

THE CITY OF HAMILTON.



TRADITION tells us that the first white men to set foot upon the land where now the flourishing City of Hamilton stands, were La Salle and his voyageurs, who explored the head waters of Lake Ontario in 1669, when the "forest primeval" was in an unbroken state and in the undisturbed possession of the red man. But the first authentic record of the location of a white settlement on its site gives the name of Robert Land as the pioneer, and the date as 1778. The life of early settlers in this position of Ontario was full of hardship, and the toil required to reclaim the land, tested to the utmost the pluck



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