

area is 28,872 acres. A tornado passed over this section of country in 1792, which felled to the ground nearly every tree that stood in its course.

STAMFORD.

This township is bounded on the north by the township of Niagara; on the east by the Niagara River; on the south by Crowland and Willoughby; and on the west by Thorold. The land is generally rolling and the soil loamy. The township is traversed by the G. W. Main Line and Air Line roads, and the Niagara Division of the C. S. R. There are five post offices in the township, Clifton, Drummondville, Montrose, Stamford and South End.

The town of **Clifton** is located about the centre of the east border, on the left bank of the Niagara River, two miles below Niagara Falls. It is the eastern terminus of the G. W. R. and is also a station on the Niagara Division of the C. S. R. It is distant from Welland, 16 miles; from St Catharines, 12 miles; and from Hamilton, 43 miles. The river is here spanned by the International Railway Suspension Bridge, one of the architectural wonders of the age, which connects the G. W. R. with the railway system of the United States. The town is well supplied with water for household and other purposes, the works being located near the Falls, and the water conducted through pipes a distance of two miles. Clifton is largely dependent upon the tide of pleasure seekers which annually throng thither to enjoy the picturesque scenery connected with the Falls and its surroundings. It has little manufactures, but contains several fine churches, good hotels and business blocks, and a number of handsome residences. It is growing steadily in population, and at the present time contains a population of 3,000.

The Clifton Fire Department comprises a company of 50 members, with a steam fire engine. W. L. Flaherty, captain.

The Mechanics' Institute Library contains 500 volumes. There is a reading room in connection, which is open from 7 till 10 each evening. Judge Macdonald, prest; R. Low, Sec; Mrs. Grassick-librarian.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, A. F. and A. M. meets the first Monday in each month. Eighty members.

Niagara Falls Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F. meets Tuesdays. One hundred members.