

## TOWNSHIP OF ABBEFORD.

This township is situated on the north bank of the Ottawa River, in the county of Pontiac, and is the westernmost limit of the surveyed townships in Lower Canada.

It is of the dimensions of nine miles perpendicular breadth, on the mean depth of thirteen miles, and is bounded on one side, towards the South-east, by the surveyed township of Aberdeen, and on the other side by the projected township of Killaly.

It is traversed from its south-eastern corner, on the whole depth of the township, by the River Du Moine, a stream of considerable magnitude, which derives its name from the fact of the River being the usual route of the early missionaries to the Grand Lac and Lac des Quinze, forming the principal head waters of the Ottawa River, the source of which head with those of the Du Moine at a distance of upwards of 200 miles, by the course of the latter from its mouth in the Ottawa, at the western corner of the township of Aberdeen.

Mr. P. L. S. Sinclair laid out and subdivided into farm lots 32,650 acres, chiefly located in the north-west corner of the township, and reports as follows:

"I have delineated the natural features of the country on the plan herewith, such as mountains, swamps, burnt land and the woods; the best part of the land is situated on the south side of the west branch of the Du Moine, and at the north-west corner of the township, but there is rather better land out of the township around Sucker Lake than there is in it. From Sucker Lake, westward across Bear River, towards the Deux Rivières, there are very nice parcels of hard wood, with what lumbermen would call scattering large white pine.

"A few settlers would find the lots which I have just surveyed there very convenient of access, and when there very profitable to raise hay and oats for the lumbermen. Hay will command \$30.00 a ton, and seventy-five or eighty cents a bushel for oats, which would be an excellent speculation for young men to engage in. There is plenty of land that will not cost more than twelve dollars per acre to clear. Men engaged in the lumber trade have now commenced operations on an extensive scale, that must be continued for many years, not only in the immediate neighborhood of this township, but also a considerable distance up the river.

"This Country, up to the Grand Chute, is very well opened up with roads, the principal one of which was made by Mr. William Moffatt, of Pembroke, leading from the mouth of the Du Moine up the west side of the river. It is a waggon or cart road for seven miles, and an excellent winter road to the Grand Chute, where Mr. Moffatt made a farm, the only one at present occupied in the township, *i. e.* having a settler on it. Mr. Ryan has a shanty farm in the township, on which he raises hay, but has no one residing on it. This road made by Mr. Moffatt, if made by the Government would have cost nearly one hundred pounds per mile; besides this main road there are others leading westward, beyond the township, one leads off from the mouth of the Fils du Grand, or west branch. This, I consider, will become some day, at an early period in the history of that country, the site of a village. There are excellent water privileges not far from this spot on both the main River and its West branch.

"There is some valuable white pine in this township. I have no doubt the largest timber of the Upper Ottawa will come from this place this year, which is being made for the trustees of the estate of the late Mr. Egan."

## TOWNSHIP OF ARMAND.

This township is situate in the county of Temiscouata, and comprises in its frontage all that part of the new line of the Temiscouata Road constructed under the superintendence of the Department of Public Works, from the rear limit of the township of Whitworth, to the rear boundary of the seigniory of Lake Temiscouata and Madawaska.