

District No. 3.—HENRY CRONMILLER, of the Village of Port Colborne.

CHARLES E. STEELE, of the Township of Humberstone.

District No. 4.—EDWARD MORRIS, of the Township of Pelham.

WM. BROWN, of the Township of Wainfleet.

District No. 5.—S. J. SIDEY, of the Town of Welland.

WALTER UPPER, of the Township of Thorold.

The roll having been called, the following Councillors answered to their names :

Messrs. Brown, Cronmiller, Cruikshank, Moore, Morden, Morris, Pew, Sidey, Steele and Upper.—10.

#### ELECTION OF WARDEN.

The Clerk announced that it would now be in order to proceed with the election of Warden by ballot, and read, for the information of the Council, clause 1 of the Standing Rules, referring to the election of Warden by ballot, after which the following nomination was received :

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Brown,

That Mr. Morris be Warden for the year 1897.

No further nominations being proposed, the ballot was taken, and resulted in nine for Mr. Morris and one blank.

Mr. Morris was declared by the Clerk duly elected, and came forward and took the declaration of office before Ernest Cruikshank, Esq., Commissioner, as Warden of the County of Welland for the present year, and thanked the Council for the honor conferred. He said the new County Councils Act was now on its trial, and while opinions might differ in some respects all would agree that a reduction of expenditure would be accomplished. He trusted retrenchment would be the order of the day. The expenditure connected with the Industrial Home, especially during 1896, was excessive, and showed extravagance and mismanagement, and he would recommend that the Home accounts for the past two years be brought before Council and examined, with a view to retrenchment in the future.

#### HOURS OF MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mr. Steele,

That the hours of meeting and adjournment of this Council during the several sessions of the current year be as follows : Meet at 9.30 o'clock, adjourn at 12 noon ; meet at 1 p. m., adjourn at 6 p. m.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Morden, seconded by Mr. Cronmiller,

That the hours of meeting and adjournment during this session be as