

liabilities and I have no further quarrel with you." We got to work with the lawyer and adjusted matters and in the course of time he paid me in full. This is merely to show the difficulty that arose in doing business in those days. This is only a sample of the many that I had to deal with during my course of business in Huntsville.

My friends considered there was a proper opening for the appointment of a Justice of the Peace, and on application this was conferred upon me, also the position of Issuer of Marriage Licenses, and in the many stirring times and hurry that naturally arises in a business life, I was called to the head of the then village, as Reeve. This was done in a peculiar way. I was looking after the interests of the Sabbath School concert when the late Dr. Howland, who was a very prominent man and Reeve at that time, proposed at the nomination that I should take the place that he was then occupying. He did not withdraw my name before the nomination was closed. As a consequence on Monday morning I was accosted by several friends: "You had better remain where you are; he put you there; it will be only just that you allow the people to put you up or take you down." So it was agreed between the Doctor and myself that we should have a friendly struggle, and let the rate-payer determine who should occupy the chair. The election day came and at the close of the poll I found that I had a majority quite sufficient to place me as Huntsville's chief magistrate for the year.

Still attending to business, I came to the place when I considered my son, who had been with me for three years, would do well in any other place where he would have good prospects, and command a higher salary, as my son, Robert, would be quite capable of taking his place as he had already gone through the commercial college in Toronto and had fitted himself for the proper prosecution of business with me. Hence, I arranged with William E., to find a suitable business in some other quarter and we proceeded without his aid.

In those days, no timber was of any practical value for mercantile purposes but pine. We handled