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## The County of Peterborough.

### HISTORICAL POINTS.

The County of Peterborough originally formed part of the Collingwood District and the first meeting of the District was held in the New Court House at Peterborough, Feb. 8, 1847.

The members of the first Council were Geo. A. Hill, Warden and Messrs., Birdsall, Campbell, Carr, Costello, Cottingham, Doris, Gibbs, Harper, Hughes, Kelly, Kidd, Langton, Need, Nichols and Rogers.

About the year 1850 an Act was passed forming the United Counties of Peterborough and Victoria the Council of which continued to meet at Peterborough.

In 1858 another Act separated the Counties, which came into effect later.

In 1865 the Town was separated from the County for municipal purposes and the amount to be paid by the County to the Town for the administration of justice, fixed by arbitration.

The County Councils up to the year 1866 were composed of the Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the Townships, elected annually, but the Act of that year divided the County into Divisions as per page 11.

The Townships of Asphodel, Otonabee, North Monaghan, Smith, Ennismore and parts of Douro, Dummer and Belton, are rich agricultural lands and fully settled by thrifty, well-to-do farmers. The balance of the County contains fertile belts suitable for lighter grains, fruits, vegetables and pasturage. It will yet be an important mineral bearing County, as gold, silver, copper, iron, corundum, mica, lead, graphite, antimony, bismuthinite, baryte, feldspar and other minerals are known to exist in economic quantities. The Cordova Gold mine is at the present time the most important in Ontario.

The natural scenery of the lakes and water-ways is not excelled in Canada and scarcely in the world.