

ANGLO-AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

Vol. I.—TORONTO: DECEMBER, 1852.—No. 6.

CITIES AND TOWNS OF CANADA.

PORT HOPE;

WITH DESCRIPTION OF PLATE.

PORT HOPE, in the Township of Hope, in the Newcastle District, is pleasantly situated on Lake Ontario, and commands from the upper part of the town a fine view of the lake and the adjacent country. An inconsiderable, but rapid stream runs through it, forming at its embouchure a natural harbour, which requires only to be cleaned out to be one of the safest and best protected on Ontario, as it is of considerable size and is well sheltered from the east, west, and north. This stream was formerly styled Smith's Creek, and the town was for some time known by the same name. Two piers have been erected near the mouth of the stream, but the continual deposit of alluvial matter brought down, and the wash of the lake have formed a bar which will render it necessary for the citizens to avail themselves of the hitherto neglected advantages of their natural basin, and it is now in contemplation to erect, lakeward, two outer piers which will thus form a commodious harbour.

The town is prettily laid out and is rapidly improving; the business part is principally in a valley sloping gently to the north, while on the east and west the ground rises more abruptly and is studded with the residences of the citizens. On the hill to the right may

be distinguished the English Church, a plain and unpretending wooden structure.

A great part of the town was destroyed by fire a few years ago, and substantial three story brick buildings are rapidly rising on the site of the former unsightly wooden piles which then lined the principal streets.

Directly in the foreground is the new Town Hall, of red brick, a large and convenient building, with a good market in the lower part of it, and a little to the right are some extensive grist mills, of stone, newly erected and capable of turning out very large quantities of our present staple.

Port Hope can boast of a full proportion of the usual manufactories found in other improving towns in the Province and reckons amongst them, saw-mills, breweries and foundries, distilleries (Port Hope is famous for the spirits produced there,) carding and fulling mills, tanneries, asheries, soap and candle factories, with many other manufactories for various purposes.

The Banks and Insurance Companies are all fully represented, while there are churches for the members of the Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist persuasions. The Catholic Church was destroyed a short time ago by fire, but another is in progress of erection. Port Hope, in short, from its pretty situation, its thriving state, the energy of its citizens, and its fine back country, forms a very desirable location for the emigrant. The