

COLBORNE DISTRICT.

Years.	House- holders.	Lands.		Value of Pro- perty.	Do. including Lands.
		Cultivated.	Uncultivated.		
1842	2690	48910	243084	\$245910 40	\$636015 20
1843	2897	53341	243092	273491 00	681327 40
1844	3014	58492	240802	295134 00	720997 80
1845	3310	64856	244086	346365 00	800968 00
1846	3456	72548	254892	383880 00	878023 60
1847	3557	79563	252683	410987 40	930987 40
1848	3742	89705	249107	442764 00	1003132 40
1849	3775	90601	243406	449128 00	1006426 80
1850	4057	97382	242847	390977 00	975885 87

THE BOBCAYGEON ROAD.

As remarked elsewhere, the Government have recently commenced the construction of a colonization road, extending in a northerly direction from Bobcaygeon to Bell's Line, upon which free grants of land of one hundred acres each are given to actual settlers. At the first a strong prejudice existed against the work, the country being regarded as utterly useless for agricultural purposes; but actual experience has changed the tone of public sentiment, and now settlement is taking place very rapidly, lots being staked off for occupation five and ten, miles in advance of the surveyors, even as far as Bell's line, forty-five miles from the village of Bobcaygeon. A great number of new Townships have been laid out, which, by an act of the present Parliament have been united to the Counties of Victoria, Peterboro' and North Hastings respectively. The following description of the Country is extracted from a report of M. Deane, Esq. Provincial Land Surveyor:—

"The first section, extending from the starting point at the North East Corner of Somerville to $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles on the main line, the land is of a rough undulating character with occasional valleys and patches of good sandy loam soil, the prevailing timber is hardwood, intermixed with hemlock and pine.

"The next section extending from $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles to 12 miles, the land is generally of a good description, the soil being composed of a sandy loam, and comparatively free of stone, it is well watered and fit for compact settlement.

"The next section extending from the 12th to 18th mile is tolerable land, more stony and undulating than the last section, soil the same as above described, the timber, hardwood mixed with pine and hemlock.

"The next section extending from the 18th mile to Mr. Bell's line, the land on the east side of the line is the same as the last section, but on the west side, the land is more hilly, stony and hemlocky.

"The whole line with some few deviations affords a good, direct and practicable site for a road.

"The country generally, with the exception of the section between the North boundary of Somerville and Gull Lake is adapted for settlement, the whole is well watered, being very much intersected by streams, rivers and lakes; those of