

BASTARD.

A Township in the Johnstown District ; is bounded on the north-east by the township of Kitley ; on the north-west by South Burgess and the Rideau Lake ; on the south-west by South Crosby ; and on the south-east by Lansdowne. In Bastard, 40,422 acres are taken up, 10,484 of which are under cultivation. This is a well settled township, containing good farms ; much of the land is of excellent quality, but that portion bordering on the lake is poor and mostly stoney ; and there is considerable pine in the township. In Bastard, 900 acres of Crown lands are open for sale, at 8s. per acre. There are two grist and five saw mills in the township.

Population in 1842, 3058.

Ratable property in the township, £33,364.

BATHURST.

A Township in the Bathurst District ; is bounded on the north-east by the township of Drummond ; on the north-west by Dalhousie ; on the south-west by Sherbrooke ; and on the south-east by Burgess. In Bathurst, 32,635 acres are taken up, 8725 of which are under cultivation. The south branch, and a smaller stream, called the middle branch, of the Mississippi, run through the north-west of the township from south-west to north east ; they unite in the north corner of the township. The south branch, soon after its entrance into the township, expands into a small lake. The river Tay, a branch of the Mississippi, stretches across the south-east border of the township, at the eastern corner of which it is joined by Grant's Creek. The base of the north of the township is principally marble, varying in colour from pure white to dark grey. The south of the township is granite. In the south of the township is an iron mine, the ore of which is said to be very rich. There are some good farms in the township. Three thousand five hundred acres of Crown Lands are open for sale in Bathurst, at 8s. currency, per acre. There are five grist and nine saw mills in the township.

Population in 1842, 2307.

Ratable property in the township, 26,858.

BATHURST DISTRICT.

Consists of the counties of Lanark and Renfrew, which are united so far as relates to representation in the Legislative Assembly, and return one member. The Bathurst District is bounded on the north by the Ottawa river, and is also watered by the Mississippi river and lakes, the Madawaska river, and the river Bonne-Chaur ; besides numerous small streams scattered over it ; and it is thickly studded with lakes, varying in size. Beds of marble, of various shades of colour, from pure white to dark grey, extend through the townships of Lanark, Dalhousie and North Sherbrooke, and from thence into the Midland District. Fine white freestone and limestone are abundant in the district ; and also granite, which however, has not yet been brought into use ; and rich iron ore has been discovered within a few miles of Perth. Much of the land in the district is of good quality. Timber—a mixture of hardwood and pine. The settlers are generally industrious and thriving ; many of them are Scotch. Perth, the district town, is a flourishing place, with many good buildings. Four hundred and eighty thousand two hundred acres of Crown lands are open for sale in the Bathurst district, at 8s. currency, per acre ; to purchase any of which, application must be made to the Crown lands' agent at Perth.

Population in 1842, 21,672 ; since when it has probably increased one-fifth.

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