

ST. THOMAS.

The Capital of the County of Elgin, is situated near the centre of the County, in the Townships of Yarmouth and Southwold.

The surrounding country is one of the finest agricultural districts in Western Canada. Large quantities of wheat and other grain, are annually exported from this place.

The situation of St. Thomas is exceedingly pleasant. It is built on an elevated peninsula, formed by Kettle Creek and its tributaries, which make the complete circuit of the Town. The scenery in its immediate vicinity is remarkably picturesque and beautiful.

Since it became the County Town, which event took place in 1853, its progress though not very rapid, has been sure and steady. At the present time there is probably as much business transacted in it as there is in any place of the same size in Upper Canada.

St. Thomas is one of the principal stations of the London and Port Stanley Railroad, and by means of railway communication is connected with all parts of Canada, and the neighbouring States. It is distant from London, 18 miles; Simcoe, 48 miles; Chatham 82 miles; Hamilton, 94 miles; Windsor, 128 miles; Toronto, 132 miles; Niagara Falls, 139 miles; Kingston 297 miles; Ottawa, 365 miles; Montreal, 465 miles; New York, 632 miles; Quebec, 634 miles; Boston, 727 miles; and Portland, 757 miles.

In 1853 the town contained 1,100 inhabitants, its population is now about 1,800.

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