

disappeared but were a source of cash revenue for the farmers.

The Township Hall was bilt in the year 1883 at a cost of \$1,000, on land donated by Mr. Preneveau with the stipulation the Township Council has to use it at least once each year, otherwise it reverts to the Preneveau estate.

Belmont has 47,800 acres. The first records of a council meeting was in the year 1851 when Asphodel, Belmont and Methuen were united Townships under one council with Richard Birdsall as Reeve and John Murphy as clerk. This continued until 1855 when Belmont and Methuen were incorporated as United Township with William Rea as Reeve and Robert Sloan as clerk. Then Robert Preston, Thomas Searight and John Matheson fallowed each other as Reeve. In the years 1863-64 the municipality was known as the united townships of Belmont, Methuen, Chandos. Cardiff, Harcourt, Brunton and Havelock incorporation of 500 acres. Deputy reeve until 1953 when the population reached the required number. George Newton was then elected Deputy reeve. Peter Pearce was Reeve with William Rea Township clerk. In the year 1887 Belmont, Methuen had enough of a population to have two representitives on the County council, John Brown Reeve and James Wilde Deputy reeve. This continued until the village of Havelock was incorporated in 1894. Thus Belmont lost a portion of its population and was not eligible for a

The wages of all township officials were paid in Pounds, shillings and pence so that must have been the monetary system.

Belmont, Methuen townships have had in the past 102 years five men selected as Warden of the County they are John Brown in 1889, William Griffith in 1921, Frank Breckenridge, Isaac Anderson in 1943, and our present Reeve Walter Van Steenburgh. Next to come was Wilfred Ellis.