

BURLINGTON HEIGHTS AND DESJARDINES CANAL.

At the western end of the bay is another canal, and the picturesque Burlington Heights, where to this day may be seen the remains of the earth works, where, in 1812, General Vincent and his handful of troops kept the Americans at bay. This is now almost unused, but the name of the Desjardines Canal has unfortunately been indelibly impressed upon history on account of the frightful railway accident which happened there many years ago, when so many prominent Canadians were plunged beneath the ice.

HAMILTON'S APPEARANCE.

The City of Hamilton has always been noted for its mild and even climate, the cleanliness of its streets, and the hospitality of its citizens, and for their energy and enterprise, and their "ambition" to push ahead of their rivals by every fair means. The city has about completed the expenditure necessary to supply all the wants of a large city. Its magnificent water-works which supply the inhabitants with filtered water from the inexhaustible supply of Lake Ontario are unrivalled. Its drainage system is excellent, the gradual slope towards the bay making the task of drainage an easy one, the soil being for the most part of a light, sandy loam.

The streets are brilliantly lighted throughout by electric lights; the system of police protection is most thorough, and crime of a serious nature is very rare indeed; while Hamiltonians are justly proud of the enviable reputation which their admirable fire brigade has obtained both at home and abroad.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The list of public buildings is about complete. The new City Hall which replaces the edifice which did duty for so many years, is an ornamental structure which the inhabitants may point out with pride. The City's excellent Hospital, its Public Library and Art School, its Post Office and Custom House, its Court House and Gaol, its Market Buildings and its Schools are all capable of supplying the wants of a rapidly growing City for many