

Mr. John Burrows of the Township of Nepean, in the Province of Upper-Canada, Land Surveyor, appeared before your Committee, and answered as follows :—

Q. What parts of this Province, have you had occasion to explore or examine ?

A. I have passed through the Townships of Chatham, Buckingham, Templeton, Hull, Hardley, and Onslow, and I have been rather particular in my observations. I have observed the lands on both banks of the Ottawa, without examining them however particularly.

Q. Would you state what you have observed respecting the particular face of the country. The number, size and sources of the Rivers which fall into the Ottawa. Their several distances from each other. The Lakes which may have fallen under your observation. The quality of the Timber. The depth and nature of the soil, and the susceptibility for the cultivation of the country generally ?

A. Speaking of the face of the country in a general sense, it is very susceptible of making grazing farms. In the Township of Grenville, there are three Rivers of note, viz ; the River Rouge, the River Calumet, and another considerable River whose name I do not know. In Buckingham there is a considerable one called the River *aux Lièvres*, and several small Lakes. In the Township of Templeton, the River Blanche, and a number of small Rivers. In Hull a large River called Gatineau, and also small Rivers. Eardley is well watered with small Lakes, but there are no considerable Rivers. In Onslow there are no considerable Rivers, but it is well watered with small Lakes. All the rivers of which I have now spoken fall into the River Ottawa. The River Rouge is navigable for Indian Canoes, which go trading into the back country, as are also the rivers *aux Lièvres* and Gatineau. This last River is about fifteen miles from river *aux Lièvres*, and river *aux Lièvres* is about forty-five miles from river Rouge. The River Gatineau in Hull is indeed navigable for Steam-Boats, or the heaviest Batteaux, for five miles from the Ottawa. It is about half a mile wide, and the Indians navigate it for a distance of about three hundred miles. Its local situation is such that it falls in at the greatest extent of navigation for heavy vessels for one hundred and twenty miles above Montreal, and it is just opposite the Falls of Rideau on the south shore of the Ottawa. Between the western part of Hull and the eastern part of Eardley, there is a beautiful chain of Lakes extending about ten miles. The other Townships are particularly well watered with small Rivers and Lakes, and of an excellent quality for grazing. All kinds of timber are in abundance in these Townships ; but the predominant quality is Maple, Bass-Wood and Pine. From the head of the Long Sault to the Falls of the Chaudière, the soil is generally a fine deep meadow soil, within the distance of about a mile and a half of the Ottawa ; but the back lands are of an uneven surface, and of various qualities of soil. But with very small exceptions, the whole is as I have already said, well adapted for Grazing Farms.

Q. What is the population and extent of cultivated grounds within those Townships, to the best of your knowledge ?

A. In the Townships of Grenville, Buckingham and Templeton, I do not believe there are more than ten absolute Settlers. In the Town-