

He continued to represent the Northern Ward in the Innisfil Council until 1853, when he was defeated in the election by the late W. C. Little who had unsuccessfully opposed him till that year. After this he did not actively engage in municipal affairs. Sometime during his term of office he secured the appointment of Wm. Main of Cherry Creek, to the position of Township Clerk. Mr. Main was a gunsmith, and in rather needy circumstances. It soon became evident after his appointment as Clerk that he kept the township accounts in a careless manner, and the one who had secured the office for him was obliged to insist upon his removal. Main was succeeded in office by Benjamin Ross, who retained it for a number of years.

Capt O'Brien, Mr. Lally and others at an early date (about 1835) wished to have an Episcopalian church at Tollendal, so subscriptions were raised and a "bee" was made for the purpose, attended by many settlers of the neighborhood including G. F. Warnica, Nath. Wood and others. While felling trees on this occasion Mr. Warnica nearly came by his death from one of the trees falling upon him. The men cut timber and built the frame of a large meeting house. This structure was never completed, but the frame stood uncovered for many years, and one piece after another blew away until the whole became demolished.

When quite young, G. F. Warnica joined the Lutheran Church. This body had no appointments in Innisfil, and upon removing thither his connection with it lapsed. The Methodists were the chief missionary visitors to the backwoods in which they lived after 1832, and hence they became connected with the Methodist Church, and ever remained with it. In the early days, their place of attending church was Barrie, where the Methodists had regular preaching after 1836. Their house was the boarding place of ministers on the circuit for several years; and it was also a stopping place where many of the transient missionaries and others would stay. Brother Warnica, as he was called in church circles, always had plenty of accommodation for men and their horses, and his hospitality was frequently turned to account. Throughout the years of their married life, especially their earlier ones, many ministers came and went, their dwelling being always open, without money and without price. About two years before her death, Mrs. Warnica made a list of the Methodist ministers who had either boarded with them or stayed while on visits to the settlement. Her list is given herewith:—

Rev Mr. Berry. An early missionary travelling to Penetanguishene. Stayed with us over night in our shanty, in April, 1832.

Rev Robert Corson (from Markham). Rev. Ezra Adams (Yonge Street), Rev. Jonathan Scott (from Coldwater.) These stayed while on mission tours.

Rev. Thomas McMullen (about 1838.) Lived in Barrie after he was married, but lived with us before. Rev. Mr. McMullen and wife, with Rev. Devrel, wife and child, came to see us at one time. Gave up my own bed to some of them and slept on the floor.

Rev. Wm. Price. The young man at Barrie in the Centenary year. When the Centenary meeting of the Methodist Church was held at Kempenfeldt in 1839, we had about thirty stay over night at our house.

Rev. Sylvester Hulburt. Successor to McMullen.