



**PORT PERRY**  
*the*  
**Beautiful**

**BY JOSEPH BIGELOW**



## JOSEPH BIGELOW

### Entrepreneur and Businessman

Port Perry's most ambitious and influential businessman during the developing years of the village, was Joseph Bigelow. In fact, it could be argued he was the singular, most influential man in the entire history of the community.

Bigelow was identified financially and other wise with every important improvement in the Port Perry and Scugog district during his active years.

He became the first postmaster in the village from 1852 to 1869. In the late 1850s he took over a woollen factory and planing mill, operating it until it was expropriated for the railway in 1870. In 1862 a branch of the Royal Canadian Bank opened in Port Perry, with Mr. Bigelow as manager. He held the position for six years, until he retired to give more attention to his other business interests.

In April 1869, he opened one of the most impressive commercial blocks in the County, the Royal Arcade. Following this he turned his attention to promoting and building the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway, of which he became its chief instigator.

In 1872, Joseph Bigelow became the first Reeve of the newly incorporated village of Port Perry. He held the office for three terms, under which time the village thrived under his leadership and drive. It was during his term as Reeve, that two of the town's most important structures were built, the new Town Hall and the Union Public and High School.

In May 1877, he began construction of his magnificent residence on Cochrane Street, overlooking Lake Scugog. It was here he and his family resided until his death, at 89-years of age, in April 1917.

Mr. Bigelow became a Justice of the Peace in 1877 and in 1881 ran as a Reform candidate for the Ontario Legislature, but failed to be elected by three votes.

On the business front, Mr. Bigelow was a 20-year partner with Thomas Paxton in a flour-milling business located on Water St., and also a partner in the Paxton, Tate Foundry on Perry St, and operated the Big Red Apple Elevator, on Lilla St.

In 1890, one of his most important projects was completed, in the building of the causeway, or connecting bridge between Cartwright, Scugog Island and Port Perry.

Mr. Bigelow was married to Elizabeth Paxton in 1854. He passed away at his family residence on Cochrane St. on Sunday, January 28, 1917, leaving his wife and three children, Charles, Thomas and Mrs. W.H. McCaw.

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## Port Perry the Beautiful and its Environs A Prosperous Town—A Charming Country

### Port Perry Past and Present

By JOSEPH BIGELOW, ESQ.

The history of Port Perry extends back for about sixty-five years, at which time it was scarcely known, only as a landing place and camping ground of the Indian and the fur trader, and the landing place of the Indian trail between Scugog Lake and Lake Ontario at Oshawa.

Evidences of the early occupation of the place is in the finding of arrow heads and stone implements where once roamed the untamed Indian with his dusky mate and children of the forest in pursuit of game, and happiness in anticipation of a full meal, affording a very unreliable means of support, especially during severe and prolonged winters, which must have entailed much suffering in their exposed condition in the bark covered wigwams with scanty clothing. Their little ones must have suffered extreme hardship in their crude homes and on the trail – the squaw carrying her papoose on her back – in their pursuit of fresh hunting grounds.

Scugog Lake, and the rivers and lakes north, were largely populated by Indians at one time, unknown to white man, where fish and game were plentiful, with no close season as enforced by the laws of the white men.

Evidences of Indian occupation at a very early period, or by a prehistoric race, is apparent in the construction of dykes and mounds of snake and amphitheater shapes, and embankments for purposes unknown, between Port Perry and Seagrave along the railway in the ninth and tenth concessions of Reach.

South of the present bridge connecting Port Perry with Scugog Island, and around the southern end of the Island, was at one time about two thousand acres of low-lying marsh land, sparsely covered with a growth of tamarack and spruce trees, giving the appearance of a beautiful grass covered park, the feeding ground of the buck and doe, at times in large numbers, affording meat for the Indians and early settlers.

The raising of the waters of the lake by the building of



Joseph Bigelow

a dam at Lindsay on the Scugog River about the year 1832, overflowed this low lying land, killing all the timber, which was subsequently cut down by incoming settlers, for fire wood, now presenting a partially submerged waste of marsh stumps and bare weather-beaten relics of a bygone age, now the feeding ground of millions of wild ducks. This is now held by a company as a game preserve, and is a real paradise for sportsmen.

Speaking of the Indian and Indian traders, one John Sharp was murdered by an Indian (Ogetonicut) on Washburn Island. The Indian was subsequently arrested and taken to Toronto, then Little York, for trial. It was then learned that the crime was committed in the Newcastle district. Little York being in the Home District, the trial could not take place there, and he was transferred to the Newcastle District, where the offence was committed.

It was arranged that the trial should take place at Presque Isle, on the 7th of October, 1801. Judge Cochrane, Solicitor-General Robert Isaac Gray, Sheriff Angus McDonald, Deputy Sheriff John Fish, in charge of the Indian, went down the lake in the Government schooner "Speedy", Captain Paxton, for the place of trial at Presque





*Looking north from Port Perry over Lake Scugog and Scugog Island.*

Isle. The vessel was lost, and all on board drowned. The John Fisk referred to was the great grandfather of our townsman, Mr. Bigelow, who has the administration papers respecting his estate.

Where Port Perry now stands was formerly an Indian Reservation, and it was called by the first settlers, up to the time of a post office being established, Scugog Village.

Reuben Crandell was the first settler on the land west of Lilla Street in 1821. Shortly after came Charles and Elias Williams, who located on the land east of Lilla Street. Charles, about 1845, selling out his portion to Peter Perry, and Elias to his son, Peter Williams, by will dated 1849.



*Reuben Crandell's first cabin near Manchester.*

Mr. Perry had his purchase about 1845 laid out in lots, which was the first commencement of the town. A frame storehouse was erected on the south side of the corporation wharf. About 1846 Thomas and George Paxton built a saw mill, followed by another built by Samuel Hill, afterwards becoming the property of W.S. Sexton. These men carried on the lumbering business until the pine forests around Scugog

Lake became exhausted. In 1858 another saw mill was built at the west end of the Scugog Bridge, by Stephen Doty, an American, afterwards becoming the property of Mr. Bigelow.

In 1847 and 1848 John Nott and John W. Davis engaged in the manufacture of furniture. At this date was opened a general store by Peter Perry, of Whitby, managed by Chester Draper, and later purchased by Richard Lund, who retired, and the business was subsequently carried on by Alexander McMichael, and later by Henry Charles, where the St. Charles hotel now stands.



*Peter Perry*

The first hotel was built in 1848 by Harrison Haight, on the south side of Queen Street, on the property at present owned by Mrs. Sinclair. This was followed by another hotel built by S.E. Crandell on land now occupied by the Bank of Commerce.

In 1848 and 1849 was built the plank road from Port Whitby to Scugog Lake, nineteen miles in length, made of three inch pine plank, ten feet long, with three stringers, three by six pine, the whole distance. Figure what that would be worth Figure what that would be worth to-day.

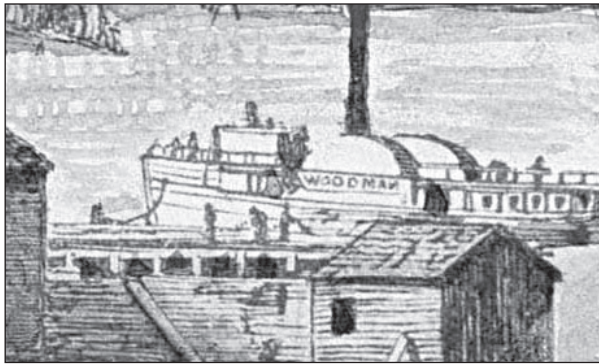
Over the road was hauled immense quantities of masts, square timber, white oak, and West India pipe staves, mostly rafted and brought to Port Perry from the Townships of Scugog, Mariposa, Fenelon, Ops and Cartwright. The plank road at this time afforded the only outlet for these products of the forest, as well as other traffic and travel. At this time nearly the whole town was a forest, the north side of Queen Street from Water Street to John Street was forest, only enough

timber being cut away for Crandell's hotel.

From Dr. E. L. Procter's house (305 Queen St.) to the school house (Queen & Rosa St.) there were a few acres cleared, but all north was bush. On the south side of Queen Street from Mr. T.C. Forman's residence (386 Queen St.) to the Town Hall and south to the 5th concession was a cedar swamp.

East and south of the Town Hall was a small clearing made by Elias Williams. South of Mary Street all was bush land. At this time not more than half a dozen houses constituted the embryo town.

In July, 1851, a hurricane passed through the Township of Reach and Port Perry, killing two people and overturning a frame house, carrying it across the road about where John Cassidy's house now stands.



*The steamer Woodman at Port Perry dock about 1853*

In 1851 the first steamboat was built by Hugh Chisholm, who was also her first captain. The boat was owned by Cotton & Rowe, of Whitby. Some two years afterwards she was badly damaged by fire, and was sold to George Crandell, who repaired her and made tri-weekly trips between Port Perry and Lindsay.

Next was built the steamer "Ogema", owned and operated by Captain Wallace of Fenelon Falls. This boat made two trips per week between Port Perry and Fenelon Falls. Later a number of other steamers went into the carrying trade, which was quite extensive until the railway was built between Port Hope and Lindsay.

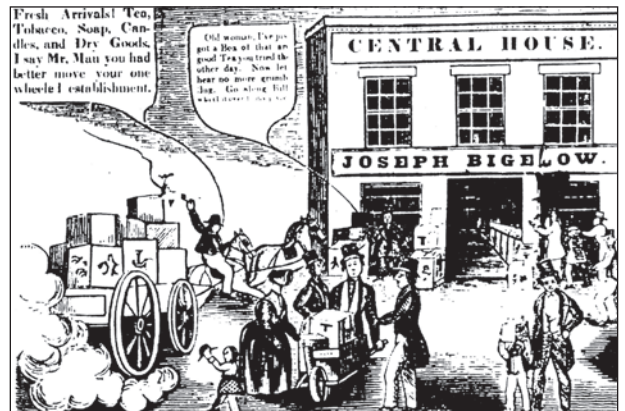


*The steamer Ogema.*

Previous to the building of steamers the carrying trade was done in small boats, the largest one being of about three tons capacity, and was owned and after which a scow was put into service, propelled by sails and poles, navigated by Christopher Shehey. This was about the only means of getting into and out of the back country, as there were no bush roads. A team would have to snake its way around stumps and trees, over roots and mud holes, up and down hill – a most trying operation.

The present generation of people have but a vague conception of the hardships of their pioneer ancestors who toiled and slaved to make homes for themselves and their children. The children can now have fine horses, splendid carriages, good schools, houses good enough for the palace of a king and pianos and other luxuries for the family.

In striking contrast this to the log shanty, the big open fireplace, the log barn, the yoke of oxen, the homemade jumper and the three-cornered harrow of the pioneer, who did the chopping and clearing of the land, saving the ashes, rinsing off the lye, boiling it down to the consistency of soft sugar — called black salts — to be made into pearlash. This, and the making of potash was quite an extensive industry during the clearing of land, to obtain a little money or pay store bills. A pearlash works was carried on by Richard Lund, located where Charles Vickery's office now stands. These were the days when square o.g. clocks were pedalled through the country and sold on long time at twenty dollars each.



*Illustration from a poster advertising Joseph Bigelow's Central House, printed in January 1861.*

In 1851 was opened a general store by Cotton & Rowe, managed by W. H. Rutledge, where the Observer office is now. The same year came Mr. Joseph Bigelow and his brother, opening a general store where Mr. McCaw's store now stands.

In 1852 a post office was opened, Joseph Bigelow being appointed its first post master. After the opening of the post office a daily stage was started between Whitby and Port Perry. A new name for the place instead of Scugog Village was desirable, and it was called Port Perry, after the founder of the village, Peter Perry, who was a prominent merchant and grain



buyer of Whitby, and was a Member of Parliament for East York in the Parliament of Upper Canada, the sessions of which as the time were held in Toronto.

In 1852 a steam flouring and saw mill was built by John Cameron, of Toronto, and carried on for some years, when it was burned down. The mill stood where the railway station is located.

In 1858 another daily stage line between Port Perry and Whitby was started by C.S. Jewell, the two lines connecting with the steamer Woodman, and both lines doing a large passenger business. So keen at one time was the competition between the stage lines that passengers were carried between Port Perry and Whitby for twenty-five cents.

In 1853 Jacob and W. D. Bowerman started a woolen factory and planing mill where the railway engine sheds now are, afterwards passing to Mr. Bigelow, who added the manufacture of flour barrel staves, carrying on the business for some years. When the property was expropriated for railway purposes the mill was taken down and removed to near the foundry of Madison Williams.

## THE SUGOG BRIDGE

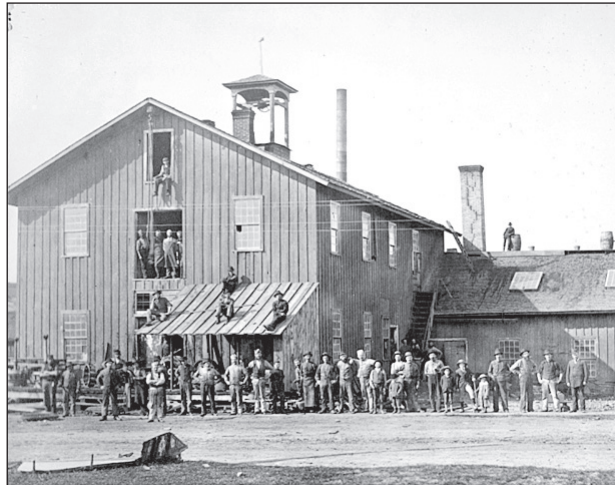
The next milestone in Port Perry's progress was the building of the Scugog Bridge by the County of Ontario in the years 1853-1854, connecting Port Perry with Scugog Island. This was a floating bridge, but was afterwards filled in, making a solid, permanent roadway. Previous to this a ferry had to be operated during the open season between the Port and the Island.



*The Lake Scugog "floating" Bridge.*

Next was started a stove foundry, by John Cameron of Toronto, and managed by William Shipman, erected where Swan Bros. carriage shop now stands, afterwards burned down.

Next was a flouring mill, built by Thomas and George Paxton, later becoming the property of James Carnegie. This was destroyed by fire in June, 1902, but has been replaced by a modern, substantial brick building.



*The Port Perry Foundry - 1887.*

Next in order was the building of the Port Perry Foundry, owned by Joseph Bigelow and Thomas Paxton, and operated by Paxton, Tait & Co., in the manufacture of agricultural implements and mill machinery. This is at present owned by Madison Williams, whose orders for turbine wheels and mill machinery come from all over the Dominion.



*Madison Williams*

Following the upward progress of the town, was the opening of a branch of the Royal Canadian Bank, of which Mr. Bigelow was the manager for five years, retiring to give greater personal attention to his extended business. Shortly after, in 1870, the building of the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway was commenced, of which Mr. Bigelow was president during its construction.

The Paxtons, Sextons, and Edward Major were some of the moving spirits in this undertaking. Mr. Bigelow, after the completion of the railway, sold out his interest and withdrew from the company.

Shortly after this the Ontario Bank opened a branch, first in the office at present owned by Mr. Carnegie, until a better premises could be obtained, subsequently moving into the premises at present occupied by the Western Bank, of which Mr. H. G. Hutcheson is the manager. The Ontario Bank subsequently withdrew its agency.

Following this was the opening of a branch of the Central Bank of which the late Wm. McGill was manager, but the branch was compelled to close through mismanagement and losses at the head office.

## CARTWRIGHT ROADWAY

The building of the Cartwright roadway was undertaken in 1890, connecting Scugog Island with the Township of Cartwright, to which the people of the town contributed largely, and which has proved so beneficial to the town, and a convenience to the whole country.

Then followed the establishing of a branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, of which the present manager is Mr. Charles Ballard.

In the year 1866 the "Port Perry Standard" was established by Mr. Edward Mundy. Shortly after this the Ontario Observer, published at Prince Albert, was removed to Port Perry. This is owned and conducted by Mr. Henry Parsons.

After the completion of the railway all the business men of Prince Albert removed to Port Perry. These included Thomas C. Forman, Aaron Ross, George Currie, John Diesfeld, J. H. Brown, Thomas Courtice, late of Courtice & Jeffrey, William Brock, and others.

Adam Gordon from Manchester, M.P.P. for North Ontario, came to Port and built a grain elevator where the Matthew Edwards egg storehouse is located. This was afterwards destroyed by fire.

Port Perry was incorporated in 1871. Mr. John Nott was appointed by the County Council to take the census, and this established the village's claim to be incorporated. Port Perry, therefore, commenced business on her own account on the 1st of January, 1872, when the first council was elected, of which Joseph Bigelow was reeve. Henry Gordon, treasurer, and Duncan Mc Kercher, clerk. Councillors



*Ross Grain Elevator - Port Perry.*



*Town Hall - Port Perry.*

were A. N. Sexton, Caleb Crandell, W. Tait and John Phillips.

The Ross grain elevator was built by George Currie in 1873, and is now operated by William Ross in his extensive grain business.

In the same year the town hall was built, also the Public and High School building. The High School has an enviable reputation as an educational institution. Its fame as such is known throughout the Dominion. The Principal is Mr. Dugald McBride, who has held the position for the past 34 years. Many of his pupils hold prominent positions in Canada and the United States. Port Perry has turned out many able men in all walks of life.

In 1884 occurred the great fire, which burned down the whole of the business portion of the town, from Water Street to John Street, the only building left being Mr. Tummond's grocery and feed store. The fire entailed a loss of between two and three hundred thousand dollars. Not discouraged, however, her people went at it with a will, and rebuilt their premises better than ever.

## THE VILLAGE OF PORT PERRY

Port Perry at present contains about 1,600 people, and with the Prince Albert suburbs added, aggregates about 2,000. The town is situated on the west side of Scugog Lake, opposite Scugog Island, which forms a separate township, containing about 10,000 acres, and is fully settled with prosperous farmers. The Island contains an Indian reserve of 800 acres, on which is located a band of about 40 Mississauga Indians.

Port Perry is situated on rising ground from the Lake, rising to an elevation of 117 feet within a distance of three-quarters of a mile, in one of the finest agricultural and stock-raising districts in the Province.

The highest elevation of the town is nearly 700 feet above Lake Ontario, Scugog being 568 feet





*Port Perry razed by fire in July 1884.*

above Ontario. The town is 49 miles from Toronto by rail via Whitby, and is noted as one of the most healthy towns in the Dominion. As such an altitude the air is always fresh, pure and invigorating, which makes the place a most pleasant one summer or winter. The residential streets are embowered in shade trees, which form a wind break in winter and a cool shade in the heat of summer, and add very materially to the beauty of the town.

Who can say Port Perry is not a most delightful place to live in, having, as it has, so many local advantages. Situated on the shore of a beautiful lake, having a magnificent panoramic view of Scugog Island, forming an enchanting and beautiful scene of farm and hillside, not easily excelled.

Residents of the town who have seen this panorama of nature every day for years fail to see it as strangers do when visiting the town. Strangers express themselves delighted and surprised with the beauty of the town, the fine houses, the well-kept lawns, the shady trees, the neat appearance of the town generally, its fine view of the Island, and its many other advantages.

The town possesses a municipal lighting and waterworks system, good railway accommodation, good hotels, fine stores, one Methodist Church, one Presbyterian Church, a Baptist, an Episcopal, a Roman Catholic, and a Catholic Apostolic Church.

There is a first-class Public and High School, also telegraph and telephone services. Boats, during the season of navigation, can leave the docks at Port Perry, going as far east as Hastings on the River Trent, via Peterborough, a distance of about 150 miles in an easterly direction, and northwesterly to Balsam Lake.

On completion of the canal from there to Lake Simcoe the present year, boats can enter that lake, visiting Orillia, Barrie, Beaverton and Jackson's Point summer resorts; and on the final completion of the Trent canal vessels from here can go down the St. Lawrence to the sea, or west to the Upper Lakes, taking in all the cities of the lakes from Midland to Duluth, Chicago, Detroit or Cleveland.

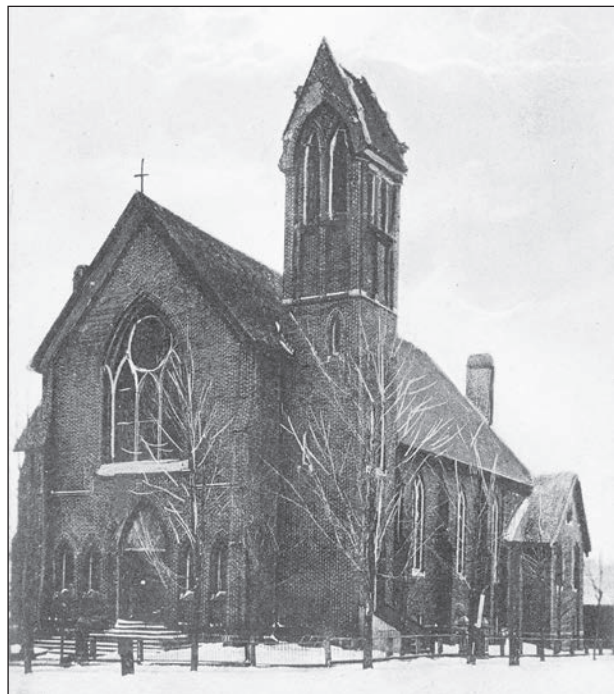
Mr. Joseph Bigelow, whose portrait appears on the front page of this issue, and to whom *The Observer* is indebted for the article on "Port Perry, Past and Present", was born in the Township of Tecumseh on November 9, 1828.

His father, Hiram Bigelow, owned a flour and saw mill in the township, but moved with his family to Lindsay in 1844. Mr. Joseph Bigelow and his twin brother, Joel, came to Port Perry in 1851 and started a general store under the firm name of J. & J. Bigelow. After a time Mr. Joel Bigelow removed to Whitby, where he opened a store.

Mr. Joseph Bigelow remained in Port Perry, and has ever since been most intimately connected with the rise and progress of the place. He has occupied positions of honor and responsibility, and has amassed a competency. He owns a beautiful home on the hill (*Cochrane St.*).

There's no citizen of the town more honoured and respected than Mr. Bigelow, and *The Observer* but voices the hope of all citizens that their esteemed townsman may be spared to enjoy many years of happy life in the prosperous town which he has so helped to create.

## THE CHURCHES



*Port Perry Methodist-United Church 1908*

### THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist congregation of Port Perry has the finest church building in the town, corner of Queen and Lilla Street, an engraving of which is given in this paper. The building is a commodious one, with school-room in the basement. The membership of the church is now 300, whilst the Sunday school has



an attendance of between 175 and 200. The congregation will this year celebrate its 20th anniversary.

Rev. B.G. Greatrix is the present pastor. He came to Canada from London, England, and was educated in Cobourg and Victoria College, and was ordained to the ministry in 1883. Mr. Greatrix has occupied pulpits at Stouffville, Darlington, Newcastle, Atherly, South Monaghan, Cavan, Little Britain, Cannington, Trenton, Campbellford. This is his second year here.



*Anglican Church of Ascension*

## **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

It is now almost half a century since the Anglican Church was first represented in this township. Rev. Mr. Pentland was the first missionary appointed to conduct religious services. He was followed by Dr. Grant and he by Rev. Mr. Fornere, in 1860. In that year the present church edifice in Port Perry was erected.

The incumbents of the parish since the retirement of Mr. Fornere have been Rev. Geo. Nesbitt, Rev. Dr. Carry, Rev. Joseph Fletcher, who occupied the field for ten years, Rev. Wm. Locke (1902), and the present rector, Rev. Geo. Scott, who came in 1903. Last year, 1908, the congregation built a handsome rectory on the lot adjoining the church, at a cost of \$2,200.

Rev. Mr. Scott is an Irishman by birth, who was trained for the Ministry in England. He graduated in theology in Arden's College in 1878, and later completed his Arts course in Durham University. He was ordained to the ministry by the Bishop of Toronto in 1889, and was assigned to the mission of Minden and vicinity. From there he went to Cookstown, then to Warkworth. On resigning Warkworth he visited England, and served there for a time, and on returning to Canada was appointed to Port Perry, where he has been eminently successful in his work.



*St. John's Presbyteriana Church, Port Perry.*

## **ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Presbyterian church of Port Perry was organized almost half a century ago so near to the half century mark that the congregation proposes to celebrate the jubilee during the fall of the present year.

The present church building, on Queen Street, was erected nearly 40 years ago, and in it the congregation has been worshipping ever since.

In the summer of 1903 the congregation erected a manse for their pastor, on North Street. The building is a very handsome one, and makes a most comfortable home.

The present pastor is Rev. Wm. Cooper, B.A., who was inducted into the pastoral charge here on November 7, 1899. Mr. Cooper graduated from the Toronto University and Knox College in the year 1894. He then took a post graduate course/in New College, Edinburgh, Scotland. For years he was pastor of the church at Listowel, Ont. Mr. Cooper is exceedingly popular with his people and amongst the citizens generally.



*Port Perry Baptist Church*

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH PORT PERRY

The Baptist cause in Port Perry was organized in 1866, the first pastor being Rev. J. King, of Brooklyn and Port Perry. The congregation at the beginning worshipped in a hall, until they were sufficiently numerous and strong to purchase a meeting place of their own, when they secured the building they now occupy.

This was an old Mechanics' Institute building, but was remodelled for its present use. Some years later the comfortable school room was added, and improvements have been made from time to time.

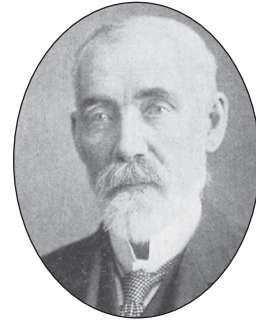
During the years the church has had some exceptionally strong men as pastors. The predecessor of the present pastor was the Rev. J. C. McFarlane, who resigned in 1904.

In the fall of that year Rev. Thos. Hagen accepted a call to the pastorate. Mr. Hagen was born in London, England and was educated at Mr. Spurgeon's College. He was ordained to the ministry in Great Yarmouth, and subsequently filled several other pulpits in England before coming to Canada in 1892. His first charge in this country was at Almonte, where he remained for seven years. He then went to the Northwest, but returned to Ontario and settled at Keady, near Owen Sound. Port Perry was Mr. Hagen's next and present pastorate, and he is doing good work here.

## PORT PERRY HIGH SCHOOL

By Principal Dugald McBride

The Port Perry High School was founded in 1868. It did not take its place among the High Schools of Ontario under very promising circumstances; the accommodations were limited, and there were but few of the appliances necessary to do efficient High School work. Some good work, however, was done.



*Dugald McBride*

There were enthusiastic teachers at the head of the school, and energy and enthusiasm can sometimes make up for the lack of appliances. Many middle-aged people in this neighborhood look back with pleasure to their student days spent in the first years of the existence of the Port Perry High School.

The trustees and ratepayers, however, as some greater people are wont to do, took the "High School" question into their "most serious consideration". After a good deal of discussion, the majority decided that Port Perry should have a school "second to none in the Province in scholarship and discipline."



*Port Perry Union School*

They proceeded to carry this decision into effect by erecting the present fine school buildings, and engaging the necessary teachers. The new buildings were opened for the reception of pupils in March, 1874, and in 1876, after a special inspection and examination, the Board was much pleased to receive from the Education Department of Ontario the following reports:

General Report – Conspicuous for the neatness and completeness of all the appointments, and for the admirable order which pervades the whole.

Special Report – The school is doing excellent



work in preparing high class honor students for the University. Some of the pupils are among the foremost men in University College.

In the same year the Education Department held the first of the Intermediate examinations. When the results of the examinations were published it was found that the Port Perry High School had surpassed all the other High Schools, and all but two of the Collegiate Institutes of the Province.

For some years the chief work of the school was the preparation of matriculants for the universities, and candidates for public school teaching. In both these departments its students were eminently successful. Some of its pupils took high honors and scholarships at almost every University in Canada, and for some years Port Perry had nearly a monopoly of preparing public school teachers, not only from the surrounding district, but also from the adjacent counties.

The high standing of the school and the excellence of the work done, were recognized and generously acknowledged by leading men in every part of Ontario. The Port Perry school was held up as an example of what could be done in a comparatively small school by good organization and efficient teaching.

With the changing needs of a rapidly developing country, new demands were made upon educational institutions. The most pressing of these demands was in the department of science. It was recognized that in order to turn the vast resources of our country to the best account, the services of men of the highest scientific training and attainments were required.

While the most important part of this training is obtained in the different schools of science connected with the universities, yet it must be admitted that the benefits a student will derive from attendance at a School of Practical Science, will depend a great deal upon the training he may have received in the High School where he prepared himself for matriculation.

The Board of Trustees, impressed with this move, took steps to meet, in the fullest manner, the needs of science students. One of the largest class rooms in the building was fitted up as a science room, and it is safe to say that in its accommodations, equipment and general conveniences, there is no better science room in any school in Ontario.

The success of Port Perry students in the department of science has been extraordinary. It would be invidious to mention some names, and it is impossible to mention all, but it may be said that many of them have reached not only high positions, but the highest, and today some of them are regarded as the highest authorities in their respective departments. They fill the responsible positions of superintendents and inspectors and managers of

some of the largest works on the continent.

While every care has been taken to secure the intellectual training of students, their physical training has not been overlooked. The grounds were recently acquired, and they have been graded and levelled and seeded down, so that now they form an excellent field for drill, as well as for all the sports in which boys indulge.

On the girls' side of the grounds, there are fine lawns surrounded by beautiful shade trees, and there is ample space for playing lawn tennis, basketball, croquet, and all the other outdoor games usually played by girls. In the upper storey of the main building there is a gymnasium where the scholars can amuse themselves when the weather is too cold for outdoor games.

In conclusion it is the determination of the Board to maintain in the future as in the past a "school second to none in Ontario in scholarship an discipline".

## THE PORT PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL

The magnificent school building on the hill overlooking the town and Lake Scugog is shared by both the High and Public schools. The building was at the time of its erection one of the most modern and model school buildings in the Province.

The structure occupies a most commanding position, and is regarded with pride by the citizens. In the past eminently successful teachers have occupied the position of Principal of the Public School. Today the occupant of that position is Mr. R. F. Downey.



R.F. Downey

Mr. Downey was born in Peel County, near Bolton, was educated at Weston and Toronto Junction. He began teaching ten years ago in S.S. No. 10, Albion. He attended the Normal College in 1901-1902, and came here and assumed the Principalship of the school in September, 1902. Mr. Downey has the assistance of five teachers, and during the Model term an extra teacher is engaged.

To show how successful Mr. Downey has been as a teacher, it is only necessary to say that all the pupils who have been set to try the Entrance Examinations have been successful. The same result has been attained in the Model School.

There are at the present time some 225 pupils in attendance at the school. The following are the teachers on the staff of the Public School: R. F. Downey, Principal; Misses P. MacNeil, F. Paxton, B. Bedford, P. McLean and E. Emmerson.



*Jones & Son store Port Perry*

### **JONES & SON General Merchants**

The general store of Jones & Son takes high rank with the general stores of any town in the county. The departments include dry goods, groceries, gents' furnishings, clothing house furnishings, millinery and dressmaking.

The building occupied is 39 x 105 feet, two stories and basement, and was built by Mr. Jones for his own use after the big fire of 1884. It is a splendid home for the splendid business enjoyed by the firm. That the heads of the firm understand the art of store keeping is very manifest, for the goods are well selected and well displayed, and the premises are as "neat as a new pin".

There are eighteen persons in all engaged in this large mercantile establishment. In the store and office there are seven, in the millinery department five, and in the dressmaking section six. In the millinery and dressmaking a large trade is done, skilled and artistic ladies being in charge of these departments. The stocks comprise the very best, and the variety is extra large and thoroughly up-to-date. Ladies' ready-made goods are in large variety also. Fur goods and furs for both sexes are handled, and a satisfactory trade enjoyed in this line.

In connection with the grocery department a large trade is done in farm produce. The firm buys large quantities of butter and eggs for shipment. The bulk of the eggs go to Toronto, and the butter is sent to the cheese sections of the eastern part of the Province.

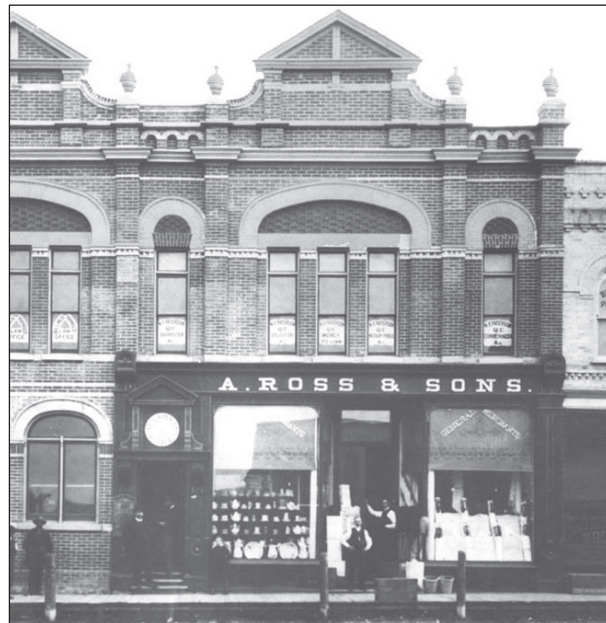
Every part of the business is followed with the

keenest attention, the aim being to conduct a store first-class in every possible feature.

The building is heated by furnace, and is well lighted by windows and electricity. It is a cheerful and airy looking store, where the shopper might reasonably find attraction.

Mr. C.W. Jones, the senior partner, is a native of Orono, and came to Port Perry in 1871. He took the management of the Paxton & Jones store - the last named member of the firm being his brother. He occupied this position for two years, when the business was purchased by the Jones Bros. It was so continued for eight years, and sold to Abbs, Patterson & Reid. Mr. C. W. Jones then became associated with the late Sheriff Paxton in iron mining, and later went west for two years. He returned with Mr. D. R. Davenport, and the two bought out the J. M. Wightman store and later the Abbs, Patterson & Reid business.

The fire soon destroyed their stock of \$45,000. The business was resumed in the basement of the town hall, till the present block was erected, when possession was taken of it. Mr. Davenport not being contented here, the business was sold to Hillyard & Reid, and the partners went to California. In two years, Mr. Jones returned and resumed business. In the spring of last year he took into partnership his son, Mr. G.M. Jones, who had been teaching school for some years, four of them being in the Whitby Collegiate Institute.



*Port Perry Union School*

### **A. ROSS & SONS General Store**

The business of A. Ross & Sons was established in Port Perry in 1876, nearly 30 years ago. The store has always enjoyed its share of the patronage of the people of this district, and has contributed largely to the requirements of the community during all this time.



It suffered during the great fire of 1884, and later in the fire of 1901, but on both occasions arose from the ashes, and is perhaps now one of the handsomest stores outside the city of Toronto.

It has the modern swell front, and the interior arrangements for the convenience of customers is all that could be desired. It adjoins the Western Bank to the west. The firm handles dress goods, staple dry goods of every kind, small wares, ladies' ready-to-wears, furs, men's furnishing of over description, including ray made clothing, house furnishings, carpets, curtains, etc. Boots and shoes are a specialty.

The groceries, in a separate department, are kept fresh and up-to-date. They have added a special meat department, where at all times a display of cooked meats, as well as all kinds of cured meats, are kept constantly in stock.

They have great facilities for handling food stuffs as well as cereals of every description. Ten people are employed the year round catering to the comfort of the people who trade at this store. There is certainly no finer store in Ontario County than that of A. Ross & Sons.

The interior is large and beautifully lighted. There is an appearance about the arrangement of the goods, the neatness and cleanliness of the store, which bespeaks the thorough mastery of the art of store keeping, and an artistic temperament in the arranging and decorating, and in the dressing of windows. It must certainly be a great pleasure to the citizens of the town and vicinity to have in their midst so complete a mercantile establishment.



*William Ross*

### **WILLIAM ROSS** **Grain and Seeds**

In 1896, Mr. William Ross succeeded to the business of his father, the late Aaron Ross. Mr. Aaron Ross had been identified for 30 years in the purchase of grain and seeds from the farmers of this community.

The warehouse at Seagrave and the elevators at Port Perry and Manchester afford ample facilities for the handling of the large business which is done with the farmers. Every kind of cereals and seeds grown for sale in this locality are freely bought and sold. The business has been so long established, and so favorably known, that farmers always feel satisfied

with their dealings.

William Ross, ex, M.P., was born in Prince Albert in 1856. He received his education in our most excellent Public and High Schools, and took a degree in the B.A.B. College, Toronto. He has occupied all the municipal offices in the gift of the people, and in 1900 was the candidate for the Liberal party of South Ontario for the House of Commons, to which parliament he was elected.

Mr. Ross gave a great deal of his time to the public. During this parliament some very important measures were passed, and it was his pleasure to support, with his voice and influence, such schemes as The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, the appointment of a Railway Commission, and many other measures which were in the interests of all the people. He was a candidate for the election of 1904, but unsuccessful. Mr. Ross is a business man with a large business interest in the community, and commands the confidence of the people.

Not only is Mr. Ross well-known as a business and public man, but as a private citizen no one stands higher in the estimation of the people. His influence is always on the side of that which makes for the good of the community. He is a staunch member of the Methodist church, and may be counted on every time for aid to every movement which has for its object the betterment of social and moral conditions.



*George Jackson*

### **GEORGE JACKSON** **Auctioneer**

Mr. Geo. Jackson, the popular auctioneer of Port Perry, was born on Scugog Island, and lived on a farm until five years ago.

About ten years ago he began his work as auctioneer, and his natural ability for the work has been splendidly developed by practice during the years, so that today there is no auctioneer more popular or successful in this part of the Province. Indeed his reputation is wider than the province, for he has frequently gone outside Ontario in the performance of his duties.

He was honored a few years ago by being chosen by the Dominion Commissioner of Live Stock to inaugurate a series of Provincial Auction Sales of live stock, which are still carried on. He has conducted these sales at Woodstock, N.B., Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Goderich, North Bay and Port Perry, and a

sale is to be held here on March 2, next.

Locally Mr. Jackson is in great demand, and from September until April he is pretty generally kept busy. Just now he is conducting a series of monthly sales of horses, vehicles, etc., at Fanning's Sale Stables, Lindsay. These sales are growing in interest.

Mr. Jackson is a lover of animals, has made a study of them all his life, and is in consequence well posted as to the points of a good animal.

Mr. Jackson conducts an implement business also, his office and sheds being on Water Street. He is agent for the Frost & Wood Co., and handles all kinds of farm implements and machinery and binder twine.

Mr. Jackson's home is on Queen Street, where he may be reached by phone No. 31, and as the town has a continuous service, he may be called up at any time.



*Carnegie's Union Mill*

## **UNION FLOUR AND LUMBER MILLS James Carnegie, Prop.**

The flour, lumber and planing mills of Mr. James Carnegie constitute one of the main industries of the town of Port Perry. The mills are located side by side on the shore of Lake Scugog, to the north of Queen Street. They are, also, on the line of the G.T.R., with which they are connected by a switch. The flour mill is a three storey brick building, 40 x 70 feet; the planing mill is of frame, as is also the sawmill.

This industry was established a great many years ago, and came into the possession of Mr. Carnegie in April, 1888, he having purchased it from the Ontario Bank, who had as manager of the plant Mr. W. J. Trounce.

At that time the flour mill was a frame structure, with the stone system of grinding. The business done was small, because of the inferior quality of the flour made. Soon after Mr. Carnegie took possession he remodelled the mill, changing from stone to roller system. Mr. Carnegie set himself to winning back the trade of the district which had been diverted to other

places, and it was not long before he had succeeded in his purpose, and practically all the trade for the town and district for many miles was done at this mill. The capacity after remodelling was 75 barrels per day.

In June, 1902, a fire occurred in the mill, which completely destroyed the building and the costly equipment which had been put in.

Mr. Carnegie was away from home at the time, but was immediately summoned. There was no use "crying over split milk", nor of being discouraged at the very heavy loss entailed, so Mr. Carnegie at once set himself to the task of re-building. The present substantial brick structure is the result. The fire occurred in June, and in September of the same year the new mill was in operation, equipped with the most modern and perfect milling machinery, having a capacity of 90 barrels per day.

The mill has been steadily running ever since, and is taxed to the utmost to keep pace with the demands made upon it. Besides the making of flour, the mill does an immense business in feed grinding. Farmers from a distance of twenty miles bring grain here to be chopped, getting it home with them the same day.

The head miller is Mr. Jas. Hortop, a thoroughly practical and capable man, who has been in the mill for sixteen years.

Mr. Carnegie buys all the wheat he can locally, and brings the residue required from the Northwest. His market is a local one.

The saw mill owned by Mr. Carnegie is kept busy during the summer season. It has a capacity of 1,500,000 feet. There is also a shingle cutter, which manufactures a considerable quantity of shingles. The saw mill is driven by a separate engine, but the flour and planing mills are operated by a splendid 150 horse power engine. The logs for the saw mill are largely cut on Mr. Carnegie's timber limits in Durham County, and are brought to the mill in rafts drawn by Mr. Carnegie's tug "Stranger",

The planing mill, adjoining and to the north of the flour mill, is well equipped with all the necessary machinery for planing, as well, as making sash, doors, mouldings, etc. — in fact anything in woodwork required in modern building.

Just here it may be said that several of the employees of the flour and planing mill have been in Mr. Carnegie's employ since he acquired the mill, eighteen years ago, while some of them have been with the mill for a longer period. Altogether Mr. Carnegie employs some twenty hands. The saw mill employees spend the winter in the woods getting out timber for the following summer's cut. All the product of the saw and planing mills finds a local market.





James Carnegie

### James Carnegie Biography

Mr. James Carnegie is a Scotchman by birth, drawing his first infant breath in Kincardineshire. He was one of seven brothers, and his father before him was one of seven, all of whom were millers. Jas. Carnegie is the only one of his father's sons who has followed the vocation of miller, but he can fairly say that he comes from a milling family.

He found his way to Canada in 1865, when 22 years off age. His first business enterprise was in Reach Township, where he conducted a flour mill west of Manchester. Selling this he went to Raglan, in East Whitby Township, where he owned and operated flour and saw mills and 1 farm of 50 acres. He remained at Raglan for eleven years, during which time he gained his first experience of municipal affairs in the Township Council.

In April, 1868, Mr. Carnegie, having sold his property at Raglan, came to Port Perry and purchased the flour mills from the Ontario Bank. He has been a valued and useful citizen during these 18 years, and the industries he operates have proved of much value to the town.

When in the year 1897 the present system of electing County Councils was instituted, Mr. Carnegie was elected to represent Port Perry and Scugog division, and he has been returned regularly five consecutive times.

The second year of his tenure of office he enjoyed the distinction of being elected Warden of the County. During the building of the County House of Refuge, Mr. Carnegie was chairman of the building Committee, and has been chairman of the Board of Management since the Home of Refuge was established until this year, when he voluntarily retired. For five or six years, Mr. Carnegie has been chairman of the Finance Committee of the County Council, the most important committee of the Council.



### COURTICE & JEFFREY Wholesale and Retail Harness Makers

In industry which is worth considerable to the town is the manufacture of harness conducted by the above firm. It is worth a great deal because it gives employment to from 20 to 30 hands, nearly all of them skilled workmen and drawing high wages.

The work is a continuous one the year round, conducted only as a retail trade until the year 1887, when a partnership was formed between Mr. Courtice and Mr. Samuel Jeffrey, which continued until the death of Mr. Courtice in 1901. The business was then taken over by Mr. Jeffrey, who is still successfully carrying it on.

From its inception in 1854, the business was a success. Some how or other it catered to needs that were widespread, and though there were many manufacturers of harness in the country, the product of this manufactory filled the bill so completely as to win a large sale.

Thus while before the partnership the trade was a local and retail one, as soon as the two men joined forces they launched out upon a venture in manufacturing for the wholesale trade, and success attended their efforts along this line also. They also began dealing in saddlery hardware, robes, fur coats, and all the paraphernalia requisite for horsemen and their steeds. For these they find as ready a sale as for their own manufacture in harness, and a successful business has been built up during these years.

The firm manufactures the very best and handsomest kinds of harness, as well, as the heavy kinds for more strenuous work. All of it is as good as can be made anywhere, and the firm are not afraid to put their product against that of any competitor, the trimmings handled by Courtice & Jeffrey are assembled from widely different points.

While some of the fittings and trimmings are of Canadian make, many are imported from England and the United States. A set of harness, therefore; may be composed of parts produced by many hands in widely

distant points in two continents,

The product of this firm's factory finds a market from the Atlantic to the Pacific,' and wherever it goes it gives splendid satisfaction.

Mr. Samuel Jeffrey, the present head of the firm, is a native of Port Perry, and is an enterprising and energetic business' man. He has served six years in the town council, two of them as Reeve. He has been three years on the School Board, and was chairman of the Board last year. This year Mr. Jeffrey has accepted a place on the Board of Water and Light Commission, in which position he can serve the town capably. He is treasurer of the commission.



*Dr. Orr Graham*

**DR. ORR GRAHAM,**  
**Veterinary Surgeon**

Dr. Graham is given the credit of having one of the largest veterinary practices in the province outside of the large cities.

Dr. Graham is a son of the late James Graham, and is a product of Reach Township. He received his early education at the Saintfield public school, and his veterinary lore was imbibed at the Ontario Veterinary College, from which he graduated in 1884.

His father being an extensive breeder of stock, the young man acquired ' a practical knowledge of animal life while a boy, and his love for domesticated; animals probably led him to learn the art of treating their diseases.

Upon graduating Dr. Graham hung out his V.S. shingle in Port Perry, and from the start, patronage came his way until now his practice is an extensive one. In 1885-1886 the doctor built the handsome residence he now occupies on Queen Street. He is a member of the School Board, and has been so for 12 years. He is a Presbyterian, a Mason and a Workman, and a good citizen in every way.

**R.G. VANSICKLER**  
**Livery**

The livery business of Mr. R. G. Vansickler is a long-established one. It is found on Water Street, the rear of the St. Charles Hotel.

Mr. Vansickler has a thoroughly well-equipped

stable, with stylish horses, neat harness, handsome vehicles. Night or day this genial liveryman is ready to cater to the travelling public. His long experience has acquainted him with the needs of his patrons, and has taught him about all there is to know of his business. Strangers to the town will make no mistake if they find their way to the livery on Water Street when wishing to take a drive for business or pleasure.



*The Sebert House Hotel*

**THE SEBERT HOUSE**  
**Louis Bandel, Prop.**

The Sebert House in Port Perry is a large and comfortably appointed hotel, which stands on the north side of Queen Street, corner of Water Street, just at the entrance to the business section of the town. In years gone a frame building stood on this site, and was used to cater to the needs of the travelling public.

In the great fire of 1884 it was burned to ashes, and from the ruins there emerged the present brick structure built by Mr. James Thompson. The building consists of three storeys and good cellar; has large, airy dining room, large hallways, office and bar room, and a well-furnished parlor upstairs, and has 25 bedrooms.

The house throughout is splendidly furnished – the carpets are costly, the bedroom furnishings are handsome and neat, everything bespeaks a large outlay of money in equipping the house. The contract for refurnishing throughout was given only a few years ago to the Rogers Furniture Co., Toronto, and they did their work well.

The house is lighted by electricity, heated by hot water, has the modern conveniences of bath and closet, hot and cold water, etc. The ceilings are metallic, which adds considerably to the handsome appearance of the interior.

In stabling accommodation this house is well



equipped, there being room for 100 horses, while the yards and sheds are extra large and afford accommodation for scores of teams and vehicles.

This hotel is exceedingly handy for the traveling public, being within a few rods of the railway station. There are four sample rooms in the house, and a very large proportion of the commercial trade comes to this house. To add to the conveniences of its patrons a barber shop is conducted in connection. The proprietor claims that his house enjoys a large farming patronage, and one can easily believe this from seeing the vehicles in sheds and yards.

The former proprietor of the Sebert House was Mr. Louis Sebert, formerly of the St. Charles Hotel. It was he who refurnished the house at great expense just before selling to the present owner, Mr. Louis Bandel. Mr. Bandel was a Whitby boy, and for 15 years conducted a barber shop in the county town.

In November, 1902, Mr. Bandel purchased the property, and has been making a success of his new vocation as landlord. He enjoys a large patronage, and is popular with all classes of his patrons. During the ice races here each winter a large share of the sporting fraternity stay with Mr. Bandel, being able to find stabling for their horses.

### **A.W. ALLIN** **Blacksmith and Carriage Maker**

The premises of Mr. Allin are located on Perry Street, not far from Queen Street. The buildings consist of a commodious blacksmith shop, with wood-working shop in rear, and a large show room for carriages.

This building Mr. Allin erected some years ago, but he owns the blacksmith shop as well. Years ago, Mr. Allin built carriages, but times have changed, and today he lets others do the making, while he does the selling. But he does all kinds of repair work.

He handles the celebrated Tudhope carriage, and usually gets in a car load of cutters for the winter trade and a car load of buggies for summer. The Tudhope Co. is one of the largest makers in Canada, and their product holds a high reputation.

In blacksmithing Mr. Allin of course does a general trade, but he makes a specialty of, and excels in, horseshoeing. He employs skilled helpers, and is a thorough workman himself. In tire setting he also specializes, for he has a cold tire setter, by which he can get a tire without removing it from the wheel. This is a quick process, too, for a set of four tires can be completed in 20 minutes.

Mr. Allin came here from Utica 18 years ago, and has been a useful citizen and successful business man during the years. He was a member of Council for several years, is treasurer of the S.O.E., and is M.W. of the A.O. U.W. He owns a very handsome residence on Perry Street.

### **F. D. McGRATTAN** **Dentist**

The comfortable and well equipped dental parlors of Dr. McGrattan are in the Allison Block, south side of Queen Street. Dr. McGrattan was born in the town of Uxbridge, and was educated there. He graduated from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, in 1896. He immediately came here, finding an office over McCaw's store, where he hung out his shingle. He moved to the present premises in 1902. This young dentist has already worked up a good practice, which is steadily increasing. He is a member of the local Masonic and Oddfellow's lodges.

### **GEORGE A. COATES** **Veterinary Surgeon**

Dr. Coates was born near Port Perry, and after deciding to adopt veterinary surgery as a profession, took a course of study at the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, from which he graduated in 1902.

He began the practice of his profession in Lindsay, but only remained there six months. He then came here and purchased the practice of Dr. Elliott, who had been here for about four years.

Mr. Coates has now a very nice practice, and as he is a young man of ability, he will no doubt go on increasing his list of patrons. He treats all diseases of domesticated animals, dentistry being given special attention. His office is at the livery stable of Jamieson & Dennison, and his home is on Lilla Street, three blocks south of Queen Street. He can be called up at either place by telephone.

### **J. A. LANE** **Groceries, Crockery, Confectionery, Bakery**

It was a well established business that Mr. J. A. Lane secured when he purchased from Mr. E. H. Purdy in July, 1905. Elsewhere will be found a brief history of the establishment and growth of the business under the ownership of Mr. Purdy. Today it flourishes under the new management, and Mr. Lane enjoys a large slice of public patronage.

In his grocery department there may be found everything usually kept, and that as good as the best. The finest quality of teas and coffees are here found, and this store does a large trade in these. The canned goods are largely stocked, the variety being wide and well chosen.

The flour and feed trade which has assumed considerable proportions, continues to flourish, and in crockery, china and glassware a varied stock is carried.

In his bakery department, Mr. Lane takes considerable pride, and he has a good business. He employs two bakers and one driver for wagon. In high grade cakes and pastry this store excels.

Mr. Lane claims to do the ice cream business of

the town in the summer season. For that purpose he can cut off a large room at the rear, and this gives ample accommodation.

The store is exceptionally large, and is handsomely fitted up, affording ample space for the various departments.

Mr. Lane was born in the Township of Darlington, and raised in Cartwright Township. He followed blacksmithing for some years, then was a machinist, then commercial traveller for nine years, an agent for the Sun Life Assurance Co. for a time, and then launched out into the present larger and more congenial branch of business life. He appears to be making a success of his venture, and it is the Observer's hope that he may continue to enjoy a large measure of public patronage.

**H. L. EBBELS**  
**Barrister and Solicitor**

Mr. Ebbels is the oldest practicing barrister in Port Perry. He came to Canada from England when a boy of seven years. His ambition was to be a lawyer, and he studied to that end. In due time he was called to the Bar and is today one of the best-known and most successful practitioners in Ontario County. As a citizen of the town he is highly esteemed, and as a lawyer his opinion is greatly valued.



*W. L. Parrish Hardware store.*

**W.L.PARRISH**  
**Hardware Merchant**

One of the largest and handsomest hardware store in Ontario County is that owned and conducted by Mr. W. L. Parrish, situated on the north side of Queen Street, near Perry Street. The store comprises the whole of the building known as the Parrish Block, having two front entrances, and large display windows. The store is 35 x 60 feet, and was built by Mr. W. T. Parrish, father of the present owner, who began business here in 1869. It was in the year 1884, when but 20 years of age, that W. L. Parrish succeeded to his father's business, and up to the present time he has conducted the large business with such success that today it is one of which he has good reason to be proud.



*W.L. Parrish*

The stock carried consists of hardware, stoves and tinware. Everything that a hardware store should have may be found here, and in great variety. The stock is kept full and well assorted, and is well arranged in the store.

In stoves, Mr. Parrish sells both ranges and heaters of the Souvenir and Treasure make, and the New Idea furnace, made by the Gumey-Tilden Co. There are rows upon rows of handsome looking and useful stoves, any one of which would adorn any home.

In eavetroughing and metal roofing a very considerable volume of business is now done by Mr. Parrish. The tinware, or manufacturing department, occupies the upstairs floor, and everything in tinware or granite-ware that can be wished for may be bought here. Mr. Parrish handles a brand of English paints which give good satisfaction, and of which he sells a lot.

Mr. Parrish was born in Napanee and came to Port Perry with his father's family in 1869, when his father began a hardware business here. The son acquired knowledge of that business under his father's tuition. He has been identified to a considerable extent with the public life of the town, having been a member of the School Board for thirteen years and on the Public Library Board for six years. This year he has the honor of being Reeve, having been elected by acclamation. He owns a handsome home on Cochrane Street. Mr. Parrish was the youngest man on the School Board, at the time of his incumbency of the office, and the youngest man who ever held the position of chairman of the Board.

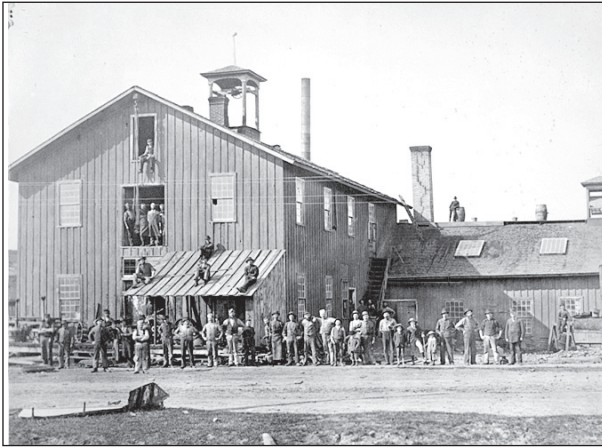


*Madison Williams*

**MADISON WILLIAMS**  
**Founder and Machinist**

The foundry and machine business conducted by Mr. Williams is the largest employer of labor in Port Perry, and is the most valuable industry the town possesses. Indeed the citizens have good reason to be proud of this foundry, since its product is of very great value in the industrial world. One has only to have the privilege of going through the works, as the writer had





*Madison Williams Foundry*

recently, to be impressed with the importance of the manufacturing processes carried on there.

This industry has been long established, dating back for 40 years. Previous to its passing into the hands of its present owner, it was for many years carried on by Messrs. Paxton, Tait & Co., who sold to Mr. Williams in 1897.

Since Mr. Williams acquired the ownership the industry has been kept on the hum, and today it is known by its product from one ocean to the other.

The buildings and yards occupied by the works are on Perry Street, and cover an area of some six acres altogether. The business office is entered 'from Perry Street, and immediately opening off it is the machine shop — a place of much activity and great interest. Ponderous and many are the machines required to do the work, and there skilful and trained mechanics guide the costly machines in their operations, and by them is produced work requiring great strength and the utmost accuracy. In this shop may be found a large new planer costing \$3,000, besides several smaller machines for a similar purpose; two boring mills, three or four lathes, shape:, gear cutter, shaping lathe, upright drill, radial drill, steel saw, bolt cutler, etc. Immense in weight and gigantic in strength are these inventions for lightening and quickening and cheapening the manufacture of iron and steel into the finished machine.

Upstairs over the machine shop is the woodwork-ing shop, where all the necessary machinery for that purpose may be seen at work.

In the foundry a staff of moulders were seen preparing the moulds for casting — a process which takes place every second day. The sand for the moulds is obtained from Hamilton. Very large cast-ings, weighing many hundreds of pounds, are made in this foundry, and besides all the castings required for their own use, the firm casts large pieces for out-side trade.

The pattern room is a decidedly interesting place, and many thousands of dollars are locked up in the hundreds, if not thousands, of patterns

that are stored away or kept for frequent use. There seem to be patterns of almost every conceivable size and shape, and were these to be lost or destroyed a grievous delay and loss would be occasioned in the manufacture of the product of the works.

The blacksmith shop, storehouse for machines in course of construction, lumber sheds, all parts of the works were visited. The engine which furnishes the power to the plant is of 30 h.p. capacity. It also drives a condensing plant, and from the boiler used heat is applied to all parts of the works.' An electric light plant has been installed, and Mr. Williams manufactures his own light, which is available, therefore, at any hour of the day or night, and this makes the works quite independent of the town's lighting plant.

But readers may be more interested in the output of the plant than in the plant itself, and the engraving shown here of, latest improved fast-cutting saw mill of the Lane type gives one an idea of the nature of the output of this industry. Mr. Williams manufactures turbine water wheels and saw mill machinery, and the saw mill has a capacity of 50,000 feet per day, and is a splendid machine. Another most useful machine is the tie or log siding machine, which will cut over 3,000 ties in ten hours. There has long been wanted a machine which would slab opposite sides of a log at one operation, and do it rapidly and perfectly. This machine is provided with two circular saws, and will slab both sides of logs from 4x4 to 20 inches in diameter and 30 inches in thickness.

The Lane automatic shingle and heading machine, the Doherty shingle and heading machine, the Canada Favorite, the Lock-port shingle and heading machine, the improved lath mill, the improved belter, double edger, gang slab slasher, lumber trimmer, are made by Mr. Williams, in fact every best variety of saw mill machinery is the product of this industry. The special attachments such as dogs, beams, set works, rope feed, guage rolls, etc. are of the latest devices for best service.

The turbine machinery made by Mr. Williams is claimed to be the best on the market, and is made to suit all needs and with every desirable style of connection. The catalogues supplied to enquirers by Mr. Williams give ample information as to the product of the works, and will give to intending purchasers much valuable information about the operations of both water wheels and saw mill machinery.

Mr. Williams is sole owner of this splendid industry, and is making a great success of it. Mr. Williams is a native of Port Perry, and was engaged for years in conducting a liquor store before purchasing the foundry and machine works. He has had experience in the town council, having been on the Board for two years. He owns a good home on John Street. Mr. Williams through his product, makes the , name of Port Perry known from one end of the land to, the other, for he finds a market for his machines all over the Dominion. May his industry long continue to flourish.



Edward H. Purdy

**E. H. PURDY**  
**Coal, Wood and Seed Merchant**

Mr. E. H. Purdy is as well known as almost any of Port Perry's business men, for he has been in business here for nineteen years, and has been in the council for twelve years, four of them as Reeve. This has brought him into touch with the citizens and the life of the town very intimately.

It was in 1887 that Mr. Purdy engaged in a flour, feed and seed business on a modest basis, having purchased from Curts & Henderson. In 1895 he added groceries to his stock, and later crockery and provisions. In 1897 he purchased the Lang & Meharry Block. This was destroyed by the fire of 1901, and upon the site he erected the present commodious building, 66 x 110 feet, which not only houses the store, but is also the home of E. Hooey, barber; S. T. Cawker, butcher; and D. J. Adams, private banker. In the new building a bake shop was constructed, and a bakery and confectionery business added. Ready-to-wear clothing was another line of goods put in, so that the business became many sided and wide-reaching.



E. H. Purdy's store on Queen Street.

In 1905, Mr. Purdy sold a part of his business to Mr. J.A. Lane, retaining the seed department only.

It may be said that in 1903 Mr. Purdy had joined Dr. Archer in conducting a coal business, and this is continued at the present time, the firm's coal dock lying beside the G.T.R. tracks. Mr. Purdy makes his office at the store, as formerly, where he may be found during business hours. In wholesale seeds a very large trade is done, also a good local coal trade.

In 1893 Mr. Purdy began to serve his fellow

citizens in the Council, and for the years 1903-4-5 was elected reeve by acclamation. Under his regime as reeve the municipal water and light systems were installed.

Mr. Purdy had the honor of recently being appointed a J.P. for the county. He is a member of several fraternal societies, amongst them being the Masonic, the I.O.T., the I.O.O.F. and the Loyal True Blues. He owns a fine home on Lilla Street and lives a useful and active life in the ^ community.



Edward H. Purdy

**THOMAS GRAHAM**  
**Farmer and Stock Breeder**

Scugog Island, surrounded by the waters of Lake Scugog, and about a mile from Port Perry, where the road crosses to the island, is the home of many prosperous farmers, and contains some ten thousand acres of splendid land. Amongst these farmers the name of Thos. Graham stands first. The boy was born in Reach Township and came to the island in 1875. He has now been farming for 25 years. Twenty years ago he bought the farm of 90 acres, where he now lives, lot 2, 7th concession. The farm is splendidly situated on rising ground, and from it a magnificent view is had. The soil is of such excellent quality that good crops are always obtained. The land was originally covered with pine forest, and it has been a herculean task to remove the stumps, but by the aid of a powerful machine this has been accomplished, and today Mr. Graham's farm is clear of stumps and in a splendid state of cultivation. On the farm is a, fine brick house, ample in size and very comfortable. The large barns are built in L shape, and are 40 x 62 and 36 x 56 in size. The stone foundation beneath makes ample and comfortable stabling for his large herds of cattle and horses.

Mr. Graham has an orchard of two acres, and grows some of the finest apples one would wish to see or to eat. The Kings, Baldwins, Spies, Graham's Golden, Mann and Golden Russett are some of the standard varieties, and the samples seen were excellent.

The grains and grass seeds shown the writer were beautiful samples, and from alsike seed alone. Mr. Graham realizes about \$500 a year.

Three years ago Mr. Graham purchased 85 acres adjoining and to the east of his farm, and this he



has cleared of stumps, and has put in fine shape. Altogether he has 175 acres of as fine farm lands as one could find on the island or anywhere else, and the "proof of the pudding" is in the fact that the land produces such excellent crops.

As a breeder of pure bred stock Mr. Graham is as prominent on the Island as he is in other respects. He certainly has some fine animals. He has twelve excellent milch cows, ten of them pure bred Shorthorns. Their progeny comprises a fine bunch of youngsters. The father of the last bunch of calves is Scottish Prince, a splendid two-year-old bull; then there is Red Oxford, a fine young bull of 14 months, who is now in service. The male calves are 10 months old, and are - Scottish Choice, red; Scottish Stewart, red; Scottish Pride, red and white; Scottish Lad, red and white. Heifers - Miss Scottie, roan, 9 months; Scottish Maid, roan, 9 1/4 months; Scottish Flirt, roan, 10 months; and two younger calves. The strains represented by this herd are the Kate Henry family, Duchess of Balsam, running into Old Grace Darling, and the Flattery family tracing to Flattery (imp.), noted for milking and beef qualities. These young animals are for sale, and should make excellent sires and dams.

Mr. Graham has nine head of horses, three of them registered breeding mares, one of them being a two-year-old beauty, and one a year older, also a fine animal.

About 100 pigs are bred and fattened each year, and some 60 fowl are kept.

Mr. Graham is an intelligent and public spirited citizen. He has been in the Township Council for years, and occupied the reeve's chair for several terms. He is now clerk of the township. He has been identified with the Scugog Agricultural Society for many years, and was President of the fair held in Port Perry years ago. He is President of the Clydesdale Association of Reach, Port Perry and Scugog. He is in constant demand at fall fairs as judge, and is an excellent judge of stock of all kinds.

### **GEORGE PETTET, SR.**

Mr. George Pettet, who has reached the age of 81 years, and is yet remarkably smart and strong, is one of the large land owners of Scugog Island.

Mr. Pettet was born in 1825, in the City of London, England. He came to Canada in 1858, and located near Prince Albert, where he lived for two years. He then purchased a farm of 50 acres on Scugog Island, Lot 2, Con. 2. This small farm has been extended till now Mr. Pettet owns 300 acres.

His farm abuts the lake, and at the water's edge, Mr. Pettet erected some eight cottages, the first one about 12 years ago. These are for the accommodation of tourists who wish to spend a holiday near the water. For years when the fishing in the lake was good these cottages would be occupied for three or

four months during the summer.

Mr. Pettet has been in the Council of Scugog Island, and also a member of the School Board. His partner in life still lives to share with him the comforts that the years have gathered. They have been blessed with a family of ten children.



*David J. Adams*

### **DAVID J. ADAMS** **Banker and Broker**

A very considerable business is that done by Mr. Adams as private banker and real estate broker, whose office is in the Purdy Block.

Mr. Adams is a native of the County of Ontario, and began business in Prince Albert in 1860. He came to Port Perry in 1871, and has been closely identified with the commercial life of the town ever since.

Besides handling a lot of money for investment, good openings for which he finds, he negotiates the purchase or sale of many properties, and thus has a thorough knowledge of the real estate market and of every property in town. All kinds of insurance risks are also placed for clients.

Mr. Adams is assisted by his son, Mr. D. D., who is also competent in the several branches of the business. The young man is fond of a good horse, and handles a number of them. He is also a member of the town Band.

Mr. D. J. Adams owns a handsome home on the hill on Queen Street, north side.

### **R.J. WILLIAMSON** **Piano and Organ Dealer**

Mr. Williamson has been in the musical instrument business for 35 years. As a boy of 10 he accompanied his father on his journeys, and played the organ for him as he tried to make a sale.

Mr. Williamson came here from Peterboro in 1892, and has done a very successful business. He represents the Bell Organ and Piano Co., and says the Bell is a big seller. His territory is Whitby, Reach and adjoining townships, also Clarke and Manvers, and he covers his territory thoroughly.

The Raymond Sewing Machine is handled, too, by this energetic agent, and sold on "friendly terms". Sell-

ing pianos seems to run in the Williamson family, for not only was the father a piano man, but a brother in Toronto sold 80 Bell pianos last year. Mr. Williamson is a piano and organ tuner, and he can repair instruments as well.



*E. H. Purdy's store on Queen Street.*

### **T.J. WIDDEN**

#### **Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Crockery**

A very nice, neat store is that conducted by Mr. T. J. Widden, exactly on the corner of Queen and Perry Streets. The front is not very large nor attractive, but like a piece of pie the store widens as it recedes from the front.

The wedge shape of the store does not interfere with the carrying on of a good, square business, and this is the kind Mr. Widden conducts. He is a native of Reach Township, is Mr. Widden, and came here and learned merchandising in local stores.

In 1891 he began business for himself in the present premises, and has enjoyed a steady growth of trade. He feels handicapped by want of room, but his store though small is as neat as a pin and clean too. A general trade in groceries is the main business of the store, and the stock is kept beautifully fresh, but a stock of crockery is carried, and the turnover in this line is considerable, and a fair trade in boots and shoes is enjoyed. A new telephone has lately been installed, and patrons may order now by phone, and have the orders quickly delivered.

Mr. Widden was on the School Board for some years, and for a time was secretary. For ten years he has been one of the auditors of municipal accounts. He is always interested in civic matters, and is willing to further the interests of the citizens by any effort in his power.

Mr. Widden owns a home, corner Queen and Bigelow Streets.

### **D. PERKINS**

#### **Tailor**

Mr. Perkins has had an extended experience in the tailoring business. He came to Canada from England fifty years ago, and located at Prince Albert. He learned the tailoring business there, and then was cutter in Milton, Ont, for some years. For twenty-five years, Mr. Perkins conducted a general store and tailoring business in the village of Greenbank, and two years ago came to Port Perry and opened up a tailor shop in the Blong Block. He had enjoyed a large patronage while in Greenbank, and a great many of his customers then made, have patronized him since his removal here. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Perkins bought out the tailoring business of Mr. M. F. Lacel, and has taken possession of the latter's premises on the southern side of Queen Street. Mr. Perkins long experience enables him to give the very best possible fit, and he carries an A1 stock of imported and Canadian goods.



*John Nott*

### **JOHN NOTT**

#### **Cabinet Maker and Furniture Dealer**

John Nott has practically grown up with "Port Perry, having been here or in its vicinity for 63 years. Mr. Nott was born in England in 1825, and came to Canada in 1842. He settled in Prince Albert, but later went to school and learned the trade of cabinet making in Oshawa. In 1847 Mr. :

Nott started business here, when the a village was known as Borelia. On the building of the railroad he moved down to the hub of things: In the fire of 1884 he was a sufferer, without insurance. Again in 1897 he was burned out, and afterwards came to the present stand beside the St. Charles hotel.

Mr. Nott has held a useful and important position in the county. For years he was collector for Reach Township; then he was appointed to take the first census of Port Perry village; he has served on the School Board for several years, and has been in the town council. In 1875 Mr. Nott was appointed a Justice of the Peace, which position he has held for 31 years. In that time over 700 convictions were made before him, only three of which have been successfully appealed.

Mr. Nott is still in the furniture and undertaking business, and is yet hale and 'hearty for his age, and looks to be good for many years of work.





*Peter Christie*

**PETER CHRISTIE,  
M.P.**

Mr. Peter Christie, member for South Ontario in Use Dominion Parliament, is a well-to-do farmer of Reach Township, his home being near the village of Manchester, where he owns several farms, his residence being "Dundrennen Farm". Mr. Christie is a native Canadian, he being born in Reach Township. He is of Scottish ancestry, however, his people being an ancient and wealthy family of the Land of-the Heather.

There is no better-known or more esteemed citizen in the Country than Mr. Christie. He has been identified with public affairs for thirty years, and has held every office in the gift of the people. As a young man he entered the Municipal Council where he would have been yet only his party wanted him for the more honored and responsible position of Member of Parliament, to which he was elected in December, 1904, defeating the former member, Mr. Wm. Ross, of Port Perry. It is said of Mr. Christie that he was never defeated in any election contest that he entered. He is lovingly spoken of as "Peter" by all who know him.

Mr. Christie has given much attention to stock-raising, and he has many fine animals in his herd. He is a member of the syndicate which owns a Clydsdale horse, and he encourages in every way a more profitable form of agriculture.

Mr. Christie has a family of three sons, one of them having distinguished himself as an electrical engineer, having been a lecturer at Cornell University, and holding several other lucrative positions in the United States.

The member for South Ontario is a staunch Presbyterian.

**JAMIESON & DENNISON  
Livery**

For about forty years Mr. Wm. Jamieson has been before the public of this vicinity first as carter and teamster and later as livery man. For twenty years he was engaged in the carting business, and twenty years ago added a general livery business. His stables at first were on Perry Street, but in 1905 he purchased the present premises beside the Bank

of Commerce, and was joined by Mr. J.C. Dennison. Here the firm have plenty of stable room besides immense sheds for carriages. They have twelve good horses, and some 35 wheeled rigs. In addition to a first-class livery business, the firm do carting, teaming, water the town streets, and carry the mail. The business is really extensive. A person can get a very fine turnout at these stables - one he need not be ashamed to drive.

Mr. Jamieson is a very well-known and much respected citizen of the town, whilst his new partner is a young man also much esteemed throughout the community. Mr. Dennison is a carriage painter and trimmer by trade, and followed this occupation previous to engaging in the livery business. He is fond of sport, and takes an active interest in hockey, lacrosse, tennis, curling, etc. He was secretary of the recent ice races here. Each fall finds Mr. Dennison in the wilds during the open season for deer, and he likes nothing better than to have a gun in his hand and a dog at his heels.



*Dr. David Archer*

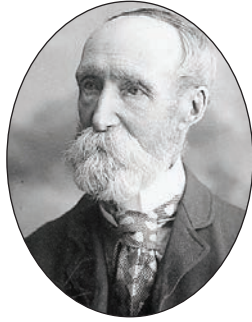


*Dr. Robert Archer*

**DRS. ARCHER & ARCHER**

Drs. Robert and David Archer are brothers, who work splendidly together in their medical partnership. They are sons of the late Robert Archer, of Cartwright Township, Mr. D. Archer was educated at the Bowmanville High School and Toronto University, graduating with the M.D. degree in 1890. His brother studied at the College in Brantford and at Trinity University, Toronto, taking his degree in 1891. The former took a post graduate course in London and Edinburgh, and came here in 1891, whilst the latter practiced in North Dakota for six years, joining his brother here in 1897, after a post graduate course in New York.

The firm has a nice office building in a central location on Queen Street, and one or other of the brothers are almost always at the office. Dr. D. Archer lives in a splendid residence to the east of the office, whilst Dr. R. resides on Mary Street. The former has been a member of the School Board for the past seven years.



*W.E. Yarnold*

**W. E. YARNOLD,  
Ontario Land Surveyor**

W. E. Yarnold, Esq., O.L.S., was born in England, and when quite young came to this country with his father.

He was educated at the Simcoe County Grammar School, conducted by the late Frederick Gore, of Trinity College, Dublin.

After finishing his education he was articled as a student to the firm of Rankin & Robinson, Provincial Land Surveyors, of Toronto, and during the term was engaged in the Government survey of several townships in the County of Grey.

In 1854 he obtained his diploma as a Provincial Land Surveyor, and began the practice of his profession in Prince Albert, County of Ontario, and has been a resident of the county up to the present time, the last twenty-four years of which has been spent in the village of Port Perry.

He occupied the position of County Surveyor for a number of years, and acted in the capacity of engineer to nine or ten township municipalities; and lately completed the survey of a drain under the Municipal Drainage Act seven and one-half miles in extent through a swamp for the municipalities of Medonte and North Orillia, and has seen service on several important railways of the Province.

**W. H. HARRIS,  
B.A.,LL.B.**

Mr. Harris hails from Cleveland, Ohio. He studied in Canada, graduating from the Toronto University in 1891, and after taking a legal course was called to the Bar in 1894. Mr. Harris came to Port Perry in 1901, and began the practice of his profession. The same year he was appointed Clerk of the Municipality, which position he holds today, and he makes a most excellent officer.



*W. H. Leonard*

**W.H. LEONARD  
Photographer**

Photographer Port Perry's excellent photographer comes by his talent for the work legitimately, as his father, the late James Leonard, practiced his vocation of photography in this district for half a century.

W. H. has been in charge of the gallery here since his father's death twenty-two years ago. His gallery is on the corner of Queen and Perry Streets, with the entrance off Perry Street.

Mr. Leonard owns the building and the block right to the corner. Mr. Leonard executes some most excellent pictures, and finishes them in any of the leading modern styles desired. Many of the engravings in this paper were made from photos taken by Mr. Leonard. He enjoys a very large trade, and is apparently prospering.



*James Parr*

**JAMES PARR**

Mr. Jas. Parr of Blackstock was born in the Township of Cavan, County of Durham on January 3, 1858. He moved with his father's family to the Township of Darlington in the year 1842. He attended the public school in Enniskillen, and the Bowmanville Grammar School, and a private Academy kept by Mr. Loscombe in that town.

Taking a certificate to teach what was then called a common school, he taught in the Township of Cartwright from 1859 to 1863. He then farmed in, Manvers one year (1864), moving to a farm in Cartwright in 1865, and continued farming till 1900, since which time he has lived -retired in Blackstock.

Mr. Parr was elected a councillor for Cartwright Township in 1867, and held the offices of Councillor,



Deputy Reeve and Reeve continuously until 1891. He was Councillor about seven years, Deputy Reeve for two years, and Reeve for 14 years. He was Warden of the Counties in the year 1889.

He was appointed an associate coroner by the Sandfield Macdonald Government for the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham soon after Confederation, made a police magistrate by the Hardy Government in 1899, and a Justice of the Peace by the Whitney Government in the recent commission.

Having lived in Cartwright the best years of his life, he naturally thinks it by far the most desirable locality in which to spend his declining years. Mr. Parr was married in the year 1891, and has a family of 7 children.

**E. PEARN**  
Baker

Mr. Pearn has had an intermittent business experience in Port Perry. He came here in 1889 from the town of St. Marys. For nine years he was in the employ of Mr. E. H. Purdy, and then he took the western fever, and went to Manitoba. He came back in a few years and purchased the Deshane business. This he soon sold and went to Woodville, where he was in business for three years.

He returned to Port Perry in 1894, and started the present business. He bought the building he occupies, called the Hiscock Block, where he carries on a bakery and confectionery business. He has a nice little store, and enjoys a good patronage. He has three hands employed. He carried a good stock of fancy goods, as well as bakery and confectionery supplies. In the summer he does an ice cream trade of large proportions. The bake shop is in rear of the store. Mr. Pearn claims the quality of excellence for the output of his shop and store.

here and served an apprenticeship to pharmacy in local stores.

He graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1893, and in the autumn of the following year purchased the drug and stationery business of T. C. Nicholls, it being a business which had been established 40 years ago by the late C. Allison, uncle of the present owner. The premises are known as the Allison Block, south side of Queen Street, and the store is a large and fine one.

Besides a regular stock of drugs and drug sundries there are two or three other strong features to this store. The prescriptions are given extra care, and two special preparations are Clane's Chemical Hair Food, and McLean's Blood Pills. These are great sellers because they have great virtues.

Mr. Allison is an optician as well as druggist, and he has a special room for testing sight, and all the appliances for doing it. He has given this much study.

In stationery, fancy goods, etc., Allison's store is splendidly stocked, and the children are provided for in the matter of school books. Picture post cards and souvenir views are a feature of this store. Mr. Allison is a first-class amateur photographer, and he has taken many views of town scenes and buildings which he has had worked up into souvenirs. Of these he sells a great quantity.

Mr. Allison handles the Toronto papers, and has orders for 250 copies daily. This he claims to be by long odds the biggest trade in town.

Mr. Allison is public-spirited. He is a musician, and joined the band upon its organization a few years ago, and has been secretary of it since its inception. He is also a member of the Masonic Order.

He has time for more public duties, and is now serving his second year in the Council, having been elected both times by acclamation.



*C.H. Allison*

**C. H. ALLISON**  
Druggist

The genial Charlie Allison, as his fellow citizens call him, first saw the sun shine in Port Perry, and he likes the quality of the air and sunshine here to this day.

He was educated at the Public and High Schools



*James Leask*

**JAMES LEASK**  
Cattle Breeder, Farmer

One of the finest farms in the Township of Reach is the 250 acres composing lot 17 in the 11th concession, and its owner, Mr. Jas. Leask, is the best known and most famous breeder of prize cattle, not only in the township, but in the county, and in many respects is without a peer in the Province. Mr. Leask's specialty

is Grade cattle, and the breeding of these has made him famous and has helped greatly in making him one of the wealthiest farmers and breeders in Reach Township.

Mr. Leask's home is near the village-of Green-bank, and occupies a commanding position on high ground. From his home a magnificent view is obtained of the surrounding country for miles, and few prettier views could be found in the county. All about him are the homes of well-to-do farmers - each possessing an appearance of thrift and comfort.

On this large farm, the soil of which is clay loam, there are 200 acres cleared and 50 still in bush, which will furnish a wood supply for many years to come. Three acres of splendid bearing orchard furnishes all the fruit required by the family, and a considerable quantity for market.

The dwelling house is a comfortable, roomy frame, 30 x 40 feet, two stories. The barns on this farm are broadside the road, and are striking in this section of fine buildings - 60 x 140 feet being the size - with a stone foundation all around of a liberal height, making the stabling beneath airy and comfortable.

The stables are laid out most conveniently for easy feeding of stock, a feed room running between two rows of stalls, with chutes from above for feed to descend when wanted. A large windmill on the barn drives grain chopper, root pulper and water pump, so that nature aids in caring for the large herd of animals stabled here. An immense root house extends almost the length of the barn along the north side, and is convenient to all the stock.

The barn above is very large - there being three threshing floors, each with a commodious granary. The barn, on the occasion of the reporter's visit, seemed -almost filled with feed - hay, straw, grain -but it must take a tremendous quantity to supply the large herd of cattle and horses stabled by Mr. Leask.

### **A Breeder of Prize-Winners**

But it is as a breeder of prize-winning Grade cattle that Mr. Leask has built up a reputation that is the envy of the breeders of the Province. Mr. Leask began farming for himself in 1883, the farm being part of that owned by his late father, Mr. Alex Leask.

This farm had been rented for ten years to Mr. Ross, who was a prominent breeder of Grade cattle. Indeed he owned a large herd, and when he sold off by auction the proceeds of the sale amounted to over \$8,000. Mr. Leask purchased four good female Grades and one Shorthorn bull at Mr. Ross' sale, and these were the foundation of the herd which has since grown to be the wonder and admiration of Canada.

In 1889 Mr. Leask began exhibiting his animals at the leading fairs of the Province, and at once he was eminently successful, sweeping everything before him. Encouraged by his successes, Mr. Leask

put his best thought and skill into the breeding and feeding of his stock, and year by year saw him in the lead of all competitors at Toronto, Ottawa, London, Guelph, as also at all the local shows he had opportunity to attend. Everywhere he was a prize-winner, and his animals were the admiration of the multitudes who gathered at these yearly exhibitions.

During the sixteen years that Mr. Leask has been showing, he has won literally thousands of prizes. In his stables, he has prize tickets enough on the walls to cover the four sides of a large room, and in his home he has boxes full of ribbons and rosettes, besides which the ladies of the home have worked up scores into fancy cushions and adornments for the walls and chairs. From the walls hang many handsome frames, each holding a diploma won in his numerous competitions, and many unframed lie in the drawers of Mr. Leask's desk.

But the prizes which Mr. Leask values most, and with good reason, are three magnificent silver trophies won at the Guelph Fat Stock Show. "Flo", a splendid heifer. In 1900 won first prize as a two-year-old, also the Holliday silver cup, valued at \$75, as best animal any age or breed shown at the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show. The cup was won a second time by the steer "Champion" in 1901, and it then became Mr. Leask's property.

The Bell Piano and Organ Co. offered a magnificent silver trophy valued at \$275 for the best pair of animals any age or breed, bred and fed by exhibitor, and Mr. Leask carried home the cup, won first by "Clinker" and "Flo" and won a second time by "Champion" and "Bess". These prize-winning steers and heifers weighed when shown over 1800 lbs. each.

The third trophy which graces Mr. Leask's parlor is a silver cup presented to the County of Ontario to the Winter Fair as a prize for competition. Won first by Mr. Leask's steer and heifer, "Bobs" and "Kate", and a second time by "Whiter Lily" and, "Champion Knight". This was in 1903.

Mr. Leask had as had of his herd for four years the splendid Shorthorn bull, "Moneyfuffel Lad" (20527); then "Royal' Banner" for two years, until he was sold for \$500; then a calf of Royal Banner, each of these were in their time famous prize-winners. The present head of the herd is a handsome young bull, "Gloster's choice," bred in Ohio.

Mr. Leask has sold Grade cows for breeding purposes to the Minnesota Experimental Farm; has sold a heifer calf for \$150, and beef steers and heifers for \$180. Calves of his breeding have gone to the States, where in 1905 they won first prizes in a list of 41 competitors. Mr. J. Leask has won as much as \$700 a year in prizes at various fairs.

Today his herd numbers 65 animals, all good ones, but many of them beauties. Gradually Mr. (Leask is drifting into the breeding of Shorthorns, and almost half his herd today are that breed. Mr. Leask thoroughly understands the good points of an animal,



and how to feed and produce the best results. He finds also that the well-bred animals are the most easily fed, and by long odds the most profitable. Buyers seek him from all parts of the continent.

In horses, Mr. Leask has twelve good farm animals, some of them being Clydesdales.

### **James Leask Biography**

Mr. Leask was born, on the farm he now owns, in the year 1860. His father, Mr. Alex Leask, came to this country from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1852.

He settled on this farm and ultimately acquired 650 acres of land. On a trip to Scotland in 1872 Mr. Leask died, and for ten years this farm was leased.

Jas. Leask is one of the most intelligent farmers in the township, thoroughly versed in all farm and stock matters. He has for some years been a member of the School Board, is a staunch Presbyterian, and worker in the Sunday school, of which he is treasurer.

He married Miss Annie Perkins of Greenybank, and an interesting family of three sons and two daughters make the home life of Mr. and Mrs. Leask as nearly ideal as one might wish.



### **THE SKATING RINK H. Tummonds, Proprietor**

Port Perry boasts of having one of the largest skating rinks in the county at 80x160 feet. It is situated on Lilla Street, and was built ten years ago by Mr. Robt. Hicks.

In 1905 Mr. Tummonds purchased the property and is now running it, with the assistance of Mr. George Raines as ice manager.

The rink is whitewashed on the interior, which makes it very much lighter. There are 38 incandescent lights to illuminate the rink at night. There are dressing rooms for both ladies and gentlemen, and a good system of checking is in use. Skating nights are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Saturday afternoon;

Hockey practice for gents on Tuesday and Thursday, and for ladies on Monday and Friday nights. There is skating for school children two evenings a week. The band is in attendance one night a week, and for carnivals. The rink is largely patronized.



*William Brock*

### **WILLIAM BROCK General Store**

In the McCaw Block on the north side of Queen Street may be found the general store of Mr. Wm. Brock. In the history of this store may be seen a natural growth and development incident to a shrewd and business-like management.

Mr. Brock is from Newcastle, Ont., and came to Port Perry when but a youth. For 13 years he clerked in the store of Mr. Aaron Ross, father of Mr. Wm. Ross, ex-M.P.

A quarter of a century ago he began business for himself in the store where the post office is now situated. Twenty years ago he moved into the present stand. But the space at his disposal at first was just the half of his present store, and only one storey at that.

In a year, however, he acquired the other half, which doubled his space. In another six months he secured the upstairs over the whole store, thus doubling again the room at his disposal.

In his store Mr. Brock carries Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Crockery, Wall Paper, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Window Shades, etc., and a very large stock indeed is found here. Besides the goods on display, the cellar is used as a storeroom where goods are kept ready for the shelves, and where the crockery department is displayed.

Mr. Brock conducts his business on methods of his own, methods which are proving successful. Mr. Brock watches the markets very closely. His trained eye seeks out the bargain centres, and he is alert to every opportunity for picking up stocks at snap prices. As an instance of that, after the great Toronto fire, Mr. Brock purchased three car loads of goods that had been but slightly damaged. These he brought to Port Perry, and placed in stock. The people of the town and vicinity were apprised of the purchase, and given opportunities of buying what they wanted at most tempting prices. During the almost two years that have elapsed these goods have been disappearing, until today three wheelbarrows would hold all that are left.

Mr. Brock has lately picked up thousands of yards of linen - such as table covers, etc., which he is able to sell at a substantial decrease on the usual selling price of such goods. Thus, Mr. Brock has continually some snap to offer his customers - and this is good merchandizing.

In the two staple lines of butter and eggs this store does a wholesale trade, and for these spot cash is paid. This store is prepared to handle 1,000 lbs. of butter a week, and eggs in very large quantities for these the highest price is always paid. This store takes all kinds of farm produce – dried apples, poultry alive or dead, feathers, etc.

This is pre-eminently the farmers' store, and the farming community appreciate this fact. Mr. Brock is forehanded enough to buy for cash, and he saves many dollars a month on discounts.

On the upstairs floor will be found a very large stock of wall papers, carpets, oil cloths, etc. This store's grocery department is kept fresh and up-to-date, and the boot and shoe department will be found especially well stocked.

Messrs. Fred and Harold Brock, sons of the proprietor, assist him in the conduct of the store, and they are young men with whom the people like to deal.

Mr. Brock owns a nice home, corner of Ella and Elgin Streets. He has not had time to take any part in the public affairs of the town, but has given his attention to the development of his business. His success is the natural outcome of his diligent efforts.



*W.H. Doubt*

**W.H. DOUBT**  
Tailor

In the Blong Block on the north side of Queen Street is the tailor shop of Mr. W. H. Doubt. This young man gave his first infant howl in this burg. He went to school here, sledded down the hills, skated on the icy bay and swam in its pellucid waters. He also learned the trade of a tailor here, and launched out in business for himself in 1899. The business has been steadily growing, and Mr. Doubt has to employ six hands to keep pace with the demands of his trade. He uses the best imported goods, and carries a very considerable stock of well chosen goods on his shelves. His customers number some of the best dressers in town. Mr. Doubt is a practical tailor and cutter, having spent sixteen years in the business. The shop is a bright and cheerful one, and in the rear is the-large workroom.

Mr. Doubt is a bright, alert, energetic young business man, and is well liked by his fellow citizens. He is a vocalist, is Mr. Doubt, and sings in jhe Methodist

church choir. His home is on Cochrane Street, where he lives happily with little Doubts growing up about him.

**PAXTON & COLLACUT**  
Dealers in High Class Harness Horses

The above firm are amongst the best known and most successful dealers in horseflesh in Ontario County - or in the Province for that matter. The partnership was formed seven years ago. Mr. J. D. Paxton had been in the same business for 25 years and over. He had made a success of it, and was thoroughly posted in regard to harness horses.

Mr. H. L. Collacutt had also given years of attention to horses, and when the two joined forces, they made a team of rare excellence. The stables of the firm are on Queen Street, where usually a number of most excellent animals may be seen. Only high acting carriage horses are handled, and probably 200 or so are bought and sold each year.

One member of the firm is constantly on the road looking up likely animals, which are brought to the stables here and put into first class condition. The Province is scoured for the best that can be procured. The ages at which horses are preferred are from three to six years. The firm frequently receive commissions from parties in United States cities to purchase drivers for them, the price being of little consideration so long as the animal is of the desired kind. This firm, when they find an animal that suits them. seldom allow



*William Kennedy*

**WILLIAM KENNEDY**  
Grain Buyer

Mr. Wm. Kennedy is one of the long residents of the town. He has spent a useful and honorable life in the community. He built the first flouring mill erected here in the year 1878, and was a member of the village Council at the same date.

Mr. Kennedy was for 20 years chief of the Port Perry fire brigade, and was a member of the School Board for fifteen years. For the past thirty years, Mr. Kennedy has followed the occupation of grain buyer, and has the name of being a most astute and expert judge of grain. His dealings have always been honorable, and he is held in high regard by all who have come into contact with him.



Mr. Kennedy may be seen every day faithfully at his duties on the market or in the elevator, and the farming community always receive just treatment at his hands.



*John Rolph*

**JOHN ROLPH**  
Harness Maker

The author of this sketch is a genial and fun-loving Irishman, who has been a resident and business man of Port Perry for fifty years. He came to Canada in 1852 and here in 1856. For half a century he has carried on a harness making business with success, and has kept as customers father and son to the present day. Mr. Rolph makes everything in harness - heavy and fine - on the premises, also everything in connection with harness. He makes a superior grade of collars, and everything that leaves his shop is first-class. He was a neighbor of the Observer editor for many years, and has been a subscriber to the paper for half a century.

Mr. Rolph is secretary of the Ontario Pine Grove Cemetery Co., and has been on the board since its organization in 1862. He was in town Council and on School Board each for several years, and was a prominent society man in years gone by. Mr. Rolph has never lost a day by sickness, nor taken medicine, in fifty years. He has many interesting recollections of the early days, which he tells splendidly.



*Alex Leask*

**ALEX LEASK**

Mr. Alex Leask is the owner of "Sunny-brae Farm", near Greenbank, Mr. Leask has a good farm of 200 acres with nice frame house and barns 56 x 102, stone cellar.

Mr. Leask crops a good deal, but he also pas-

tures and mows considerable. He keeps 40 head of Shorthorn and Grade cattle, 8 horses, also sheep and a Shorthorn bull and pigs. On his barn is a windmill which he uses to pump water and chop grain.

Mr. Leask is a prosperous farmer and is a good Councillor – this being his second year in Council. Mr. Leask is a member of the local Farmers' Institute, is a Forester' and a Presbyterian. he has a interesting family of four children.



**THE WESTERN BANK OF CANADA**

The building owned and occupied by the Western Bank of Canada, and known as the "Bank Block" was built by the late Aaron Ross, and was purchased from his estate by the Western Bank about six years ago. It is considered the best built block in Port Perry.

After the fire of 1901, the Bank rebuilt the store (which they lease to Mr. Ross), making it the most modern store in the town, and with one of the finest shop fronts along, the line. They at the same time remodelled their banking house, and artistically decorated the interior, making it the equal of the offices in many large towns, in fact equal to the suburban branches of many city Banks.

Their steel lined vault is the strongest in the district, and the Bank received from private parties valuable papers for safe keeping, free of charge, a convenience that, as may be supposed, the public are not slow to appreciate,

Port Perry is indeed fortunate in having a Branch of the Western Bank, because its interests are and ever have been identified with the prosperity of Ontario County, and having five of its branches in the County, it comes in touch with the requirements of the people as perhaps no outside institution could.

The present manager, Mr. H.G. Hutcheson, whose portrait appears in another column, is a Durham "Old Boy", from the town of Bowmanville, where his father, the late St. John Hutcheson practiced law. Mr. Hutcheson has been at the Port Perry branch for about 18 years, serving in all positions from Junior clerk up to his present post. He has become so well known to the public that there are few who have not either a loan from or a deposit with his office.



*Robert Knight*

**ROBERT MCKNIGHT**  
**Town Constable**

To hold the position of constable of the village and town for a period of 32 years is the record of Mr. Robert McKnight, a brawny, open faced, honest Scotchman. Mr. McKnight came to Canada in 1871. In the spring of 1875 he found his way to this place, and accepted the position of constable, and today he holds the same position, :

and has filled it creditably these thirty-two years. He has seen Port Perry evolve from a forest into the pretty and thriving town it now is. Not only is Mr. McKnight constable, but he is also Street commissioner, collector of taxes and market clerk. He is a faithful officer in every capacity.

A presbyterian, a Mason and an Oddfellow is Mr. McKnight. He has a comfortable ohm on North Street and a happy family.



*C. J. Browne*

**C. BROWNE**  
**Implement Agent**

Mr. Browne, the veteran implement agent is a son of Mr. Alex. Browne, who was one of the first settlers of Reach Township in 1835. The subject of this sketch was born on lot 5, con. 1, and remained at home till he was 19 years of age. He has been a resident of Port Perry since 1883.

The following year he began business as implement agent, in which he has continued up to the present time. His office and shop are in the building beside the grain elevator, at the foot of Queen Street. It is a most handy and convenient shop for farmers.

Mr. Browne represents the Massey-Harris Co., and has done so for the 21 years that he has been

in this business. Everything that this well-known company makes in the way of farm implements Mr. Browne can sell, and their product comprises about everything that is required on a farm, except perhaps plows. Repairs for many other makes of farm implements are kept on hand in the .shop, which is a great convenience to the farming community.

Mr. Browne has been Treasurer of the Agricultural Society since its organization, which speaks well for his interest in such matters, as well as for his faithfulness and ability in that responsible office.



*Samuel T. Cawker*

**SAMUEL T. CAWKER**  
**Butcher**

For 35 years Mr. Cawker has catered to the needs of Port Perry citizens in the line of fresh meats, and his record for length of business life here is not excelled by many. Mr. Cawker learned the butchering business in Bowmanville, where his family lived, and where a brother now conducts a butcher shop.

For five years before coming here, he conducted a butcher shop for his mother, after the death of his father. His first shop here was on the hill, then he moved down and occupied a stall in the Market Building. That was 21 years ago. Later he moved to Queen Street to the Purdy Block. The fire of 1901 consumed the building, and when it was rebuilt, Mr. Cawker again found a shop in it. This is the history of his wanderings.

There are few nicer butcher shops outside the cities that that of Mr. Cawker. The display window is large, the shop is very bright, neat and clean, a desirable place from which to order meat. Mr. Cawker buys and slaughters' for himself, thoroughly understanding the business in every part. In season he handles poultry, and also a stock of smoked meats at all times. He sends out his wagon for and with orders, and also with a supply of meats from which his patrons may make selection. He employs three hands, and has a thriving business.

**WRIGHT CROZIER**

Utica is the post office address of this member of the Township Council, and he lives on lot 3, con. 5. He has been farming 25 years for himself, and has 200 acres of excellent land. His residence is of brick, large



and comfortable, and he has three large barns. The farm is well watered and there is a good orchard.

Mr. Crozier has 30 head of Grade and Shorthorn cattle, and two Shorthorn bulls. One of them, "General Pride", weighs over 1800 lbs., and is only three years of age. There are 10 horses, 13 sheep and 15 pigs on the farm.

Mr. Crozier has a family of three sons, all young men now. This is Mr. Crozier's second year in Council, and he was on the School Board for three years. In religion Mr. Crozier is a Methodist.

### **W. S. SHORT** Wines and Liquors

Mr. Short is English by birth, having come here from Cornwall, Eng., in 1877. For some years he was engaged in farming in Clark Township. In 1900 he came to Port Perry and clerked for Madison Williams in his liquor store. Seven years ago, Mr. Short purchased the business, and is still conducting it. His store is in the Diamond Hall Block. He carries a full stock of liquors.

Mr. Short is genuinely interested in athletics and sports. He was secretary treasurer of the hockey team last year, and was manager of the team in 1903, when they won the district championship. Each fall Mr. Short enjoys an outing with the hunters. He was one of those who organized the town Band, and he has played an instrument in it ever since.



*John T. Doble*

### **JOHN T. DOBLE** Reeve

This is the second year of Mr. Doble's tenure of the office of reeve, and his eighth year in the Council. Mr. Doble was born in Reach Township, and has lived there all his life.

He is a farmer by vocation, and formerly owned a farm of 225 acres, which he sold eighteen years ago. On retiring from farming he purchased fifty acres, lot 6, con. 12, where he now lives. On this farm is a nice orchard, good brick house and good barns. Mr. Doble keeps a horse and four cows. His post office is Ux-bridge, and his home is ten miles from Port Perry.

He is a member of the A.O.U.W., the I.O.F. and in religion is a Methodist. He enjoys the respect and goodwill of his fellow citizens.



*William Tummonds*

### **WILLIAM TUMMONDS** Groceries, Crockery, Flour and Feed

Mr. Tummonds is a general merchant and farmer as well. His store occupies a conspicuous position on Queen Street, south side, corner of John Street, and Mr. Tummonds owns the building and the big lot on which it stands, and has a residence in connection with the store;

Mr. Tummonds handles groceries, crockery, chinaware, provisions, flour and feed, and whai. is an innovation in a general store - a line of patent medicines. He enjoys a very nice trade, and has a good class of customers.

Mr. Tummonds a few years ago purchased the old fair ground property - a plot of thirty acres - and this he had in crop the past year. Besides this he owns four acres on McDonald Street. He keeps seven head of cattle, two horses and a large flock of fowl. So he may well be called a farmer, as well as a merchant.

Mr. Tummonds was born near Bath, and for years farmed in the Township of Reach. He disposed of his farm to his brother and went; to Toronto, where he was in business for four years. Then he sold out and came to this handsome and homelike town in 1877, where success is attending his efforts, and where he is respected as a citizen and neighbor.

### **CALEB CRANDELL**

One of the old residents of this vicinity is Mr. Caleb Crandell, fourth son of the late Reuben Crandell, who was the first settler in the Township of Reach, in the year 1821. He is the oldest son living of the late Reuben Crandell, who was blessed with seven sons and five daughters.

Caleb Crandell owned the whole of Port Perry site in 1835, and even as far west as the Cawker property, and his son is today one of the large property owners of the town and vicinity.

Reuben was the first contractor and builder in the vicinity, and he built many of the most important buildings in this locality at that period.

Mr. Caleb Crandell was for many years a member of the village Council, and he has always been an enterprising and respected citizen. He can tell many interesting tales of the early days, and anyone desir-

ing to be entertained for a few hours by reminiscences of pioneer days should go to Mr. Crandell.

Mr. Crandell well remembers bathing in the waters of Scugog Lake when there was only one dwelling in the vicinity, and that was the one he lived in at that time, and still keeps as a relic of the days of auld lang syne.



*Chas. A. Rundle*

### **RUNDLE BROS. Implement Agents**

Messrs. W.F. and Chas. A. Rundle are engaged as a partnership in the implement business. Their office and shop is next door to the Observer office on Queen Street.

These young men are sons of Mr. W. H. Rundle, who conducted an implement business in Reach Township for 25 years. They learned the knack of selling farm machinery from their father. The young men were farming in Brock for several years, but gave it up for their present occupation in 1903. They purchased the business of Robert Stillman, and are making a marked success of their venture.

They are agents for McCormick farm machinery and implements, which include binders, mowers, rakes, disc harrows, rollers, etc. They represent the Canada Carriage Co., and sell harness of all kinds, gasoline engines, Brantford Windmills, Perrin's riding plows, DeLaval Cream Separator, Ideal Fencing (and by the way they have just got in a car-load of this well-known-fencing), sewing machines, etc."

They carry a supply of plow points and repairs of many kinds, and they handle harness, blankets, robes, whips - in fact the brothers can sell practically everything in machinery or implements. Their territory is Port Perry and surrounding country. They have two rigs on the road nearly all the time, and have had to engage the services of a man to help them - Mr. E. Virtue - who is experienced in this kind of work.

Engravings of the young men are given here, and it will be seen that they are bright and alert young fellows. The extent to which their business has already grown gives one an-idea of their adaptability for the vocation they have chosen.



*Samuel J. Mellow*

### **S. J. MELLOW M.D.**

Dr. S. J. Mellow, one of the medical practitioners of the town, has his beautiful residence and office located on the north side of Queen Street.

Dr. Mellow was born near the town of Napanee, was educated at the public and High schools of that town and at Queen's University, from which institution he graduated in 1886. His first medical practice was at Bath, Lennox County, where he remained for three years. He sold his practice and spent five years in Bay City, Michigan and came to Port Perry in 1894.

In 1902 Dr. Mellow built the fine residence he now occupies. He has established a splendid practice; is coroner for the County of Ontario; has been in the town council for three years, two of them as Reeve, is now a member of the School Board, and always manifests a practical interest in public affairs.



*R.J. Bruce*

### **R.J. BRUCE Hardware Merchant**

Mr. Bruce is a native of Cartwright Township. He learned the art of storekeeping in stores in town, and his first business experience for himself was in Cannington, where he bought out a store and ran it for some time.

In 1893 Mr. Bruce removed to Port Perry, and found a store where the Observer now is. In 1895 he erected the building he now occupies, and took possession. The space at his disposal is 28 x 75 feet, and two storeys, and his building is one of the substantial business blocks of the town.

Mr. Bruce does a general hardware business, and carries a complete stock of everything in hardware, as well as stoves, furnaces, binder twine, wall paper,

tinware, graniteware.

A splendid line of ranges and heaters is handled by this store. There is Buck's Happy Thought, the Imperial Oxford and Welcome, the National and Clasis, the Lauren, Art Garland and Crown Brilliant, and many others.

The Sunshine and Hecia furnaces are sold by Mr. Bruce, and he has placed furnaces in the Bank of Commerce building, the High and Public school building, the Myrtle Hotel, the School in Cartwright Township, the Western Bank, Cannington, and many of the best residences in town.

The store enjoys a large country and town trade in eavetroughing and in metallic roofing and ceiling supplies, also in felt roofs of all descriptions. The Sherwin-Williams paints are sold, and are in big demand.

The upstairs floor is devoted to the tinware and repair department.

Altogether six practical men are employed by Mr. Bruce in this business, which is in every way a prosperous one. The store furnishes ample room, and yet it is filled in every part with the heavy stock . carried.

Mr. Bruce has served in the town council for two years in 1903-1904. He was on the Board when the municipal water and light systems were inaugurated, and in 1905 he was a member of the water and light commission.

Mr. Bruce is a prominent Mason, Workman, Odd-fellow and Independent Forester. He has a comfortable home on Mary Street. Mr. Bruce is yet a young man, and is one of the men of whom the citizens will doubtless expect, and receive, much useful service as a citizen and business man.

### **A. BONGARD** **Drover**

Few men are better known throughout the country surrounding Port Perry than Mr. A. Bongard, drover, of Prince Albert.

For over half a century Mr. Bongard has lived at Prince Albert as boy and man. He was born in Prince Edward country, and removed to the village where he now lives in 1855. For 40 years, Mr. Bongard has been going up and down the concessions and sidelines of Reach, Scugog Island, Whitby and Cartwright Townships, buying stock of all kinds from the farmers.

He is the veteran drover of the district, and there are none better than he. His long experience has eminently fitted him for his work, and he practically knows all that is to be known about his business. He is a splendid judge of the weight of an animal. Up to two years ago Mr. Bongard exported to the Old Country, but this he does not follow now. His turnover during the year would aggregate \$50,000.

Mr. Bongard has a beautiful home at Prince Albert, and a small farm of 12 acres, where he lives

happily with his family.

He has served on the School Board of his Section, and in other ways has proven his interest in the affairs of the community in which he lives.

### **J.H. DOUBT** **Boot and Shoe Maker**

Mr. J. H. Doubt is a Devonshire man, 36 years in Canada. On coming to these shores he first settled at Columbus, then he went to Myrtle, and came to Port Perry in 1873.

Mr. Doubt had learned his trade before coming to Canada, and has practised it continuously. His present shop is on the south side of Queen Street, opposite Dr. Graham's office, in the building erected by Mr. Rolph after the big fire.

Mr. Doubt makes boots to order, though his work is largely repairing. He employs a man to help him. Mr. Doubt owns a home on Caleb Street. He is a member of the local lodge of the I.O.O.F.

### **DOUBT & SON** **Gents' Furnishings, Hats, Boots and Shoes, etc.**

The firm of Doubt & Son is one of the youngest business firms in Port Perry, having been just one year in business on February 1.

Mr. H. Doubt, the senior partner, has a quarter century's business experience behind him in this town, and is one of the well-known and respected business men of the community. He is a native of the "tight little isle", and came to Canada 30 years ago.

He began the tailoring business in this town 25 years ago, and carried on a very successful business up to two years ago. In fact it was the largest tailoring business in town, as many as eight hands being employed.

On Feb. 1, 1905, Mr. Doubt being joined by his son, Mr. A. Doubt, purchased the business conducted by Mr. A. F. Carnegie. The premises occupied are on the south side of Queen Street, near Perry Street. The stock consists of gents' furnishings, hats, boots and shoes, furs and clothing.

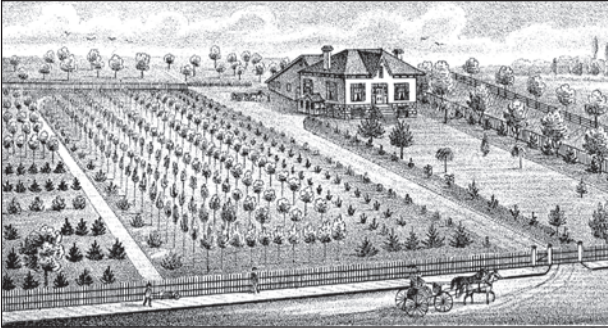
The boot and shoe department is the largest, and the stock includes the Geo. A. Slater make for men and the Queen Quality for women; also the Kant Krack and Dainty Mode rubbers.

In clothing the firm handles the "Fit Rite" and C.M. & R. brands and find that they give satisfaction. In hats the "King" and "BorsaUno" are the best sellers, and in caps the manufacture of the F.C. Fraser & Co., London.

The gents' furnishing department is well stocked, specialities being the W. G. & R. collars, and Tookes' shirts, collars, cuffs and neckwear.

This young firm are free users of printers' ink, and advertise extensively and judiciously, and they are enjoying a fair share of patronage.





**C.C. KELLETT**  
Nurseryman

Within the corporation of Port Perry, and adjoining the old fair grounds, may be found the home and fruit farm of Mr. C. C. Kellett.

Mr. Kellett's farm consists of 15 acres, on which he has a considerable orchard, and where he grows immense quantities of the luscious strawberry. At one time, or 40 years ago, Mr. Kellett conducted a thriving nursery business on these premises, but 30 years ago he began growing strawberries, which now form the largest part of his crop, and of which he had CVz acres last year.

Mr. Kellett has a splendid brick house and good outbuildings. Mr. Kellett has taken some part in public life, and was a member of the town council for two years.



Geo. A. Rose

**G.A. ROSE**  
Life Insurance

It is not given to every man to become a successful insurance agent, and of those who try that vocation nine out of ten soon drop out of the ranks.

Mr. G. A. Rose of this town is one of those whom nature seems to have intended for this special work, and since he began to sell insurance about three years ago his success has been astonishing.

Mr. Rose's first knowledge of this strenuous world was obtained in Reach Township, where his family resided. He received his education at the Public and High Schools of Port Perry, and then went back to the farm in Reach Township. For some years he farmed, and then became a citizen of Brock Township, where he owned one of the nicest farms to be found there. Here he stayed for 16 years, and came to Port Perry

four years ago, upon retiring from agricultural pursuits.

It was almost by accident that Mr. Rose began writing insurance, but he quickly learned that he had the aptitude for that work, and he kept at it, and was so successful that his company soon appointed him General Agent for the county. Mr. Rose represents the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada, a company with a splendid record. The company has at its head some very able men. The head office is in Waterloo, Ont. Last year the company's gain in insurance was greater than that of any other Canadian company.

Mr. Rose owns a beautiful home on Queen Street, just west of the fire hall (town hall), where with his family he lives a comfortable and happy life. While not taking any active part in public affairs, Mr. Rose is yet a most useful and respected citizen, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

**SWAN BROTHERS**  
Carriage Makers and Blacksmiths

Messrs. John and James, Jr., compose the firm of Swan Bros., who carry on a brisk business as carriage makers and general blacksmiths on Perry Street, south of Queen Street.

This business was, established forty years ago by Mr. James Swan, Sr., father of the present owners. At that time, the shop was in Borelia, but was later moved down to John Street, across from the Williams foundry.

For fifteen years that was the location, and four years ago a move was made to the present premises, which the firm had purchased. This building was erected by Johnston & Hobbs, and was occupied by the Ontario Carriage Co.

While carriage building is not now what it was in olden times, and very little is done in small shops as a rule, yet the Swan Bros. turn out many vehicles each year. They, of course, purchase many of the parts from large factories, but they also make portions of the carriages, and, having assembled various parts, put them together, paint them, etc., and place thereon their own name plate

In the blacksmithing department a big trade is done in general work and in horseshoeing. All kinds of iron and wood repairing is done. The equipment of the premises is first class; The firm have machines for lightening and making easy the heavier work of the shop.

An invention which has revolutionized tire setting is the Henderson Hand Power Tire Setter, which sets the tires in a cold state without removal from the wheels. The first year the firm had this machine they set 800 tires. This has cheapened and quickened the work to a wonderful degree.

There are five hands in all engaged at this shop, and they are kept busy, the business being an extensive one.

The building is ample in size for the requirements of a very large trade. The brick structure of two stories is 40 x 90 feet, with sheds 15 x 90 feet. The paint shop is upstairs, the entire size of the building, while the show room is on the ground floor in the southwestern corner. Some very fine carriages were on hand when the reporter visited the premises recently.



*James Graham*

**JAMES GRAHAM**  
**Farmer**

Mr. Graham first saw the sunlight in Reach Township in 1863. He now owns Lot 10, Con. 14, a farm of 120 acres. On the farm is a frame house, barn 60 x 78 feet, good orchard, and a fine farm it is generally.

Mr. Graham like several of his brothers, and his father (the late Jas. Graham) before him is a lover of good stock, and has 41 cattle and 5 horses. He owns a splendid shorthorn bull, Moneyfuffle Knight.

Mr. Graham is a Presbyterian, a workman, has been a school trustee for six years, secretary-treasurer of the school board for 12 years, and this is his second year in council. He has a happy family of eight children - four of each sex.

Saintfield is Mr. Graham's post office.