

Information as to Mills, Factories, &c., &c., their cost, power, produce, &c.	Number of persons usually employed therein.	General Remarks of the Enumerator.
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<p>The soil of Mersea is admirably adapted for dairies, grazing and the raising of Tobacco, Indian Corn Potatoes Rye and Wheat the settlers are exceedingly scattered some almost isolated, perhaps there are but few Townships in which they are so much so, this arises from the large blocks of Canada Company lands and Clergy Reserves which being held at too high a price are a great barrier to the compact settlement of the Township the Municipality is doing all in its power to facilitate settlement by opening roads, but in this Township as in many others in this County the lands being dear and requiring draining intending settlers seek a home in the neighbouring parishes and many of our best and hardiest men are driven to a foreign country enriching by their labour the locality in which they settle. through the high price of wild land in this the failure of the Indian Corn crop last year was owing to the immense havoc caused by the black squirrels. Potatoes too were much affected by the rot.</p> <p>This Township contains Two Taverns. One English Church (Tram) One Wesleyan Methodist. Two water Saw Mills which run about 7 months in the year One Furnace</p> <p>This Township requires but little other encouragement than a reduction in the price of wild lands and with this it would speedily settle and become flourishing. When it is taken into consideration that most of the land is low and necessarily requires ditching as well as clearing, it will be readily supposed that but few persons are able or willing to enter the "Back" and commence farming, the great complaint among the back settlers is, that it takes half as much to drain as to clear and in consequence of so much unsettled land it is impossible in many cases to drain at all. The people are generally poor and the Council feels unable to make roads through miles of unsettled land with a remote prospect of their settlement.</p> <p>I would respectfully submit the consideration of this important subject to those who have the power to reduce the price of these lands, being fully convinced that if the price of wild land was considerably reduced, they it would soon settle but without such reduction it will be many years before much improvement takes place in this Township with respect to settlement</p>		
<p>James King Enumerator</p>		

**OATH OF ENUMERATOR.**

James King Enumerator  
of Enumeration Division, Number \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
Township of Mersea in the County of  
Essex maketh Oath and saith that the  
sheets hereto annexed marked Personal Census, 1 to 24  
consecutively, and Agricultural Census, 1 to 4 contain  
a full and particular enumeration of the said district,  
and that the same was diligently and faithfully taken  
by him in accordance with the instructions that he re-  
ceived touching the same and that to the best of his  
belief the said return is correct and true.

Sworn before me  
at Gosfield  
this 13 day of July 1852.

James King  
J.P.

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