

most northerly, and consequently the most inaccessible. For instance while in 1861, there were in the township of Galway, the most southerly of the townships on the Bobcaygeon Road, 83 ratepayers, in Snowden, the next township going north but 42, and in Minden, Stanhope and Dysart combined there were but 45 settlers. Yet in 1868 I find by reference to the Assessment Rolls, that there were in Galway 111 ratepayers, being an increase of 28; in Snowden 84 or just double those in 1861; and in Minden Stanhope and Dysart combined, the number had increased to 300, nearly seven times the number of 1861. Now by reference to the map alluded to, it will be found that the south-east portion of Galway is colored blue, denoting the worst land or rather rock, while the rest of the township (with the exception of about 1000 acres in the south-west corner, which is coloured red) is colored yellow, indicating land of medium quality. Coming to Snowden we find that fully the South half of this Township is of a yellow colour, but that the northern portion is red, being the *first* good land reported on the Bobcaygeon Road, on the eastern side a very small portion of blue is shown. The next is Minden which now has 144 ratepayers, and is nearly all colored red, a small portion yellow, and no blue. Still further north we have Stanhope, with 53 settlers, about one third of this township (near the road) is red, while the remainder is yellow, and no blue. Lastly we have Dysart, which belongs to the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, lying immediately East of Minden; and returning in 1863, 103 ratepayers; this township is represented nearly all good on the map, the rest being yellow with the exception of about 500 acres in the south west corner which is blue.

"Thus we have afforded us the very best proof of the general correctness of this map, otherwise how can we account for the fact of the three Townships furthest north, the nearest being at least twenty miles further than Galway from Bobcaygeon Village, making such rapid progress as compared with Galway, or even Snowden, during the last seven years. Another pleasing result of the information thus obtained, is that although we have such incontrovertible proofs of the inferior character of the land in Galway, yet it is making a reasonable progress, thereby proving beyond doubt that much of the land colored yellow is capable of affording a comfortable home and livelihood to the industrious settler. By reference to a Return laid before the Provincial Legislature at its last session, I find that in the Muskoka Territory, also, the greatest number of settlers were located in those Townships indicated by this map as best adapted for settlement. Of the character of the Townships on the Burleigh Road, the writer can speak from personal knowledge, that this map is most trustworthy. It is unfortunately quite true, as this map represents that in Harvey and Burleigh, and in Galway, Cavendish, and Anstruther, the greater portion of the country is of the worst description, but even in the last named range of townships, some patches of tolerably good land make their appearance. In the next range there is a great deal of good land, particularly in the Free Grant Townships of Monmouth and Cardiff; indeed so great is the improvement which takes place in the character of the country, when these uninviting Townships are past, that your readers will no doubt be surprised to learn that, of that portion of the Surveyed Territory coloured red on this map, about *one half* of it lies within the bounds of the County of Peterborough.

"This view of our northern territory is also borne out by the reports of the Geological survey. Speaking of the general character of Ontario, an eminent writer says:—