

## PRELIMINARY.

**B**y the Act, 4 and 5 Vict., chap. 10, provision was made for the establishment of Municipal Councils in every District of Upper Canada, beginning in 1842, and sitting four times in each year.

As in that year the County of Simcoe formed part of the Home District, representatives from that County were obliged to attend the sittings of the Home District Council, held in the City of Toronto.

At the first sittings on the 8th of February, 1842, the following members from this County took the required oaths, and their seats :—

Adam, James	Oro.
Armson, William	West Gwillimbury.
Campeign, William	Mt. Pleasant and Tossoronto.
Carswell, John	Tecumseh (sic).
Dallas, James	North and South Orillia.
Duff, Thomas	Essa.
Garbutt, John	West Gwillimbury.
Hammill, Wm	Tecumseh.
Keenan, James	Adjala.
McCullough, Henry	"
Ross, Robert	Barrie.
Simpson, William	Tina (sic) and Tay.
Snell, George	Mono.
Wilson, George	Medonte and Flos.
Warnica, George	Innisfil.

It would appear, however, that Mr. Keenan, elected to represent Adjala, having died shortly afterwards, Mr. McCullough was, in May, 1842, elected in his stead.

Among the other members of this Council was Benjamin Walker Smith, representing the Township of Whitechurch, who vacated his seat in February, 1843, on being appointed Sheriff of the new District of Simcoe.

On the 11th January, 1843, Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Province, issued (under the authority of the Act 7 Wm. 4th, chap. 32) declaring the County of Simcoe to be thereafter a separate and distinct District by the name of the District of Simcoe.

By the provisions of the Act 4 and 5 Vict., chap. 10, one-third of the members of every District Council were obliged to vacate their seats after the expiration of one year, and another third at the expiration of two years. The retiring members were, however, eligible for re-election.

Of the above mentioned members from this County, Messrs. Adam, Campeign, Duff, Hammill, Simpson, and Warnica were those chosen to retire at the end of the first year, and Messrs. Armson, Carswell, McCullough and Ross at the end of the second year.

Among the names of those present at the first meeting of the Council for the new District, appears that of James Adam, from which it would appear that he was re-elected in January, 1843. At the same meeting were present some of those who had been elected to the Home District Council and had not been obliged to retire by rotation. These, after the opinion of