

**BRANT COUNTY,—[Continued.]**

Nine cheese factories, an iron foundry, (in which first-class stoves are manufactured), a large agricultural implement factory, and six flouring mills, all doing a good run of business; also a large number of mechanical industries dependent on the agricultural population, attest the fact that Brant possesses all the elements necessary to ensure permanent prosperity.

The Township of Brantford is especially adapted for grain raising; the other townships, Burford, South Dumfries, Onondaga and Oakland, are equally suitable for grain raising, stock raising and dairying.

The land is generally well watered and timbered—the former by spring creeks and wells—the latter with maple, elm, oak, pine, cedar, tamarack, hickory and ironwood. The price of firewood varies from \$2 to \$4 per cord, and the prospects of supply are good for many years.

A large area is under cultivation for cereals and roots. The average proportion of arable land devoted to fall wheat is 19 per cent.; spring wheat, 8½ per cent.; oats, 9½ per cent.; rye, hardly any grown; potatoes, 2½ per cent., turnips, 2¾ per cent.; hay, 20 per cent. Farm roots are grown, but the quantity of land taken up for their cultivation is inappreciable. About 16 per cent. of the cleared acreage is under pasturage, and nearly 2 per cent. is taken up for orchards.

The proximity of extensive beds of gypsum at Paris and in the neighboring county of Haldimand, and of salt wells in Huron—in direct communication with Paris and Brantford—enables the farmers to use at cheap rates salt and plaster for grain and roots and on grass lands.

The majority of the farm houses are either brick, stone, or first-class frame—only a few are log or inferior frame—while about one quarter of the out-buildings are described as indifferent, three-quarters are reported to be first-class. Nearly every farmer in the county drills in his grain and gathers his harvest by the aid of labor-saving machines.

The city of Brantford, the county town, is, by common consent, one of the most picturesque in the Dominion, and the scenery of the county more nearly resembles that of the south-western counties of England than is to be found perhaps in any other part of Ontario.

Quite a feature in the agriculture of Brant is the well-known stock farm called "Bow Park," formerly owned by the Hon. George Brown, and now belonging to a Scotch Joint Company. Upon the farm, which consists of 900 acres, a system of mixed husbandry has for several years been carried on, and much attention has been devoted, with considerable success, to the breeding and raising of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs. The proprietary has recently decided on confining itself in the future exclusively to the raising and breeding of Shorthorns.

Almost every description of non-tropical fruit is successfully raised in the district—apples, pears, cherries, grapes, plums, strawberries, raspberries, are grown in profusion, and large quantities of winter apples are annually shipped to home and foreign markets. Peaches are also grown to some extent. Fruit culture here is, in fact, capable of almost indefinite extension.

**Township of Burford.**

819—Farm of 100 acres, 75 acres of which are improved and free from stumps; balance covered with timber consisting of pine, elm, tamarack, ash, beech and maple—10 acres swamp—balance high and rolling; soil clay loam and gravel, 2 acres in orchard; and well watered. Frame barn 30 x 48 with shed and stable underneath the barn; roughcast dwelling house, in good condition, with stone cellar; fences in good repair; good roads; 1 mile from school and church; 3 miles from post office and railway; markets, first-class within 3, 9 and 12 miles. Possession at once if desired. Price \$4000, \$2500 down, balance in yearly instalments with interest at 7 per cent.

820—Farm of 100 acres, of which 80 acres are improved, balance bush and pasture land; 3 acres swamp heavily timbered with ash and cedar; clay loam and gravel; high and rolling; 40 good apple trees, watered by 2 living springs; barn new (40 x 50) with a stone foundation and stables underneath; rail and stump fences in first-class repair. Farm situated on stone road within 1 mile of Railway, Churches and Post Office, and within 9 miles of Paris, 12 miles of Brantford and 10 miles of Woodstock, 3 first-class markets. Crops can be bought at a valuation. This is a first-class wheat growing farm. Price \$4000, \$3000 down, and balance in any reasonable time with interest at 7 per cent. per annum.

831—Farm of 50 acres, all improved; soil is a clay loam and sandy loam with clay bottom; land gently rolling; 1½ acres of an orchard, watered by a creek. The barn is frame 30 x 45 with shed 16 x 45, driving house and stable 25 x 38; shed 16 x 24 with loft over head; a good sized frame house, containing kitchen, parlor and 3 bed rooms and cellar, fences rail, and in good order; picket fence around the garden. This farm is situated on what is known as Governor's Road, within 1 mile of Railway station, Post Office, and blacksmith shop, etc., and on next lot adjoining farm is erected a brick school and church, within 8 miles of Woodstock, which is a first-class market. Price \$1650, \$1000 down and the balance within about two years.

833—Farm of 40 acres, all of which is improved; 27 acres free from stumps; soil is a sandy loam, level and high; small orchard, watered by a never failing stream which runs across the corner of the farm. The dwelling is rough cast 16 x 26, two stories high besides kitchen which is 14 x 22, with stone cellar under main house. The barn is frame 30 x 50 with sufficient stabling. The buildings are all new and in first-class order; fences rail and stump. This farm is situated in a pleasant locality and on a good

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road and within 1½ miles from school and grist mill, 1 mile from blacksmith shop, Post Office, Churches, etc.; also within 4 miles of Railway station. Possession 1st April, 1883. Price \$2500, half cash and balance to suit purchaser.

906—Splendid stock and grain farm containing 200 acres; 160 cleared, of which 150 are clear from stumps and stones and in a high state of cultivation; the remaining 40 acres are timbered with beech and maple. There are at present 50 acres of meadow and 30 acres seeded down; land is gently rolling and well fenced; watered by Whitmans creek, a never failing stream running through north end; two large barns nearly new; one shed; a frame dwelling house 24 x 30 with kitchen now being built. The property is situated on the Hamilton and London stone road 10 miles west of the City of Brantford, and within 2 miles of the thriving village of Burford, a station on G. W. Ry. Price \$12,000, payable \$3000 down and the balance on time as may be agreed, secured by mortgage on the property.

**Township of Oakland.**

781—Improved farm of 50 acres, free from stumps or swamp; soil a sandy loam with clay gravelly bottom; land moderately rolling, every foot well drained; young orchard three years old; good well of excellent water; small house and barn. The property is well fenced into ten acre fields with wire fences. There are good roads; distance to school, ½ mile; church, ¼ mile; hotel, 3 stores, 3 blacksmith shops, waggon shop, shoe store, cheese factory and grist mill and post office, all within ½ mile; good markets at Waterford and Brantford, only distant 7 and 9 miles respectively. Three railways near the property. Price \$2500, payable \$800 down balance on time.

**Township of South Dumfries.**

1429—37 acres of land, very little wood, no stumps or stones. Soil mostly a gravelly loam. Land level and well adapted for grain growing or market gardening. Within one mile of the growing town of Paris, where there are extensive manufactures &c. Good churches and schools. The Grand Trunk and Great Western Railways each have a station within one mile of the premises, where there are excellent markets for grain. Comfortable one story dwelling house with 7 rooms and wood house. Good cellar underneath. Well and soft water cistern in the kitchen. Barn and stable 90 x 30. Cow stable and sheds 40 x 20, all in a fair state of repair. Two orchards, one bearing, the other four years planted and just commencing to bear. Pond of 5 acres on the property in which there is good fishing for several months during the summer. Good roads in all directions. Stock and implements may be had at a fair valuation and possession will be given at any time. Price including crops \$2800, payable \$1600 down and the balance in six years.

**City of Brantford.**

437—Lots 1, 2 and 3 north of Alonzo street, and Lot 1 south of Lawrence street. Price \$300.

482—Several Park Lots high and dry and beautifully situated.

1213—That valuable and beautifully situated property on the south-west corner of Sydenham and Terrace Hill streets, comprising about 2½ acres of land, on which is a fine Brick Villa Residence at present occupied by Robert Sproule, Esq., commanding a fine view of the city, the Grand River, the Railway Station, and a large tract of the surrounding country. The house contains on ground floor, hall, 10 feet wide, parlor and sitting-room connected by folding doors on one side of hall, and on the other side of hall dining-room and large bedroom with bath. On the second floor are six large bedrooms with three clothes closets. The attic might be divided into six additional bedrooms if required. Besides the main building there is a two storey brick addition, about 20 x 20, with good cellar underneath. On ground floor is a large kitchen with soft water pump and pantry; and upstairs 3 servants' bedrooms, also another brick addition enclosing hard water pump, bake oven and ash house. A never failing supply of hard and soft water. Good frame barn and woodshed 20 feet from the house. The garden is well stocked with all kinds of fruit trees of the best varieties. Price \$10,000, payable one-third down and the balance within 10 years with interest at 6 per cent per annum.

**BRUCE COUNTY.**

Contains the following townships and the average prices obtained in 1881 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class land are those mentioned after their names—

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| Albenarle..... | From \$1 to \$20 per acre.                                      |
| Amabel.....    | Much depends on the improvements.                               |
| Arran.....     | 1st, \$45 to \$50; 2nd, \$30 to \$40; 3rd, \$20 to \$30 per ac. |
| Brant.....     | 1st, \$40; 2nd, \$30; 3rd, \$20 per acre.                       |
| Bruce.....     | 1st, \$35 to \$40; 2nd, \$25 to \$30; 3rd, \$15 to \$20.        |
| Carrick.....   | 1st, \$50; 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$15 per acre.                       |
| Culross.....   | From \$20 to \$50 per acre.                                     |
| Eastnor.....   | Range from \$6 to \$2.50 per acre.                              |
| Elderslie..... | 1st, \$35; 2nd, \$28; 3rd, \$15 per acre.                       |