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A REPORT ON THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE
IN THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, 1852.

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TO WHICH WAS AWARDED THE PRIZE OF TWENTY
POUNDS, OFFERED BY THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The County of Wellington (one of the United Counties of Wellington, Waterloo and Grey) is composed of thirteen Townships, viz., Guelph, Eramosa, Nichol, Puslinch, Erin, Garafraxa, Pilkington, Peel, Minto, Maryborough, Arthur, Luther and Amaranth, and occupies a surface of 600,000 acres of land, which is neither flat nor hilly, but gently and beautifully rolling. 340,212 acres are in the hands of actual settlers.

The County commences about fifteen miles north-west of Lake Ontario, and extends in that direction to within forty miles of Owen's Sound, on Lake Huron.

The climate is decidedly healthy, but nevertheless it is subject to great variations.

The soils are somewhat irregularly distributed. Loam, clay and gravel may be found in almost every Township; but a rich, deep loam predominates, and it generally rests on a bed of limestone or gravel.

The whole County is singularly well adapted for cultivation.

The Townships of Eramosa, Guelph, Erin, Puslinch, Nichol and Garafraxa, have each been partially settled from twenty to thirty years, and are now thickly inhabited.

Arthur, Maryborough, Peel and Pilkington, are rapidly settling.

Amaranth, Minto and Luther, are yet in their infancy, and as the land in the two former Townships is not inferior to any in the Province, they offer a wide and advantageous field for the operations of enterprising and industrious emi-

grants. The Township of Luther is almost entirely swampy.

Water is exceedingly pure and plentiful throughout the County. Creeks of living water are in abundance, and never failing wells may be obtained at a depth averaging less than twenty feet.

The Grand River, the Speed, the Canistoga, and the Eramosa River, intersect the County, upon each of which are many excellent mill privileges, great numbers of which are yet unappropriated.

Upon these Rivers are situated the Town of Guelph (the capital of the county) and the flourishing villages of Fergus, Elora, and Rockwood. These and all other running waters in the County are literally alive with a very delicious variety of Trout, which afford much sport to the angler and a great treat to the epicure.

Property is very much divided, being generally held in Lots of from 100 to 200 acres. Mr. Howitt of Guelph is probably the largest proprietor, and Mr. Laidlaw of the same place the largest Farmer.

Several proprietors in Guelph and Eramosa cultivate their land to the extent of 150 acres, or more, but the average size of cleared Farms in these Townships does not probably exceed 80 acres. In the more recently settled Townships the clearings will not amount to so high an average, although even in them many extensive farms may be met with.

It is utterly impossible to give a correct idea of the value of Land throughout the county. It may however be stated that a Farm consisting of 100 acres, 80 acres of which are cleared, and upon which is situated a good Frame House, barn, stables and sheds was sold a short time ago for £1200 cash. This farm is situated about a mile and a-half from Guelph. Very few persons who possess 100 acres of Land, with 70 or 80 of them cleared, and in a proper state of cultivation, and having comfortable