

when a new law creating County and Township Councils came into force. The reeves of Township Councils, and where these sub-divisions had more than five hundred ratepayers, the deputy reeves, formed the County Council. This law, although much altered from its original reading, is still in force. Until the year 1866 the Council elected the reeves and deputy reeves; since that time the township has elected them. There have been in all twenty reeves; eleven of these were elected by the Council and nine by the township.

The first township clerk was Geo Stewart, Camborne, who was succeeded by Charles Bourn. In 1859, George Stewart was again appointed to the office. On his death, his son, George Stewart, Jr., succeeded him. In the year 1867, James Wilgar was appointed clerk and held the office until his death in 1887. He was succeeded by A. R. Eagleson, who in turn was succeeded by James Stewart, the present clerk of the Council. In all six persons have held the office since 1851, the year in which Township Councils were first instituted.

The first township treasurer was Robert Harstone, Baltimore. When he left the township, his son-in-law, Wm. Johnston, was appointed to the office, which he held for about two years. Then, in the year 1867, Chas. Neill was appointed treasurer, making in all four persons who have held the office.

THE FIRST COURT.

John Williams

We cannot say when the first court house and goal was built in this township. The present one was built in the year 1830, for a place in which to hold court for the Newcastle district, and all courts, councils, etc., were held there until after the Cobourg town hall was built, which since then has been the convening place for all such assemblies. There was a Court of Assize and Nisi Prius for the Newcastle district held in 1803, but it was probably held at Presque'Isle, as there was a town laid out there, called Newcastle, at that time. We have been shown some ruins, said to be the foundation of the first gaol for the district. In the year 1804, Judge Cochrane, with his court, councillors, crown officer, sheriff, and prisoner to be tried, were all lost in the schooner Speedy on their way to Presque'Isle to try an Indian accused of murder, said to have been committed in the