

most reliable definition was that the name was applied by the Huron Indians to a locality on Lake Simcoe, used as a trading post, which signifies, "oak trees growing out of the lake." The City of Toronto is situated on Toronto Bay and an arm of Lake Ontario, in N. lat. 43°. 32', W. lon. 79° 20'. The bay is a sheet of water excellent for boating, about four miles long and two in width, separated from the main body of the lake by a long strip of sandy beach, called Hanlan's Island, on which a light-house, numerous cottages, and summer restaurants are located. The island is very popular with the citizens and visitors, being used as a park and Sunday resort for families; fine public baths are erected at the eastern end of the island, which were presented to the city by Erastus Wiman. To ramble and shop in its spacious streets is a delight fully appreciated by the female visitor, whilst the student may have his time fully taken up with old manuscripts, histories, and general literature at the numerous libraries, both public and private. The Provincial Parliament Library, now under the superintendence of Wm. Houston, Esq., M.A., and which was an inception of Mr. S. J. Watson in the year of Confederation, 1868, contains upwards of 15,000 volumes of a selected nature, access to which, when Parliament is not in session, is freely accorded to all. The other libraries evince the same spirit, and the visiting student soon learns to appreciate the disinterested kindness met with. For rambles, there is the Victoria Park, the various drives to Streetsville, Parkdale, the Don and Aurora, or, for home folks, the public buildings to inspect, such as the Houses of Parliament, the third of the series. The first Parliament Buildings were erected of wood, and destroyed by an incendiary, supposed to be in pay of the invaders, in 1813. They consisted of two Legislative Halls, Offices for Committees, and the Courts of Justice; the Parliamentary Library and all its contents were destroyed, the Church robbed, and the Town Library totally pillaged. The next Parliament block of buildings was erected in 1818, but they suffered the same fate as the former, through an accident, in the year 1824, which cleared the way for the fine legislative pile now standing. The province of Ontario is represented in the House by 88 members, whose deliberations since confederation so far have been such as to maintain the claim of evolving a model Government. For twelve years past, what is familiarly termed the Mowat Government, has been under the guidance and leadership of the Honorable Oliver Mowat, Premier and Attorney-General of the province, to whose astuteness and forethought the people are indebted for the pleasant realization that