

orchard in the township, and in 1885, it contained 622 horses, 1,268 sheep, 1,339 horned cattle, and had a population exceeding 1,100 persons. It has six churches, six public schools, one roller grist-mill, two saw mills, one planing-mill, several waggon-factories, blacksmith shops, and general stores. Mr. W. E. Tench's grist-mill near the village of Chippawa on the Welland river, is one of the largest in the county, and does an extensive trade. The Welland river, which forms the northern boundary of the township is navigable the entire distance, as well as the Niagara, which forms its eastern limit. The Erie and Niagara branch of the Canada Southern railway traverses the township from north to south, and has one station in it, at Black Creek, and another at Chippawa, and the facilities for shipping both by water and rail are excellent. The actual value of real and personal property in the township at present exceeds \$750,000. Improved farms are worth from thirty to seventy dollars an acre. A large proportion of the population are of the German origin, but all alike are thrifty, industrious, and progressive.

