

court the other day, and which so far as the Township records go, have never been repealed, though amended somewhat in the two succeeding years. The by-laws read "That all horned cattle and horses as well as swine over three months old, shall be free foresters; that post and rail fences shall be five and a-half and all others six feet high; for two feet and a-half from the ground the rails shall not exceed four inches apart; the next two feet and a-half they shall not exceed eight inches apart." It is further recorded that the Town Clerk had been making enquiries as to what bonds should be required from the Collector, and had been advised by Mr. Hepburn, the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, that as there would be no taxes to collect that year there would be no need for a bond. This is one of the circumstances that incline us to believe that these are the minutes of the first "Town Meeting" held in Orillia, together with the fact that the settlement of this district did not begin till 1832, and as meetings were few, if there had been any previous ones they would have been recorded in this book.

The next Town Meeting recorded was held in the same tavern in Newtown, a year afterwards, on January 5th, 1835. On this occasion Mr. Gerald Alley was in the chair. Chief Yellow Head, who seems to have been a man of influence and importance in the little community, and Dr. Powers were elected Wardens. The Assessors appointed were Mr. A. Gordon and Mr. J. J. Roe (then and for years after the leading merchant of the place); Collector, Mr. Hume, (who then owned five hundred acres of land at Marchmont and named that place after his family's estates in Ireland); Pathmasters, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. J. Kersopp, Mr. J. Lobb, Mr. Wright, Smith Shilling and Peter Canise (we spell the names as is done by the "Town Clerk"); Fence Viewers, Mr. J. Darling, Mr. Jacob Gill, Mr. Sanson, Mr. Sibbald, Timothy Shilling, and Peter Ingersoll; Poundkeeper, Mr. M. Bowers; Town Clerk, Mr. C. J. Rowe. The by-laws passed the previous year were amended to except bulls of two years and over, rams and goats, which animals, presumably, had been making themselves obnoxious.

Another year went round, apparently, before the next meeting was held, in Mr. Lawrence's tavern, "Orillia" (note the change in name) on January 4th, 1836. Mr. C. J. Rowe in the chair. The "Town Fathers" are now known as "Commissioners," and there are three of them, Mr. J. Sanson, Mr. G. Alley and Mr. J. H. S. Drinkwater. Mr. C. J. Rowe is again appointed Town Clerk. There is only one Assessor instead of two, and he is Mr. J. Gill. The Collector is Dr. Robertson; the Poundkeepers, Mr.