

by Mr. Gilkinson) by Messrs. Ross and Co., who erected a Carding and Fulling Mill, and afterwards a grist mill and other premises necessary for carrying on their business.

The population of the township now (1845) amounts to 1358, composed as follows: Males over 16 years, 367, under 16 years, 356, total, 723; females over 16 years, 291, under 16 years, 345, total, 636; grand total, 1358, of which there are in Fergus 148, and in Elora 84.

The majority of the houses in the township are log buildings, but there are thirty frame ones, and two of stone. In the village of Fergus there are thirty houses, and in the village of Elora, eighteen.

There are two grist mills, both wrought by water, situated at Fergus and Elora respectively, and manufacturing flour, both for exportation and home consumption, as well as oatmeal and pot barley.

At the former place there is a distillery in operation, and a tannery (nearly completed) and at the latter a Carding and Fulling mill. There are also four saw mills in the township; those at Fergus and Elora being on the Grand River, while there is one on the Speed in the east end of the township, and one on a tributary of the Irvine in the north-west end. There are five stores or merchants' shops, three of them in Fergus, one in Elora, and one in the centre of the township.

Of stock there are 152 horses of three years old and upwards, 424 oxen of four years old, and 304 young cattle of from two to four years.

The crop sown in the township in the spring of 1845, was about 2303 acres of wheat, 177 of barley, 941 of oats, 157 of peas, and 200 acres of potatoes.

The ground in some places is flat, in others undulating. The banks of the Grand River are in general rocky, and towards the junction of the Irvine below Elora rather picturesque. There are no swamps of any extent in the township, although there are patches here and there through it, and the soil raises excellent grain crops, as well as potatoes and other vegetables in abundance.

A church was erected in the year 1834 at Fergus, for the accommodation of those of the settlers who belonged to the Established Church of Scotland, and, a few years after, some who in Scotland had been Seceders from the Established Church, put up for themselves a meeting-house in the north-west end of the township; and, still later, an Episcopal Church was erected at Elora, which, though situated in the village clearance, is in reality in the Township of Woolwich. The greater portion of the inhabitants are Presbyterians, but in the south-east end of the township there are a good many Roman Catholic Irish.

There are several schools in the township, and some of the teachers have been long engaged in the task, whose abilities in their depart-