

worked to some extent. The nearest approach to a village in the township, is a small settlement containing a Roman Catholic chapel, a store, post office, and mills. A weekly mail arrives from Arthabaska station, 21 miles distant.

SOUTH HAM.

For many years this tract was known as the *augmentation* of Ham; during which period it was but a dreary solitude, broken upon only by the sound of the hunter's gun or the laborer's voice, as the line known as "Craig's road" was being constructed directly through it, connecting the townships south, with Quebec. In 1830, Israel Rice, settled on this road within the augmentation, where for many years his house was a resort for all descriptions of travelers.

Later, however, other English speaking families have located here, and in November 1857, the tract was erected into a township named South Ham, which is not only a distinct municipality containing 114 English speaking, and 109 French Canadian inhabitants, but is also the *chef-lieu* for Wolfe County. In the year 1866, the sum of \$154,00 was levied here for schools; the government grant being \$25,22. A mine of anti-mony has been opened in this township.

STRATFORD AND GARTHEY.

A tract in the district of St. Francis, bounded north-east by Price, south-east by Winslow, south-west by