

Province of Ontario by one member. The Municipal government of the county consists of twenty-four members elected by the different Municipalities and composing the body known as the County Council. Ontario is justly regarded as one of the first Agricultural counties in the Province. Of its area—estimated at 360,000 acres—there are upwards of 210,000 acres cleared and under cultivation, about 150,000 acres being under crop and the remainder devoted to pasture. The soil is rich and fertile, and very productive. Large quantities of Wheat and Barley are raised annually, and the superior quality of the grain commands the highest market prices. It is perhaps on this account, as well as owing to the superiority of its excellent Harbour and superior shipping facilities, that the town of Whitby is noted as a grain market, where, during the past few years, higher prices have been paid for Wheat and Barley than in that of even the City of Toronto. The bulk of the population, numbering about 45,000, are Agriculturists. There are, however, a large number of manufacturers, merchants and traders. The principal manufactures are flour and lumber, but there are also a large number of woollen mills scattered over the county in which a large business is carried on. The splendid Joseph Hall Foundry and Agricultural Works at Oshawa, and the Foundry and Agricultural Works of Brown & Patterson, at Whitby, each giving employment to a large number of men, the number of hands employed in the former being over 200, and the works are the most extensive of the kind in the Province. Whiting's Agricultural Implement Manufactory is also situated at Oshawa. Ontario possesses a large number of churches of various denominations; large sums are devoted by the different municipalities to the interests of education, and the county possesses some of the best Grammar and Common Schools in the Dominion. There are five newspapers published within the county, two at Whitby, and one in each of the villages of Oshawa, Port Perry and Prince Albert. The county of Ontario is also remarkable for the number of thriving villages scattered in every direction throughout its length and breadth, and the almost total absence of outrage and crime within its borders.

One great means which must serve most beneficially in the future development of the resources of the county, and advancing its material prospects is the construction of the contemplated lines of Railway, for which charters have been obtained. From Whitby Harbour, and the Grand Trunk, which passes over the Southern extremity of the country, the Whitby and Port Perry line is designed to run northerly through the centre of the township of Whitby, turning east to Port Perry, with a branch to Uxbridge, the line to be constructed to Beaverton, on Lake Simcoe. The portion of the line to Port Perry is already under contract, and the work partially commenced. And \$10,000 have been granted as a bonus by the township of Reach for the branch to Uxbridge.

The next is the Toronto and Nipissing line which is designed to cross the township of Uxbridge to Uxbridge village, thence in a north-easterly

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