

natural rise of his property and his careful handling of it placed him in very comfortable circumstances years ago.

He has been a magistrate for a quarter of a century or more; was chairman of the school board a long time, and in the town council several terms, and is deputy returning officer, both for Provincial and Dominion elections.

His politics have always been Conservative, and he has taken a lively interest in Governmental affairs; is firm in all his views, political and religious; is a member of the Church of England, and has been a delegate to the Diocesan Synod of Huron for the last twenty years, and is also a delegate from the diocese of Huron to the Provincial Synod held at Montreal. He was warden of St. James' church, Ingersoll, a number of years, and bears an excellent character.

In October, 1840, Mr. Crotty was joined in wedlock with Miss Margaret MacNab, a native of Limerick, Ireland. They have lost two children and have ten living. William, the eldest son, has a family, and lives in Chicago; the others are unmarried.

JOHN COOK,

NEWMARKET.

JOHN COOK, clerk of the Division Court for North York, is a son of John and Hannah (Winter) Cook, and was born in Portsmouth, England, March 5, 1817. He received a fair English education; at thirteen years of age went to sea; sailed for six years on the Atlantic Ocean, and in the Mediterranean Sea; crossed to Canada in 1836, and was for seven years on the fresh water lakes.

In the rebellion of 1837-'38 he was a volunteer; was at the Windmill, and was one of the men selected to reconnoitre by daylight around Navy Island, and was fired at a hundred times or more. Previous to starting, a shell burst over the heads of himself and associates, and scattered its contents around their boat.

Mr. Cook taught school several years at Oakville, Rednersville and Tyendinaga, being six years of this time among the Indians near the Bay of Quinté.

He subsequently kept hotel two or three years at Shannonville and Belleville; was a book-keeper about the same length of time at Mill Island, on the Bay of Quinté, and Rome, N.Y.; had a flour and feed store in the latter place until the panic of 1859, when he paid a visit to his native country, and upon his return to Canada, held a position at Toronto in the registrar's office, first as clerk, and then as deputy. In 1863 Mr. Cook settled in Newmarket, being deputy-registrar for six years, and clerk of the Division Court since 1869.

Mr. Cook is a member of the Methodist church of Canada, a trustee of the same, an ex-