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Population in 1842, 1541.

Ratable property in the township, £20,787.

**BROCK DISTRICT.**

Consists of the county of Oxford, which returns a member to the House of Assembly, and comprises the townships of Blandford, Blenheim, Burford, Dereham, Nissouri, North Oxford, East Oxford, West Oxford, Oakland, Norwich, East Zorra, and West Zorra. This is a fine district, containing excellent land, most of it high, and much of it rolling; and many well cultivated farms. It is watered by branches of the Grand River, the Thames, Otter Creek, and Catfish Creek, besides numerous small streams scattered over the district. The soil of the district varies much in quality; but a large portion of it is good land, fit for cultivation. The Brock District is settled principally by emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland, many of them English. Improvements have been going on slowly, but gradually; and some of the most beautifully situated farms in Canada are to be found in the neighbourhood of Woodstock, the district town. There are no Crown lands for sale in this district.

Population of the Brock District in 1842, 16,271; since when it has probably increased one-fifth.

The following abstract from the assessment rolls will show the rate of increase and improvement in the district:—

Date.	No. of Acres Cultivated.	MILLS.		Milch Cows.	Oxen, 4 years old, and upwards.	Horned Cattle, from 2 to 4 years old.	Amount of Ratable Property.
		Grist.	Saw.				
1842	67397	13	46	6790	2941	3924	£220,335
1843	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
1844	83046	15	53	7248	3357	3944	250,344

*Government and District Officers in the Brock District:*

OFFICE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Judge of District Court .....	D. S. McQueen.....	Woodstock,
Sheriff .....	James Carroll .....	Do.
Clerk of Peace .....	Wm. Lapenotiere.....	Do.
Judge of Surrogate Court .....	Do. ....	Do.
Registrar of do. ....	John G. Vansittart .....	Do.
Treasurer .....	H. C. Barwick .....	Do.
Registrar of County .....	James Ingersoll .....	Ingersoll.
Inspector of Licenses .....	John G. Vansittart .....	Woodstock
Crown Lands' Agent .....	John Carroll.....	Zorra.
District Clerk .....	W. Lapenotiere .....	Woodstock
Clerk to District Court .....	John G. Vansittart .....	Do.
Deputy Clerk of Crown .....	Do. ....	Do.
Coroners .....	S. J. Stratford & J. Turquand	Do.
Warden.....	Geo. W. Whitehead .....	Burford.
District Superintendent of Schools	Geo. Hendry .....	Woodstock.
Auditors .....	Jno. McF. Wilson & V. Hall	Do.

In consequence of the absence of the Superintendent, I was unable to procure a list of the schools in this district.

## BROCKVILLE.

The District Town of the Johnstown District, in the county of Leeds, situated on the St. Lawrence, fifty-six miles east from Kingston; the eastern road passing through it. It was laid out in 1802, and is now incorporated. This is a handsome town, most of the houses and other buildings being constructed of stone, many of which have cut fronts. Being situated on a bed of lime stone, this material is found the cheapest that can be used for building, and its general adoption gives the town a very substantial appearance. Granite is also to be obtained in the immediate neighbourhood of the town, but being harder to work is not at present used. The court house and jail is a handsome stone building. There are six churches and chapels, viz., Episcopal, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational, all of which are of stone. During the season, the steamboats call here regularly, on their passages to and from Montreal and Kingston. A road is constructed from this place to Perth, the capital of the Bathurst District, which is about 40 miles north-west. Two newspapers are published here weekly, the "Statesman," and the "Brockville Recorder." On an island, or rather rock, in the St. Lawrence, opposite the town, is a block house, where are stationed a few rifles.

Population 2111.

Post Office, post every day.

The following government and district offices are kept in Brockville: Judge of District Court, Sheriff, Treasurer, Clerk of Peace, Registrar of County of Leeds, do. of Surrogate Court, Collector of Customs, Inspector of Licenses, Superintendent of Schools, Clerk of District Court, District Clerk, Deputy Clerk of Crown.

*Professions and Trades.*—Three physicians and surgeons, seven lawyers, one grist mill, eighteen stores, four tanneries, two asheries, one bookseller, one brewery, one foundry, two printers, two saw mills, three chemists and druggists, ten taverns, four waggon makers, four blacksmiths, two tinmiths, two gunsmiths, two watchmakers, two saddlers, six tailors, eight shoemakers, three cabinet makers, six groceries, two hatters, four bakers, three painters, two bank agencies — "Montreal," and "Commercial."

*Forwarders and Commission Merchants.*—Sanderson & Murray, H. & S. Jones.

*Land Agent.*—Andrew N. Buell.

*Principal Tavern.*—"Wilson's."

## BROMLEY.

A Township in the Bathurst District; has been divided off from the township of Ross, and is bounded on the north-east by Ross; on the north-west by Stafford; on the west by unsurveyed lands; and on the south-east by Admaston. In Bromley 9614 acres are taken up, 770 of which are under cultivation. This township is as yet but little settled, and 41,500 acres of Crown Lands are open for sale in it. There is one saw mill in the township.

Population not returned.

Ratable property in the township, £3399.

## BRONTE.

A small Village in the township of Trafalgar, on the Lake Shore Road, seven miles from Wellington Square, situated on the Twelve-mile Creek. It contains about 100 inhabitants, grist and saw mills, one store, two taverns, one waggon maker, one blacksmith, one cabinet maker.

## BROOKE.

A Township in the Western District; is bounded on the east by Adelaide and Mosa; on the north by Warwick; on the west by Plympton and Ennis-

killen ; and on the south by Zone. In Brooke 3412 acres are taken up, 404 of which are under cultivation. The north branch of Bear Creek runs through the north-west corner of the township. This township is as yet but little settled : there are some wet places in it, but a large proportion of the land is of good quality. Fifteen thousand seven hundred acres of Crown lands are open for sale in Brooke, at 8s. currency per acre. There is one grist and one saw mill in the township.

Population, 169.

Ratable property in the township, £1602.

#### BROWNSVILLE.

A small Village in the township of King, one mile and a half north-east of Lloydtown; contains about sixty inhabitants. There are in Brownsville one grist and saw mill, one tavern, one store, one blacksmith.

#### BURFORD.

A Township in the Brock District; is bounded on the east by the townships of Brantford and Oakland; on the north by Blenheim; on the west by Oxford and Norwich; and on the south by Windham. In Burford 39,255 acres are taken up, 13,683 of which are under cultivation. The north of the township consists principally of oak plains—a description of land easily cultivated, and, under proper management, growing excellent wheat. In the south of the township the timber is mostly pine. There is a large swamp near the south-east corner. There are one grist and nine saw mills in the township.

Population in 1842, 2,314.

Ratable property in the township, £35,856.

#### BURGESS, SOUTH.

A Township in the Johnstown District; is bounded on the north-east by the township of South Elmsley; on the north-west and west by the Rideau Lake; and on the south-east by Bastard. In South Burgess 3,226 acres are taken up, 294 of which are under cultivation. This is a very small township, and it is but little settled. One thousand three hundred acres of Crown lands are open for sale in South Burgess, at 8s. currency per acre.

The population of Burgess is included in that of Bastard, no separate return having been made.

Ratable property in the township, £1,228.

#### BURGESS, NORTH.

A Township in the Bathurst District; is bounded on the north-east by the township of Elmsley; on the north-west by Bathurst; on the south-west by North Crosby; and on the south-east by the Rideau Lake. In Burgess 12,273 acres are taken up, 2,167 of which are under cultivation. There are several large lakes in the township; the principal of which are Pike Lake, Salmon Lake, Ottley's Lake, and the Rideau Lake. Much of the land bordering on the lakes is poor and stoney. Three thousand one hundred acres of Crown lands are open for sale in North Burgess, at 8s. currency per acre. There are two saw mills in the township.

Population in 1842, 553.

Ratable property in the township, £7,047.

#### BURLEIGH.

A Township in the Colborne District; is bounded on the east by the township of Methuen; on the north by unsurveyed lands: on the west by Harvey; and on the south by Dummer. Salmon Lake and Stoney Lake, portions of the chain

of lakes that runs through the District, separate the township from Dummer; and numerous small lakes are scattered over the township. Burleigh is at present but little settled, and no return has yet been made from it. Forty-eight thousand and twenty-one acres of Crown lands are open for sale, at 8s. currency per acre.

#### BURLINGTON BAY.

A Bay at the western extremity of Lake Ontario, about five miles and a half long, and about three miles and three quarters broad in its widest part. In shape it is nearly triangular, with its base towards the lake. A long, low ridge of sand nearly separates it from the lake; and in order to make it accessible, a canal has been formed from the lake, through the bar, to enable vessels to reach Hamilton, and, through the Desjardins Canal, Dundas. There is a considerable marsh at its western extremity, through which the Desjardins Canal has been constructed. The old works being out of repair, and inefficient, great improvements have been made in the canal: it has been enlarged by dredging, and the piers have also been much improved. From the commencement of the work up the 1st July, 1844, £18,539. 11s. 2d. have been expended on it; and the gross revenue arising from tolls on the canal, from 1st February, 1844, to 31st January, 1845, amounted to £2933. The town of Hamilton is situated near the south-western extremity of the bay.

The following are the Rates of Toll at the Burlington Bay Canal:—

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.	RATES.
Steamboats (weekly).....	.....	10s. 0d.
Do. (semi-weekly) .....	.....	5 0
Do. (daily).....	.....	2 6
Sailing craft under 10 tons .....	.....	Free.
Do. 10 tons and under 50 .....	.....	5 0
Do. 50 tons and upwards .....	.....	10 0
Wheat.....	Per bushel.....	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Flour .....	Per barrel.....	0 2
Whiskey .....	Do. ....	0 6
Pork .....	Do. ....	0 6
Ashes .....	Do. ....	1 0
Salt .....	Do. ....	0 3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Butter.....	Do. ....	0 9
Do. ....	Per keg.....	0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard .....	Do. ....	0 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Do. ....	Per barrel.....	0 9
Beer.....	Do. ....	0 6
Beeswax .....	Do. ....	0 9
Plaster of Paris .....	Do. ....	0 6
Cider .....	Do. ....	0 3
Oil .....	Do. ....	0 9
Lumber ..	Per 1000 feet..	0 10
Square Timber .....	Do. ....	2 6
Shingles .....	Per 1000 .....	0 3
Ploughs .....	Each .....	0 6
Potatoes ..	Per bushel.....	0 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Apples.....	Do. ....	0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Stone .....	Per toise .....	0 3
Peas and Oats .....	Per bushel.....	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Merchandize .....	Per cwt .....	0 3
West India Staves.....	Per 1200 ps. ...	2 6
Pipe Staves.....	Per 1000 .....	10 0
Pig Iron.....	Per cwt.....	0 1
Coal .....	Do. ....	0 1

### BURWELL LAKE.

A Lake in the township of Bosanquet, or rather two lakes connected together by a narrow gut; situated about three miles from Lake Huron, in the triangle formed by the bend of the River Sable; its northern extremity is about three miles from the north boundary of the township. It is about four miles long by about two in breadth; and is surrounded by a considerable extent of marsh. It has never been surveyed.

### BYTOWN.

The District Town of the Dalhousie District; situated in the north-east corner of the township of Nepean, on the Ottawa River. It is divided into two portions, called Upper and Lower Bytown; the former is the most aristocratic, the latter the most business portion of the town. The lower town has been long settled: the upper town has been more recently erected, and is situated about half a mile higher up the river, and on considerably higher ground. The land on which the upper town is erected, together with a portion of that comprising the lower town, was purchased some years since for the sum of £80, and is now computed to be worth some £50,000 or £60,000. The Rideau Canal enters the Ottawa River just above the lower town, where eight handsome locks have been constructed to overcome the fall in the river.

The scenery about Bytown is, next to that at the Falls of Niagara, the most picturesque of the inhabited portion of Canada. The Chaudiere Falls, a short distance above the upper town, are very beautiful. Just below the falls, a handsome Suspension Bridge has been constructed over the Ottawa, which connects Upper with Lower Canada.

Bytown is principally supported by the lumber trade. On the Lower Canadian side of the river, slides have been constructed to facilitate the passage of the rafts. Here all timber brought down the river, which has been cut on Crown lands, is measured, and the owner enters into a bond for the payment of the duties at Quebec. The town is fast improving in appearance, and several handsome stone buildings are already erected. The Barracks are in a commanding situation, on the highest part of the bank of the river, between the upper and lower town, and are garrisoned by a company of Rifles.

The inhabitants of the lower town are about one-third French Canadians, the remainder are principally Irish.

Churches and chapels in the lower town, five; viz., Catholic, Free Church, two Methodist, and Baptist: in Upper Bytown, three; viz., Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist. The Jail and Court House are of stone. Two Fire Engines are kept; one in the upper, and one in the lower town. There is a "Commercial Reading-room," supported by subscription; and a "Mercantile Library Association."

A Fair is held at Bytown on the second Tuesday in April, and the third Wednesday in September. Three newspapers are published here weekly—the "Ottawa Advocate," "Bytown Gazette," and "Packet."

During the season, a steamboat plies daily between Bytown and Grenville, in Lower Canada, leaving Bytown in the morning, and returning from Grenville in the evening. And comfortable boats of a good size, ply on the Rideau Canal, between Bytown and Kingston; but, as they are generally engaged in towing barges, there is little dependance to be placed on their regularity.

Population of Bytown, about 7000.

Post Office, post daily. The mail is conveyed to Kingston on horseback.

The following Government and District Offices are kept in Bytown:—Judge of District Court, Sheriff, Clerk of Peace, Judge of Surrogate Court, Treasurer, Registrar of Surrogate Court, District Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Coroner, Collector of Timber Duties.

*Professions and Trades.*—In Upper Bytown: three lawyers, two grist mills, two saw mills, three foundries, fourteen general stores, two lumber merchants

stores, two druggists, one printer, five blacksmiths, two saddlers, seven shoemakers, four tailors, three cabinet makers, one tinsmith, one butcher, one baker, one barber, one waggon maker, four taverns, one ladies' school. Three Bank agencies—"Montreal," "Upper Canada," and "Bank of British North America." In Lower Bytown: one physician and surgeon, four lawyers, thirty-two stores, six tanneries, two breweries, two druggists, one soap and candle factory, two printers, thirty-five taverns, fifty groceries, twenty beer shops, six saddlers, fourteen shoemakers, six tinsmiths, six tailors, three watchmakers, seven butchers, eight bakers, four cabinet makers, one coach maker, one turner, four waggon makers, two hatters, seven schools. Two Bank agencies—"Commercial," and "City Bank of Montreal."

*Principal Taverns.*—Upper Town: "Dalhousie Hotel," and "Exchange."  
Lower Town: "British Hotel," and "Ottawa House."

*Forwarders:*

Hooker, Henderson & Co.	}	Storehouses at Canal Wharf.
Sanderson & Murray,		
Macpherson, Crane & Co.		
H. & S. Jones,		
Quebec Forwarding Company,		
John Egan & Co.		

*Land Agent.*—Christopher Armstrong.

*Steamboat Fares.*—To Grenville (exclusive of meals)..... 10s. 0d.  
Do. To Kingston (meals included) ..... 27 6

Quantity of Timber brought down the Ottawa, during the year 1844, with its estimated value:—

White Pine, 52,864 pieces, being 3,700,480 feet, at 6d. ...	£92,512	0	0
Red Pine, 92,874 pieces, being 2,529,212 feet, at 10d.....	147,050	0	10
Oak and Elm, 160 pieces, being 5440 feet, at 7d.....	158	13	4
Saw Logs, 79,853, each 4s. 2d. ....	16,636	0	10
	£256,356	15	0

Amount of duty on the above, £23,805 9s. 3d.  
The Free Timber, or that cut on private lands, may be estimated at about one-third of the above, or ..... 85,399 7 2  
Making together ..... £341,756 2 2

**CAISTOR.**

A Township in the Niagara District; is bounded on the east by the township of Gainsborough; on the north-east by Grimsby and Saltfleet; on the west by Binbrook; and on the south by Seneca and Canboro. In Caistor 9,738 acres are taken up, 2,636 of which are under cultivation. The Chippawa, or Welland River, runs through the south of the township. There are 1 grist and four saw mills in the township. Inhabitants principally Canadians and Americans, 599 in number.

Ratable property in the township, £9,071.

**CALEDONIA.**

A Village in the township of Caledonia, in the Ottawa District, five miles south from the Ottawa River, and nine miles from L'Orignal. This is the situation of the "Caledonia Springs" which are now generally well known in Canada, by reputation at least. The village owes its existence altogether to the situation of the springs, the discovery of which has been the sole cause of the formation of the settlement. There were but two or three houses in the place, which were kept for the reception of visitors to the springs, till the property came into the possession of the present proprietor in 1836, who immediately commenced improving the situation, by clearing and building. The