Agricultural and Statistical report of the County of Welland for the Year 1853

The County of Welland is situated on the South side of the peninsula lying between lakes Erie and Ontario. It is bounded on the North by the County of Lincoln, South by lake Erie, East by the Niagara River, and West by the County of Haldimand. Its mean breadth is about 18 miles from North to South, and its length 25 miles from East to West. It contains about 230.000 Acres of land, with a population of 20,141. It consists of Eight Townships. Viz:- Stamford, Willoughby, Bertie, Crow-
4 -land, Thorold, Pelham, Humberstone, and Wainfleet. 4
The County is intersected longitudinally by the Welland River which empties into the Niagara River at the Village of Chippawa, 2½ miles above the Falls, [The Welland Canal opens a communication for vessels across the peninsula from lake Erie to lake ontario,] 2 Besides these there are several other streams of greater or less magnitude which traverse the County in every direction. 3 There are comparatively few springs of water at the surface of the ground, but an abundance of that necessary article may be obtained in any part of the County, by digging to the depth of 10 to 30 feet. [The face of the County is generally level, although sufficiently diversified by hills and vallies, to render it both agreeable, and easily cultivated. [The soil is generally Clayey, of an easy and friable nature, but in one part or other of the County, it may be found of every shade, from light drifting sand, to clay so heavy and tenacious that water will scarcely penetrate it. The climate of Welland is famed for its Salubrity, but subject nevertheless in Common with