

men moved from Prince Albert to Port Perry: Aaron Ross, Joshua Wright, George Currie, Mark Currie, Thos. Courtice, Emaney & White, J. H. Brown, John Rolph, and T. C. Forman.

Later, when the story of the big fire is told, it will be seen where these men located their places of business at first.

It seemed so natural to go from Prince Albert to Port Perry, that some important items have been overlooked regarding the beginning of the latter place. In fact it has been very difficult to narrate the events in their proper order.

The Village was known by the name of Port Perry from about 1852 and was named after Peter Perry, of Whitby, who laid out the first town plot. The first settler and owner of lot 19 in the sixth concession of Reach, the present site of Port Perry, was Elias Williams. He subsequently sold these lands to Peter Perry. The first general store was opened by Chester Draper in 1840.

Previous to that Port Perry was called Scugog Village, and until its incorporation was part of the Municipality of the Township of Reach. The village became a separate municipality in 1872. Its first assessment was \$177,045, which increased to \$484,680 by 1904. The population at incorporation was 1300.

On the incorporation of the village, Joseph Bigelow was elected reeve, and Messrs. John Phillip, William Tait, Caleb Crandell and Allan Sexton, councillors.

Duncan McKercher was the first clerk, and Henry Gordon the first treasurer. The latter was succeeded by J. H. Brown, who still holds the office. Lieut.-Col. N. F. Patterson was clerk and solicitor for many years. He was succeeded by Frank Yarnold, at whose death in 1901, W. H. Harris took the office.

Robert McKnight was the first constable appointed by the Council, and honorably discharged the duties of that office until his death two or three years ago, when he was succeeded by John Cassidy.

There is really very little of note to tell about Port Perry after the coming of the railway and before the big fire of 1884. The village grew and about 1876, its population reached the town limit of 2,000.

Besides the places of business with which most people are familiar, and those which have already been mentioned, there were others: