

stationery and wall paper business that the Parker store in Stirling always carried one of the largest stocks of any like concern in Hastings County.

ROBERT PARKER.

THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN:

- I. Agnes Parker, m. William Judd; set. Stirling. Issue: (1) Jane E. Judd, m. Judge E. B. Fraleck; set. Belleville. (Issue: Ernest, Madeline, Ceil, Jessie, and Helen.) (2) Mary Judd, unm. (3) Agnes Judd, m. Alexander Anderson; set. Port Perry. (Issue: Bruce, Ethel, Daisy, Katie, McLean, and Arthur.) (4) Alfred E. Judd, m. Sarah Hewat, nee Henry; set. Stirling. (Issue: Jessie.) (5) Alexander Judd, unm. (6) Louisa P. Judd, and (7) Arthur Judd.
- II. William J. Parker, m. Julia Houston, niece of General Samuel Houston; set. Stirling. Issue: (1) Helen Parker, m. John Crane; set. Vancouver. (Issue: Reginald.)
- III. Francis B. Parker, m. Sarah Fidler; set. Stirling. Issue: (1) Emily, (2) Bessie, and (3) Mabel (m. Dr. Ross, Kingston; no issue).
- IV. Robert Parker, physician; m. Nama Henry, nee Chard; set. Stirling. Issue: (1) Francis R. Parker, m. Dolly Smith. (Issue: Dorothy C., principal of college, Cortland, N.Y.) (2) James Parker, manager Sovereign Bank; m. Grace Carscallen, dau. Alexander Carscallen, M.P.; set. Marmora. (Issue: Harold A.) (3) Charles E. Parker, m. Frances Ross; set. Stirling. (Issue: Robert R.) (4) William, and (5) Mary A. Parker, unm.
- V. Mary Parker, m. John M. Ward; set. Chicago. Issue: (1) Helen (m. twice and set. Halifax); (2) Robert (m. and set. Chicago); and (3) Agnes, unm.
- VI. Catharine E. Parker, d. y.
- VII. Edward F. Parker, merchant in Stirling for many years; m. Georgina Wheeler; no issue.
- VIII. James Parker, m. Matilda Fidler; set. Winnipeg. Issue: (1) Edna M., (2) Stanley E., and (3) Trevor R.

THE PARRY FAMILY.

This family is a very old one in the third concession of Sid-

ney. William Parry (or Perry, as it is sometimes spelled), was born in England, and emigrated to the United States prior to the Revolutionary War. He was undoubtedly loyal to the British Crown during that struggle, as shortly after the war he emigrated to Canada, first stopping at Ernesttown and later coming on to Sidney, where he took up two hundred acres of land, lot 18, 3rd concession, as a loyalist. This was previous to 1798, as Caleb, his eldest son, was born during that period at Sidney. The family afterwards acquired one hundred and fifty acres more in lot 17, and this last mentioned farm is still in the family name, William H. Parry owning the north hundred acres, where he now resides.

The country was a wilderness when the old pioneer found his way back to the third concession, and the hard work, privations and discomforts experienced during these first few years of bush life, as related by him to his descendants, would have discouraged men of less resolution. But William Parry was a strong man physically, with indomitable energy, and nothing could daunt him. He was also a kind hearted man, and it is said gave the timber for the historic "Aikins Church." He was a man of affairs in his day: in politics he was a Conservative, and his son, Jacob, saw service as a member of the Hastings Militia in the War of 1812. He lived to a good old age and reared a family of nine children.

Caleb Parry, his eldest son, spent his life on the old farm. He married Sarah Gordonier, and they had eight children. Caleb was an invalid most of his life, having over-exerted himself in the harvest field in his youth. On this account his son, William H. Parry, was taken out of school in early youth, and, under his father's guidance, practically ran the farm; and after his father's death in 1872, he came into possession of the same. He was born in 1840, and has been a hard worker from early youth. He has been devoted to his home, and has very rarely been away from it over night. His travels have never been farther away than Toronto; and when making this trip, he always returns the same night.

December 20, 1860, he married Mary Ann Wallace, who was born in England and came to Sidney with her parents when only five years old. They have had two children. His son, George W., lives with his family at the old home, having leased the farm. The family belong to the Methodist Church, as did their ancestors. They are good citizens and highly respected in the community. In politics the family adhere to the Conservative party.

THE PARKER FAMILY.

The Canadian founder of this family was Robert Parker. He was born in Ayr, Scotland, on May 2, 1800, educated at the schools in Ayr, and afterwards took his M.A. degree at Glasgow University. In 1821, after finishing his University course, he emigrated to Canada. Just previous to leaving Scotland he was made Master Mason at the lodge in Ayr; and his son exhibits with pardonable pride the lodge certificate, printed on parchment and bearing the signature of Andrew Burns—brother of the poet Robert Burns—and Master of the lodge.

Robert Parker's father was an iron founder, owning the works at Ardrossen, Scotland. He also owned stock in the iron mines at Marmora, and sent his son Robert to Canada to act as bookkeeper and paymaster at the mines. At that time Stirling was called Rawdon Mills, and contained a few buildings beside the mill. The nearest chartered bank was the branch of the Bank of British North America, located at Kingston; and young Parker was compelled to make frequent periodical visits to Kingston, eighty-one miles, on horseback, through the woods, to carry on the financial end of the mining business. Some years after, when the Marmora mines had shut down, young Parker, who had achieved considerable success as a financier, was offered and accepted the position of paying teller in the Bank of British North America, at Kingston, and located there. While acting in his new capacity he became acquainted with and married, in 1828, Elizabeth Huffman, of the old United Empire Loyalist family of that name. He had been attracted while living in Marmora by the fine timber in that locality, and two years after his marriage made financial arrangements in Scotland to enable him to embark in that business. With his wife and one daughter, Agnes, he went to Marmora. There, through his wife, he drew a large tract of United Empire Loyalist land, and commenced to cut the timber. He rafted it down the Deer and Trent rivers to the Bay of Quinte, and thence down the St. Lawrence to Montreal and Quebec. He followed this business successfully until 1837, at which time the Rebellion occurred and he took up arms in defence of his country. After the Rebellion, in 1839, through the influence of Edward Fidler, who owned the mills at Stirling, he was induced to settle there and become proprietor of the hotel, which was known for many years as

Parker's tavern. At this time traffic through Stirling was large, and it became one of the principal stopping places in North Hastings. About the same time he purchased several hundred acres of land in Rawdon, on which he erected a sawmill, known as Parker's mill. He ran the mill as well as the hotel until his death in 1852.

Robert Parker possessed traits of character which with his superior education made him a leader in the community; in fact, he was the leading man in the district. He was elected the first Councillor in Rawdon, and was appointed the first postmaster in what is now Stirling. This appointment was made in the early thirties, and the office has since always been held by a member of the Parker family. About 1844 he turned the office over to William Judd, general merchant and clerk of the court, Stirling, and who afterwards married Robert Parker's daughter Agnes. After William Judd's death in 1872, his wife received and still holds the appointment. Robert Parker was largely instrumental in getting the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, established at Stirling. He was a Conservative and a magistrate. It is said that he named Stirling after the historic Scottish Stirling. Of his sons, Francis B. Parker, became a banker in Stirling in company with his brother Dr. Robert Parker, under the title of Parker Bros.; he was also Clerk of the Court and member of the County Council, and subsequently sold out the business to the Sovereign Bank.

Dr. Robert Parker, third son of Robert Parker, ably represented the family during his lifetime, and also became one of the leading citizens, not only of Stirling, but of North Hastings. He graduated as a physician, and was a surgeon in the United States army during the Civil War, in which service he achieved noteworthy success. He was with Grant when Lee surrendered at Appopotomax. Afterwards he returned to Stirling and again commenced the practice of his profession, as well as carried on a large drug and stationery business until his death in 1902, at the age of sixty-eight years. Dr. Robert Parker practised medicine in Stirling in all thirty-seven years, and held the office of Reeve and Councillor for many years. Charles E. Parker, third son of Dr. Robert Parker, succeeded to the drug and stationery business, so successfully carried on by his father for forty years. He also takes a leading part in the community, and has been a member of the Stirling Council. It is noteworthy in connection with the drug,

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Married.

RODGERS-WALKER.—At the residence of Mr. John Meiklejohn, on Dec. 28th, by the Rev. John Moore, MR. WM. H. RODGERS, of Rawdon Township, to MISS LIZZIE WALKER, of Huron County.

COMERFORD-McCOMB.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Mark's Church, Rawdon, by Rev. C. M. Harris, FREDERICK A. COMERFORD, of Madoc, to MARY ELIZABETH, daughter of Jas. McComb.

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Married.

JOHNSTON-McMULLEN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Dec. 21st, by the Rev. Geo. Nickle, ERNEST A. JOHNSTON, of Rawdon, and Miss MARGARET, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McMullen.

REID-McCAUGHEN.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Ivanhoe, on Dec. 28th, by the Rev. Geo. Nickle, ROBERT H. REID, of Ivanhoe, and MISS MARIA McCAUGHEN, daughter of Mr. James McCaughen, of Rawdon.

REID-McGOWAN.—On Dec. 28th, at the residence of Mr. Jas. Reid, Rawdon, by the Rev. R. McCulloch, ARTHUR H. REID, of Rawdon, and Miss LILLIAN MAUD McGOWAN, of Belleville.

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Married.

BYGOTT-McNAB.—At Grace Church, Toronto, by Rev. F. Newham, assisted by Rev. W. L. Armitage, of All Saints, Peterborough, on Monday, Jan. 16th, MR. JOHN M. BYGOTT, formerly of Stirling, to MISS ANNIE McNAB, daughter, of Mr. Wm. McNab, Esq., all of Peterboro.

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Married.

TWEEDIE-SILVER.—On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Methodist parsonage, Campbellford, by the Rev. T. M. Campbell, MR ALBERT EDWARD TWEEDIE, of Stirling, and REBECCA, daughter of Mr. Edward Silver, V. S., of Murray township.

26 JAN 1899-PG 8

Married.

GRILLS-WILLIAMS.—At the residence of the bride's father, on March 1st, by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, LL.B., THOS. D GRILLS, of Seymour, and Miss ESTELLA WILLIAMS, daughter of Mr. Bidwell Williams, of Rawdon.

* PARKER-CARSCALLEN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Marmora, on Monday, Feb. 27th, by Rev. C. M. Harris, JAS. L. PARKER, B.A., of Stirling, and MISS GRACE CARSCALLEN, daughter of A. W. Carscallen, Esq., M.P. for North Hastings.

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Married.

HEAGLE-BARNETT.—On Feb. 28th, by the Rev. M. Metherell, at the residence of bride's parents, MR. DAVID L. HEAGLE, of Rawdon township, and MISS FLORA JANE BARNETT, daughter of Mr. James Barnett, Seymour.

9 MAR 1899-PG 8

Married.

ROWE-McCOMB.—On March 8, at St. Mark's Church, Rawdon, by Rev. C. M. Harris, JAMES HENRY ROWE, of Campbellford, to SARAH VICTORIA, daughter of James McComb.

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JONES-OSTRANDER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Trenton, on Wednesday, March 8th, by the Rev. G. Horton, MISS ORA B. OSTRANDER, of Trenton, to ALFRED GOLDING JONES, of Ottawa.

RADCLIFFE-SCRIMSHAW.—On the 22nd inst. at the Methodist Parsonage, Church St., Stirling, by the Rev. Wm. Johnston, MR. ADAM RADCLIFFE and MISS ANNIE SCRIMSHAW, both of Rawdon.

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Married.

CHAMBERS-McCONNELL.—At the residence of the bride's mother, on April 3rd, by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, LL.B., JAS. EVERETT CHAMBERS, of Thurlow, and Miss CATHELIA McCONNELL, of Rawdon.

GOUDGE-RODGERS.—On the 5th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Wm. Johnston, MR. ROBERT GOUDGE, of Sidney, and Miss EMMA RODGERS, daughter of Mr. John Rodgers, of Stirling.

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Married.

BASS-ROSE.—On March 29, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. R. Duke, CYNTHIA ISABELLA, daughter of Geo. Rose, of the township of Thurlow, to GORDON, son of John Bass, of the township of Huntingdon.

20 APR 1899-PG 8

Married.

McCOMB-REID.—At the Presbyterian Manse, Brandon, Manitoba, on Thursday, April 27th, 1899, by the Rev. Mr. Henry, MR. JOSEPH I. McCOMB, of Beresford, Man., to Miss ROSA REID, of Big Springs, Ont.

11 MAY 1899-PG 8

Married.

MATHER-MEIKLEJOHN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, June 7th, by Rev. John Moore, M. A., assisted by Rev. Mr. Shaw, MR. WILLIAM R. MATHER, of Campbellford, and MISS EFFIE A. MEIKLEJOHN, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Meiklejohn, of Rawdon.

8 JUN 1899-PG 8

Married.

NUGENT-BOOTH.—On Wednesday, June 14th, 1899, at the Methodist parsonage, Frankford, by the Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, Mr. CLEMENT ARMSTRONG NUGENT, of Rawdon township, to Miss CLARA BOOTH, of Trenton.

SANDFORD-SARGENT.—On Wednesday, June 14th, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, of Frankford, Mr. FRANCIS HERBERT SANDFORD, of Fenelon Falls, to Miss MAUD LUELLA, youngest daughter of CHAS. SARGENT, Esq., of the township of Sidney.

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Married.

MERRILL-REID.—On the 12th inst., at the Methodist parsonage, Church St., by the Rev. Wm. Johnston, MR. JAMES MERRILL, of Belleville, and Miss MARTHA, daughter of Mr. JOHN REID, of Huntingdon.

20 JUL 1899-PG 8

A Stirling Boy Honored

The Elmira (N. Y.) Standard of Dec. 30th, says:

"Professor Francis R. Parker, principal of the Elmira Free Academy, in Syracuse to-day was elected president of the New York State Association of Academic Principals.

Professor Parker is recognized throughout the state as an educator of ability, and has for several years been prominent in the councils of the state association, and during 1911 served as vice-president. His elevation to the presidency to-day was justly due to his zeal and high standing in the educational world."

Mr. Parker is well known here, being a son of the late Dr. Parker. He has been teaching in New York State for many years.

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Dr. Parker in Vancouver.

The following interesting item is from the Vancouver World of April 12th:

Dr. Robert Parker, of Stirling, Ont., a relative of J. E. Crane, of this city, whose guest he is during his stay on the coast, went out this morning with Mr. Crane to the Coquitlam in search of trout. Dr. Parker was one of a party of about 100 prospectors who went up the Stickine river in the summer of 1862 on board the Flying Dutchman, leaving Victoria on the 3rd of June and remaining there till the end of October. The party went up to the little canyon 90 miles from the mouth of the river in the steamer against a strong high water current. They there loaded their kits and provisions on canoes, and with an Indian guide, Captain Jack, the fleet made the stretch of the stream to the big canyon then called by the Indians Sharkesville, now called Glenora, in 15 days, an average of only about five miles per day. They attempted to canoe up through the big rapids, but gave it up after about twenty miles, where they prospected several creeks which then had no names. They found color everywhere, and some gold, but nowhere in paying quantities. Dr. Parker made careful notes of the country through which they traveled, and has recently delivered lectures for the benefit of the school students in his county upon the Stickine river district. He found the climate during those months magnificent, comparing favorably with that of Central California, in which he had spent several years. Dr. Parker has been asked to deliver a lecture on the now much-talked waterway while here.

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While fishing in Crow Lake last Saturday, Miss Kate Chard and Miss Mabel Parker had the good luck to capture a large Maskinonge whose length was 41 inches. Its weight was—well there were no scales convenient, and it could not be weighed in its own. Where the fun comes in, Mr. Kennedy and Dr. Parker were only 100 yards away. Miss Kate, without assistance, safely landed her fish; but how to kill it was the dilemma. They called to the gentlemen in the other boat for assistance. On coming up to them, Miss Kate was found sitting on the fish's lower half, while Miss Mabel firmly sat on its head. With the assistance of the gentlemen, the big fish soon got its quietus, and the young ladies went on their way rejoicing.

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JUDY

IN MEMORIAM.

On Thursday last the solemn words were passed from friend to friend and from neighbor to neighbor, "She has departed," referring to the outgoing of the immortal spirit of one of our best known and best beloved. Yes,—after years of battling with disease, it could be said by those who looked upon the still form of Mrs. Parker, "She is at rest." "At rest"—these words are suggestive when applied to our departed one, especially when we couple with them that other passage, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Suggestive when applied to her everyday life, and the performance of those duties to which every wife and mother is called; but equally so when we look at the spiritual side of her nature. Not merely during the full strength of womanhood, but alike when weakness showed itself she was found in her place in the sanctuary each Lord's day, and with all her cares found time to spend an hour each week in the prayer meeting. Her mind, ever active, was especially called into full play when spiritual truth was being discussed. By the grace of God she not only received these truths but also assimilated them, and thus, in her case, was built up a character beautiful in itself, and decidedly helpful to all who had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with her.

On Monday morning all that was mortal was borne forth reverently from the home she had blessed with her life and conveyed to her last resting place. As the casket was lowered into the narrow home, those who knew the deceased best could truthfully say "He giveth his beloved sleep." Shall the lessons from such a life be lost to us? No; "She being dead, yet speaketh." Her life must give an impulse to the women of St. Andrew's Church to more earnest labor and self-denial, especially to the members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of which she was president so long, and in whose meetings her voice was so often heard in earnest prayer that God would own and bless their work.

And in the home, the thought, she is not lost to us, but gone a little before, must cheer, comfort and strengthen their sorrowing hearts.

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Sudden Death.

The sudden death of Mr. Wm. J. Parker, which took place on Thursday of last week, cast a gloom over the entire village. In the forenoon of that day he went over to Mr. F. B. Parker's farm just north of the village, to gather up some hay left from some stacks which had been there, and his not returning at noon did not cause any alarm, as he had frequently not returned until later; but as the afternoon passed, and he did not make his appearance his wife and daughter began to be uneasy and on making inquiries learned that he had not been seen in the village during the day. Mr. F. B. Parker, on learning this, at once proceeded across to his barn where he found his brother lying on some hay, dead. It is supposed he had become exhausted from a severe rupture, from which he had suffered for years, and had lain down there to die. When found, about seven o'clock in the evening, he had apparently been dead about two or three hours, as parts of the body were still warm.

The deceased was well known in this village and vicinity; having long been a resident of Stirling. He was an earnest and whole-souled Christian gentleman, respected by all who knew him, and one of the best of neighbors and friends, as we can testify from experience; and his sudden taking off is most severely felt, not only by his near relatives, but by his many neighbors and acquaintances. He was a little over sixty-four years of age, and leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Sunday, at two o'clock, and was very largely attended, the procession being one of the largest seen here for some time. Rev. J. M. Gray conducted a short but appropriate service at the house.

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