

HOPE TOWNSHIP.

TOWNSHIP POST OFFICES.

DALE P. O.—Better known as Bletcher's Corners, or Marysville, is situated upon Lots 2 and 3, in the 2nd and 3rd Concessions of Hope, two and a quarter miles from Port Hope, on the Peterboro' Gravel Road. The "Corners" was first settled by the families of Messrs. Samuel and Carlton Gifford, Jonathan and Paul Bedford, Barnabas Bletcher, Johiada Boyce and J. Brown, in 1798-9. The first school house in the Township, now School Section No. 3, was built on the corner where the old Bletcher tavern stood. In 1819-20, Boyce built the saw mill now owned by James McCallum. There is an M. E. Church, built several years ago; a cider mill, owned by John Bassett; a carpenter's and blacksmith's shop; Levi Reynold's brick yard, and John W. Stevenson's Hotel. A Post Office was established a few years ago, named Dale, with Daniel Lindsay as Postmaster. Population, about 150.

WELCOME P. O.—Welcome village, better known as the "Guide Board," is situated upon Lots 12 and 13, in the 3rd and 4th Concessions of Hope, two and a half miles from Port Hope, on the Toronto Gravel Road. The village and adjoining lands were first settled in 1805-10, by Messrs. Hagerman, Low, Crippin and Bedford. In 1825, Noah Wood commenced the blacksmith's business, which he afterwards sold to Mr. Wm. Parsons, who in a few years again sold to Thomas Oke. In 1830 Westlick built the wagon shop, now owned by Francis Northcott, and known as "Welcome Carriage Works." In 1837, Allen's Tavern flourished at the Guide Board. On or about 1833, the Bible Christians erected on a lot adjoining Mr. John Brownscombe's Pottery Works, at the foot of the hill, a frame meeting house, which formed the nucleus of the present large congregation. The fine brick edifice now used by that body was built in 1856. In 1847, Mr. William Monaghan moved from Canton and opened a boot and shoe shop. John Grimison's wagon and Found's blacksmith's shops were also established at an early date. School Section No. 4 is situated a short distance to the east of the village. About ten years ago a Post Office was established, William Hill being the present Postmaster. Population, about 200.

CANTON P. O.—Canton village, formerly "Hope Church," is centrally located upon Lots 12 and 13, in the 4th Concession of Hope, five miles from Port Hope, and was settled in 1805 by the families of Messrs. Harris, Hawkins, and Callender—shortly followed by those of Messrs. Bowen, Johnson and others. In 1820 Reuben P. Grant, father of R. C. Grant, built a house on the corner, where the Post Office now stands—the first in the village. During 1825 Potter completed his saw mill, immediately west of where the flouring mill now stands, which he sold to R. P. Grant, who, in 1835, conveyed to Joseph Ayers the privilege of erecting a grist mill upon the same dam. Mr. Ayers dying, the business was carried on for some years by his father-in-law, Emanuel Mann, who in 1844, transferred the property to the late Peter Salter, uncle of G. B. Salter, who built an addition thereto and otherwise improved what is now known as "Durham Mills." In 1820 a log school house was built upon the corner of Mr. Hawkins' lot, where James Rutledge taught school for many years, and which, until 1832, was used as a place of public worship by the Wesleyan Methodists. During 1832 Hope Church was built, in which religious services were held until last March, when the new brick Church, erected at a cost of over \$7,000, was dedi-

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