

SOCIETY.

Decidedly good for Old Countrymen—1st, because we have many here who are well bred and well educated—2nd, because we are nearly all (with half a dozen exceptions) Old Countrymen—3rd, we have feelings, views, affections, and habits that harmonize with the glorious trio of *Guelph, Wellington, and Waterloo*. Even the streets of our Town are so named as bring daily to our minds the most renowned Counties, Cities, and Towns of our Father Land—Lastly, so many old friends have met here together as to banish from our recollections at times that we were ever transplanted. A *Master* is still a *Master* with us, and a *Servant* is a *Servant* still, and not a "*Help*." Guelph is truly a British Settlement, and it is evident the present generation here will not suffer it to be anything else during its allotted time. We have Cattle and Agricultural Exhibitions or Shows of all kinds; Cricket Clubs, Horse Racing, Racket Court, Billiard Table, Whist Club, a Band of Music, and Taverns conducted in accordance with British habits and customs. It should be observed, under this head, that at our last Spring Assizes we had not a criminal to punish, and no business has yet been done within our District under the Bankrupt Act.

POPULATION.

Guelph Township contains about 3600 inhabitants—all the surrounding Townships have been longer settled than Guelph, and nearly all as well settled. Every year augments our numbers; and numerous as new houses are in this Town, we find some inconvenience in providing habitations for all the new comers.

PROSPECTS.

The past of Guelph has been one steady uniform course of prosperity to all who seek it, and the prospect by no means forbids a continuance of improvement; large new Mills are going up very near us; and every year we have an improved set of Settlers coming in, with skill and capital superior to those who induced them to come and join them. As it regards our Town, it may be said to have realized fully the expectations and wishes of its first projector, being now the Capital of the largest District in the Province, which, by a recent Proclamation, has been so much enlarged as to extend from within 15 miles of Lake Ontario to Owen's Sound. Last year a new Flouring Mill was erected, which is the third here, and forthwith another is about to be built and worked by a respectable party. A new Carding Mill is just finished, and an Iron Foundry is to be commenced. Various new Stores and Manufactories are every year added to the Town, and a large business is being done on cautious, safe principles. Guelph supports two Bank Agencies, and Cash is paid for all kinds of Produce. Hamilton at present receives the extensive benefit of receiving from and supplying this Town; but, should the projected Railroad from Toronto Westward traverse Guelph, that City would at once command our business, canal tolls, &c., making the change desirable and profitable to ourselves.

PROVISIONS.

All the necessaries and real comforts of life are here to be found in abundance, at a very moderate rate—cheaper, of course, than in the large towns of the Province, but still in ordinary times remunerating the producer. We have now a great excess of Produce, and several thousand barrels of Flour are yearly branded for exportation. Large quantities of Whiskey and Oatmeal; Pork and Beef, are annually sent down the Lake, via Hamilton. The prosperous Villages of Fergus and Elora, a few miles in rear of us, are now exporting several hundred barrels of Flour, Whiskey, Pork, and Oatmeal, through this Town and Hamilton. This is the first year in Foreign Flour Trade.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

The Church of England, the Romish Church, the Scotch Church, the Independents or Congregationalists, the British and Canadian Methodists, and Baptists, have all their respective places of worship in this Town. We have no religious feuds here, no Mormons, no Millerites! We have a good General Circulating Library, well supported. Temperance gains ground here daily. A Bible Society exists; and Ministers of the several denominations reside in Guelph. Schools abound in the Township, and the District Grammar School is in our Town.

STORES OR SHOPS.

We have several Stores, selling the usual variety of a Country Merchant, and at prices very little in advance upon those of the nearest Port. All sorts of British and Foreign fabrics and produce may be met with in Guelph. New Stores opening every few months. Many of these Stores take in produce for goods, and some pay cash for all sorts of produce. Luxuries of nearly all kinds are to be found in the Stores. It has recently been ascertained, from indisputable evidence, that the value of Dry Goods, Groceries, Ironmongery, and Crockery, brought into this Town annually by its present Storekeepers, amounts to the sum of \$22,800 Currency. The Farmers' purchases, when below with produce, cannot be known, but must be large altogether.

MECHANICS.

This class is numerous in all ordinary trades, and are always coming in, but all who are worthy do well and acquire property. The charges of Mechanics are almost twice as much as are paid in England to a similar class of artisans. I know of none out of employment, nor a person near me in want of the necessaries of life. Our mechanics, generally speaking, are a sober, industrious, and well behaved set of men.

DISTANCE FROM PORTS AND OTHER MARKETS.

Our Home Market is very considerable, an extensive trade is carried on in the back Townships now settling, and Bakers and Millers buy largely for cash; the Distilleries and Breweries take off a large quantity of produce; the remainder of our produce is disposed of as above under the head "*Produce*." Hamilton Wharf is about 23 miles from Guelph. Wellington Square about the same distance.