

with six churches; five resident ministers; two flouring mills, with seven run of stones; two plaster mills; a woollen factory; two foundries; a tannery; a planing machine; a soap and candle factory; a saw mill; a bath brick manufactory; a bank agency and newspaper; with private residences, in regard to which it is not too much to say that they are worthy of the eminently beautiful sites they occupy. The present population, as shown by the census just taken, is 1905—to which it has risen from 761 since 1814.

Woodstock, which was surveyed in 1833, contained in 1850, 1,200 inhabitants, with six churches; several mills; manufactories of various sorts, and a goodly number of fine houses—not a few of them brick.

Ingersoll, situated a few miles from Woodstock, has increased about one hundred and forty per cent. during the last four years, having in that time advanced from 500 to 1,212.

London, surveyed in 1826, contained in 1850, 5,124 inhabitants; twelve churches, of which three were brick; several bank agencies and insurance companies; three foundries; with other works of various sorts, among them a large coach factory; three newspapers; a brick school house (in which I saw last autumn, close on 600 scholars), erected at a cost of £1,700. Of the handsomeness of its buildings I need say nothing, for this is recognized by all who visit it. The census just taken shows a population of 7,173.

Turning aside a little from the road by which we have been leading you, we come on Galt, a beautiful town, which from 1,000 inhabitants in 1845, had risen in 1850 to 2,200; with six churches; two bank agencies; two newspapers; a paper mill, and numerous manufactories. Within three miles of Galt is Preston, a thriving town, containing a population of 1,150.

Seventeen miles North East from Galt, stands the town of Guelph, of which the survey was commenced only in 1827, and whose population, numbering 700 in 1843, reached in 1850, 1,860. This handsome town contained in the latter year seven churches; 2 bank agencies; several insurance offices; three grist mills; a saw mill; a carding and fulling mill; a foundry; a woollen factory; four tanneries; a grammar school, a library and reading room, and two newspapers.

The town of Stratford contained in 1840 only about a dozen houses—it has now a population of 1,000.