

ELMA COUNCIL.

1857 TO 1890.

Some of the Men who have made Elma the Banner Township of Perth County.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

FOLLOWING are the Reeves, Deputy-Reeves and Councillors who had the honor of sitting at the Council Board of the Township of Elma during the years from 1857 to the present, and also the other principal officers with short notes in some of the years:

Council for 1873: D. Falconer, reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, Wm. Dunn and Joseph Johnson, councillors; W. D. Mitchell tendered his resignation for the office of clerk and T. Fullarton was appointed clerk; T. J. Knox, assessor; M. Harvey, treasurer; K. L. Alexander and Alex. McGregor, auditors; T. Gibson, tavern inspector. D. Falconer having absented himself from the meetings of Council for three months, a new election was held in September for the office of reeve, and R. L. Alexander elected. S. S. Rothwell was the collector for the year.

Council for 1874: R. L. Alexander, reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, J. Johnson and W. Dunn, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; W. Lochhead and G. V. Pool, auditors; A. Briley, assessor; Thomas Gibson, tavern inspector; S. S. Rothwell, collector.

Council for 1875: R. L. Alexander, reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, W. Dunn and T. J. Knox, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; W. Lochhead and G. V. Pool, auditors; C. Irvin, tavern inspector. The closing of certain streets was carried out this year, and a question or trouble of long-standing was thus settled; John Stevenson, collector.

Council for 1876: R. Cleland, reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, W. Lochhead and James Smith, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; G. V. Pool and A. Gordon, auditors; J. Johnson, tavern inspector; J. Stevenson, collector.

Council for 1877: R. Cleland, reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, W. Lochhead and J. Smith, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; R. L. Alexander and A. Gordon, auditors.

Council for 1878: R. L. Alexander, reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, W. Lochhead and Charles McKenzie, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; G. V. Pool and Jas. Irwin, auditors; W. Stewart, collector.

Council for 1879: R. L. Alexander, reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, W. Lochhead and C. McKenzie, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; Moses Harvey, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; A. Gordon and James Irwin, auditors; W. Stewart, collector. In 1878 (carried in 1879) a scheme of drainage on a large scale was undertaken by the council on the petition of a number of ratepayers, Moses McFadden was appointed to make survey and assessment which he did but after assessment being made and by-law passed, the parties assessed not being satisfied, the scheme was abandoned.

Council for 1880: T. J. Knox, reeve; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; S. S. Rothwell, W. Keith and J. Smith, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; J. Nixon, assessor; J. Irwin and J. R. Code, auditors; Y. Coulter, collector.

Council for 1881: T. J. Knox, reeve; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; W. Keith, R. Dunn and John Mann, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; A. J. Keilor, assessor; J. R. Code and J. A. Turnbull, auditors; Y. Coulter collector.

Council for 1882: T. J. Knox, reeve; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; J. Mann, W. Dunn and Geo. Richmond, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; J. Smith, assessor; J. Irwin and W. Hammond, auditors; Y. Coulter collector.

Council for 1883: T. J. Knox, reeve; Wm. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, G. Richmond and J. Mann, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; Moses Harvey, treasurer; J. Smith, assessor; J. Irwin and W. Hammond, auditors; Y. Coulter, collector. In this year the first ditch or drain, that are now so numerous throughout the township, was run and an award made by Mr. Bolton, Engineer.

Council for 1884: T. J. Knox, reeve; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, G. Richmond and L. Pelton, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; Moses Harvey, treasurer; J. Smith, assessor; W. Hammond and J. Irwin, auditors; Y. Coulter, collector.

Council for 1885: T. J. Knox, reeve; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; J. G. Alexander, G. Richmond and L. Pelton, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; Moses Harvey, treasurer; E. M. Alexander, assessor; Wm. Hammond and J. Irwin, auditors. Early in this year one of the councillors, J. G. Alexander, one much respected and held in high esteem, died, and John Sproule was elected councillor; Y. Coulter, collector. In this year the first drain (except a small branch from Grey that effected lot 1, cons. 5 and 6) under the Municipality Drainage Act, was commenced in Ellice and run through the southern part of the township and has since caused considerable trouble.

Council for 1886: T. J. Knox, reeve; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; G. Richmond and L. Pelton, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; R. Morrison, assessor; W. Hammond and J. Irwin, auditors; Y. Coulter, collector.

Council for 1887: T. J. Knox, reeve; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve; G. Richmond, L. Pelton and S. S. Rothwell, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; Moses Harvey, treasurer; W. J. Tughan, collector. In this year a by-law was passed

granting the wish of petitioners for the municipal drain from town line of Mornington and Elma along 14th con. to Maitland river and also for making the road at the same time.

Council for 1888: R. Cleland, reeve; W. Lochhead, 1st deputy-reeve; Young Coulter, 2nd deputy-reeve; S. S. Rothwell and J. Bray, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; R. Morrison, assessor; T. Smith and W. Shearer, auditors; W. J. Tughan, collector. In this year another survey and assessment was made for the municipal drain known as Gilkinson drain now near completed.

Council for 1889: R. Cleland, reeve; W. Lochhead, 1st deputy-reeve; Young Coulter, 2nd deputy-reeve; J. Bray and G. Richmond, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; W. Shearer, assessor; T. Smith and J. W. McBain, auditors. [NOTE—W. Forrest was assessor one year which is omitted above].

Council for 1890: R. Cleland, reeve; W. Lochhead, 1st deputy-reeve; George Richmond and J. Bray, councillors; T. Fullarton, clerk; M. Harvey, treasurer; W. Shearer, assessor; T. Smith and J. W. McBain, auditors; R. Morrison, collector. In the year 1877 a bonus granting \$10,000 to the St. H. R. R. was carried. \$6,000 worth of the debentures have been paid off by the council and \$11,000 worth of the debentures of the Port Dover and Lake Huron R. R. have also been paid. During the year from '83 to the present the work of the council and offices concerned has been greatly increased owing to so much drainage and is likely to increase for years although these drains are the making of the township yet they give rise to a great deal of unpleasantness.

BRUSSELS.

La Grippe. W. T. Mooney, of Morris, is on the sick list.

We expect to have our electric lights by next Saturday.

W. M. Sinclair was in London last week on legal business.

Hilton Holmes, formerly of Brussels, is now filling a position in a bank at Paris.

Mrs. Carter and daughter, of Blythe were visiting Mrs. Robt. Burns last week.

Mrs. Roddiek has been very ill with congestion of the lungs, but is improving slowly.

E. C. Rogers is improving nicely. We hope to see him on the streets as well as ever before long.

Rev. Mr. Elliot, of Knox college, preached two very excellent sermons in Knox church last Sabbath.

W. F. Scott is home after an absence of six years on the Pacific Coast. W. T. looks well, and all are glad to see him home again.

Next Monday night the Y. P. C. A. of the Methodist church are to have an evening of "Missions," suitable music, readings and recitations will be the program.

NEWRY.

Cyrus Harvey is slowly improving. Miss Maggie Verner left for her home in Stratford.

The Newry cheese factory shut down last week for the season.

C. Holmes was in London the other day on business. No doubt selecting his winter goods.

The shooting match held at Duncan McIntyre's, on Thanksgiving day, passed off very satisfactory after the first gust of wrath had subsided. Charles Clarke and Wm. Robt. captained the sides. There were eleven on each side, and as each yeoman stepped forward to deliver his charge he did so in a manner which would make an onlooker think that he was body guard to the famous Robin Hood. T. Fullarton and Thos. Carter attended the target much to the satisfaction of all concerned. But it was not the shooting but the "hop," which was carried on till the wee sma' hours, that verily all looked forward to. The supper was up to the highest expectations of any epicurean, and the manner which the fowl and other good things were run down, was marvellous. Charles Clarke's side scored 412, and Wm. Robt's 354, leaving Mr. Clarke's side victorious by 58 points and the consequence was the other side had to foot the bill.

MONKTON.

Mr. Horn and family have moved into the house which they purchased from Mr. Huggins.

There was a "raffle" last Friday night in the tailor shop. It was well patronized and things went lively for a few hours.

John Berlet was joined in wedlock with one of Wallace's fairest daughters on Nov. 11. May John and his bride enjoy many years of wedded bliss.

On Sunday evening a large number of young people promenade up and down front street. Rumor says that the chief officer of the Bachelors' Union was present with a female escort but we refuse to believe the slander. If the weather permits on Nov. 30th, a second promenade concert will be given and all are invited.

That relic of barbarism, the "charivari," was enacted here last Wednesday night. A few foolish boys and men yelled savagely and drummed saws for some time and then found that their victim had fled. Those who took part in the charivari should be handed over to their mothers, spanked and put to bed without supper.

We regret to learn that Rev. Mr. Brandon has been seriously ill since Saturday. Dr. Hamilton has been twice in attendance on him but he yet suffers much pain. That he may shortly be restored to full health and vigor is the earnest wish of all the villagers, who, during his stay here, have learned to love and respect him.

MONKTON.

Its Early History and Growth.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

In 1855 the government granted a deed of 1,000 acres to Mr. Winstanley, in return for which he was to erect a saw-mill and a gristmill. As stated last week the sawmill was erected in 1857 but the gristmill is as yet "a castle in the air." A surveyor was employed and the village was laid out in lots, streets, and a market square. A large extent of land was thus surveyed off, as may be seen by glancing at page 57 of the Perth atlas. Ninety per cent of the lots and streets were never opened out, which shows that the village was intended to occupy a much larger space than it now fills.

In 1856 the Stewart and Holman families settled on the 18th con. Elma. Three or four years later Mein Golightly opened a combined blacksmith and veterinary shop on the farm now owned by James McKenzie. The shop was burned down and Mr. Golightly removed to Monkton where he carried on the same business until about 1870 when Harvey & Slater opened a blacksmith and carriage shop in the old tannery. Mr. Golightly then gave up blacksmithing and devoted his whole time to the veterinary business which he has practised with marked success. About ten years ago Harvey & Slater sold out to Kury & Shanks and later on the whole business passed into Mr. Kury's hands who runs it at the present day. A second blacksmith shop was also carried on opposite Machan's mill, by Armstrong & Sons, and more recently by Henry Ferg, but it died the death of starvation.

About 20 years ago the second saw mill was built by a Mr. Wilson. He soon disposed of his property to three Hamilton men of whom Mr. Edgar was one. In a short time Mr. Edgar was sole proprietor, and the mill was managed by J. C. Wilson, now of the Ontario house. Shortly after Mr. Edgar's death the mill was purchased by Greensides & Hurlbut, and is now owned by Mr. Hurlbut alone. About the same period a shingle and planing mill was erected on the lots now occupied by Mr. Horn and Mrs. McRobb. It ran in full blast for four or five years when it closed owing to its owner, Mr. Fox, becoming insolvent. Some 22 years ago the Presbyterian church was built. Three or four years later the English church was erected. The first two couples married in this church received handsome presents. The first couple was Jas. Longuire and Caroline Porterfield (now of Atwood) and the second couple John Boles and Lillian Dobb. The Methodist church was built in 1876. Previous to this the Methodists held their services in the Presbyterian church.

Nearly 25 years ago Mr. Bennett built the corner store and rented it to Mr. Morrison. A public subscription was raised and a telegraph instrument purchased and placed in his store. The telegraph office was a great boon to the people, and since its closing a few months ago it has been greatly missed. If we could have such a luxury in backwoods times, why should we not enjoy it now? Echo answers why? The next tenants in this store were Jolly & Lusted. As time went on Mr. Lusted died and Jolly took control of the shop. He sold out this right to Hord & Co., who now own it.

Some 12 or 14 years ago Mr. Winstanley became bankrupt and his property was purchased by Wm. Machan, now of Mitchell.

The second meat market was kept by Mr. Blaine, and other butchers came in the following order: Love, Cleaver & Co., J. D. Merryfield, C. H. Merryfield. For some time we have had no butcher but are supplied with meat by Atwood butchers.

The second shoe store was owned by Mr. Rodderas who was followed by Paul Schreiner, John Fox and Albert Tindall. Latterly shoe stores have been kept by J. E. Gill, Jas. Bryant and Hord & Co. Now although a shoemaker is as much as ever a public necessity we are forced to do without one. An enterprising shoemaker could do well in this locality.

In 1873 Geo. Love erected the third hotel on the lot now occupied by our general townsman, Geo. Golightly. He parted with it to Mr. Hyles, of the 14th con. of Elma, who disposed of it to Mr. Reid, of Ellice. Mr. Reid had only occupied it a short time when it, together with Wm. Stewart's dwelling, was destroyed by fire. Strange to say all the old hotels of this village suffered the same fate.

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