

Municipal Officers of Ontario.

Clerk, Township of Hay.

Mr. Hess was born in Germany in 1846, and received a good public school training in German. He learned the trade of wagonmaking, and when 19 years of age came to Canada with his father and settled in the township of Hay, Huron County. He worked as a journeyman until 1867, since which time he has carried on a successful carriage business in the village of Zurich. He has always taken an active interest in public and municipal affairs. He was elected a member of the Township Council in 1888, and in 1892 was elected reeve. He was appointed treasurer two years later, and in July, 1895, he resigned to accept



MR. FRED. HESS.

the office of township clerk. He has held numerous positions of trust, and has been secretary-treasurer of the Zurich public school for twenty-three years. Although Mr. Hess never received any special instruction in the English language, he is now competent to discharge the multifarious duties of his office in both languages.

One of the best election jokes of the campaign was on Dr. McLurg, who was speaking for Mr. Patullo at Ferguson's school house. The doctor, with all seriousness, was asking:

"Who has done more for the dairy industry than Mr. Patullo?"

In the the silence that followed such a startling query came the reply, "the cow."

Keep the roads clean, and the attention thus called to them will soon result in their being still further improved.

Clerk, Town of Dundas.

Mr. More is a native of Scotland, and in 1847 he came out to Canada, having



MR. JAMES MORE.

engaged with the firm of A. & T. C. Kerr, wholesale merchants, of Hamilton. He afterwards removed to Paris and engaged in business for himself, and finally re-



MR. JOSEPH BRISEBOIS.

turned to Dundas, where he was engaged in the agricultural implement business for some years. He was collector of taxes for two years, and is secretary-treasurer of the Board of Education. He was appointed clerk and treasurer of the town of Dundas in 1890.

Clerk, Township of Alfred.

Mr. Brisebois was born at Alfred in 1872, and was educated at the public school. He attended the Plantagenet Model School, and afterwards went to St. Joachim de Ruscomb, Essex County, where he taught for four years. He then returned to Alfred, and is at present engaged as head teacher of the Roman Catholic separate school there. He was appointed township clerk in 1896.

Clerk and Treasurer, Township of Nepean.

Mr. Harmer was born in the town of Stroud, Gloucestershire, England, in 1823, where for a number of years he carried on business as bookseller, claiming that "dealing in ideas was the top of all trades." He gradually acquired fanciful notions as to the delights of farm life in Canada, and in 1858 moved with his family to Ontario, and entered upon the work of converting



MR. F. W. HARMER.

100 acres of unimproved land into a model farm. It proved to be an experimental farm only; the delights were slower in coming than the difficulties and cares, and in 1865, when the clerkship of the Division Court was offered to him, he buried his ambition to be an agriculturalist and gladly accepted. In the following year he was appointed township clerk of Neepean, and in 1881 was appointed township treasurer. In 1894 the village of Hintonburgh was incorporated, and Mr. Harmer's services were in requisition for the purpose of starting the new corporation, and for a time he occupied an unusual position as clerk and treasurer of two municipalities.

In maintaining a road one of the most important considerations is to prevent the formation of ruts by keeping the surface so uniform that travel will be distributed over it and not follow in beaten tracks.