

boundary of this township, and from Lake Ontario as far north as there were any settlers, including the territory now known as east and west Peterboro, and east and west Northumberland. Hamilton township, including Cobourg, furnished at least three members to the Parliament of Upper Canada, viz., — Burnham, afterwards Legislative Councillor, Henry Ruttan and Archibald McDonald. There may have been others. The elections for this county for 1834 and 1836 were held in this township at Sully about a mile west from Harwood.

In 1840, the year in which the two Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada were united under one Parliament, the Colborne District was set apart and this county confined to what is now east and west Northumberland. Up to the time of the confederation of the Provinces and the formation of the Dominion House, this township sent four representatives to Parliament. These members were G. M. Boswell, Sidney Smith, James Cockburn and Asa A. Burnham. It has been represented in the House of Commons since confederation by James Cockburn, Wm. Kerr, Q.C., John Hargraft and Geo. Guillet. In the Ontario Assembly the representatives from Hamilton have been Alex. Fraser, Charles Gifford, Wm. Hargraft, John Field, Robt. Mulholland, and C. C. Field, the present member for West Northumberland.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Up to the year 1842, our municipal government was of the old town meeting type, when all householders were expected to attend at the court house, or some other central place, on the first Monday in January to elect a clerk, pathmasters, pound-keepers, fence viewers, and an assessor and collector. These all held office for one year and were eligible for re-election. When required, the Quarter Sessions had power to lay out and open roads, and to grant sums of money to repair roads and bridges. The rest of the work on the roads had to be done and the roads kept in repair by statute labor. In the year 1841, a Bill was passed creating District Councils, this municipal body to be composed of two members from each township. The first representatives elected from Hamilton township were Wm. Weller and John Creighton. This District Council existed until 1850,