

The following is the report for 1876, which gives a large increase :

MUNICIPALITIES.	ASSESSED VALUE.	EQUALIZED VALUE.
Albion.....	\$ 851,540	\$1,175,700
Caledon.....	1,010,185	1,437,300
Chingacousy.....	3,028,615	3,291,100
Gore.....	783,413	780,600
Toronto.....	2,208,222	2,526,300
Brampton.....	611,518	433,300
Streetsville.....	124,283	90,000
Bolton.....	155,870	90,000
Total.....	\$8,773,646	\$9,824,300

GEOGRAPHICAL.

The County of Peel comprises the Townships of Toronto, Toronto Gore, Chingacousy, Caledon and Albion, the incorporated town of Brampton and the incorporated villages of Streetsville and Bolton.

It lies on the north shore of Lake Ontario, and has for its harbor Port Credit, situated in the centre of its front. With Lake Ontario in its front, the County is bounded on the east by the County of York, on the north by the Counties of Simcoe and Wellington, and on the west by the Counties of Wellington and Halton.

Though in extent Peel is one of the smallest counties in the Province, it is not inferior to many in natural advantages, or in wealth and population. It contains 293,300 acres of land and is thirty-seven miles in length, by an average breadth of about fifteen miles. The county is divided into two distinct sections by the chain of ridges running through it, entering about the south-west angle of Caledon and passing out of the county about midway, on the eastern boundary of Albion. There is a very marked difference in the character of the soil and climate, as well as in the general appearance of the country above and below this mountain. The land in the front part of the county, which may be called the lower region, is gently undulating, with a gradual but continual ascent, from the lake to the base of the mountain, where it rises more or less abruptly several hundred feet. In some parts this rise is nearly perpendicular, and in others it is broken for some miles, with hills over hills, so that it is difficult to ascertain when you have actually ascended the mountain. The mountain is about nine hundred feet above the level of Lake Ontario.

ROADS.

Dundas street, one of the leading roads in the Province, passes through the front part of Toronto Township. In the year 1836 it was partly gravelled and macadamized by grants of money from the Legislature. There is a tremendous amount of travel on this road, and the country along this line is more thickly settled than any other part of the county. Another road very much travelled is the lake shore road, which was at one time planked by a private company, but now is pretty much gravelled. The leading road through the length of the county is Hurontario Street, which runs from Port Credit north-west, through the centre of Toronto, Chingacousy and Caledon, and thence through to Collingwood. Another road much travelled is the sixth line, which extends from Dundas street north-west to Mono Mills in Mono, on the west, and the Gore and Albion on the east. The roads, generally, in Peel, are good and are nearly all open and more or less travelled, between every two concessions in the county, and "side roads" every five lots. In railroads Peel is not behind its sister counties, having the Grand Trunk and the Toronto Grey & Bruce running through it, besides having the Credit Valley graded through the county, which will likely be in running order in a few years.

SOIL, &c.

The soil of the lower region of the county is generally loamy clay, in some places approaching to a sandy loam, with a good coating of vegetable mould. As you ascend the mountain you come upon a country differing widely from the lower part of the county, both in soil and climate, and in general appearance. The soil here is generally a rich sandy loam and in some places inclining rather much to pure sand. The air is clearer, the climate colder and perhaps more healthy than below the mountain—though all parts of Peel is noted for the general good health of its inhabitants—much more snow falls in the winter and remains longer on the ground. The face of the country is more hilly and broken, and the timber of a larger and more thrifty growth. The lower portion, and in fact the whole of the county, is not excelled for wheat growing in any part of Canada. The other crops, such as peas, barley, oats, rye, corn and all root crops, grow abundantly and prove remunerative to the farmers.

STOCK, &c.

Cattle and sheep thrive well in all parts of the county, some parts especially being well calculated for the breeding of stock. Much attention has of late been given to the raising and improving of the different breeds. As far back as 1848 the returns showed the number of sheep in the county to be 29,232, which produced 84,120 pounds of wool. There are no large dairies in the county, but the census returns of 1851 report 484,418 lbs. butter and 51,055 lbs. cheese, which amount has been largely increased since that time.

WATER POWER, &c.

The whole of the County is well supplied with running streams, some large and some small, and good sweet water may generally be obtained from digging from twelve to twenty-five feet. The Credit, the principal River, is an excellent stream for water, and runs through the western part of the county. The advantages of this stream are numerous to the people, but are mostly made use of in the Township of Toronto, Springfield, Meadowvale, Streetsville, Churchville, and a large number of other places make use of this stream and its branches, and it has proved a source of wealth to the community, Caledon is well supplied with water power by branches of the Credit, while Albion is supplied by the Humber and its tributaries. In each of these townships are several mills which will receive due notice in their own locality.

SETTLEMENT.

The greater part of the county was settled about the year 1819 and following years, although the old survey of Toronto was thinly settled some years previously. The first settlers, as far as can be ascertained, came from New Brunswick, the States, and parts of upper Canada. They settled in front of Toronto Township, known as the "Old Survey," in about 1808 or 1810. The greater part of the New Survey was settled by a colony of Irish from the city of New York, who removed to, and settled upon their grants in the year 1819, under the superintendence of Messrs. Beatty & Graham. Chingacousy was chiefly settled by U. E. Loyalists and their descendants, and other inhabitants of Upper Canada, while the

other townships were mostly made up by emigrants from the old country. At this point we do not purpose taking up the history of the early settlers as we intend to give a separate account of each municipality in the county, when we will endeavour to give each place that notice which it deserves, not only in reference to its earliest history, but its present enterprises.

AGRICULTURAL.

The County of Peel Agricultural Society was organized on the 1st day of February, 1853. An Act having been passed previous which required a certain number of names before any County would be entitled to the Government grants, consequently a few persons who were interested in the Agricultural interests of the County, headed a petition as follows:—

"We, whose names are subscribed hereto, agree to form ourselves into a Society, under the provisions of the Act of Legislature, entitled, 'An act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to agriculture,' to be called, 'The County Agricultural Society of the County of Peel,' and we hereby severally agree to pay the Treasurer yearly, while we continue members of the Society, the sums opposite our respective names, and we further agree to conform with the rules and by-laws of the said Society." Seventy eight men signed the petition and met on the 1st of February 1853, and formed themselves into the Society, and appointed the following officers: Peleg Howland, Brampton, President; Jas. Hamilton, Chingacousy 1st Vice; Andrew Sterrat, Chingacousy, 2nd Vice.

DIRECTORS.—John Holmes, Brampton; R. A. Heartley, Chingacousy; Matthew Smith, Chingacousy; James Young, Chingacousy; John Elliott, Brampton; John Clark, Brampton; Wesley Todd, Chingacousy; John Lynch, Sec-Trea.

The Society has continued to prosper and on that small beginning, through the energy and perseverance of its Directors, it has assumed immense proportions. The exhibitions have of late years been thrown open to the Province, and large numbers from all parts attend the annual Fairs. From a membership of seventy-eight it has increased to 402. Last year there were taken in at the gate \$923.91, the total receipts of the year being \$2849.51, and after everything was paid a balance was left on hand of \$844.00. The grounds owned by the Society contain seven acres, and the whole property is valued at \$4000, free from all incumbrance. We give below the names of the gentlemen who have occupied the positions of President and Secretary from its organization.

	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1853	Peleg Howland	John Lynch
1854	Robert C. Smith	"
1855	John Vodden	"
1856	"	"
1857	"	"
1858	John Tilt	"
1859	Jas. Patterson	"
1860	"	"
1861	John Tilt	"
1862	"	"
1863	"	"
1864	R. A. Hartley	"
1865	"	"
1866	Emerson Taylor	"
1867	"	"
1868	M. Perdue	"
1869	"	"
1870	J. P. Hutton	D. L. Scott.
1871	"	"
1872	"	"
1873	Wm. Elliott	"
1874	John C. Snell	"
1875	"	J. P. Clark.
1876	Richard Hamilton	A. Armour.
1877	"	"

POLITICAL.

There has always been a hard struggle in the County of Peel for Parliamentary honors. The County being so evenly divided in politics that each party entered into the contests under the full conviction that they would be successful, several times the winning candidate has been elected by the very narrowest majorities. The following is the report of the Elections since the year 1854.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Hon. J. C. Aikens defeated Geo. Wright in 1854; Hon. J. H. Cameron defeated Aikens in 1861 and represented the County until Confederation, when he was again elected and sat until 1872, when he was defeated by Mr. Robert Smith, by a majority of 16. Mr. Smith still represents the County, this being his second term.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

At the first general election of the Local House, Mr. John Coyne was elected over Mr. Robert Smith, by a majority of 40. He was again elected in 1871, defeating Mr. Thomas Boles, by 59 votes. Mr. Coyne dying before his second term expired. Mr. Kenneth Chisholm was elected over Mr. S. White. Mr. Chisholm was again elected, defeating Mr. Beynon in 1875. He at present represents the County.

DIVISION COURTS.

The boundaries of the Division Courts are as follows:

DIVISION No. 1.—Embraces the Town of Brampton, the Township of Chingacousy, and the Northern Division of the Township of Toronto Gore.

Clerk.—T. A. AGAN, Brampton, P.O.

Bailiff.—WILLIAM BRODDY.

DIVISION No. 2.—The village of Streetsville, the Township of Toronto, and the Southern division of the Township of Gore.

Clerk.—ADAM SIMPSON, Streetsville P.O.

Bailiff.—GEORGE HAWKINS.

DIVISION No. 3.—The Township of Caledon.

Clerk.—JOHN HARRIS, Caledon P. O.

Bailiff.—WILLIAM STUBBS.

DIVISION No. 4.—The village of Bolton, and the Township of Albion.

Clerk.—L. R. BOLTON, Bolton P. O.

Bailiff.—JOHN C. SWITZER.

COUNTY COURTS.

There are two annual sittings of the County Court fixed by Statute, the first one is on the second Tuesday in the month of June, the second on the second Tuesday in December. There are two regular Courts held each year by the County Judge for the trial of issues without juries, viz: On the first Monday in April, and the first Monday in October. There are other sittings of this Court held through the year at the discretion of the Judge.

MAGISTERIAL.

The following is a complete list, alphabetically arranged, of the Magistrates of the County of Peel, also giving other Post Offices.

NAME.	P. O.	NAME.	P. O.
Anderson, W. J. .. .	Brampton	Kennedy, Emery .. .	Alton
Anderson, Chris. .. .	Mayfield	Kennedy, John .. .	Dixie
Alexander, Jas. .. .	Brampton	Kennedy, Johnston .. .	Tullamore
Armstrong, Jno. .. .	do	King, T. D. .. .	Cooksville
Armstrong, Jos. .. .	do	Kirkwood, John .. .	Rockside
Anthony, John .. .	do	Lawrence, J. B. .. .	Humber
Allan, Richard .. .	Mono Mills	Leison, M. .. .	Orangeville
Arnoth, James .. .	Churchville	Leffar, John .. .	Caledon
Aikens, John .. .	Richview	Lipsett, Hugh .. .	Campbell's Cross
Bellas, William .. .	Brampton	Lundy, Francis .. .	Derry West
Burnett, Henry .. .	do	Lyons, John .. .	Cheltenham
Balling, John .. .	Streetsville	Lyons, Thomas .. .	do
Barber, Wm. .. .	do	Lynch, John .. .	Brampton
Barber, Robert .. .	do	Little, Thomas .. .	Sandhill
Bailey, Joseph .. .	Castlemore	Lawrence, David .. .	Brampton
Brown, John .. .	Caledon	Lowe, Robert .. .	do
Beatty, John .. .	Campbell's Cross	McCollum, R. C. .. .	Campbell's Cross
Bell, Robert .. .	Grahamsville	McCollum, P. H. .. .	do
Bible, John .. .	Sleswick	McCollum, P. T. .. .	Georgetown
Birdsall, Wm. .. .	Meadowville	McCollum, W. F. .. .	Claude
Bolton, L. R. .. .	Bolton	McCulla, W. A. .. .	Brampton
Bradley, John .. .	Campbell's Cross	McClure, Samuel .. .	Huttonville
Bransby, Francis .. .	Churchville	McKeown, Robert .. .	Orangeville
Burrell, Christopher .. .	Stanley Mills	McKinnon, Archibald .. .	Sleswick
Bowles, Thos. Sr. .. .	Mono Road	McCean, Archibald .. .	Woodhall
Campbell, A. .. .	Campbell's Cross	McCabe, Alexander .. .	Mount Hurst
Campbell, R. P. .. .	Brampton	McManus, George .. .	Sleswick
Campbell, Seth .. .	Campbell's Cross	Mahaffy, Wm. .. .	Brampton
Campbell, P. C. .. .	Caledon East	Moore, C. Y. .. .	do
Colton, Robert .. .	Port Credit	Milburn, Joseph .. .	Caledon East
Caisor, James .. .	Mono Road	Moffat, John .. .	Sleswick
Cox, Robert .. .	Credit	Mulholland, Thomas .. .	Humber
Crauston, Alex. .. .	Sleswick	Munsie, James .. .	Albion
Curry, Jas. A. .. .	Norval	Murphy, Michael .. .	Castlemore
Caven, James .. .	Coleraine	Mitchell, Alexander .. .	Orangeville
Curless, Thomas .. .	Albion	Monkman, D. .. .	Mount Hurst
Crawford, Eli .. .	Brampton	Nixon, John .. .	Brampton
Cheyne, Luther .. .	do	Nixon, Adam .. .	do
Cheyne, George .. .	Cooksville	Nixon, William .. .	do
Clark, John .. .	Albion	Natrass, Thomas .. .	Albion
Dion, Mitchell .. .	Tullamore	Newlove, J. W. .. .	Macville
Dodds, George .. .	do	O'Reilly, John .. .	Tullamore
Duggan, William .. .	Brampton	Orr, Joseph .. .	Port Credit
Dawson, George .. .	Grahamsville	Ovens, James .. .	Allva
Eakins, John .. .	Streetsville	Patterson, Samuel .. .	Brampton
Egan, Phillip .. .	Castlemore	Peaker, Wm. .. .	do
Elliott, Wm. .. .	Meadowvale	Patterson, James .. .	Albion
Emmett, W. K. .. .	Sandhill	Pinnery, W. J. .. .	Streetsville
Evans, George .. .	Bolton	Perdue, Micheal .. .	Campbell's Cross
Evans, John .. .	Sleswick	Pollard, Joshua .. .	Sheridan
Evans, Richard .. .	do	Price, Samuel .. .	Dixie
Ellis, James A. .. .	Tullamore	Price, John J. .. .	Burnhamthorpe
Archibald, Frank .. .	Cheltenham	Pattullo, W. F. .. .	Albion
Foster, William .. .	Brampton	Parker, Melville .. .	Cooksville
Golding, William .. .	do	Quinn, Robt. .. .	Edmonton
Graham, George .. .	do	Robb, George .. .	Mount Wolf
Graham, Thomas .. .	Derry West	Robinson, Thos. .. .	Campbell's Cross
Graham, W. K. .. .	Brampton	Ross, Henry .. .	Norval
Graham, Joseph .. .	do	Runians, E. O. .. .	Brampton
Gradon, John .. .	Streetsville	Russell, Thomas .. .	Alton
Hamilton, John .. .	Brampton	Rutledge, George .. .	Brampton
Hamilton, Jas. .. .	Port Credit	Scott, James .. .	do
Hammond, Oliver .. .	Credit	Saider, Wm. .. .	do
Hauton, Thos. .. .	Caledon East	Slightsholm, James .. .	Humber
Hurst, Wm. .. .	Brampton	Smith, John .. .	Claude
Harris, Isaac .. .	Caledon	Sparrow, Wm. .. .	Melville
Harte, John .. .	Tromore	Stokes, Wm. .. .	Cheltenham
Haggert, John .. .	Brampton	Stubbs, Samuel .. .	Caledon
Hearn, Wm. .. .	Mayfield	Scott, John .. .	Caledon East
Henry, William .. .	Cheltenham	Swinerton, Thos. .. .	Columbia
Hogg, Alexander .. .	Edmonton	Shields, Robert .. .	Mono Roads
Holtby, Thomas .. .	Brampton	Shore, Henry .. .	Albion
Hutton, J. P. .. .	Huttonville	Strong, Henry .. .	Tullamore
Harper, Henry .. .	Albion	Shaver, W. T. .. .	Summerville
Henderson, Jno. .. .	Cheltenham	Stizen, Edmun .. .	Claude
Haines, Chas. .. .	do	Taylor, Emerson .. .	Credit
Henry, Robert .. .	Sleswick	Taylor, William .. .	Castlemore
Hanna, Wm. .. .	Mono Road	Thornton, Wm. .. .	Mayfield
Hamilton, Richard .. .	Brampton	Verner, George .. .	Albion
Johnston, David .. .	Coleraine	Walker, James .. .	Caledon East
Johnston, James .. .	Mount Charles	Walker, W. W. .. .	Cheltenham
Johnston, James .. .	Albion	Wiggins, John .. .	Claude
Jaffray, Wyatt .. .	Albion	Wolf, James .. .	Albion
Jull, Thomas .. .	Orangeville	Wolf, Thomas .. .	Mount Wolf
Justin, Wm. .. .	Streetsville	Wright, W. K. .. .	Britania
Jackson, James .. .	Mount Charles	Wallace, John .. .	Mount Hurst

CORONERS.

NAME.	P. O.	NAME.	P. O.
Dr. Stewart, .. .	Grahamsville	Dr. Chrs. Douglass, .. .	Streetsville.
Dr. J. H. Riddall .. .	Alton.	Dr. David Bonnar, .. .	Bolton.
Dr. T. G. Phillips .. .	Grahamsville	Dr. John Hickman, .. .	Bolton.
Dr. J. Mullin .. .	Brampton.	Dr. D. Heggie .. .	Brampton
Dr. Wood .. .	Streetsville.	Dr. Allison .. .	Coldwell.
Dr. Chas. Robinson, .. .	Claude.	Dr. B. W. Dixie .. .	Dixie.