

THE COUNTY OF GREY.

FORTY YEARS AGO.

(Continued From Last Week.)

PROTON TOWNSHIP.

A township in the south eastern part of the County of Grey; having Artemesia on the north, Melancthon on the east, Luther (in Wellington Co.) on the south, and Egremont on the west. There are no Gravel or other leading roads in Proton, with the exception of the Toronto and Sydenham Road, which runs along its N. E. boundary three or four miles, cutting off, as it were, a corner of the township. The four townships of Proton, Melancthon, Luther and Amaranth, are popularly credited with a large amount of swamp. And to a considerable extent, this reputed character is correct. We have nothing special to do in this work, with Luther and Amaranth, which are out of the County of Grey; but Melancthon contains a large amount of swampy land, and the same is true of Proton. The swamps are covered with a not very heavy growth of cedar, tamarack, balsam, &c., while the land between, composing ridges of a very few feet elevation above the swamps, and of smaller or greater breadth, present generally excellent land and good hardwood timber. It is little consolation to tell a poor settler in the bush, whose land is so moist as not to allow him to get in his spring wheat in good time, and where spring frosts leave out the young plants, and autumn frosts nip the crop before it is ripe, that a century hence the district of country in which he lives will be one of the richest grazing tracts in the Province, rivaling in richness the western prairies; yet such will undoubtedly be the case. At present, his land seems to produce little but telegraph poles, and these are not wanted.

Yet, with this drawback, there are yet many good farms and many thrifty settlers in Proton. Since Mount Forest has become a large place, a good market is there afforded for farm produce, and it is but about 15 m. to the centre of the township from that place; and Priceville is convenient to the N. W. portion.

The northern and southern concessions are those best settled. In some of the central concessions, except near the middle of the township, there are but few settlers. And the south-eastern part has but few settlers.

The population in 1861, was by the census, 1440. If the census was correctly taken in Proton, and the Militia Roll of 1864 complete, there can be but a very slight increase of population in the interval, for the latter shows 289 names of men between 18 and 60, representing a population of not over 1445; a result obtained by multiplying the number of men by 5.

Proton was surveyed by the late David Gibson, Esq., P. L. S., in the year 1850. The Ranges parallel to Toronto and Sydenham Road were surveyed before.

Census Reports, 1861.—Occupiers of lands, 252; holding under 20 acres each, 1; holding 20 to 50 acres each, 18; holding 50 to 100 acres each, 170; from 100 to 200 acres each, 52; over 200 acres each, 11. Fall wheat raised—none; spring wheat, 15,805 bush; barley, 852 bushels; peas, 3,660 bushels; oats, 9,178 bushels; potatoes, 14,266 bushels; turnips, 54,183 bushels; grass seed, 53 bushels; hay, 263 bushels; maple sugar, 4,609 lbs.; wool, 919 lbs.; butter, 16,978 lbs.; cheese, 527 lbs.; pork, 120 barrels.

Municipal Officers.—Reeve, Robert Montgomery (Dundalk P. O.) Councillors, P. Ryan, D. McMillan, W. McDonald, J. W. Armstrong. Clerk and treasurer, John Vert (Cedarville P. O.)

Magistrates.—John McDowell, Timothy O'Calaghan, John W. Armstrong, Wm. McDonald, John Vert, Duncan McMillan.

Schools.—S. S. No. 1. Donald McAuley, teacher. House, log. Average attendance for 1864, 15. No maps.

S. S. No. 2. Julius Ansley, teacher. No maps. House, log. Average attendance for 1864, about 10.

S. S. No. 3. Not organized.

S. S. No. 4. John R. Vert, teacher. House, log. Average attendance for 1864, about 20.

S. S. No. 5. Not organized.

R. C. Separate S. No. 6. Miss Doyle, teacher. House, log. No maps. No report.

S. S. No. 7. Peter Dow, teacher. House, log. No maps. Average attendance for 1864, about 20.

S. S. No. 8. Robt. Agnew, teacher. House, log. No maps. Average attendance for 1864, about 10.

S. S. No. 9. Wm. Kenzie, teacher (1864). House, log. No maps. Average attendance for 1864, about 9.

Post Offices.—Ronaldsday and Cedarville. (Proton P. O. is in Artemesia).

Churches.—There is a Wesleyan Methodist frame chapel on the "Toronto Line," between Proton and Artemesia, and a Roman Catholic church in Proton. Religious services are held in some of the schoolhouses.

RAVENNA P. O.

A post office in the township of Collingwood, established in June, 1864. Wm. Reid, postmaster. It is 11 m. from Collingwood Harbour, 7 m. from Thornbury, and about 35 m. from Owen Sound. It is supplied

with a weekly mail (on Saturday), from Clarksburg. Being somewhat central for the whole township, the township council meet at Ravenna; generally once a month. Ravenna is in an old settled part of the township; the land in the vicinity is good; clay soil. There is a blacksmith's shop and shoemaker's shop at the place; and two sawmills in the neighborhood. An Episcopal church within 3 miles, and Wesleyan chapel about 2 m. distant.

ROCKY SAUGEEN RIVER.

A well-known branch of the Saugeen, crossing the Garafraxa Road 3 1/2 m. N. of Durham. So named from the circumstance of the road passing through an exceedingly rocky or stony piece of ground just at the crossing of the river. Its course resembles very much that of the other branches of the same river; a pretty swift current, over a hard bottom of limestone pebbles. The farthest-reaching branch rises in Artemesia, in the vicinity of the Toronto Line. Other branches rise in some small lakes in Glenelg. It flows through the latter township in a S. W. direction, and after crossing the Garafraxa Road into Bentinck, joins the main stream of the Saugeen near Dalglish's sawmill, about 4 m. from Durham. About 5 m. above the bridge at the Garafraxa Road are the falls of the Rocky Saugeen. There are five sawmills on the river; Travis', Rowsell's, Chaffey's, Dinsmore's, and Dalglish's; and two flouring mills, Chaffey's and McLroy's, as also a carding and fulling mill at Chaffey's. Its whole course (we can only give an approximation) may be about 25 miles.

"ROCKY SAUGEEN" MILLS.

Close by where the Rocky Saugeen crosses the Garafraxa Road, stands the popular and well-known hotel of John McLroy. There is also a store close by, a branch establishment of Messrs. Vickers & Johnson, of Owen Sound. A short distance S. of the road are Mr. McLroy's flouring mills, the "Rocky Saugeen Mills," a substantial stone building, with 4 run of stones, and abundant water power. Distance from Owen Sound about 25 m., from Durham 3 1/2. The hotel and store are on the Glenelg side of the road; the mills are in Bentinck. As business begins to centre round the mills, hotel and store, a post office will probably be established before long. Durham is the nearest P. O. at present. Dinsmore's sawmill is a short distance up stream.

Dinsmore, John, farmer and sawmill proprietor.
Gray, William, miller.
Irwin, Robert, farmer.
Johnson, Daniel (of Vickers & Johnson).
Mighton, Charles, farmer.
McLroy, John, hotel proprietor; proprietor flouring mills.
McKechnie, Archibald, farmer.
Vickers & Johnson, general dealers in dry goods, groceries and country produce.

RONALDSDAY P. O.

A post office in the township of Proton; about 10 m. S. of Priceville in Artemesia, from whence it is supplied with mails every Saturday. Joseph McArdie, postmaster.

SABLE RIVER.

This river is properly "Aux Sable of the north," to distinguish it from the Sable River emptying into Lake Huron in the township of Bosanquet, between Sarnia and Bayfield.

The river under review rises a little south of the centre of the township of Sullivan; and after giving power to Conger's sawmill, near Marnien P. O., flows westerly into Elderslie in county of Bruce; and then northerly (passing Invermay and Tare), through the townships of Arran and Amabel till it falls into Lake Huron a little south of Chief's Point and the Fishing Islands. Just before reaching the lake, it receives Pike River, the outlet of a chain of small lakes occupying the water-shed between Colpo's Bay and Lake Huron. At the junction is a fine water-privilege; but the neighborhood is scarcely as yet settled. The Sable also drains Arran Lake, in the township of that name; and (except when the summer heats have dried up the outlet), Shallow Lake and several others communicating with it, in the township of Keppel. The Sable is a noted trout stream. It is not navigable; though, like the Saugeen, it has some deep water near its mouth.

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ful broad stream of clear water, brawling over a pebbly bed, is the northern fork of the Saugeen. The naming it "Sable" was a mistake of McDonald's in running out the Garafraxa Road in 1841. Though, from the force of old association, it generally continues to be called the "Sable," it is now pretty well known to be a Saugeen. From Strath's mill it runs W. S. W. to Scone P. O., turning Bearman's sawmill and Elderslie's grist mill, in Elderslie, and from thence it runs W. and N. W., till it falls into the Saugeen a little below Paisley. Many people near its source, in Holland township, still believe it to be the Sable; just as some people still believe the southern fork of the Saugeen to be the Maitland—but both are equally wrong.

SARAWAK P. O.

A post office near the shore of Owen's Sound, in the township of Sarawak, distant about 10 miles from the town of Owen Sound, from whence it is supplied with mails every Monday. The post office was established in 1863, Benjamin Jones being appointed postmaster. John McKenzie now acts in that capacity. Though only settled 7 years, the neighborhood is rapidly becoming a fine and prosperous settlement.

SARAWAK TOWNSHIP.

In 1855, the Indians residing at Newash and Saugeen, chiefly Ojibways, surrendered to the Government the title to the Saugeen Peninsula, (now surveyed into the townships of Sarawak, Keppel, Amabel, Albermarle, Eastnor, Lindsay and St. Edmund, the latter three as yet uninhabited) with the exception of a Reserve at Saugeen and another at Owen Sound. The latter Reserve had 9 miles frontage on the waters of the Sound, with a depth of between 2 and 3 miles. Becoming discontented, and perhaps thinking that their annuities would be greatly increased by handing over this Reserve, also, the Newash band, in 1857, accepted the offer of the Government to erect houses for them and locate them at Cape Croker, and surrendered the Newash Reserve. It was immediately surveyed, and was sold at auction at Owen Sound in September, 1857, along with such portions of the townships sold the year before as yet remained in the hands of the Government. It received the name of Sarawak, in honour of Major Brooke, the English "Rajah of Sarawak."

Sarawak is a small township, perhaps the smallest in Upper Canada; and might very well have been added to Keppel, which bounds it on the north and west. It is united to Keppel for municipal purposes. The official title of the United Municipality, is more sounding than convenient—"The United Townships of Keppel and Sarawak, and Town-plot of Brooke."

This little township, lying so handsomely on the shores of Owen's Sound, within easy reach of the town, and presenting on the whole, tolerably good land (some very good, other portions a little stony), soon began to fill up with settlers; the majority of them came from the older settlements "down below" (as they themselves would term it), and knew just how to go to work to make a good township out of a wilderness. Sarawak has three concessions, lengthwise of the township. That nearest the shore is called the third concession. Between the 2nd and 3rd concessions, a leading road has been well cleared out and improved, and will soon be, all the year round, as it now is in winter, a very good road.

There is only one post office—"Sarawak"—as yet. The council of the united townships meet at Brooke.

SAUGEEN RIVER.

The Saugeen, though not a navigable river, is one of the three or four largest streams found in the western part of Upper Canada. It rises in Osprey, not far from the old "Durham Road," and flows with a general west course through Osprey, Artemesia, Glenelg, Bentinck and Brant to Walkerton; thence with a general northerly course to Southampton, where it empties into Lake Huron. Its course is very devious; from its source to Walkerton is about 40 m. in a direct line, and from that town to the mouth of the river is but little over 30 m. direct, making 70 m. for the course of the river; yet, from its many windings, it must flow over 100 miles. The Saugeen is remarkable for its many branches. It has no fewer than five large tributaries, some of them dignified with the appellation of "Rivers." In the county of Grey, on the main stream, are the villages of Priceville, Durham and Hanover; on the south fork (the so called "Maitland" of former days) are Cedarville, Mount Forest, Aytton and Neustadt. The Saugeen, and all its numerous branches, present an almost unlimited number of water privileges; not a tithe of which are as yet used for manufacturing. Norman, Egremont, Glenelg and Bentinck, in the county of Grey, are wholly drained by the Saugeen; and Proton, Melancthon, Osprey, Artemesia, Holland and Sullivan, partially. Most of the branches of the Saugeen have been used, during the last two or three years, for floating down elm timber, intended for the St. Lawrence; and all of them are more or less visited in the season by anglers, for trout fishing has become all the fashion of late in the Northwest. At the mouth of the Saugeen, a pier has been projected into the lake, which not only gives shelter to vessels entering, but by narrowing the channel, tends to deepen the

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water over the bar. The depth, however, is not great, and large vessels do not often come into the river. Half a mile up from the mouth, swift water is reached.

The bottom of the Saugeen is generally hard; full of lime-stone pebbles such as are found in red clay. The limestone rock of the region occasionally crops out on its banks. On the banks of the river in the vicinity of Walkerton, in the county of Bruce, two valuable discoveries have been made lately—the existence of Hydraulic Cement and Lithographic Stone. Both these are found there; and may yet become a source of wealth and employment to many.

SHALLOW LAKE.

Shallow Lake is a small sheet of water in the township of Keppel, about 9 miles from the town of Owen Sound. It is about a mile long, and nearly as broad. It receives a considerable stream from the N., the outlet of some small lakes, as well as a stream from the south, and communicates with the Sable river westward by way of outlet. In point of fact, however, the lake is a dry bed of thin, coarse grass, with a slippery, chalky soil, full of boulders and rocks for several months in the year. Hence the name "Shallow Lake," as the waters are at no time deep.

The bottom has been found to be a chalk deposit of considerable depth, and may sometime become valuable. The lake might be easily drained and turned into pasture.

SHRIGLEY.

Shrigley is the name of a new post office, in the township of Melancthon; established 1st of January, 1865. It is 12 m. from Singhamton, where it is supplied with mails every Saturday.

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