

Municipal Officers of Ontario.

Warden County of Bruce.

Mr. Shouldice is one of the most prominent men in the riding of Centre Bruce. He was born in the County of Gray forty-six years ago, and removed with his parents when a boy to the township of Elderslie. He is a farmer, and owns a magnificent estate adjoining the corporation of Chesley. He was president of the local horticultural society for many years, and in 1883 turned his attention to municipal affairs, and for the last seven or eight years has been reeve of his township, being frequently elected by acclamation. Mr. Shouldice is a thoughtful and cautious man, who has done much to



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advance the best interest in the county in which he lives, and will make an excellent candidate for political honors should he place his services at the disposal of the electors of Centre Bruce.

Let Him Off.

"Wasn't it sad about old Jobley's failure?"

"What! has he failed?"

"Yes, gone clean smash."

"That's too bad; he promised me something yesterday, but now, in his trouble, I will not hold him to it."

"That is very generous of you. What was it?"

"His daughter's hand in marriage."

Jack—She used to be an old flame of yours, did she not?

Arthur—Yes, that was when I had money to burn.

Clerk Township of Augusta.

Mr. Place was born in England in 1836, and came to Canada when four months of age. For over thirty years he



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was engaged in teaching school in the township of Augusta, County of Grenville, and in 1888 received his appointment of township clerk, which office he still holds.

Clerk Town of Leamington.

Mr. Coulson was born in the township of Mersea, Essex county, in 1850, and has always lived near his old home. As a member of the council for ten years he



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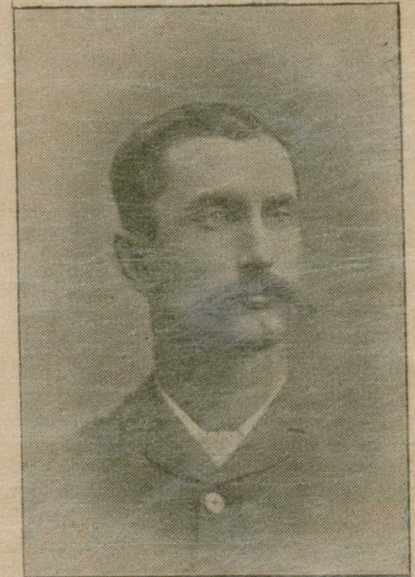
took a prominent part in municipal affairs. In 1887 and 1888 he was reeve, and while at the County Council was successful in securing the establishment of the Leamington High School, now one of the best in Western Ontario.

In politics Mr. Coulson is an active Liberal, and although frequently the choice of his party, he has always steadily

refused any preferment. He has been very successful as an insurance agent, and since his appointment to the clerkship of the town in October, 1891, has devoted himself exclusively to these two duties. He is one of the best posted municipal men in the county, thoroughly competent, always prompt in the performance of duty, and enjoys the honor and respect of his fellow citizens.

Clerk County of Bruce.

Mr. Gould, County Clerk of Bruce, has, for a man of his years, seen a good deal of life. He is the son of the late George Gould, County Clerk of Bruce for thirty-five years, and was born in the village of Invermay, in the year 1858. In 1867 the family moved to Walkerton, and here he received his education. After leaving the high school he took up a farm in the



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State of Michigan, where he lived for eight years. He then sold out and returned to Walkerton. While here he was appointed assistant operator at the Grand Trunk station, and in 1890 he took a position as station agent on the C. P. R. at Winnipeg. He continued at this business for four years, and then took to ranching. Subsequently he accepted the position of traveller for a Winnipeg wholesale house, a position which he held for two years. He returned to Walkerton, and at the December session of the County Council of 1895 was appointed to succeed his father as County Clerk. He was also about the same time appointed clerk of the town of Walkerton and secretary-treasurer of the Northern Exhibition Association.

The Paisley council have passed a by-law requiring the payment of all taxes to a chartered bank on or before the 14th of December, after which five per cent. is to be added to all arrears to defray expenses of collection in the ordinary way.