

MILTON.

The County Town of the County of Halton, was incorporated by Special Act of Parliament July 4th, 1857. It is admirably adapted for the County seat, as the centre of the Town has been demonstrated by surveyors to be the exact central point of the County, and the corners of the four Townships, Trafalgar, Nelson, Nassagaweya and Esquesing, which compose the County, are within a trifling distance of Milton, which is situated in the north-west corner of Trafalgar. The Town is regularly laid out, and contains a number of fine public buildings and private residences, the material being a beautiful freestone, extensive deposits of which are found in the highlands which traverse the County. The County buildings were erected at a cost of \$23,000, and the Town Hall, a more recent structure, cost \$5,000. The Town is a station of the Northern & North Western and Credit Valley Railways, and is distant from Toronto about 34 miles, Hamilton 25, Georgetown 11, Bronte, a station on the Great Western Railway, 11 miles. Population 1,300. In 1822 the late Jasper Martin obtained from the crown a grant of 100 acres and purchased another 100 acres from Joseph Whitefield, and in the fall of the same year settled with his family on Lot 14, Con. 2, Trafalgar. Within the limits of what is now the County Town, he built a grist mill and pot ashery, which were known as Martin's Mills. Soon after a tavern was built; and George Brown opened the first store. Other settlers, including tradesmen, arrived, and the little village was known as Milltown. In 1838 the population had increased to 100, and its present name was adopted. The first school was taught by James Black, who was succeeded by Mr. Findlay McCallum, the present County Treasurer.

MUNICIPALITY OF MILTON.—J. D. Matheson, Mayor; D. W. Campbell, John Ezard, Geo. McNair, P. M. McKay, Thos. Mara, Benj. Jones, S. Scenter, J. E. Harrison, T. Lush, Jos. McCollum, Councillors. F. J. Jones, Town Clerk. W. L. P. Eager, Treasurer; N. Conway, Constable.

CHURCHES.—Church of England, Rev. W. H. McKenzie, Rector; Canada Methodist, Rev. James Preston, Pastor; Canada Presbyterian, Rev. M. C. Cameron, Pastor; Presbyterian Free Church, Rev. Dobbie, Pastor; Roman Catholic Church, Rev. T. O'Reilly, Rector.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—John Dewar, President; F. J. Jones, Secretary.