of the present year,) since which time it has increased more than any other village in the County, and this in spite of the exceedingly bad state of the times.

The attention of your Excellency and Council is also requested to the fact, that although in former years—when Railways were not dreamt of, and roads were of the worst description—it was deemed advisable to locate County Towns within reach of navigation, it has latterly been found advisable and necessary for the general convenience of the majority of the population, to select central, inland towns, as is instanced by the selection of Milton, Merritsville, Cayuga, Simcoe, St. Thomas, and Chatham as County Towns of their respective Counties. not to mention the fact, that a site on the Lake has never been mooted for the County of Peel.

It would not be in good taste, neither is it intended to draw any marked comparison between Paisley and any other locality which may compete for the advantage of becoming the County Town of Bruce, but as what are considered the very superior claims of Paisley rest entirely, for the reasons and facts above stated, on its affording, both presently and prospectively, the most convenient site for the County Town to the greatest number of the inhabitants, the following remarks are respectfully offered in conclusion.

Localities on the Lake Shore contend, that having the command of navigation, they are more accessible, and would therefore afford more convenient sites than inland towns. The fallacy of this argument is apparent, quite independent of the fact, that navigation is seldom available much over five months in the year, and can never apply to a County like Bruce, the Eastern boundary of which, at its greatest breadth, lies nearly forty miles from the Lake, and when it is remembered that the inland population must necessarily increase much more