

THE COUNTY OF GREY.

FORTY YEARS AGO.

(Continued From Last Week.)

NORMANBY P. O.
Now changed to "Orchard."
NORTH KEPPEL.

A new village on Colpov's Bay, or rather on Big Bay, between Colpov's Bay and Owen's Sound. It is on the north shore of the township of Keppel—hence the name. The land in the vicinity is good, and a large and flourishing settlement has sprung up since the land was sold in 1857. Mr. John Horne put up a sawmill five or six years ago, and is now making preparations to erect a grist mill also. A pretty little stream falls into the bay at this point; and there is a break in the bluffs that fringe the most of the shore, the land descending gently to the water. North Keppel is 18 m. from Owen Sound town. Mail every Tuesday from Owen Sound.

Boyd, William C., farmer.
Dewar, Robert, postmaster.
Horne, John, proprietor sawmill.
Picken, Robert, general merchant.

NOTTAWASAGA RIVER.

The Nottawasaga is a branch of Simcoe River, and had the county line been three or four miles further west, would not have touched the County of Grey at all. Some of its tributaries rise in the eastern edge of the county; the Mad River in Osprey, and two branches of the Pine River in Melancton.

ORCHARD OR ORCHARDVILLE.

A new village on the Garafraxa Road, 8 m. S. of Durham, and 8 m. N. of Mount Forest. It is partly in Normanby, and partly in Egremont. It was laid out as a village by the proprietor of the ground, John Orchard, Esq., in 1858, and named Orchardville. When a post office was applied for, it was granted, under the name of "Orchard." The P. O. authorities have a great horror of unnecessarily long names, and an especial dread of multiplying villages. It may be stated, as an item for the curious, that there are fewer names of post offices ending in ville now than four years ago! About that time we ran over the post office list, and found there were 1600 post offices in Canada; and of these 130 ended in ville; a class of names we took occasion to say, that seemed alarmingly on the increase. At the close of 1864, there were within a dozen of twenty-one hundred post offices, and only one hundred and ten villages among them; an actual diminution of the number, which no one will regret.

It thus happens that though Orchardville is the name of the village, as set forth in all the title deeds, "Orchard" is the name of the P. O., and is likely soon entirely to supersede the longer name. There is no water power at Orchard. It contains, in addition to the store and post office of Mr. Caldwell, a tavern, a blacksmith shop, shoemaker's shop, &c. Mails are daily in both directions; being on the stage road from Guelph to Owen Sound. Population 80.

Allan, James, boot and shoemaker.
Allan, John, shoemaker.
Batey, Isaac, farmer.
Caldwell, Thomas, postmaster, and general merchant.
Calvert, John, general blacksmith.
Cranklaw, Joseph.
Cook, Leonard.
Greig, Rev. P., Canada Presbyterian.

Howson, Mrs., proprietress "Orchardville Hotel."
Hart, Joseph, farmer.
Moore, Robert, labourer.
McCrae, John, carpenter.
Orchard, John, farmer.
Quinn, John, carpenter; County constable.
Rogers, Benj. J. P., township clerk for Egremont.
Say John, Abraham, blacksmith (at J. Calvert's).

OSPREY TOWNSHIP.

This is one of the eastern townships of the county; having Collingwood township on the north, Nottawasaga (in Simcoe) on the east, Melancton on the south, and Artemesia on the west. It is a high level upland township, of the richest soil; soil clay loam, on a gravelly subsoil. It ought to be one of the finest and most productive among the agricultural townships of Upper Canada. For some years past, however, it has been much affected with late frosts in spring and early frosts in autumn, or rather in the end of summer, very greatly to the damage of spring wheat and hay crops. During the last two years, a much larger breadth of fall wheat has been sown; and, as it has been found to succeed well so far, high hopes are entertained that things will yet turn out well for agriculture in Osprey.

It is a curious fact that there are scarcely any forest trees in Osprey other than maple or elm. Pine, hemlock, beech and basswood, are almost unknown. A fine growth of almost exclusively maple covers the uncleared portions. Osprey occupies the highest of the elevated plateau between Georgian Bay and Lakes Erie and Ontario, and sends waters to Georgian Bay both by the Beaver and Nottawasaga Rivers, and to Lake Huron by the Saugen. Its elevation will be from 1000 to 1200 feet above Georgian Bay. Springs abound in

the township; some of them magnificent fountain heads; making pools that never freeze, many yards across, with hard bottoms of marly limestone, and forming mill streams at once. Thus at Feversham, the Beaver is quite a river-like stream, though only three or four miles from its highest source. The air is of the purest and most exhilarating character; and the general health of the township always most excellent. Is it too much to look forward a generation, and see in fancy water-cures and Hygienic retreats established on this airy upland, beside some of these pure head-springs?

Osprey, though an inland township, is well situated for markets. Its nearest corner comes within about seven miles of Collingwood Harbour. Collingwood is, and always has been, the chief market town for Osprey; as, before Collingwood town was in existence, Osprey contained but a very few settlers. The "Durham and Collingwood" Gravel Road runs directly across the township, as nearly as possible in the centre, and gives a good access toward market in either direction. Feversham, Maxwell and Singhampton, also offer home markets for merchantable produce.

Artemesia and Osprey were surveyed by Chas. Rankin, Esq., P. L. S., in 1849 and '50. A few settlers had come into the eastern part of Osprey, next Nottawasaga, before the lands were in market; but it was in 1855 and the two following years that the bulk of the lands were "taken up." It was chiefly settled with people from the counties of York and Peel; people who had some experience of Canadian life, and calculated to "push." Their industry and perseverance would seem to deserve better success than has attended their efforts for two or three years past. Perhaps if fall wheat, &c., supersede the precarious spring wheat, so liable to injury from the frosts, a brighter day may be dawning upon them. The south-eastern part of the township is occupied by Highlanders, mostly from the "Islands." The second generation will make excellent settlers; but the original immigrants (and the same remark applies to the majority of the Irish immigrants in the county), have so little idea of life in the bush, and are so apt to sit down contented with any condition that is somewhat better than they had at "home," that they do not "go ahead," as do settlers reared in the country.

Osprey, as well as some others of the eastern townships, was originally attached to the County of Simcoe, and then to the County of Wellington; and handed over to Grey, upon the latter being erected into a separate county. In consequence, the municipality has been, for several years, paying instalments of the old county debts of both these counties, and though nearly through with such payments, is not yet quite clear.

The original "Durham Road" crosses the township from east to west about two miles from its south border. Three concessions parallel with that road are laid off on each side, in 50-acre lots, and originally granted to actual settlers, free. It is a fine tract of land. The southernmost of the three lines of road especially, called the "South line of Osprey," presents a series of beautiful farms; the land lying very handsomely, and being of the richest soil. On this line (lot 65, 3rd con. S. Durham Road), about two miles from the town line of Nottawasaga, is the highest land in the western peninsula actually measured. The late David Gilson, Esq., P. L. S., made it 1,180 feet above Georgian Bay. Other surveyors have made it as much as 1,248 feet.

Census Reports.—Population in 1861, 2,201; natives of England and Wales, 183; Scotland, 344; Ireland, 344; Canada, 1,307; all other countries, 21.

Occupiers of lands, 402; of whom 24 held less than 50 acres each; 65 held from 50 to 100 acres each; 311 from 100 to 200 acres each; and 2 upwards of 200 acres each.

Fall wheat raised, 118 bushels; spring wheat, 38,733 bushels; barley, 2,713 bushels; peas, 5,257 bushels; oats, 19,272 bushels; potatoes, 29,872 bushels; turnips, 75,385 bushels; hay, 675 tons; maple sugar, 8,760 lbs.; wool, 1,766 lbs.; butter, 19,145 lbs.; cheese, 409 lbs.; pork, 362 bbls.

With respect to the above figures, it may be observed that the four years that have intervened since the census was taken have done wonders in the way of increase of products,

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notwithstanding the drawbacks of "summer frosts." As an instance, one firm in the township purchased last year 32,000 bushels of grain; although the whole amount of grain raised (not "sold"), in 1860 was 66,093 bushels. The same firm purchased last year 50,000 lbs. pork; although the whole amount slaughtered in 1860, was 72,400 lbs. Fall wheat is also now taking its place as an important product in the township, though it figures in very insignificant proportions in the census of 1861.

Municipal Officers.—Reeve, Thos. Gamcy (Maxwell P. O.) Dep. reeve, John Hamilton (Singhampton P. O.) Councillors, James Winter, John Douglas, Robert Loughhead, Clerk, James Gibson (Osprey P. O.) Treas., Josiah Gamcy (Maxwell P. O.)

Magistrates.—Edward Horton, J. Buckingham, Thomas Gamcy, Wm. Kinnear, Edward Galloway, John Hamilton, Wm. Logit, Alex. Munroe, Arch'd McIntyre, John Douglas.

Schools.—No. 1, David Stewart, teacher. House, log. Furnished with maps and blackboard. Average attendance for 1864, about 23.

No. 2 (at McIntyre P. O.) John Kearnan, teacher (1864). House, log. Maps and blackboard. Average attendance in 1864, 43.

No. 3. (Not organized.)
No. 4, Miss M. A. Brunker, teacher. House, log. Maps and blackboard. Average attendance for 1864, about 15.

No. 5, Francis Whewill, teacher. House, log. Maps and blackboard. Average attendance 1864, about 20.

No. 6, Jasper Sullivan, teacher. House, log. Maps and blackboard. Average attendance 1864, about 34.

No. 7 Feversham school. Frame building; well furnished with maps and apparatus. Richard Campbell, teacher, 1864. Average attendance for the year, about 19.

No. 8. (Not organized.)
No. 9, John Pentland, teacher. House, log. Maps and blackboard. Average attendance 1864, about 40.

No. 10, Jos. McCallum, teacher. House, log. Particularly well furnished with maps, &c. Average attendance for 1864, about 32.

Union No. 1 (Nottawasaga and Osprey). Singhampton School, House, on Nottawasaga side of county line, stone. Maps, &c. Neil McDonald, teacher. Average attendance for 1864, about 36.

OSPREY P. O.
A post office on the "south line" of Osprey township, about a mile from the S. E. corner of the township; near the Nottawasaga townline. It is 6 m. S. of Singhampton, and 9 m. N. of Horning's mills. There is a store and a blacksmith's shop near the P. O. Mail north and south on Saturdays.

Callaghan, James, blacksmith.
Gibson, James, farmer and postmaster.
Pennock, John, general merchant.
Stewart, Wm. Sr., farmer.
Stewart, Alex., farmer.
Stewart, Richard, farmer.
Stewart, Samuel, farmer.

OWEN SOUND.

In giving a rapid sketch of the town of Owen Sound, the County town of Grey, it is not necessary to go very far back into the past; for the "oldest inhabitant" has not yet, by virtue of his residence, become very venerable. The place dates from the year 1840. In that year, John Telfer, Esq., formerly of Dumfries township, was appointed, under Lord Sydenham, then Governor General, agent for the locality, and arrived via St. Vincent, in a batteau, early in the fall. A small portion of the town plot had been surveyed in 1837 by Charles Rankin, Esq., P. L. S., as well as the original line of the Garafraxa Road, leading south to the settlements of the Wellington District. Mr. Rankin and his party were again ordered to Owen Sound in 1840. They landed at the river edge, at the foot of Union street, under the overhanging cedars that almost hid the sky, coming from Penetanguishene in batteaux. Mr. Telfer got up the "body" of his first log house while they were there. They laid out a portion of the valley into half-acre lots, and went off again on the 11th November. At that time the site of the town had a very forbidding aspect. Tangled cedar, hemlock and balsam, covered the whole flat. The river was choked up with decaying logs. The cedars leaned across the stream and met overhead, almost shutting out the light of day; and near the mouth of the river was

an un-savoury marsh on either side, alive with frogs and mosquitoes.

In 1841, the first settlers began to come into "Sydenham," as it was for many years called. During the summer, Mr. Telfer had Union street chopped and Poulett street "slashed." The latter was "logged up" next year. The first tavern was erected by Mr. H. G. Campbell, on the present site of Coulson's British Hotel. Mr. W. C. Boyd built the older part of the "Exchange Hotel," corner of Scropf and Union streets, and opened a house of entertainment and a store. He was the first storekeeper. Mr. Hinchcliff was the second; and Mr. George Brown, the present postmaster, was the third.

For some time, Mr. Telfer acted as postmaster, but without the appointment. The nearest post office was St. Vincent P. O., Meaford, kept by the late W. Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson would send over letters and papers as he found opportunity, to Mr. Telfer; and kept a "petty account" with him. When the place seemed to need a post office, the present postmaster, George Brown, Esq., was appointed. For some years the mail route was from Barrie, via St. Vincent.

In 1844, Bishop Strachan visited "Sydenham," coming round on the steamer "Gore," Capt. James Dick. In 1851, Lord Elgin visited the place, arriving in the Government steamer "Mohawk," and remaining a couple of days. In 1848 the first Division Court was held, Judge Powell, of Wellington, presiding. In 1851, W. A. Stephens was appointed collector. R. Carney, Esq., had previously held the office; but, on being transferred to another post, he resigned. In the same year the "Comet" newspaper was established. In the fall of 1853, the "Lever" and "Times" were started; the latter being still published.

The court house and gaol were built in 1853. The first quarter sessions for the county were held in the spring of 1854. The late F. T. Wilkes was the first County Judge.

In 1856, the population of the town was found to be 1,385. A special Act of Incorporation as a town, under the name of Owen Sound, was applied for, and passed; and the first election of councillors took place in January 1857. Richard Carney, Esq., was the first mayor.

The population of the town is now 2,400.

Owen Sound is situated at the head of the Sound of that name, an arm of Georgian Bay, and at the mouth of the Sydenham River, which runs through the town. The valley in which the town is situated, opening out upon the waters of the Sound, is about half a mile wide and a mile and a half long; skirted with hills on each side about 100 feet high. Above the hills is a beautiful upland, which in process of time will be a favorite spot for private residences, a few of which already make their appearance. The town occupies a considerable space of ground, and is not yet very closely built. Poulett street is the principal business street, and contains some substantial stone and brick buildings. The river has been improved in its navigation, and admits vessels drawing seven to ten feet of water, up to the swing bridge, near the centre of the town.

The town has a large export trade with Collingwood and the copper mines at the north, and imports to some extent from Chicago and Detroit. Communication by steamboat daily with Collingwood, and weekly with Bruce Mines and Sault Ste. Marie in summer; and daily to Collingwood, Southampton, Guelph, &c., by stage.

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Sr. III (a)—Ida Barber, Sara Bryans, Mabel Pettigrew.

B—Pearl McCalmon, Maggie McCalmon, Gladys Dunn.

Jr. III—Effie Hutton, Bessie Clark, Blanche Leuder.

Sr. II—Thomas Hutton, Jennie Barber, Eva Blyth.

Jr. II—Florence Barber, Robina Gadd, Hazel Barber.

Pt. II Sr.—Robie McIlvride, Arthur Morrison, Everet Morrison.

Pt. II Jr.—Harry Gray, Mina Gadd, Bertie Barber.

Sr. I—Willie Bogle, Annie Pettigrew, Florence Clark.

Jr. I—Harold Barber, Rose Morrison, Allan Pettigrew.

Average attendance.—45.
MAUD BANKS, teacher.

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THE ONTARIO PROV. AUCTION SALES

The Provincial Auction Sales were held at Guelph and Owen Sound in February and March, and realized the expectations. The sales took place during the month of February. A change, however, made in the order of the sales at Ottawa will take place on February 26th.

As only a limited number of animals will be sold at each sale, entries have been received considerably more than the required, an opportunity will be selected only the very best animals will be selected. The pink of condition, and the quality of the breed they represent. Persons wishing to depend on being able to get a lot of stock of individual and good breeding. The large number of promising is a guarantee of the stock offered.

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It will thus be seen that the sale will be not only a large one, but will be of good quality. It will be all good representatives of the breeds, as every one can attend the sales, and see the stock in the lot, and over the stock in the lot, the sales begin, and at the close.

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By order of the Board of P. R. Atkinson, the County of Grey, is hereby allowed with each of the stock. All persons who have paid full assessments on the land for use of the County sales, will be returned first class fare, and a ticket will be made to the claim for the refund, accompanied by a receipt paid and also by the entering the amount of the sale. These arrangements are completed with the O. P. B. Live Stock.

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