELL, M. P.

Mr. M. S. Schell is the representative of South Oxford in the House of Commons.

He is a most successful and progressive farmer, an extensive buyer and exporter of fruit and largely engaged in the manufacturing and shipping of lumber, and his business has been conducted so honorably and fairly that he has won the good will of all with whom he has come into business relations, and not even his political opponents have ever questioned his probity.

Mr. Schell has a thorough grasp of the political problems that confront the people of Canada and may be expected to apply himself to their solution with energy and patriotism. He is a clear thinker and a ready speaker and is winning for himself an honorable position in the committees and in the House at Ottawa.

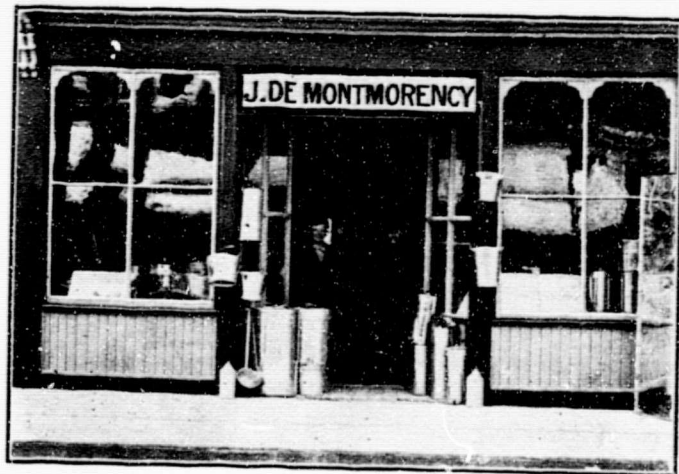
He is ever ready to forward the interests of his constituency. Through his good offices the Government has purchased a site for a new post-office and customs office in Tillsonburg.



T. R. MAYBERRY, M. L. A.

Mr. Mayberry, who was until four years ago a practical and successful farmer, is now a resident of Ingersoll and is secretary of the Dereham and West Oxford Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and manager of the Ingersoll Telephone Co. He is also Major of "B" Squadron, 24th Regt. Cavalry (Grey's Horse). At the last general provincial election he was elected to represent South Oxford in the Legislature and the good showing he made in the committees during the recent session justified the action of the Liberal party in making him their leader in the riding. His nomination was largely a case of the office seeking the man. His supporters confidently expect that he will prove a worthy successor to the many capable men who have sat in the Legislature as the representatives of South Oxford.

Mr. Mayberry is gifted with intellectual qualities of a high order. His judgment is sound and he possesses executive ability, and on the public platform he expresses his thoughts clearly and concisely and with admirable fairness. In private life his character is most exemplary, and his kindness and unvarying courtesy have won him many friends in both of the political parties.



JOS. DE MONTMORENCY.

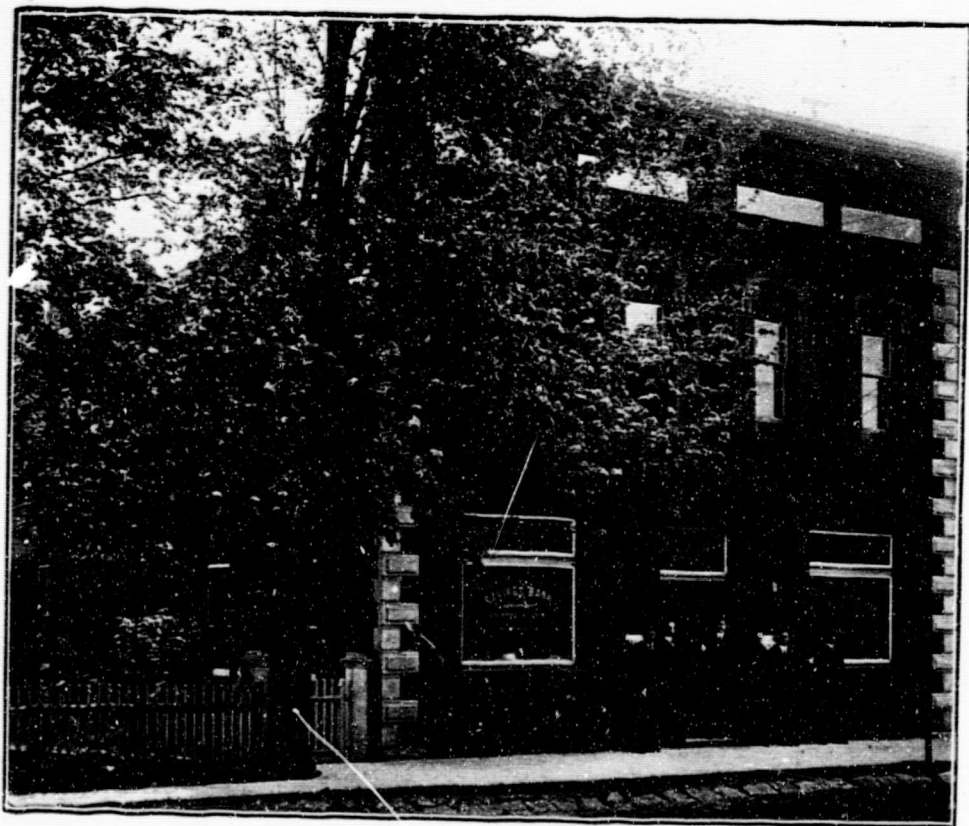
Tinsmith, Metal Roofing, and Plumbing are the accomplishments of this versatile young mechanic. He is a skilful manipulator in the art of making pots and pans, and kitchen utensils of various shapes and sorts, under his deft touch a piece of tin is made into whatever you desire. House and Barn Plumbing are carefully and promptly executed, and his plumber's bill will not give you apoplexy. Metal Shingles are his specialty. He can find and stop a leak like magic, and can be depended to put a roof on that nothing but a cyclone will budge. Should you desire repairs of any sort in his line, he can suit you exactly. He has been in business about 3 years and recently moved into new quarters. He has a competent assistant in Mr. Cecil Butler, who has been with him nearly two years. Mr. Montmorency is a member of the C. O. F. and of the I. O. O. F. As he is one of the Norwich "native sons," he feels at home in Norwich, and he is to be congratulated on the success he has made.



**There is a Reason
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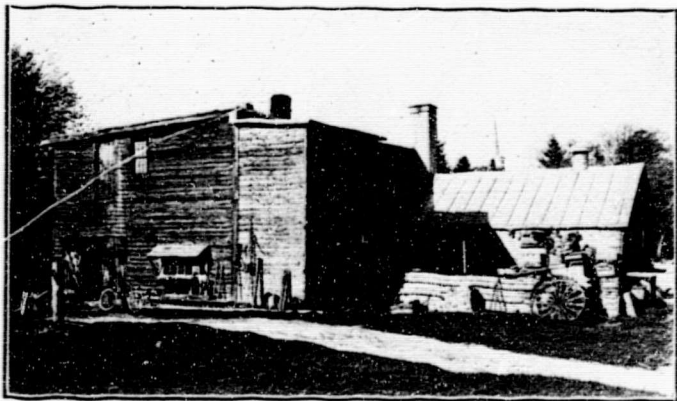
H. FORSYTH.
The Norwich Fancy Goods and Music Store is handsomely finished in cherry, with well kept windows and attractive show cases. The art of management is understood by the proprietor, and the interior has an inviting appearance. There you will find beautiful art needlework and fine hand painted china; an abundance of musical supplies, and instruments of all kinds, including the famous Bell piano, of which this is the headquarters in Norwich; as well as for the Eastman Kodaks and Photographic Sundries; and the Edison Phonograph and Singer Sewing Machines. The establishment has been running for about six years with increasing popularity. Versatility is a term that applies to Mr. Forsyth with special aptness. Besides being a splendid photographer, as may be evidenced by many of the beautiful photos and photographic scenes in this souvenir book; he is a musician of class, being sought after for concerts and entertainments, and the conducting of musical organizations. He is also an adept in decorating and costuming. He has served in the Council and has assisted in various public enterprises. Courteous and obliging he is successful in his undertakings and is a good and honored citizen.



Molsons Bank, Norwich.

THE MOLSONS BANK.

In the Molson Bank the Dominion possesses an institution that has been of the greatest importance in its development. It is one of the largest and soundest banks in the country and enjoys a high reputation in the financial world. Its capital is \$3,500,000, with a reserve fund of \$3,850,000. The Norwich Branch was established in 1885, with Mr. F. B. Phepoe as manager and under him the foundation of a splendid business was laid. This has been augmented by the present manager, Mr. R. Elliot, who came here from Toronto in 1897. He has the confidence of the whole district and his sound business ability, combined with social qualities, admirably fit him for his position. All the best and most modern banking methods are applied to its Savings Bank Department, which is eminently satisfactory to the depositor. Centred in one of the richest farming districts in the world, this bank enjoys a large farmers' patronage, to whom it offers every recognized banking facility. Cheese cheques are cashed at par. Notes and deposits are carefully and satisfactorily attended to. The members of the staff under Mr. Elliot's direction are C. H. Joy, Accountant; F. C. Robbins, Teller; W. S. Brown, Ledger; H. M. Rowe, Junior. Mr. Elliot is also prominently connected with the various lodges of Norwich, and is a highly esteemed citizen.

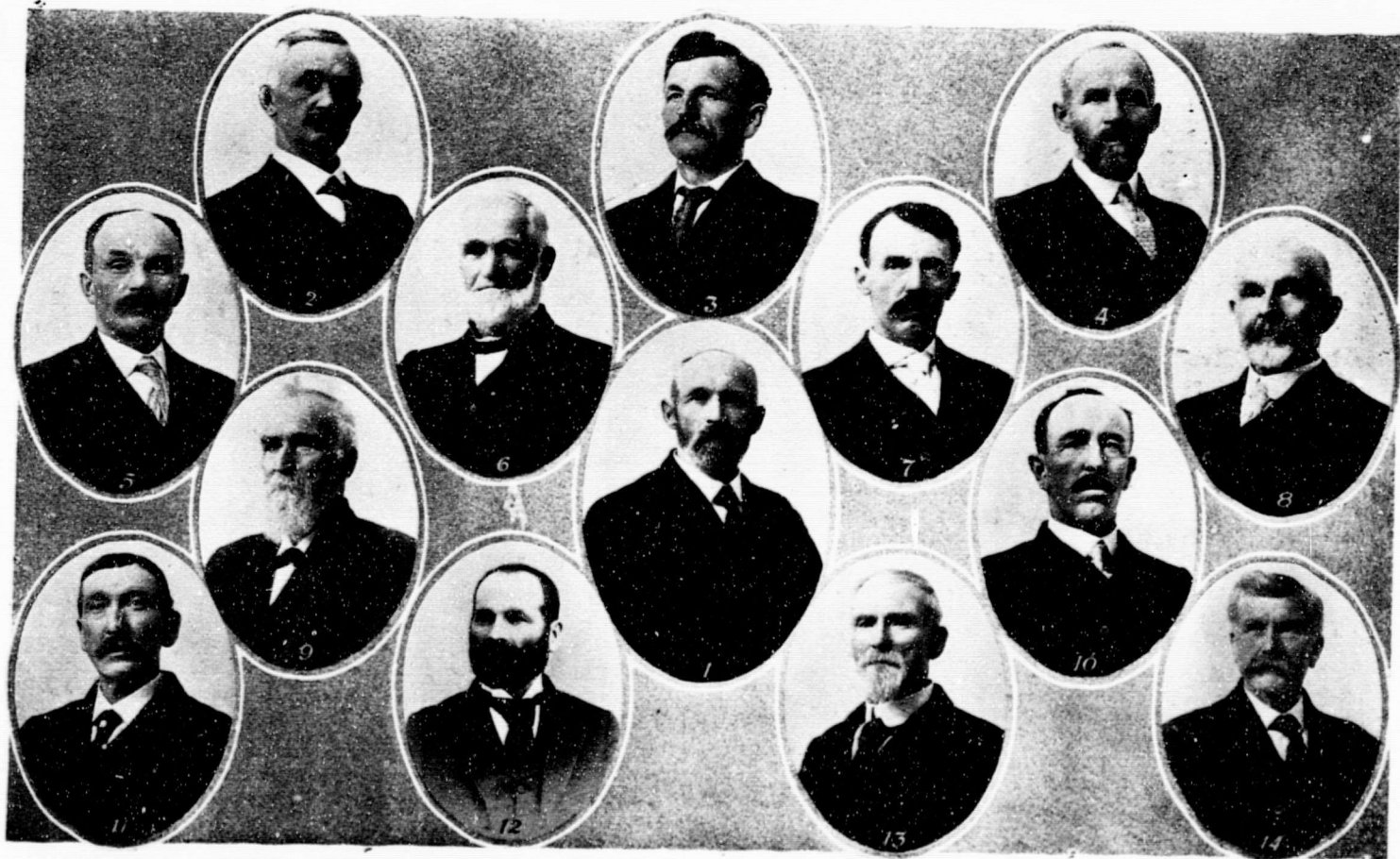


Messrs. Haines and Holmes Foundry.

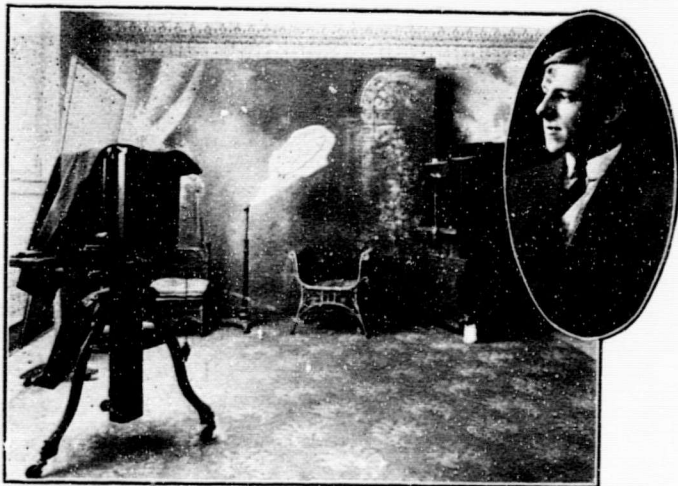
This old established Foundry, Machine, and General Repair Shop was commenced about 25 years ago by Mr. W. Thompson. It was purchased by Haines and Holmes about 5 years ago and they have continued to do a thriving business. They are experts on all kinds of castings in brass and iron, and have an extensive trade in cheese factory iron and brass work. They also manufacture brass and iron pumps and make repairs and fittings for all sorts of machinery. Mr. Haines and his assistant Mr. C. Cornwell are accomplished machinists, while Mr. Angus Avery is a skilful moulder. The firm guarantees satisfactory work and commends itself to the esteem and patronage of all. Both Mr. Haines and Mr. Holmes are alert, conscientious citizens and take a deep interest in their home town.

THE OTTER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Of all the enterprises which owe their origin to the fertile brain and progressive spirit of the Norwichites, this Company stands pre-eminent in its steady advance from its commencement to the present time. The principle upon which it was founded was that of mutual co-operation and the greatest good to the greatest number. Starting with the formation of the Company in July 1887, the Company has flourished and been just as useful and satisfactory as its best friends could desire. The amount paid in losses by fire in the last ten years was \$33,623.00. The policy holders in 1887 were 69; in Dec. 31st, 1909, they were 1,786. The amount of risk in 1887 was \$110,275.00; and in Dec. 31st, 1909 it was \$3,643,535.00; showing the tremendous growth since organization. The present officers are Jas. Carroll, President, John Cornell, Vice-President, and H. Van Valkenburg, Sec. Treas. The Board of Directors are Wm. Schell, Woodstock; V. Ficht, Oriol; F. W. Vardon, Springfield; John Topham, Burgessville; John Cornell, Otterville; P. Slattery, Eastwood; J. R. Johnson, Springfield. It is the policy of the Company always to keep a substantial balance on hand, to pay losses and to keep everything running smoothly. The Otter Mutual ranks high in the estimation of the whole County of Oxford.



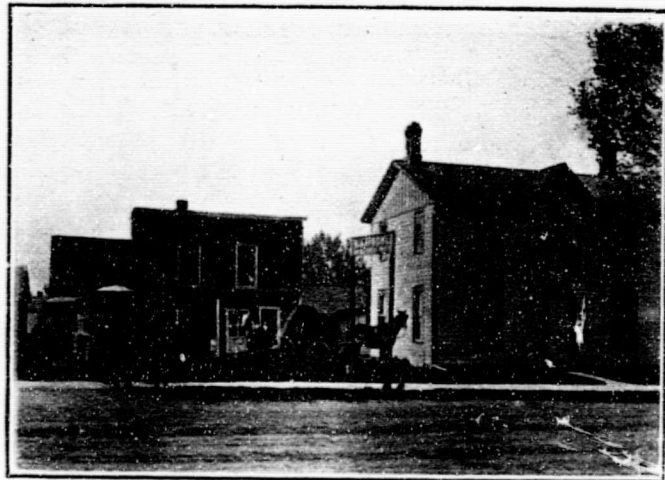
OFFICERS OF THE OTTER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.—1. Jas. E. Carroll, President; 2. H. Van Valkenburg, Sec'y-Treas.; 3. A. W. Smith, Director,
4. C. W. Carroll, Inspector; 5. J. R. Johnson, Director; 6. V. Ficht, Director; 7. F. W. Vardon, Director; 8. S. R. Wallace, Agent; 9. John Topham,
Director; 10. W. M. Bell, Agent; 11. P. Slattery, Director; 12. Wm. Schell, Director; 13. Jas. Haylow, Agent; 14. J. Cornell, Vice-Pres.



A Corner in F. H. Robinson's Studio.

F. H. ROBINSON.

You cannot help "smiling and looking pleasant" when you are having a sitting in Mr. Robinson's handsomely fitted studio on Main St. His 16 by 20 Camera will take your picture to perfection, and his artistic arrangement of your family group or his skill in getting just the right pose for the baby will certainly please you. He excels in portraiture, and his exterior and interior photographs are admirable, while his faithfulness to the original in enlargements is worthy of praise. All work is finished on the best high grade papers and in the very latest styles. Mr. Robinson also makes a specialty of picture framing. He has had an exceptional training for his profession, before coming to Norwich he has been employed in the London studios of Cooper's, and Cooper & Sanders, and others. Many of the fine portraits in this Centenary Souvenir Book are his workmanship. He is upholding the best traditions of the old stand of Eggman & Co., and although coming here only last November, already his name is familiar, and his patronage large.



The Palace Livery.

WM. J. SPROWL.

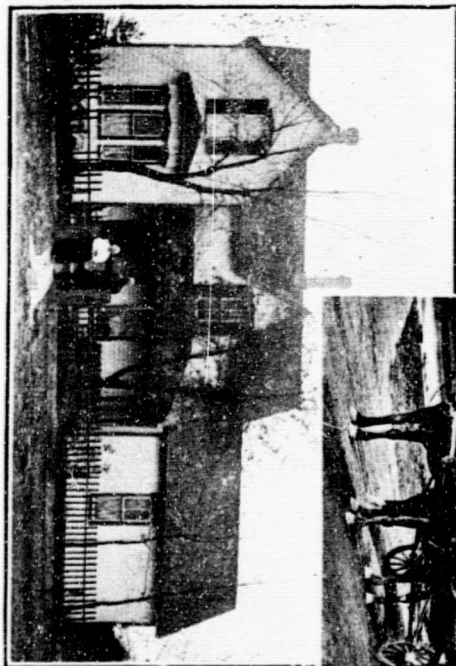
The Palace Livery, situated on Main St. is convenient for all parties who desire a handsome turnout, either individual or collective. No finer horses or rigs can be obtained anywhere, for Mr. Sprowl takes pride in keeping both just right, and being a practical blacksmith and horse lover, he understands how to do it. He also has a 'bus business in connection and meets all trains of the G. T. R. at both the East and West Stations. His services are greatly in demand for all kinds of picnics, garden parties, excursions, etc., and he makes it a point to give the very best accommodation possible to be had. His horses are well broken to all kinds of conveyances, are accustomed to trains or automobiles, thus making them safe to drive. His rates are reasonable. He does a leading business, and is highly esteemed.



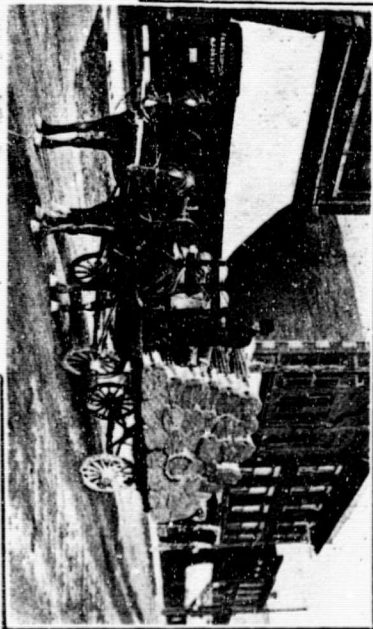
Interior of R. A. Vair's Grocery and Confectionery.

R. A. VAIR.

This well known Grocery and Ice Cream Store has been occupied by Mr. Vair for about 8 years. Previous to that, Mr. Vair was in the employ of the G. T. R. for 22 years, over 14 of which he spent in Norwich as their popular agent at the West Station. Necessarily in this capacity he became acquainted with a large number of people in the community, and many of these are to be found now among his regular customers. He is a connoisseur in china and makes it a specialty, as also of Dinnerware. Fruits and Fine Confectionery are temptingly displayed, while his Ice Cream parlors are handsomely fitted and largely patronized. He has held various lodge and civic offices, as well as being an honored official of the Methodist Church, and has a large circle of friends which he has made by his obliging and courteous manner.

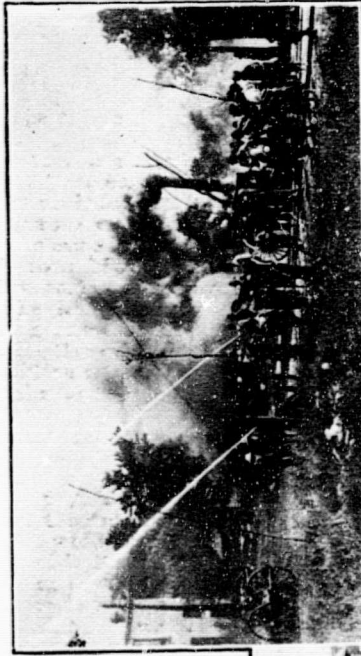


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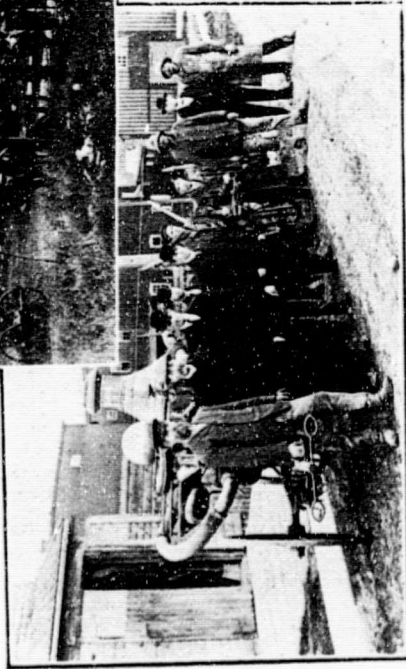


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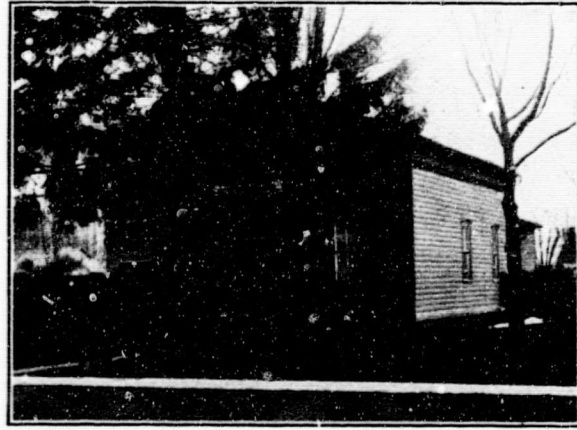
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A Live Organization.



The First Presbyterian Church, erected in 1849.



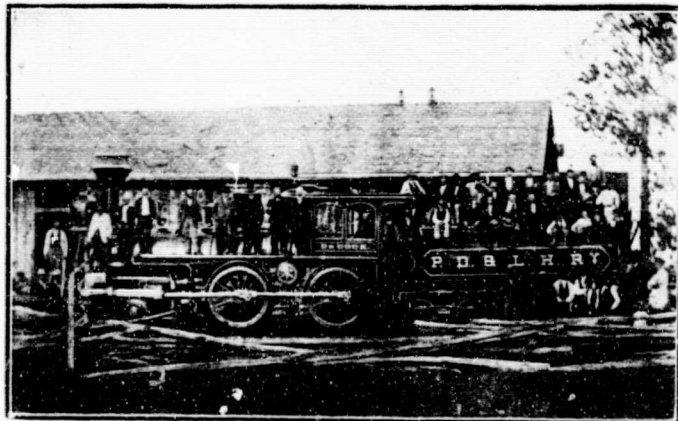
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THE GAZETTE PRINTING OFFICE.

The Gazette Printing Office is situated on the north side of Main street in a fine red brick building, planned and erected specially for it, and well suited to its purpose. The business office and editorial room is situated in the front of the building. The composing room and press room are situated in the back. The plant is a first-class one, such as is found in but few offices outside of the large cities, and is up-to-date in every respect, as the work turned out indicates. THE GAZETTE is now under the proprietorship of J. S. Winterburn, who learned the business at Kincardine, under the tuition of Mr. W. M. Daek, ex M. P. P. The paper has a large circulation throughout the southern part of Oxford, and also in Brant, giving its subscribers all the live home news. A brief sketch of the early history of the paper appears elsewhere.



Arrival of the first Locomotive in Norwich.

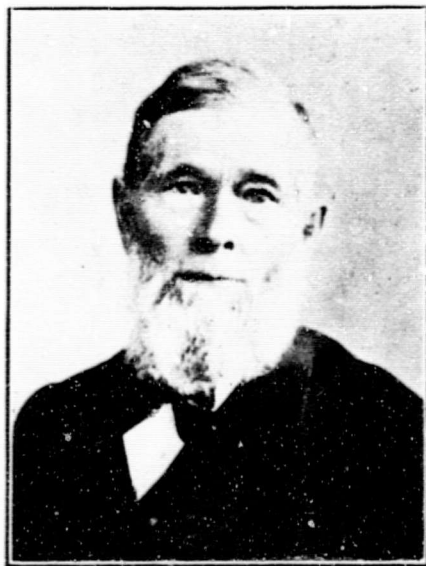


Chief of Police J. H. Entwistle.

BURGESSVILLE.

ITS COMMENCEMENT AND GROWTH.

The village of Burgessville is on the Port Dover division of the G. T. R. and has two trains a day. It is a thriving little village and covers about 380 acres, and in 1886 was set apart from the township for local improvement purposes. It was first named Snyder's Corners, after Elias Snyder who came in 1811 who was the second teacher in the township and continued as teacher for several years, but afterwards took up land, and the farm he cleared from the forest is now in possession of his grandson, Elias Snyder. Joshua Corbin was another early settler who settled near where the village now is in 1816. The Dennis family settled near Burgessville in 1820 and there are a great many of them still residing in the vicinity, the street running west from the four corners is named Dennis street. Capt. John Jacques moved into Burgessville in 1835 and was one of the prominent families in the early history of the village. During the Rebellion of 1837 he was Captain of a company of Royal Volunteers and was stationed in Norwich village for some time. William Topham was one of the early settlers of Burgessville and cleared a farm in the forest, which his son John still occupies. The Emighs are also a pioneer family coming to the settlement near Burgessville in 1819, and did their part in making this section of country what it is to-day. E. W. Burgess, for whom the village was named was born in the vicinity about 1821, and started the business of blacksmithing in 1844, which is still carried on by his son C. E. Burgess. He was postmaster for 30 years and station agent 18 years. The village took the name of Burgessville about 1848. J. P. Edward was the first postmaster. Nelson Batterson started the first store in 1845 when it was still called Snyder's Corners. In 1887 Henry Sneath started a general store in Burgessville and did a very extensive business. E. H.



E. W. Burgess.

Snyder, son of the pioneer, is a man who merits special reference in this brief sketch. He was clerk of the township for two years, Councillor for three years, Deputy-Reeve in 1887 and Reeve for six years.

There is a splendid school, and fine school building, two teachers, Mr. Hendershott, principal. The first school buildings were log, then frame and now a commodious brick. In 1833 Mr. De Los Hewitt was teacher, Mr. Snyder, the pioneer, and his son Elias Henry, were both teachers in the vicinity.

The Baptist Church has been in existence in the village for seventy-four years. They held their first services in a little school house near Holbrook and among the pioneer ministers were Mr. Howie, Elder Heverland, and Mr. Lemon. Now the Baptists have a fine church property on Dennis street with a large cemetery in connection. The pastor at the present time is Rev. Mr. Doolittle.

The Methodist Church is only twenty-five years of age in this vicinity, but has progressed rapidly, have a handsome church and property. Rev. C. L. Poole is in charge.

In the early days there was no doctor in the neighborhood and for a number of years Dr. Cooke who settled in the township in 1831 there was no other doctor in the township. De Thrall was the first or one of the first to settle in Burgessville; Dr. Watson was the physician later on, and at the present time Dr. Henry looks after the health of the community.

The Farmer's Bank is a fine brick block and does a large business under the management of C. H. McIntosh, besides whom three clerks are kept actively engaged, H. C. McPherson, ledger-keeper, C. E. Jacques and F. Borland.

Mr. Wm. Kirkpatrick purchased the store and business of Mr. Sneath, and has been doing an extensive departmental business. Unfortunately just after receiving a large shipment of goods this spring, the building with nearly all its contents were burned. However Mr. Kirkpatrick in a few hours had collected together the remains of his stock and opened out in the Oddfellow's Hall. He is also the postmaster. He is now building another building for his store, which will be far better adapted for his commercial purposes.

Charles E. Burgess, the popular township clerk, carries on an extensive business in blacksmithing and carriage-making, established by his father in 1844, of which he has been the proprietor for about forty years.

Thos. Mollins has a saw and chopping mill which has been managed by him for more than thirty years, and makes extensive shipment of lumber to various parts, it is situated a little north of the station.

R. A. Siple is a dealer in grain, flour, feed, cement, salt, binder twine, etc., hay, straw and roofing.

Mr. Quehl has recently started a tinsmith business on the corner.

The Telephone Company at Burgessville has extended its operations until it reaches many miles in circumference throughout this district. The Company consists of the following gentlemen:— President, Wm. Kirkpatrick, Burgessville; Vice-President, W. T. Nutt, Zenda; Manager, Martin Emigh, Holbrook; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Sneath, Woodstock; W. T. Nutt, Zenda, W. H. Kneal, Burgessville, J. G. Corliss, Burgessville, and Chas. Sackrider, Burgessville, Directors.

The Fruit Growers' Association is a very important factor in connection with the industries of Burgessville and its vicinity, for large shipments of fruit are made every year; W. H. Kneal is the secretary of the Society, and also the worthy secretary of the Directors of the Cheese Factory.

Burgessville is famous for its many lodges. The Independent Order of Oddfellows, the Ancient Order of Workman, Foresters, Royal Templars of Temperance, the Home Circle, etc., are all well represented and flourishing. The Women's Institute has a large membership, and are now making efforts to establish a Public Library.



W. KIRKPATRICK.

Eight years' experience as a clerk with Mr. H. Sneath gave Mr. Kirkpatrick a first hand knowledge of the business in which he is now engaged. Besides this he ran a store for three years at Holbrook. He then started business at Burgessville in the fall of 1904, which he had occupied and operated as a General Store till March 19th, 1910, when he suffered a disastrous fire. Nothing daunted, he recommenced business at once in the Oddfellows Hall and has been doing a roaring trade even amidst the inconvenience incidental to and following the fire. All his patrons are pleased that a fine new two storey red brick store is being erected by him, which he expects to move into by July 1st.

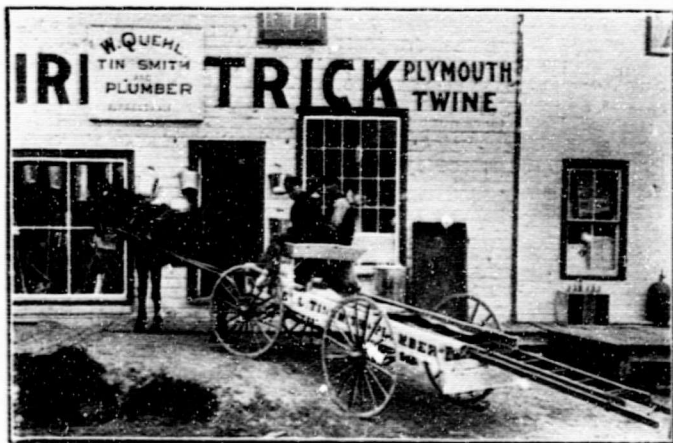
Mr. Kirkpatrick is an honored official in the Baptist Church. He is the President of the Burgessville Telephone Co., and is also the Postmaster.



R. A. Siple's Warehouse.

R. A. SIPLE.

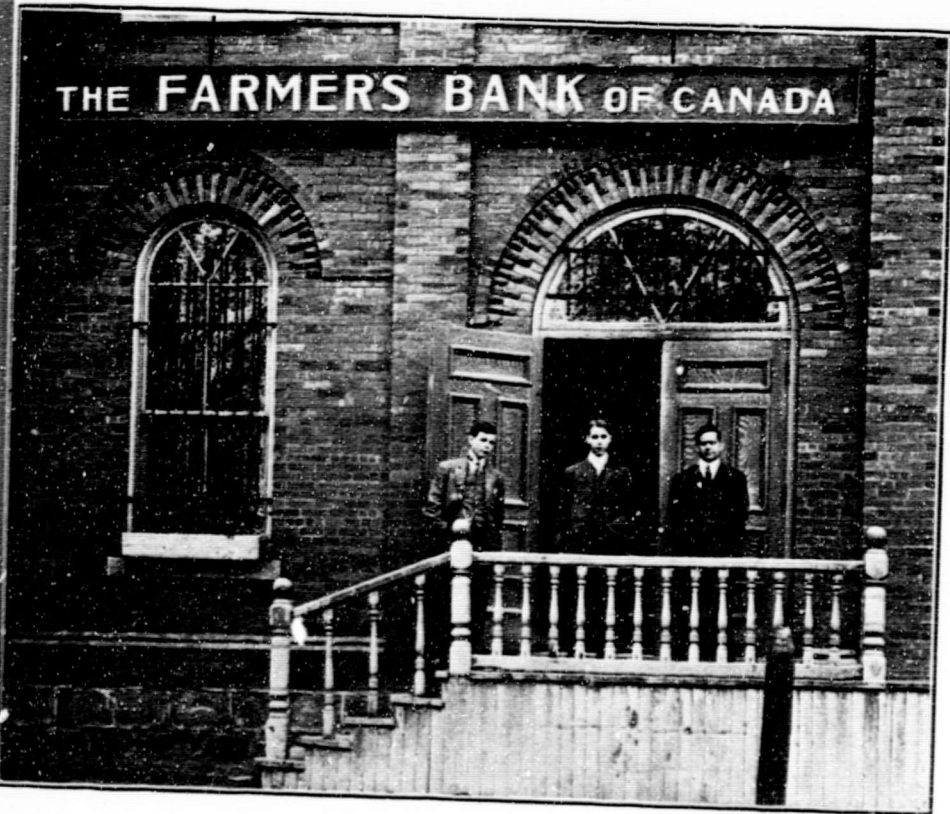
This establishment, which is situated at the Burgessville G. T. R. Station is owned by Mr. Siple and has been run by him for the past two years. Previous to his coming he was a successful farmer in East Oxford and the experience gained there is invaluable in his present business. Since he has purchased it from the former proprietor Mr. E. D. Hilliker he has added to it, and he now enjoys an ever increasing patronage. A railway switch to the warehouse facilitates shipping, which is quite extensive.



W. J. QUEHL.

Tavistock was the scene of the earlier operations of Mr. Quehl as a tinsmith, here he learnt his trade about eight years ago. Before coming to Burgessville he worked for several years in Norwich and Fonthill. He commenced business in Burgessville August 1909, and is centrally situated in the village. He carries a reliable stock of stoves, furnaces, and all sorts of tinware. His specialty is outside work, while he also does plumbing. Though only a young man and a newcomer in the district, he is rapidly gaining the confidence of the people and is "making good."

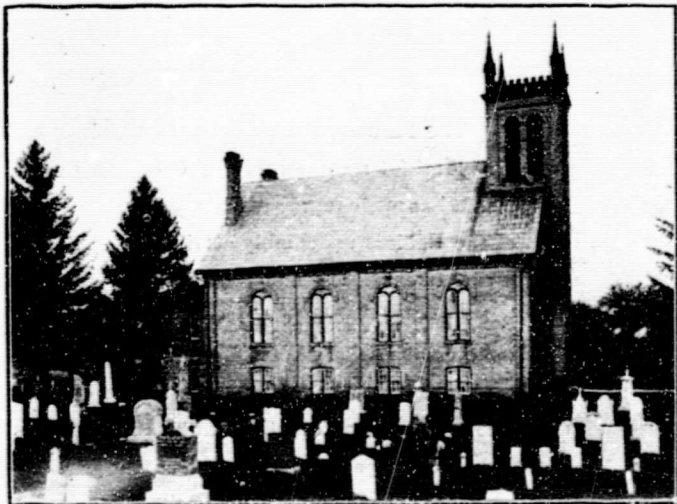
THE FARMERS BANK OF CANADA



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The Farmers Bank of Canada although one of the youthful members of the Canadian Chartered Banks has made rapid progress. The steady growth of the Bank is undeniably attributed to the careful management. The aim has not been large profits but a gradual increase of returns without assuming unnecessary risks. W. R. Travers, General Manager, has come to be looked upon as one of the best informed and conservative bankers in Canada.

The Burgessville Branch was one of the first branches opened and was under the management of S. Merrill for two years, who was very popular and the business grew steadily under his management. He was succeeded by C. N. McIntosh, the present manager, and the business has flourished; this being due to the courteous clerks, who are always obliging and willing to accommodate the public. Farmers business is their specialty and they appreciate your business no matter how small it may be, and they give small accounts as much attention as the large ones.



Burgessville Baptist Church.



Rev. T. Doolittle, B. A., B. Th.

Burgessville Churches.



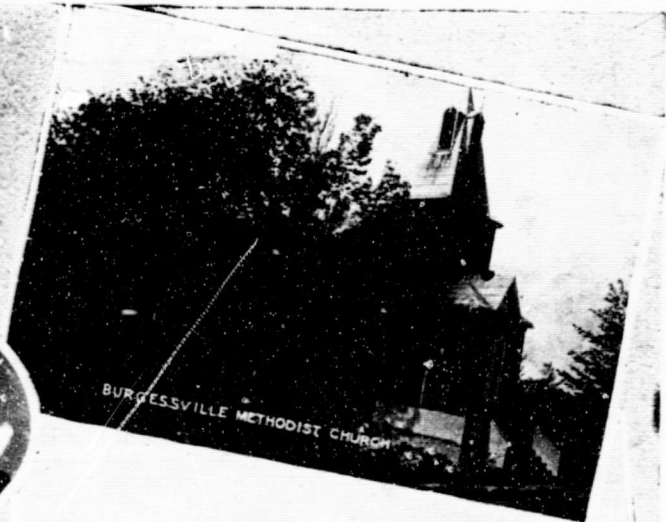
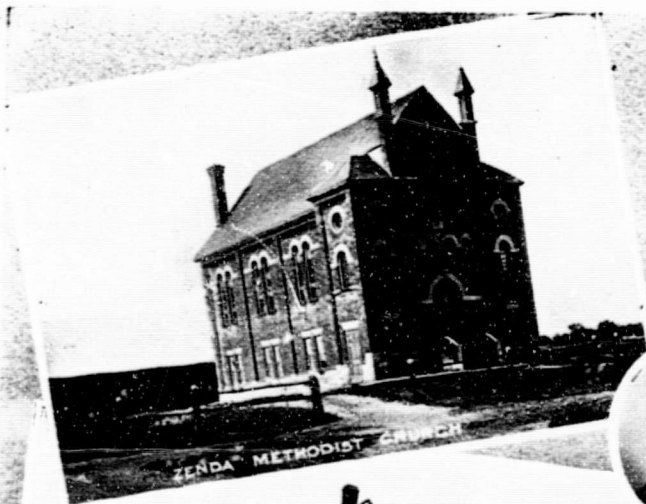
THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist Church in Burgessville is one of the oldest churches in the township, next year they celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary. The cemetery is in connection with the church property. The history of Burgessville is closely identified with the history of its Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Doolittle has charge of the church here, and is exceedingly well thought of by his large congregation.

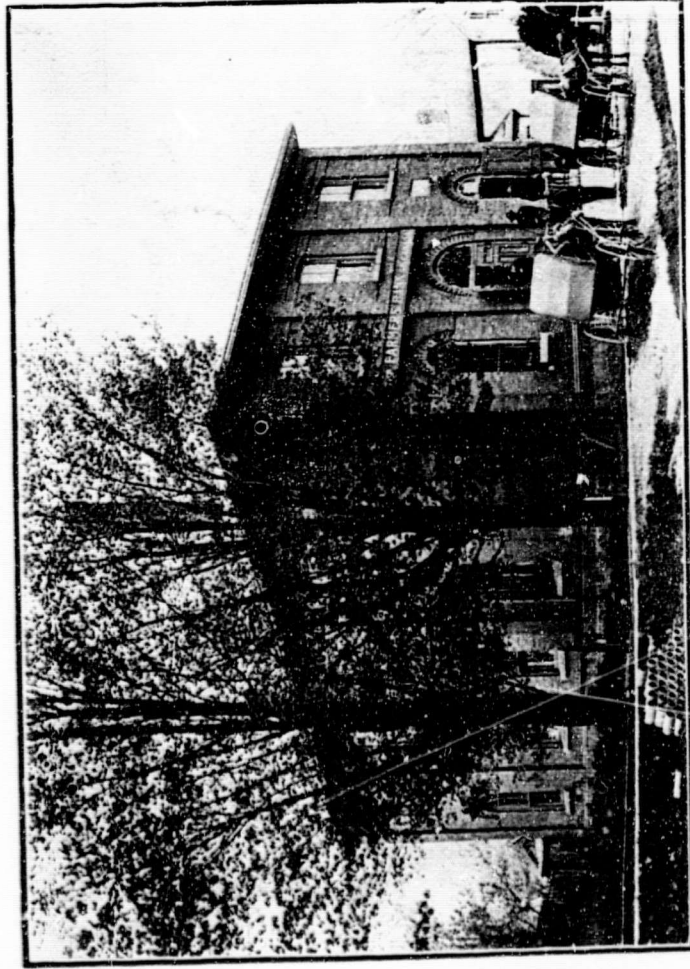


THE METHODIST CIRCUIT.

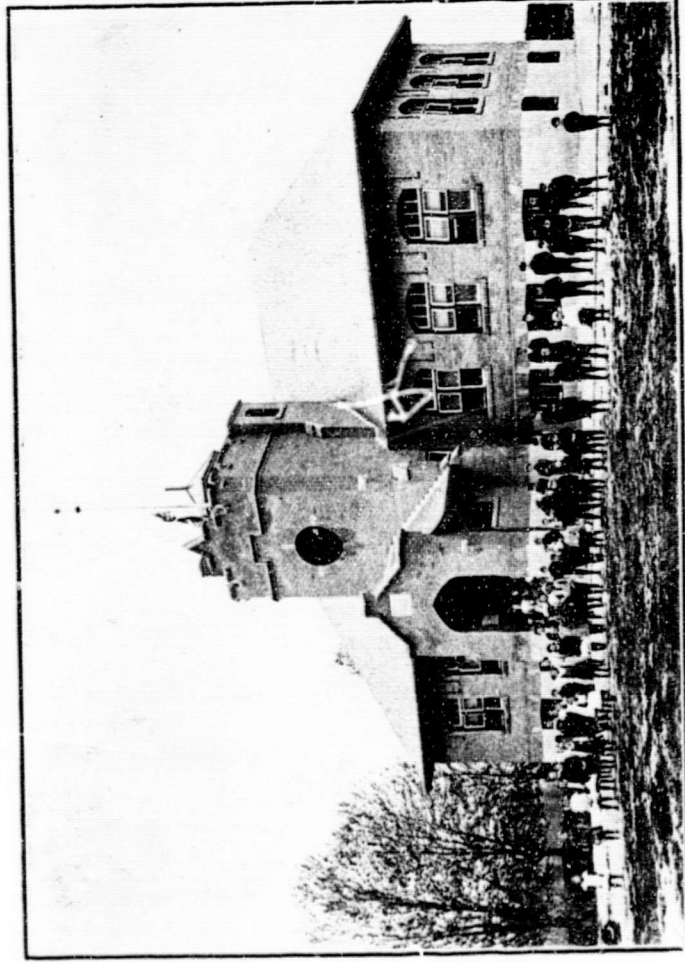
The Burgessville Circuit of the Hamilton Methodist Conference contains three fine churches—Burgessville, Salem, and Newark, situated in a beautiful part of the Township of North Norwich. The Burgessville church has had a remarkable history. Twenty years ago three or four families congregated to hear the Gospel in a hall, now, through faithful and successive pastorates, there is an excellent cause, with strength superior to most rural charges. The Salem and Newark appointments were for many years connected with the Springford circuit, but in 1907 these three splendid appointments were brought together into what is now known as the Burgessville Circuit. In 1908 a beautiful modern parsonage was built, which is a standing testimony to the fidelity and enterprise of the people. The organization of this new field has been under the direction of the present pastor, Rev. C. L. Poole, who has been successful in forming a circuit, the future of which under the Providence of God, will be bright.



Methodist Church Group, Burgessville.



Oddfellows Hall, Burgessville.



Burgessville Public School.



Residence of Dr. Henry.



Residence of Mr. John Topham.



Residence of Mr. C E. Burgess.



Head Office Burgessville Telephone Co.



ERWIN CASE.

In this beautiful locality of Beaconsfield one expects to find everything in keeping. Nor will one be disappointed for one meets with a fine people, intelligent and enlightened. The subject of this sketch therefore showed discrimination in choosing it for his birthplace. His parents also were brought up here, and are well known. He commenced business as a General Store keeper ten years ago. What will you not find in his store, everything as the saying is from a "needle to a haystack." He also is the obliging and much esteemed postmaster. In fact Beaconsfield would hardly be the same without the presence of Erwin Case.



HAMLETS OF NORTH NORWICH.

North Norwich contains a number of thriving and pretty hamlets.

NEWARK.

Newark is a prosperous little settlement west of Norwich having a number of comfortable homes and a flourishing store and post office. This is kept by Mr. Templar. The early settlers were the Holmes, Hillikers, Austins and others.

HOLBROOK.

A similar description applies to Holbrook. It is situated in the northwestern corner of the Township, and the store and post office are kept by Mr. Frank Kelley.

BEACONSFIELD.

This community is in the northern part of the township, and is the centre of a rich agricultural country. Mr. Case commenced a mercantile business there more than forty years ago. His son who succeeded him, also has the post office.

