

The County of Perth is bounded north by the County of Wellington, east by Wellington and Waterloo; west by Huron, and south by Middlesex and Oxford. It contains fifteen municipalities: the towns of Stratford and St. Marys; the villages of Mitchell and Listowel; the townships of Blanshard, Downie, Ellice, Elma, Fullarton, Hibbert, Logan, Mornington, North Easthope, South Easthope, and Wallace.

The soil of this county is greatly diversified, but generally of good quality, the surface level, and the farms well improved. The "Great Swamp" encroaches on the townships of Logan and Ellice. In this Swamp the rivers Maitland, Saugeen, Thames, Bayfield, and Grand take their rise. The Canada Company received 100,000 acres of land as compensation for any loss they might sustain from the swamp forming part of their purchase. The timber is principally hardwood. The county is well watered by the Avon, Thames, and numerous smaller streams, several of which supply ample water power for manufacturing purposes.

The Grand Trunk and the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railways intersect the county. There are also several good gravelled roads, thus affording every facility for the transportation of merchandise to the eastern and western markets.

COUNTY OF PERTH.—Area, 446,728 acres, or 698 square miles. The township of Blanshard contains 49,259 acres; Downie and Gore, 40,995; Easthope, North, 43,691; Easthope, South, 24,683; Ellice, 17,500; Mornington, 50,724; Fullarton, 41,057; Hibbert, 41,476; Logan, Elma and Wallace, 137,403.

Population of the county, census of 1862, 38,083.

PUBLIC ROADS.—Huron Gravel Road, length 33 miles; Stratford and St. Marys Road, length 12 miles; Zorra Gravel Road, length 4 miles; Stratford and Northern Gravel Road, to Millbank, length 17 miles; Logan and Elma Gravel Road, length 16 miles; St. Marys and Mitchell Gravel Road, length 18 miles; London Proof Line Junction Gravel Road, Woodstock and Huron, length 34 miles.

In terms of the recently adopted Confederation Bill, the County of Perth now consists of two Ridings or Electoral Divisions, numbered respectively fifty-seven and fifty-eight. The North Riding consists of the townships of Wallace, Elma, Logan, Ellice, Mornington, and North Easthope, and the Town of Stratford.

The South Riding consists of the townships of Blanshard, Downie, South Easthope, Fullarton, Hibbert, and the towns of Mitchell and St. Marys.