

BAYFIELD RIVER.

Takes its rise in the great swamp north of the Huron Tract, runs through the townships of McKillop and Tuckersmith, divides the townships of Goderich and Stanley, and enters Lake Huron twelve miles below Goderich, at the village of Bayfield.

BEACHVILLE.

A Village in the township of West Oxford, situated on the east branch of the River Thames, 5 miles west from Woodstock, on the plank road. It contains nearly 300 inhabitants. Churches and chapels, three: viz. Episcopal, Catholic and Methodist.

Post Office, post every day.

Professions and Trades.—One grist mill, two saw ditto, carding machine and fulling mill, distillery, two stores, two taverns, one fanning mill maker, one chair factory, two tanneries, one cabinet maker, two waggon makers, two shoemakers, two blacksmiths and two tailors.

BEAMSVILLE.

A Village in the township of Clinton, situated on the St. Catharine's road, twenty-two miles from Hamilton. Much has been written respecting a spring in the neighbourhood, which is said to freeze over during the hottest part of the summer, and to thaw in the winter. When in the neighbourhood during the last winter, I was unable to visit the spot, but I was informed by a gentleman living at Beamsville (and who I believe to be good authority), that he had visited the place frequently, and that there was in reality *no spring whatever* there. He stated, that the supposed spring was situated in a cave, in the side of the mountain, the bottom of which is about four feet below the level of the ground; that the only water in the cave is that deposited by continual drippings from the roof above; that he has frequently visited the cave in summer, and has on such occasions dug lumps of ice out of the crevices in the rocks which form the floor of the cave. That he has on all such visits found the bottom of the cave thickly covered with dead leaves (which must have been blown in), and which he has had to remove before getting at the ice; and he supposes the ice to be formed during the winter, and preserved through the summer, as in an ice-house. But he has never visited the place during the winter, to ascertain the fact, nor does he know any one who has. This, however, seems a rational explanation of a circumstance that at first view would appear rather a singular phenomenon. The cave is about two miles east from the village, and about three-quarters of a mile from the road. There are three churches and chapels in the village, viz. Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist. Population about 250. Post office, post every day.

Professions and Trades.—One physician and surgeon, four general stores, two hardware ditto, two taverns, two foundries, one of which has a steam engine, one bookseller and druggist, one tannery, one chair maker, one baker, one saddler, two blacksmiths, one cabinet maker, two tailors, two shoemakers, three waggon makers.

BEAR CREEK.

Or River Sydenham: is divided into two branches. The east, or principal branch, takes its rise in the township of Lobo or London, runs through the south east of Adelaide, the north-west of Mosa, enters Zone near its north-east corner, and leaves it near the south-west corner; after which it runs nearly due west, through the townships of Dawn and Sombra, till it reaches the Chenail Ecarté, or "*Sny Carte*," as it is commonly called, a branch of the River St. Clair. The north branch takes its rise in the township of Warwick, and runs south-west across the township of Enniskillen, and to about the centre of the township of Sombra, where it makes a bend, and runs due south till it reaches the east

branch, t
about nin
situated i
above the
higher; t
which alt
to make i
Both bran
and the n
ten to twe

A Villag
about half
approach
Post Of

A Town
township
Drummon
are taken
up a large
the Missis
of the tow
ship are fl
are for sal
township.
Populat
Ratable

A Town
brooke, an
Hinchinbr
8990 acres
north-east
ing in size
scattered o
the land b
saw mills i
sale in Bed
Populat
Ratable

A Villag
about fifty
blacksmith

Takes it
of Maidsto
north. It

A small
Lake Eria