

HOPE TOWNSHIP.

Hope people present—to grant a bonus of £15,000 in aid of the construction of the "Port Hope and Peterboro' Railway," and on the 6th of the same month the Council, on motion of Thos. Campbell, decided to pass a By-law to that effect, which was carried out at a regular meeting, held on the 28th December of the same year.

In 1853-4, By-laws were passed subscribing for 440 shares—\$8,820—of stock in the Hope Consolidated Gravel Road Company, from which the Township derives an annual revenue.

From 1835 up to 1854, the Township Council were accustomed to meet at Wm. S. Marsh's Inn, on the York Road, now the residence of Mr. Charles F. Powers, and from the latter date at the present place of meeting, Irvine's Hotel, formerly Eli Crawley's, Canton.

In 1864, John Foott was appointed Clerk, and the Township was divided into two Electoral Sub-Divisions for municipal purposes, abolishing ward elections. It would occupy too much space to give in detail the names of the several Municipal officers from 1850 to the present time. In 1851, Nathan Choate was elected Town Reeve; 1853, R. B. Marsh; 1855, Robert Bedford; 1857, John Rosevear; 1863, John Walker; 1864, John Rosevear; 1866, Matthew Bragg. During the year 1866, the Reeve was—at the December session—on motion of Councillor Rosevear, authorized to sign the necessary documents, transferring the stock held by the Corporation of Hope in the Port Hope, Peterboro' and Lindsay Railway to the Company.

In 1867, John Rosevear was again elected Reeve, 1868, R. A. Corbett, M.D.; 1869, E. Allan Powers, (and the same year, Nicholas Peters was appointed Township Clerk); 1870, John Rosevear; 1872, William Moon.

In 1872, the Township was divided into six Electoral Sub-Divisions for Parliamentary, and in 1876-7, for municipal purposes.

In 1874, John Rosevear again filled the Executive Chair; 1875, George B. Salter; 1876, Henry Elliott, with James H. Parsons as Township Clerk.

The following statistics are compiled from the revised Assessment Roll of the Township for 1877:—

Number of voting Ratepayers, 1,029; number of acres resident, 62,873½; number of acres cleared, 48,119; number of acres non-resident, 608. Total number of acres, resident and non-resident, 63,581½; value of resident lands, \$2,506,955; value of non-resident land, \$34,825. Total value of resident and non-resident lands, \$2,541,786. Value of Personal Property, other than income, \$95,050; amount of taxable income, \$7,100. Total value of personal property and taxable income, \$102,150. Total value and amount of Real and Personal property and taxable income, \$2,650,080. Number of dogs, 398; number of bitches, 82; number of horses, 1,956; number of cattle, 9,376; number of sheep, 5,476; number of hogs, 1,640. Population, about 3,800, of which 360 are Canada Methodists; 203 Presbyterians; 186 Bible Christians; 160 Church of England, and 17 Roman Catholics. Rate in the \$, 2 4-5 mills, producing \$77,420.22 4-10., which is the best evidence that can be given of the prosperity of the Township of Hope.

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