

TOPOGRAPHICAL NOTICES—continued.

Dundas—Population 4,000—is situated on rising ground on the side of the mountain, and is a thriving manufacturing place, having the advantage of a stream, which flows or rather rushes with great impetuosity through its centre, working on its way numerous mills. There is a Canal from hence to Burlington Bay, enabling the manufacturers to ship their goods at their own doors. Amongst the manufactories are flouring-mills, a paper-mill, a foundry, which is an extensive establishment, where machinery of every kind and steam-engines are made to a large extent; an axe-factory, a woollen-factory, two newspapers, and numerous places of worship.

Fairchild's Creek—The station of the Galt Branch of the Great Western Railway.

Paris, with the Upper and Lower Town, contains about 3,000 inhabitants; so called from its contiguity to beds of gypsum or plaster of Paris. It possesses a considerable amount of water-power, which works numerous mills. There are two foundries, a tannery, machine shop, distillery, saw-mill, &c. There is a comfortable hotel, "Barry's," at the station; and although in the town, half a mile from the station, the accommodation for travellers has been on a very low scale, it can now boast of an hotel, "Westring's," second to none in Canada.

Princeton is a small but rapidly rising village, containing about 400 inhabitants. It has one good hotel close to the station; the rest are badly kept.

Woodstock, a county town, well situated on rolling ground, is only of twenty years' standing, and contains about 3,000 inhabitants. It may be called a town of magnificent distances; east and west Woodstock forming a street upwards of a mile in length. The vacant spaces, however, are fast being filled up with stately edifices, and it will thus in a short time become one of the handsomest thoroughfares in Canada. In this locality, noted for its handsome country seats—and indeed all the way from Hamilton, a distance of fifty miles,—the land as seen from the road (the railroad for the most part passes through a new country) is rolling and well cleared of trees and stumps, presenting more the appearance of merrie England than any other section of the Province. The town contains numerous churches and a Mechanic's Institute, and the public buildings generally are handsome and substantially built. It has a very commodious and well-conducted hotel, "Matson's."

Beachville, situated on the Thames, has two churches, Episcopal and Presbyterian, a grist mill and saw mill, a cording machine, tannery and distillery. It numbers about 400 inhabitants.

Ingersoll, formerly an Indian village, now contains about 2000 inhabitants. A small arm of the Thames runs through it, and furnishes some water power, by which several mills are worked. Since the opening of the railway it has risen in a surprising manner; and the town, which before then had a very dingy appearance, the houses being of wood and wanting paint, is now gay with white brick, and the streets resound with the hum of an enterprising population. The hotels are indifferent—the best is Carroll's.