

branch, the two forming what is called the "Forks" of Bear Creek, which is about nine miles from the River St. Clair. Some of the best land in Canada is situated in the townships bordering on the river. After getting a few miles above the forks, the land becomes rolling, and heavily timbered, and the banks higher; but below the forks there is a considerable extent of marsh and prairie, which although useful enough for grazing cattle, is too liable to produce ague to make it a fit neighbourhood to settle in, particularly for European emigrants. Both branches are navigable for large vessels: the east branch about nine miles, and the north about five miles above the forks, the water ranging in depth from ten to twenty five feet. At the forks is a hole about forty feet in depth.

BEAVERTON.

A Village in the township of Thorah, on the bank of Lake Simcoe, contains about half a dozen houses. The steamboat "Beaver" touches here, but cannot approach the shore, the water on the bank being too shallow.

Post Office, post twice a-week.

BECKWITH.

A Township in the Bathurst District; is bounded on the north-east by the township of Goulburn; on the north-west by Ramsay; on the south-west by Drummond; and on the south-east by Montague. In Beckwith, 36,671 acres are taken up, 8131 of which are under cultivation. The Mississippi lake fills up a large portion of the west corner of the township. Just above the lake on the Mississippi river, is a village, called Carleton Place; and in the south-east of the township is a village, called Franktown. In the south-west of the township are fine white freestone quarries. In Beckwith, 6100 acres of Crown lands are for sale. There are one grist mill, one saw do., and two distilleries in the township.

Population in 1842, 1898.

Ratable property in the township, £25,419.

BEDFORD.

A Township in the Midland District; is bounded on the east by South Sherbrooke, and North and South Crosby; on the north by Oso; on the west by Hinchinbrooke; and on the south by Loughborough and Pittsburg. In Bedford, 8990 acres are taken up, 1389 of which are under cultivation. A lake in the north-east of the township, is called Wolf Lake; and a number of lakes, varying in size, most of which are connected together by means of small streams, are scattered over the south of the township. Bedford is but little settled, much of the land being of poor quality; the timber principally pine. There are four saw mills in the township. Eight thousand acres of Crown lands are open for sale in Bedford, at 8s. currency, per acre.

Population, 552.

Ratable property in the township, £4626.

BELLAMY, OR NORTH AUGUSTA.

A Village situated in the east of the township of North Augusta; it contains about fifty inhabitants, one store, two taverns, one ashery, one tannery, one blacksmith.

BELLE RIVER.

Takes its rise in Gosfield, and forms the dividing boundary of the townships of Maidstone and Rochester, running in nearly a straight line from south to north. It is several feet deep for some miles before entering the lake.

BELLE POINT.

A small point of land, in the south-west corner of Mersea, jutting out into Lake Erie.