

In 1868, Muskoka was organized into a Territorial District, and a Stipendiary Magistrate was appointed; the Crown Land Agency then became an appendage to that office, Mr. C. W. Lount receiving the appointment.

As an evidence of the growth of the settlement, I may just state that according to the Crown Lands Reports, only 163 persons located on wild lands in 1864; whilst the Hon. John Carling stated in the House of Assembly, on the 9th of December, 1870, that no less than 139,000 acres of land had been taken up during that year in the Muskoka District alone, and I may add that the past success of the settlement is a sufficient guarantee to all who shall hereafter locate, that, with sobriety, industry and perseverance, they may succeed.

The following statistics will enable the reader to mark the steady progress which the settlement is making. I submit the Townships of Draper, Macaulay and Stephenson, simply from the fact that I was Reeve of said Municipality.

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