

In 1862 the candidates for the Thames Division were N. C. Ford and Oliver Blake. The latter was elected by a very large majority, as will be seen from the aggregate of the votes polled in the several municipalities which comprise this Division :

	FORD.	BLAKE.
North Oxford,	39	128
East Oxford,	115	144
Ingersoll,	42	233
West Oxford,	56	244
North Norwich,	96	254
South Norwich,	117	200
Dereham,	252	323
Houghton,	156	109
Simcoe,	150	84
Townsend,	230	576
Charlottesville,	295	209
Middleton,	213	162
Woodhouse,	211	285
Windham,	337	252
Walsingham,	296	268
Total,	2605	3272

DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The first District Council met on Thursday, the 8th of February, 1842, in the Court House, Woodstock, in pursuance of Act 4th and 5th Victoria, chap. 10, by which a meeting of the council was required to be held in the months of February, May, August and November, on the second Tuesday of each. This Act also provided that no meeting should be longer than 6 days, subject to be dissolved by the Governor-General at his discretion, who had also the appointing of warden, treasurer and clerk. Each Township had to elect one councillor, and townships having over 300 freeholders and householders, two. Councillors were elected for three years. There were also two auditors appointed annually. The Hon. Peter Boyle deBlacquiére was the first District Warden, Wm. Lapenotière clerk, H. C. Barwick treasurer, and James Cull surveyor. In 1846 an amendment was made to the District Council Act, by which councillors were not allowed more than 6s 3d for each day's actual attendance; also the power to appoint annually one of themselves Warden—to appoint their own clerk and treasurer—only two meetings to be held in each year, to commence on the first Tuesday in the months of February and October, and not to be held for a longer period than 9 successive days, &c. Jared Vining, of Missouri, was the first Warden appointed under the provisions of the new Act. In 1849, when Districts were abolished, further amendments were made to the above Act, by which the reeves and deputy-reeves of the several municipalities composed the county council. Benjamin Van Norman, of Dereham, was the first County Warden (1850), H. C. Barwick treasurer,

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