

Municipal Officers of Ontario.

Clerk Denbigh, Abinger and Ashby.

Mr. Stein was born near the town of Steinan in the province of Silesia, Germany, in 1842, and was educated in a



MR. PAUL STEIN.

German public school. Having learned the miller's trade and followed that until 1863 when he came to Canada and got employment with the Rathbun Co. at Mill Point (now Deseronto), remaining with them until 1867, in which year he bought a saw-mill in the township of Denbigh, and in the following year built



MR. F. B. PRIOR.

the first grist mill in the rear of Addington County. He was first elected as a member of the municipal council in 1872 and served continuously till 1885. He was appointed municipal clerk in

1886 and held this office ever since. In addition to his municipal office, Mr. Stein is a commissioner for taking affidavits, and a J. P. and issuer of marriage licenses in 1889. In politics he is a Liberal.

Clerk, Township of Sydney.

Mr. Prior was born in the city of Kingston in 1832, eldest son of the late James M. Prior, Ordnance Department, and was educated in the grammar school of that city. He was appointed clerk of the township of Sydney in 1870 and during his twenty-nine years in office he has not missed a meeting.

Clerk, Township of Goulburne.

Mr. Abbott was born in the township of Nepean, Carleton county, Ont., in 1839,



MR. ADAM ABBOTT.

and at an early age left the farm engaging in clerking from 1867 until 1894. He has for the past twenty-four years held the office of postmaster and secretary-treasurer of the public school board. Was secretary-treasurer of the county agricultural society from 1876 till its removal to Richmond village in 1895. Has also been secretary-treasurer of the Ottawa Valley cheese factory since 1886, and financial secretary of Court Hazledean, I. O. Foresters, since 1890. Had been several years township auditor. Was appointed township clerk in 1883.

Clerk of the Town of Simcoe.

Mr. McColl was born near Simcoe in 1853. He is of Scotch descent and his forefathers were U. E. Loyalists. He was educated for a civil engineer, but

abandoned the idea of a profession and went into the lumber business. He was a Canadian *Voyageur* in Egypt to the relief of General Gordon at Khartoum in 1884 and 1885. He was appointed clerk of the town of Simcoe in 1897.

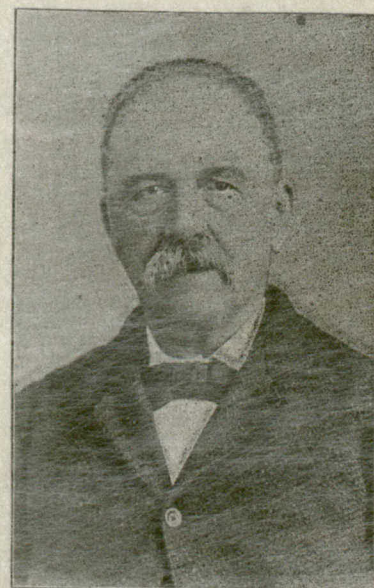
Clerk, Township of Houghton.

Mr. Boyd was born in 1843 in the township of Bayham, county of Elgin, of



MR. W. C. MCCOLL.

Irish parentage. He moved to the township of Houghton, county of Norfolk, in 1851. He received his primary education at the public school, and finished his education at the Simcoe high school. He then engaged in teaching for some time. Was engaged in mercantile business but is now a farmer. He has always taken an



MR. JAS. BOYD.

active part in municipal affairs. He was first appointed assessor, then councillor and deputy-reeve and was appointed clerk in 1892.