

ELMA COUNCIL.

1857 TO 1890.

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

WRITTEN FOR THE BEE PIONEER NUMBER BY THOMAS FULLARTON, CLERK OF ELMA.

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 of 1857:—Joseph Lennan, Donald Gordon, Alex. Mitchell, Robt. Bingham and Wm. Morrison, who was elected Reeve by the Council, and A. Gordon, township Clerk. The Council at that time met in W. Morrison's house. Arthur Gordon was appointed Treasurer; C. Cosens, Assessor, and Wm. Fennel, Collector.

The Council of 1858 were composed of John Grant, Reeve; R. Bingham, D. D. Hay, John Stevenson and Joseph Buchanan, Councillors. Arthur Gordon was appointed Clerk and Treasurer; George Jackson, Assessor, and Wm. Fennel, Collector.

The Council of 1859 were: Joseph Lennan, Reeve; Samuel Roe, George Jackson, D. D. Hay and John Stevenson, Councillors. D. D. Hay having resigned his seat Jos. Carruthers was re-appointed Clerk and Treasurer; Chas. Coulter, jr., Assessor, and James Shearer, Collector. In this year the Elma portion of the Gravel Road was completed, and a quantity of seed grain furnished by the Council for the settlers.

Council of 1860: D. D. Hay, Reeve; J. Grant, H. Palmer, S. Roe and C. Cosens, Councillors; A. Gordon was re-appointed Clerk and Treasurer; Robt. Cleland, Assessor; James Shearer, Collector; W. G. Hay, Tavern Inspector.

Council of 1861: D. D. Hay, Reeve (elected as he ore by the Council); C. Cosens, H. Palmer, J. Grant and S. Roe, Councillors; A. Gordon, re-appointed Clerk and Treasurer; J. R. Foster, Assessor; J. Shearer, R. Cleland, Auditor for Council.

Council of 1862: D. D. Hay, elected Reeve by Council; J. Grant, Deputy Reeve; C. Cosens, S. Roe and H. Palmer, Councillors; A. Gordon, re-appointed Clerk and Treasurer; Donald Gordon, Assessor; James Shearer, Collector; J. R. Foster and R. Cleland, Auditors.

Council of 1863: D. D. Hay, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. Stevenson, W. Mitchell and C. Cosens, councillors; A. Gordon, re-appointed clerk and treasurer; J. R. Foster, assessor; J. Shearer, collector; Alex. Mitchell and Robt. Cleland, auditors; Wm. Young, tavern Inspector.

Council of 1864: D. D. Hay, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. Stevenson, W. Mitchell and W. Dunn, councillors. In this year the offices of clerk and treasurer were separated. W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; J. Shearer, collector; E. Cleland and Henry Thompson, auditors; A. Briley, tavern Inspector.

Council of 1865: D. D. Hay, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; W. Dunn, W. Mitchell and John Stevenson, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; W. Fennel, collector; Alex. Mitchell and W. Lochhead, auditors; Joseph Johnson, tavern Inspector.

Council of 1866: D. D. Hay, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; W. Dunn, John Stevenson and James Bristow, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; W. Fennel, collector; A. Mitchell and Wm. Lochhead, auditors.

Council of 1867: Robt. Cleland, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; John Stevenson, W. Dunn and J. Bristow, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; W. Fennel, collector; A. Mitchell and Wm. Lochhead, auditors; J. Hopkins, tavern Inspector.

Council of 1868: R. Cleland, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. Bristow, Wm. Dunn and J. Stevenson, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, assessor; W. Fennel, collector; W. Sharman and J. R. Code, auditors; J. Hopkins, tavern Inspector. In this year the Elma gravel road was conveyed to the county.

Council of 1869: R. Cleland, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; W. Dunn, D. Falconer and J. Nixon, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; Moses Harvey, collector; W. Sharman and W. Lochhead, auditors; J. Hopkins, tavern Inspector.

Council of 1870: D. Falconer, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; J. Nixon, James Hammond and W. E. Sharman, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; Moses Harvey, collector; W. Lochhead and R. L. Alexander, auditors; J. Hopkins, tavern Inspector.

Council of 1871: D. Falconer, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; Robert Moore, Aaron Lang and Joseph Johnson, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; A. Gordon, treasurer; T. J. Knox, assessor; Wm. Lochhead and Thomas Fullarton, auditors; Thos. Gibson, Inspector of taverns (or licenses); George Richmond, collector. In September of this year a by-law was passed granting \$30,000 bonus to the W. G. & B. Railway and for issuing debentures therefor for 20 years, which debenture is still unpaid and will have to be met in 1891.

Council of 1872: D. Falconer, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; Alfred Brewer, W. Lochhead and J. G. Alexander, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; R. Cleland, treasurer; T. J. Knox and E. Forest, assessors; Thos. Fullarton and Geo. McGill, auditors; Thos. Gibson, tavern Inspector; G. Richmond, collector.

Council of 1873: D. Falconer, Reeve; S. Roe, deputy-reeve; Alfred Brewer, W. Lochhead and J. G. Alexander, councillors; W. D. Mitchell, clerk; R. Cleland, treasurer; T. J. Knox and E. Forest, assessors; Thos. Fullarton and Geo. McGill, auditors; Thos. Gibson, tavern Inspector; G. Richmond, collector.

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MONKTON.

Its Early History and Growth.

Written for the PIONEER NUMBER.

ASTRANGER seeing our quiet little village as it now exists would scarcely believe that in days gone by it was the scene of great activity and excitement, and that then more business was transacted here in one day than is now transacted in a single day in either Listowel or Mitchell. But such is the case. The dense forests that extended from the very heart of the village for miles around, were filled with abundance of the choicest pine and other valuable timbers. These were mountains of wealth, and afforded for many years employment at the highest wages to hundreds of men. Fortunes were made in a day, only to be lost or squandered by sheer carelessness and the companions of speedily and easily gotten wealth. Those who controlled the saw mills or owned well timbered lots were wealthy indeed, and had they exercised due economy and common caution, we would to-day have miniature Rothschilds and Vanderbilts in our midst. The baneful effects of a "boom" are everywhere present. Land, the value of which 25 or 30 years ago was almost inestimable, can now be bought for a mere pittance. The lumber has been stripped from the magnificent forests and sold for thousands of dollars. Where is that money to-day? The greater part of it has been squandered and spent in debauchery, whereas had it fallen into the hands of prudent, careful men, who would use it in building up the place, instead of being a little village to-day it would have been a large, important and flourishing town.

The first settler was the late George Dobbs, who came here in 1856 and took up the western part of the village. In the same year he and Philip Reid erected the first house which still stands and is now occupied by Thos. Dobbs. About this time the Mitchell and Listowel gravel road was constructed, the contractor being the late S. M. Daly. One of the foremen on the road was Alex. Stewart, now settled on the boundary. Mr. Daly took up the south-eastern part of the village and erected a blacksmith shop for the use of those constructing the road. His clerk, Dr. Dunsmore, opened the first store on the Lusted property. Two hotels sprang up at this time—one on the present hotel site, was owned by Mr. Bennett, the other across the road in Logan, was owned by Mr. Priest. In 1856 John Sanders settled on the 16th con. of Elma, and in 1857 Chas. McKenzie, postmaster, settled on the same line. In the latter year, the first saw mill (Machan's) was erected by Mr. Winstanley, who had taken up the eastern and south-western parts of the village. The first saw was put in motion on May 26, of the same year. The frame of the mill was built by Mr. Tannahill, and it was sided and roofed as the lumber was sawed. The second blacksmith shop was owned by Mr. Abell. He had but a meagre set of tools, his hammer being an old axe with the steel broken off.

About 1858 Wm. Featherstone became a resident, and occupied a house opposite Mr. Dobbs'. Later on he removed from here but soon returned and settled on his present farm. In 1859 Dr. Dunsmore's store was turned into a school house and church. In 1870 the second school was built, and in its turn gave way in 1888 to the present beautiful and commodious building. The second store was kept by Mr. Little, and the third by E. Greensides who purchased and fitted out an old toll house north of the hotel. Mr. Greensides was the first postmaster. There was a daily mail carried on stage between Mitchell and Listowel. The stage was drawn by four horses. There was a stage stable here as the horses had to be changed midway between the towns. In 1860 Mr. Fox started a tannery where Mr. Kulry's shop now stands. About the same time a match factory (not quite as large as Eddy's) was started in a building south of the Methodist church, the proprietor was an enterprising Yankee named White, but he failed through lack of patronage.

A cooper shop was also opened in the house occupied by Mr. Ulmer. The owner was Mr. Emery. He gave the business a fair trial, but somehow or other it collapsed.

The first boot and shoe shop was opened about 1865 by Mr. Oliver in the present post office building. About twenty years ago Mr. Erskine first rented and then purchased the building, and has since enlarged and improved it.

Early in the sixties, Messrs. Campbell, Near and Scott settled on the boundary. The first tailor shop was owned by Wm. Stewart. As new fashions came in and left him far behind he forsook the needle for the knife, and opened the first meat market. By and bye people became hard to please in their taste for meat, and he threw up the butcher business in disgust and became a drover. Not having a conscience elastic enough to permit him to stretch the truth, he also left this trade and retired from active life. Since then he has lived on his hard earned savings.

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COMMENDATORY.

WITH the permission of the author we publish the following extracts from a letter received the other day from a former resident of Elma township, E. E. Harvey, now a medical student of Toronto University:—* * * I must congratulate you upon your success in your journalistic enterprise, and also upon your ability and aptness for the work. Ever since the advent of THE BEE I have been receiving it, and I must confess

I was very pleased with its appearance and composition. My idea of a local newspaper is that it should be essentially local,—the *sine quo non* of a local journal, and I am glad that you, realizing this, have "filled the bill" so well. And the breezy, fresh little editorial paragraphs on various topics with which you intersperse your locals serves to brighten and enhance the value of these columns, giving them a cheery, mentally appetizing appearance. The style you adopt in filling your local columns is as entertaining and instructive as it is unique. I have for the last three or four years taken quite an interest in local journalism, at one time having intended entering its ranks, and had certain negotiations which I opened at one time been successful, but it did not happen so. I have had occasion to carefully inspect the greater number of local newspapers in Canada, in the Toronto Free Library Buildings, and in the offices in the West, so that I can compare your style with that of others from certain knowledge of theirs. I have found no style I admire better than your own. Possibly because I knew almost all the people mentioned in your personal locals, I took a greater interest in them and relished them all the better. I think so. But leaving that aside, I found your style so racy and entertaining I could not help relishing them. * * * If people realized what a benefit a really good local newspaper was in a community I am sure they would give the paper their hearty support. A few enterprising advertisers, like James Irwin, would make a great difference. I do not know when my subscription runs out, nor what your terms are, but I do know I cannot do without THE BEE. Enclosed you will find \$1 which you will please place to my credit on your subscription list; and when that runs out I will send you another. I would indeed have fared badly without its cheering presence while in the West. It was like a good weekly letter from home. [Mr. Harvey will please accept our sincere thanks for his warm appreciation of our journalistic efforts as expressed in the foregoing letter. —ED. BEE.]

Rest.

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."—Heb. 4:9.

Written for the PIONEER NUMBER.

THERE is a rest, O yes! a glorious home,

A rest that remains to the people of God;

Where no trouble, no sorrow, will ever come,

No sin will e'er enter that blessed abode.

For the saved alone, so happy and so free,

Are those mansions prepared in the heavenly band.

Where the hosts as countless as the sands by the sea

Ever shout in triumph on the glittering strand.

There the inhabitants never say they are sick;

No Death ever enters the garden of God;

'Tis life everlasting, what joy for the meek,

Who have passed in peace to the abode.

No night ever darkens the scene of delight,

They need no candle, no light of the sun,

For God and the Lamb are its glorious light,

Midst the countless hosts that encircle the throne.

No strife, no commotion, in the realms above,

Nothing to disturb an unmingled joy.

For they bask in the beams of redeeming love,

And praise their Redeemer with naught to annoy.

No mourning for loved ones as oft here below.

When our hearts are o'erwhelmed with grief untold;

When death has our nearest and dearest laid low,

And we bury their dust in the damp, chilly mould.

No sighing, no crying, no farewell tears;

No parting again, no event to condole,

But joy and rejoicing while unnumbered years

Of ages eternal perpetually roll.

There is naught too weary, no love growing cold,

For the Song of Redemption they exultingly sing

As they march in triumph through the streets of gold,

And shout hallelujahs to Jesus their King.

Fellow traveller to Zion though weary and cold

We so often become in this foreign land,

There remains for us in the City of Gold,

A mansion of Rest on that beautiful strand.

Our home is in heaven, we are strangers here,

As pilgrims we march to the land of the blest;

The way may seem long, but be of good cheer.

We shall reach by and bye the bright City of Rest.

—Thomas E. Hammond.

Elma, Oct. 12, 1890.

Elma.

Wm. Danbrook's sale on the 10th con. went off well last Friday. The cows averaged \$35 per head; two-year-old heifers \$24, yearling heifers \$23, ewes \$19 per pair, and lambs \$12.50 per pair. Our popular auctioneer, A. Morrison, wielded the hammer.

Business Directory.

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