

## MUNICIPALITIES.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

There are three Counties in Prince Edward Island—Queen's, King's, and Prince's. The division is, however, simply geographical, the Counties having no Wardens, Councils, debts, &c. The only Corporation is that of Charlottetown, established 1855.

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

There is no Municipal organization in Newfoundland, the Government taking charge of all the local improvements.

## UPPER CANADA.

The Municipal system has attained very extensive development in Upper Canada. With the exception of two "unorganized districts,"—Algoma, to the north of Lakes Huron and Superior; and Nipissing, the region around the Lake of that name,—the whole of Upper Canada enjoys complete Municipal self-government. The people in every city, town, village and township elect persons to represent them in city, town, and township Councils, which have the power of borrowing money or raising it by direct taxation, and of expending it on roads, bridges, and other local improvements. All the Municipalities within a county are further represented by the heads of their local Councils, called Reeves, (and in the case of large ones, by their Deputy Reeves), in the Council of the county, whose jurisdiction is general over the whole county. The cities are not considered within the counties for Municipal purposes, and a few towns have also withdrawn themselves from the jurisdiction of the County Councils.

The last official report gives as the acres assessed, the number of ratepayers, and the assessed value of real estate in the following Municipalities:—

Name of the Municipality.	No. of Acres Assessed.	No. of Rate-payers Ass.	Assessed Value of Real Estate.	Name of the Municipality.	No. of Acres Assessed.	No. of Rate-payers Ass.	Assessed Value of Real Estate.
Brant.....	223,879	5,377	\$5,250,031	Stormont,			
Carleton.....	551,388	6,032	3,783,117	Dundas, and	760,035	9,596	\$5,991,223
Elgin.....	445,227	6,303	4,016,338	Glengarry..			
Essex.....	381,657	5,809	3,080,333	Victoria.....	511,928	4,918	2,075,768
Frontenac.....	459,909	5,774	2,644,965	Waterloo.....	314,891	6,956	6,204,811
Grey.....	1,033,953	9,739	3,640,567	Welland.....	220,904	5,233	5,398,903
Haldimand.....	284,802	4,724	3,602,171	Wellington.....	723,924	10,296	9,096,145
Halton.....	227,189	4,068	4,822,365	Wentworth....	270,772	6,552	6,036,448
Hastings.....	560,215	7,272	3,663,047	York and Peel..	842,774	15,469	18,782,298
Huron and Bruce.	1,418,233	17,929	10,809,309				
Kent.....	540,422	6,552	4,244,627	CITIES.			
Lambton.....	652,300	5,994	4,800,543	Hamilton.....	2,307	5,471	7,932,716
Lanark & Renfrew	1,163,789	10,438	4,202,066	Kingston.....	2,030	3,331	3,967,800
Leeds & Grenville.	728,957	11,293	6,830,068	London.....	1,245	3,940	4,452,010
Lennox & Add'gton	339,642	6,384	3,770,931	Ottawa.....	1,829	5,129	4,325,500
Lincoln.....	193,087	5,461	6,764,890	Toronto.....	4,885	14,121	20,290,456
Middlesex.....	755,245	11,644	6,105,568				
Norfolk.....	364,898	5,340	4,436,358	TOWNS			
Northumb'rland } & Durham.... }	805,478	12,646	9,971,679	[separated from Counties.]			
Ontario.....	484,184	8,472	6,377,607	Belleville.....	1,250	1,659	2,139,966
Oxford.....	473,640	8,117	9,123,252	Cobourg.....	2,600	1,294	1,340,283
Perth.....	505,017	7,191	4,370,508	Peterborough...	570	1,602	942,063
Peterborough....	557,800	4,390	2,091,936	Port Hope.....	1,038	1,031	1,001,565
Prescott & Russell	558,941	3,919	1,813,088	St. Mary's.....	2,850	803	570,630
Prince Edward...	234,839	4,239	4,239,777	St. Thomas...	600	434	24,729
Simcoe.....	989,731	9,015	4,763,083	Total, U. C. 1865	18,587,783	291,477	232,782,016

The sums opposite the name of each County are the aggregate of all the Towns and Townships within the County, as well as of the County itself, as a separate Corporation.

The total revenue of the Municipalities from taxation is nearly \$4,000,000 per annum, of which all but \$350,000 is raised in the rural districts.

## LOWER CANADA.

The Municipal system of Lower Canada is not so complete in its practical operation as that of Upper Canada. In several of the Counties, the County Council never meets, and the Township and Parish organizations are very imperfect. This does not proceed from the difference of race between the people of Upper and Lower Canada, because several of the Counties, where the French element prevails almost exclusively, have developed this kind of self-government very thoroughly. It would rather seem to proceed from the sparser population and comparative poverty of some of the rural districts—so that in time, when these causes disappear, we may expect to see the Municipal system as universally well administered as it is in the western portion of the Province.