

Each Riding is represented in the House of Commons, and the Legislature of the Province of Ontario by one member for each House. The East Riding is represented in the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa, by Mr. Francis H. Burton, of Port Hope, and in the Legislature of Ontario at Toronto, by Mr. A. F. H. Williams, also of Port Hope, while the welfare of the West Riding is looked after by Mr. Edward Blake of Toronto, at Ottawa, and Mr. John McLeod of Bowmanville, at Toronto.

The Municipal Government of the county consists of the members of the County Council of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, and as this work is merely for the latter county, its Municipal Officers will be found under the head of the Reeves and Deputy Reeves for the county.

Durham is a county of great agricultural wealth, and the time is fast approaching when it must take its place as one of the first counties east of Toronto, for agricultural and manufacturing enterprise, containing as it does some of the finest farms in the Dominion, together with several large and prosperous manufacturing establishments, the number of which is daily on the increase, enabled as it is by the fine harbors on Lake Ontario, combined with the excellent water privileges throughout the county, backed by men of both enterprise and capital, the future of this fair county must be both a brilliant and useful one.

Of its area—estimated at 340,000 acres, the larger portion is under cultivation. The soil is rich, fertile and usually very productive. Large quantities of wheat, barley, and other grains are raised annually, which find a ready market and bring good prices in some of the numerous towns or villages, of which no county of the same size in the Province has a larger number, or ones of greater importance either as grain markets or manufacturing centres, owing to which facts, combined with the truly fine harbors of Port Hope, Bowmanville and Newcastle, make it a county for agricultural purposes surpassed by none in Canada.

The bulk of the population, numbering about 43000, are agriculturists. There are, however, a large number of manufacturers, merchants and traders.

The principal manufactories are the Massey Agricultural Works at Newcastle, Helm's Foundry and Machine Works at Port Hope, the Bowmanville Chair Factory, and the large Woollen Mills at Newcastle, Orono and Millbrook, with a large number of Flour and Saw Mills scattered throughout the length and breadth of the county. Durham possesses a large number of churches of various denominations, large sums are devoted annually 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 three at Port Hope.

The county is largely settled, and the villages, scattered throughout the county.

The railroad, the L. and B., the southern boundary of the county, and with pride, as the county is under the management of its assistants, is of great importance to the county.

A few years ago a railroad across the Oceans would have been to a lunatic as absurd as then, the present only demonstration shown to the world is an investment in America.

This, combined with the slope of the Province across the continent, the States will not for some years will combine, the Pacific Railway of Canada; the next question would it be an engineering difficulty, Durham, then pushed on by the Government, intended to do a Northern Railway within the next year with his knowledge it is now for the road calls upon the Government to second the project, which will do all in its power to the railway terminus, be the result, and the hope of a well