

OAKVILLE,

which owes its prosperity, nay its existence to the patriotic and indefatigable exertion of Colonel Chisholm, one of the present members of the House of Assembly, for the county of Halton. It is very pleasantly situated on a beautiful level, about thirty feet above the Lake, which it fronts,—it is directly at the mouth of the Sixteen Mile Creek, which forms a safe and commodious harbour, where several schooners and steamboats have been built. The village has increased so rapidly, that it now extends across the Creek,—it was formerly on the left bank,—a good draw-bridge is erected over it. The following account of this flourishing village was made in February last.

The past six months has witnessed the erection of a very handsome Methodist Church, to which the addition of a spire not only adds to the elegance of the building but makes it an ornament to the town. Indeed we have frequently anticipated the pleasure of viewing from the deck of the Oakville on her way to Toronto the vast improvement to the interesting appearance of the town which the church and its spire must create. Building has not however been confined to the church. We have noticed the erection of several new houses and additions made to the others. Among the latter we cannot but particularly remark the additions to appearance and comfort of the Oakville House. Of this house His Excellency our new Governor, we understand, was pleased during his short stay in town, to observe that it was the best tavern he had been in since he left Albany.

The establishment of a post-office has conferred upon the town, a means of holding communication with the world without which no place can prosper. Two considerable stores have been opened and report bids us look forward to the opening of others during the current year.

The Weighing Machine, erected in Mary street, although not a conspicuous object, has nevertheless been a great convenience to the town, and advantageous to the neighbourhood.

The note of preparation for building during the coming spring, we are happy to say is sounding. Messrs. Watson and Hopkirk have begun the cellars for their intended brewery, and the Rev. Joseph Mar