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## HISTORY.

To a County so recently settled as this, none of those shining recollections belong which give an undying interest to some few spots in the province, and there is but little to mention beyond such facts as for statistical purposes may be worth recording. During the war of 1812 military communication was obtained with the Upper Lakes by a route leading from Toronto (then York) by Yonge Street to Lake Simcoe and across the water to where Barrie now stands; from there by portages and down the Notawasaga River to the Georgian Bay.

The discovery and exploration of this part of Canada took place in the year 1615, Samuel de Champlain was probably the first white man who ever sailed over the deep waters of the Georgian Bay, having, between 1603 and 1607 explored the St. Lawrence as far as Three Rivers, and discovered and explored Lake Champlain in 1609, and having already founded Quebec (3rd July 1608) he bethought him of a great western exploring tour in the above mentioned year; (1615,) he ascended the Ottawa, and reached Lake Nipissing by the portage and descended the French River to its mouth. His expedition was not altogether a peaceful one. He was in league with the Algonquins, Hurons, Obigways, and Eries and virtually at war with the Iroquois and all their English and Indian allies. He had several encounters with the Iroquois. He found the Hurons in possession of the Northern and Eastern coasts and the Islands of the Lake, having been driven thither with great slaughter by the victorious Iroquois half a century before. We

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