

## Farmers of Waterloo County.

NOTE.—The letter *f* signifies freeholder, *h* a householder.

### NORTH DUMFRIES.

This township is bounded north by Waterloo ; east by Beverly, county Wentworth ; west by Blenheim, county Oxford ; and south by South Dumfries, county Brant.

The township of Dumfries (north and south) was first settled by W. Dickson in the year 1816. In 1817 the settlers numbered thirty-eight, making with their families a population of one hundred and sixty-three of all ages. There were in that year 245 acres cleared, and the business of the township, apart from agriculture, consisted of one sawmill and one store.

Among the early settlers were John and George Telfor, J. D. Campbell, Michael Knox, and Thos. Chisholm.

North Dumfries is well watered by the Grand and Nith Rivers and Cedar Creek. The soil is generally a light sandy loam, the surface rolling, and well adapted for wheat and other cereals. Great attention is paid to stock raising, and a number of Durham cattle and Leicester sheep have been imported.

The timber is a mixture of pine, oak, beech, maple, elm, cherry, bass-wood and cedar. Limestone of a superior quality is abundant.

There are at present in the township five flouring mills, two woollen mills and several sawmills.

POST VILLAGES.—Ayr, Branchton, Galt, and Roseville.

CENSUS OF 1861.—Occupiers of land, 364 ; amount held in acres, 44,174 ; under cultivation, 30,751 ; under crops, 18,495 ; under pasture, 11,681 ; gardens and orchards, 575 ; wood and wild lands, 13,423 ; cash value of farms, \$4,389,736. Fall wheat, acres, 7,336—average per acre, 25 bushels : spring wheat, acres, 765—average, 17 : barley, acres, 565—average, 27 : rye, acres, 111—average, 17 : oats, acres, 1,917—average, 33 : peas, acres, 1,031—average, 23. Population, 4,161.