

The Twelfth Parliament was from the 16th April, 1835, to the 20th April, 1836. The election for this county was held at Ingersoll, on the 6th October, 1834; James Ingersoll, returning officer. The candidates were Dr. Charles Duncombe, nominated by Col. G. W. Whitehead; Robert Alway, nominated by Jacob Patrick; and Finlay Malcolm, nominated by Charles Lates, the two former were elected. This Parliament only held two sessions, when it was dissolved by Sir Francis Bond Head.

The Thirteenth Parliament was from the 4th March, 1837, to the 10th Feb., 1840. The election was held in the fall of 1836, at "Martin's Old Stand."—The candidates were Robert Alway, Dr. Charles Duncombe, Col. G. W. Whitehead, and James Ingersoll; of these the two former were elected.

In 1838 a vacancy occurred in consequence of Dr. Duncombe's having been expelled from the house, and R. H. Hunter was elected. The election was held at "Martin's Old Stand." He was opposed by Peter Carroll; Sheriff Hamilton was returning officer.

After the union of Upper and Lower Canada, the first Parliament was from July 1st, 1841, to the 9th December, 1843. The election for this county was held at Woodstock on the 15th March, 1841; James Ingersoll returning officer. The candidates were Francis Hincks, editor of the *Examiner*, Toronto, and Peter Carroll, of West Oxford.

Total number of votes for Hincks	598
“ “ “ Carroll,	567
Majority for Hincks,	31

Mr. Hincks was shortly after appointed Inspector General, and was in consequence obliged to vacate his seat and return for re-election. This election, which was contested by John Armstrong, of Zorra, took place on the 14th of July, 1842. John Armstrong closed the poll at noon on the third day, at which time the poll books showed a majority of 218 for Mr. Hincks. This Parliament did not sit out its full term but was dissolved by Lord Metcalfe in 1844; but previous to its dissolution a new election law was passed, the principal features of which were the requiring of a poll to be opened in each township, and also simplifying the election oath. The second Parliament was from December 20th, 1844, to the 28th of July, 1847. The election, which was the first held under the provisions of the new election law, for this county was held in October 1844. Edward Merigold was Returning Officer. The contest was between the Hon. Francis Hincks and Robert Riddle. The nomination took place in the Court House, Woodstock, on Friday the 18th of October, and the polls were opened in the several townships on the Wednesday and Thursday following, which at the close stood as follows in the several municipalities:—