

Municipal Officers of Ontario.

Clerk of the Township of Bruce.

Mr. Murray was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1833. He was engaged in business in the north of Scotland until 1857, when he emigrated to Canada and came to the county of Bruce in the following year. He taught school in the township of Bruce for seven years. From 1875 to 1869 he was absent from his township engaged in business in different parts of Ontario. In the latter year he was appointed clerk and treasurer on his return to the township of Bruce. Mr. Murray has never missed a meeting of his council since his appointment. In 1869 he was appointed clerk of the sixth division court of his county ;



MR. HUGH MURRAY.

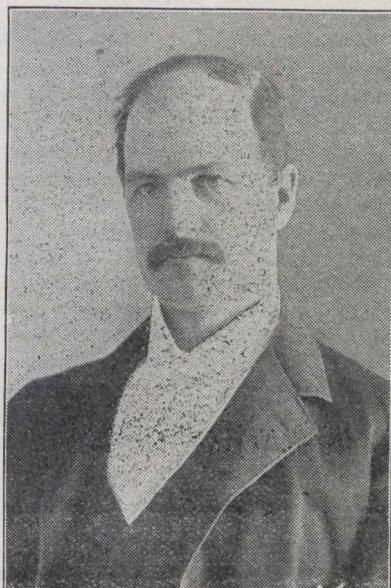
in 1870, a commissioner for taking affidavits, a J. P. in 1874 and postmaster of Underwood in 1875

Clerk of the Town of Renfrew.

Mr. Rochester was born in 1861 at Burnstown, in the county of Renfrew. He moved to Ottawa, with his family, in 1863, and was educated in the Ottawa public school and collegiate institute, winning the gold medal for general proficiency in the annual county examinations for Carleton county in 1877. He taught school for two years and was in the western states from 1881 to 1884. He studied law in 1885 and 1886, was book-keeper in the town of Renfrew for eight years and was appointed clerk in 1893. Mr. Rochester is an issuer of marriage licenses, private banker, and does a general insurance, real estate and loan business.

Clerk Township of Marmora and Lake.

Mr. Cameron was born in the parish of



MR. J. K. ROCHESTER.

Ardnamurchan, Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1879, and came to Canada in 1883, settling in Marmora in 1885. He was educated in a public school in his neighborhood and at the Madoc high school. He has taught school for two years and



MR. ARCH'D CAMERON.

was appointed clerk of Marmora and Lake in January of the present year.

Clerk of Town of Milton.

Mr. Coates was born near Milton in 1836. He was educated at the

institutions of learning in his neighborhood and taught school successfully for twenty-six years. He is an active sabbath school worker, has officiated very acceptably as a local preacher of the Methodist church since 1872, and is ever interested in every good work. Mr. Coates was appointed clerk in 1891 and is also librarian of the public library. He is prominently identified with the Masonic order.

Opposing Municipal Ownership.

There is to be a strong effort made on the part of London capitalists against municipal and state ownership of industries. An organization composed of moneyed men to be known as the "Industrial Freedom League" has been launched to advance the idea that public ownership is not a good thing, and an active opposition to the popular doctrine is to be at once begun. The league



MR. ROBT. COATES.

claims that the indebtedness of British municipalities which have undertaken to run public utilities and are now supplying the people with public service at low prices, is increasing, and they are greatly alarmed for the public welfare. If it is a fact that municipal indebtedness increases under public ownership because of the low cost of service to the people, then it is plainly the duty of the municipal authorities to increase the cost somewhat. Service at a very low rate would naturally be popular with the people, but it ought not to be furnished at rates so low as to increase the public indebtedness. — "The Municipality."

Mr. G. M. Harrison, who has been clerk of the village of Glencoe for the past twenty-seven years has resigned owing to ill-health and Mr. George Wilson has been appointed to succeed him.