

CHAPTER XVIII.

THE CONTRAST.

In the preceding chapters we have considered the township at its origin, when the primitive forests covered the soil and the wild-beast roved over it at pleasure. But the forests have for the most part disappeared, and nearly every lot of land is occupied. A population of four thousand inhabitants are scattered through the two present townships of Shipton and Cleveland,—in the former twenty-five hundred, in the latter fifteen hundred,—possessing the advantages in a high degree which are usually found in an advanced state of society. The village of Danville contains about four hundred inhabitants, that of Richmond nearly as many.

There is in Danville the railroad station, 84 miles from Quebec and 12 from Richmond station. Several lines of stages also run to different places. There are in the township eleven saw-mills, four grist-mills, two oatmeal-mills, a wool-carding machine, a fulling-mill and a cloth-dressing establishment, an iron-foundry, a lathe-mill, a carriage-