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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

UPON THE

TOWNSHIP OF TINY.



The following Report upon the Township of Tiny, will be useful and interesting to Settlers and Emigrants, enabling the Settlers to send information to their friends at home, upon that particular part of Canada in which they are located ; the Emigrants to form their own opinion upon the advantages the Township offers to them for settlement. The Report was drawn up last autumn, by a very experienced and intelligent Deputy Provincial Surveyor, from actual observation, during an inspection of the Canada Company's Lands in Tiny.

REPORT.

The Township of Tiny is about seventeen miles in length, and averages about seven miles in breadth. It is bounded on the west and north by Lake Huron, on the east by Penetanguishene Bay and the Penetanguishene road, and on the south by the Township of Flos. The Village of Penetanguishene is situated in the east side of this Township, near the southern extremity of Gloucester Bay. In this Village there are four merchant's stores ; but their trade is chiefly with the Indians for fur. The buildings, with the exception of about four or five, are all of log. The inhabitants, in all, are probably about one hundred, and are chiefly composed of French Roman Catholic Canadians, a good deal intermixed with half-caste Indians, and are principally dependent on the fur trading and fishing for their support. There is a Catholic Church and clergyman in the place, and a rather large congregation is afforded between the Village and neighbouring settlement. About two miles further north or up the Bay, on the Township of Tay Side, there are Government Barracks and a military establishment, which, together with the demands of the Village, requires annually about five hundred barrels of flour, over and above the surplus produce of the surrounding farmers, which shows that agriculture is but indifferently attended to.

The southern half nearly of the Township of Tiny, is principally sandy, and timbered a good deal with pine. The northern is principally alternately sandy and clayey loam, margined largely, for the most part, along the Lake and Bay shore, with granite stone, besides being interspersed, in various other parts, with large patches of the same, of various sizes ; and so thick together as to put cultivation, in those particular places, out of the question ; but which, very surprisingly, produce good timber ; and this being the case, the stony portion will not form so much obstruction to a good settlement as might be at first view imagined, as a certain quantity of bush must needs be preserved for fuel and other purposes, under any circumstances.