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CANADA COMPANY'S OFFICE,  
Frederick-Street, Toronto, and Goderich, }  
30th April, 1852.

## REPORT,

*By the Clerk of the Peace of the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, upon the state of Crime within the said United Counties, during the year 1850.*

TO THE HONOURABLE BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND STATISTICS, TORONTO:

There are few circumstances in the history of an infantile settlement, more delightful to the statist or philanthropist, than the contemplation of the diminution of crime, and advancement of the prosperity of a people, or that tell more forcibly in favour of the good government of mankind, than when they are accompanied by active industry, full employment, and the real prosperity of a large, miscellaneous and contented community.

Moreover, the facts which I am about to adduce in support of the above sentiments, are big with enquiry and contemplation, both to the philosopher and the politician. Indeed it cannot be disputed in the present day, that the melioration of the condition of the people in all civilized countries under free and liberal governments, can only prosper and go hand in hand with just, equitable and humane legislation.

To the individual integrity of the Magistracy—now ramified over the length and breadth of the two senior counties—and by their benevolent and upright discharge of the administration of justice in accordance with the law of the land—to the absence also of political and sectarian animosity, but principally to the industry and morality of the people, are we mainly indebted for the remarkable diminution of crime which adorns the period in these united counties since the census in 1848.

But as facts are better than arguments, I shall at once go to the proof, in as far as the documents in my possession, and the returns of convictions by the Magistracy, and the records of the Courts of Quarter Sessions are concerned; leaving the trifling matters connected with the Courts of Assize—over whose statistics I have no control—to speak for themselves in another place.

The population of the Huron District in 1841, was..... 5,600  
In 1847, six years thereafter ..... 16,641.. Increase, 11,043  
In 1844, one year thereafter ..... 20,450.. Increase, 3,807  
In 1850, two years thereafter ..... 26,333.. Increase, 6,483

The last quotation is nearly independent of the new and fast settling county of Bruce, which, owing to the infancy of its municipal institutions, only returned 360 persons for the townships of Huron and Kincardine, but which may now confidently be assumed to contain from 3000 to 4000 inhabitants—say 3,067—or a total population of the three united counties of ..... 30,000

Being an increase for 1849 and 1850 of ..... 9,550  
Or a total increase, since 1841, of ..... 24,400  
An increase almost incredible, as upon reference to Smith's work on Canada, it will be found that the Huron District has made more rapid progress since its first settlement in 1827, than Lower Canada did in one hundred and four years, its population then being (in 1721) 24,511.

It should be borne in mind that the population of the United Counties, by the census returns, is composed of natives of England, Scotland and Ireland, French-Canadians, British Canadians, Germans, Dutch, United States, and other countries, living in peaceful neighbourhood, all rejoicing under twenty different subdivisions of the Christian faith, but by hypothesis not likely to remain in good fellowship. Daily experience, however, proves the contrary.

As regards the statistics of crime—and really the picadilloes committed in 1850 do not deserve so high a title—I shall first state those returned in 1848.

Convictions made by Justices in 1848..... 174  
Tried at Quarter Sessions..... 13  
Deduct acquitted ..... 7

Total convicted in 1848..... 180

Convictions by Justices in 1850..... 120  
Tried at Quarter Sessions..... 1  
Deduct acquitted ..... 1

Decrease of convictions for 1850 ..... 60

Amount of fines, penalties or damages, imposed by Justices in 1848, ..£112 19  
Amount imposed in 1850 .....£85 19 1  
Deduct amount remitted ..... 27 18 2  
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Decrease of fines for 1850.....£ 64 18 9

It is with no invidious feeling that I would here contrast the above with the statistics of crime for the city of Toronto for 1850, the number of parties apprehended there being 1,608, the city having a similar amount of population with the Huron. Such, however, is the melancholy difference between a city and an agricultural population.

In this favoured portion of the province of Upper Canada—blest with a salubrious climate and a fertile soil, watered with crystal springs and brooks in every direction, reposing upon a table land whose natural drainage flows uninterruptedly onwards to the streams and great rivers which intersect it in every quarter towards the noble Huron or Lake St. Clair—the energies of the people have been steadily devoted to practical progress and improvement, having in the short period above alluded to brought upwards of eighty thousand acres of the wilderness under cultivation, erected five thousand dwelling houses, fifty-six schools, fourteen churches, twelve grist mills with nineteen run of stones, five oat and barley mills, five distilleries, two breweries, eight tanneries, and twenty-four pot and pearl ash factories.

Among other matters which crowned their industry in 1850, I may shortly state the following productions:—

Wheat..... 232,949 bushels.  
Barley..... 13,012 "  
Rye..... 2,181 "  
Oats..... 215,415 "  
Peas..... 34,637 "  
Indian corn..... 5,352 "  
Potatoes..... 210,913 "  
Buckwheat..... 673 "  
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Turnips..... 143,725 "  
Hay..... 12,833 tons.  
Flax or hemp..... 7,359 pounds.  
Maple sugar..... 331,721 "  
Wool..... 54,347 "  
Fulled cloth..... 10,303 yards.  
Linen or cotton cloth..... 1,197 "  
Flannel or other unfilled cloth..... 41,397 "  
Cheese for market..... 7,761 pounds.  
Butter for market..... 58,783 "  
Beef or pork for market..... 1,308 barrels.

And they further rejoice in the possession of the following stock:—

Neat cattle..... 28,260  
Horses..... 2,646  
Sheep..... 20,022  
Hogs..... 14,655

The above gratifying examples speak loudly for the industry of the settlers; and whose hired labour can with difficulty be obtained at a high remuneration, notwithstanding the yearly increasing ratio of new comers, and moreover where all are diligently employed in the onward march to happiness and independence, we may truly be thankful to a superintending Providence that prosperity is in the ascendant, and that crime is on the decline.

All which is respectfully submitted by

DANIEL LIZARS,  
Clerk of the Peace.

Office of the Clerk of the Peace, }  
Goderich, May 1851. }

• By the Census of 1852, just taken, the population is 37,480; which shows that in the short space of two years the increase has been 10,547.