

a change in that respect should satisfactory arrangements be made before the end of the present year. In the meantime subscribers may rest assured that the publication will be continued, their interests fully guarded, and nothing left undone in our power to make the MISCELLANY worthy of their patronage.

In our township we have an ex-assessor named James McKenne who assessed this township for fifteen years, and during all that time there was never one appeal against the assessment.  
G. A. ARMETT, Clerk of Euphemia.

Accept my thanks for your kindness in sending me four numbers of the MUNICIPAL MISCELLANY. I thought when I received the first number that it would be useless for me, a thirty-seven year incumbent of the office of township clerk, to subscribe for it, but each succeeding number convinced me more and more that its advent to the much burdened township clerk was a true friend and yokefellow to help him surmount the increasing and ever-changing difficulties of his mazy road. Enclosed I send one dollar for one year's subscription.  
A. McL., Riceville.

The space taken up this month with a copy of the amendments just made to the Municipal Act prevents us from referring to some other matters of interest, but which will keep until the next issue.

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We are pleased to know that not a few township councils have seen their way clear to accept our offer of six annual copies of the MISCELLANY for \$5, thus better furnishing, we trust, the councillors and clerk with proper requirements to carry on the work of the people. The last of such lists to hand is from Mr. C. Palling, the genial clerk of the township of Innisfil in the county of Simcoe. Innisfil is a populous and wealthy township, second only to the banner township of Nottawasaga in that county.

## THE MUNICIPAL AMENDMENT ACT.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. Section 9 of *The Municipal Act* is amended by inserting therein the words "of the age of twenty-one years and over" immediately after the word "neighborhood" in the 8th line thereof.

2. Section 9 of the said Act is further amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:—

(2) In case the territory sought to be incorporated, or any part thereof lies within one mile of the limits of a city having a population of 100,000 and upwards, the petition shall be signed by not less than two-thirds of the freeholders and householders, of the age twenty-one years and over, whose names appear on the last revised assessment roll, and who have been resident within the territory sought to be incorporated for at least four months immediately prior to the signing of said petition, within the district sought to be incorporated, and of whom not fewer than one-half shall be freeholders.

(3) If the district sought to be incorporated, or any part thereof has been laid out in lots on a registered plan, each petitioner shall state the number of the lot on said plan owned or occupied by him, and shall further set out whether he is a freeholder or householder.

(4) No by-law shall be passed under this section unless

the petition therefor shall have been lodged with the clerk of the county at least one month before the meeting of the council at which the same is to be considered, nor unless public notice shall have, within two months previous to the meeting of the council at which the same shall be considered, been published at least once a week for two successive weeks in some newspaper at or nearest to the locality sought to be incorporated and such notice shall set forth a description of the area intended to be embraced in the village.

3. Section 132 of the said Act is amended by striking out all the words after the word "copy" in the fourth line thereof and subsisting therefor the following "either printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, certified to be a correct list of voters for the ward of polling sub-division under section 128 and following sections, together with a blank poll book according to the form of schedule C to this Act, and also a copy of the proper defaulter's list for the polling sub-division certified by the treasurer or collector pursuant to section 119 of this Act."

4. Section 136 of the said Act is amended by inserting the words "poll book" after the word "list" at the end of sixth line thereof.

5. Sub-section 2 of section 143 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

2. He shall record or cause to be recorded by the poll clerk in the proper columns of the poll book the name, qualification, residence and legal addition of such person.

6. Where the words "voters' list" appear in sub-sections 3, 4 and 5 of section 143, sections 145, 148 and sub-section 2 of section 149 of the said Act the same is struck out and the words "poll book" substituted therefor.

7. Sub-section 6 of section 143 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(6) Where the proper entries respecting the person so claiming to vote have been made in the poll book in the manner prescribed, the deputy returning officer shall before signing his name or initials on the back of the ballot paper place or cause to be placed a check or mark opposite to the name of the voter in the certified voters' list to indicate that the name of such person has been entered in the poll book and the person allowed to vote.

8. Section 210 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

210.—(1) Every person, who directly or indirectly, by himself or any other person on his behalf, makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence or restraint, or inflicts or threatens infliction by himself, or by or through any other person of any injury damage, harm or loss, or in any manner practises intimidation upon or against any person, in order to induce or compel such person to vote or refrain from voting at any municipal election, or on account of such person having voted or refrained from voting thereat, or who by abduction, duress, or any fraudulent device or contrivance, impedes, prevents or otherwise interferes with the free exercise of the franchise of a voter, or thereby compels, induces or prevails upon a voter either to give or to refrain from giving his vote at any municipal election, shall be deemed to have committed the offence of undue influence, and shall incur a penalty of \$100, and shall be disqualified from voting at any municipal election or upon a by-law for the next succeeding two years.

(2) Every person who at any municipal election applies for a ballot paper in the name of some other person, whether the name be that of a person living or dead, or of a fictitious person, or who having already voted at any such election improperly applies at the same election for a ballot paper in his own name, or who advises or abets, counsels or procures any other person so to do, shall be deemed to have committed the offence of personation, and shall incur a penalty of \$200, and in default of the payment of the penalty and costs, the offender shall be imprisoned in the