

1817 it contained 1200 inhabitants, one grist and two saw mills. In 1850 it had 2,511 inhabitants and two grist mills. At present it has a population of 2,646, exclusive of Clifton, and an area of 21,495 acres.

THOROLD.

This township is bounded on the north by the township of Grantham ; on the east by Stamford ; on the south by Crowland ; and on the west by Pelham. The land is generally rolling and the soil very fertile. The Welland Canal passes through the township from north to south a little east of the centre. It is also traversed by the Welland Railway and the G. W. R. Air Line. There are five post offices in the township, Allanburgh, Font Hill, Port Robinson, St. Johns and Thorold. The town of Welland also encroaches on the south border. The Welland River forms the boundary line between this township and Thorold.

Allanburgh is a post village on the Welland Canal and Welland Railway, distant seven miles from Welland and the same distance from St. Catharines. It contains a Methodist church, four stores, five hotels, a harness shop, two blacksmith shops, a flour and feed store, a carriage shop, drug store, and 400 inhabitants.

The Methodist Church. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 6.30 p. m. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday. Fifty members. Revs. Slater and Sellery, of Thorold, officiate.

Allanburgh L O L No. 1348, meets the last Monday in each month. Thirty members

Victoria Temple, No. 890, I O G T meets Saturdays. Fifty members.

The village was first settled in 1832, and laid out by Samuel Keefer. The post office was established in 1844, and John Rannie appointed postmaster.

Font Hill is a post village on the west line, being partly in the township of Pelham, and is distant from Welland, five miles. From the crest of the hill, above the village, which is the highest point of land in the two counties, a magnificent panorama is displayed to the vision of the beholder. An immense plain, extending for many miles, lies before and below him, studded with towns, villages, groves and winding streams. Before him lies the Welland Canal, studded with vessels moving either way ; beyond it the dashing, roaring cataract of Niagara ; on one side the waters of