

HOPE TOWNSHIP.

this period contained about 750 inhabitants, who held Town Meetings on the first Monday in January of each year, in accordance with the English custom,—as practiced in the United States previous to the Revolution—when laws were made and Town officers appointed for Municipal purposes. The village and Township property was assessed alike, and the taxes collected therefrom, amounting to only a few dollars yearly, went into one common fund. The earliest record of Township matters the Publisher is able to find, is an old unbound book, made of common paper, containing the proceedings of Town Meetings from 1822 to 1836, together with the “Ear marks of sheep, cattle and hogs, belonging to the inhabitants of Port Hope and neighborhood.” of which the following is a copy of the meeting held January, 1822:—

“At a Town Meeting, held in the Wellington Inn, Port Hope, the first Monday in January, 1822, the following persons were chosen for Town Officers, namely:

PATHMASTERS.	“James W. Fox, Town Clerk.	
	“Thomas Harris,	} Assessors.
	“James W. Fox,	
	“William Marsh, Collector.	
	“Stephen Straw,	} East Division.
	“Paul Heyword,	
	“George Saxton, 3rd Division.	
	“George Brown, East Division.	
	“Samuel Gifford, 1st Div., Danford Road.	
	“John Potter, 2nd Div., “ “	
	“William Marsh, 3rd Div., “ “	
	“John J. Taylor, 4th Div., “ “	
	“Samuel Marvin, 1st Div., 4th Concession.	
	“Calvin Hamlin, 2nd Div., 4th “	
	“Timothy Johnson, 3rd Div., 4th “	
	“Sam'l Caldwell, 5th Concession.	
	“David Stevens,	} Poundkeepers.
	“Thomas Hartwell,	
	“Jacob Choate,	} Church Wardens.
	“John Farley,	

“Ordered—

- “That fences be 4 feet 6 inches high, nor
- “More than 6 inches between rails.
- “Hogs may not run at large,
- “Cattle and sheep may, Bulls and Rams excepted.
- “Horses may run, but to pay all damages if breachy.
- “Cattle may not run at Port Hope from 20th Dec. to 20th March.”

In subsequent years, and up to 1835, the following named persons appear in connection with village and Township affairs:—

Thomas Ward, M. F. Whitehead, John Tucker Williams, Samuel Gilchrist, Wm. Sisson, David Smart, Thomas Benson, Godfrey Stephenson, David Stevens, Joshua Gifford, John Walker, James Hawkins, Abraham Bowen, John Perry,

James Hawks, John A. Jonathan Brown, Lul Raymond, James Lau Jackson, Leonard Sop Whitney Grant, John John Riddle, Barnab ledge, James Corbett, Manning, Joal Drape Sayers, John Quay, Samuel Corbett, Chau Jonathan Walton, Le Britton, Justin Jonso

From 1835 up to ship matters:—

Ebenezer Beebe Henderson, Dennis J Pollard, Bartholome Kingsmill, Robert St Edwards, George T Sculthorp, Sylvester Walton, George A. Harris, Sr., James Aaron Beebe, Wm. John McMurtry, Wi Mitchell, Thomas I man, Peter Salter, S. Nichol Dodds, Tho and others.

In 1834, an A session, “to define When the village a Township, municipa ship Clerk, who hel to that position.

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