

# THE CITY OF HAMILTON.

Hamilton is beautifully situated on the south shore of Burlington Bay. It covers a space about two miles in length of the level which reaches from the lake shore to the mountain, and is about a mile and a half in width.

To the east stretches a country which has gained a wide celebrity as one of the finest fruit-growing districts on the continent, and the surrounding neighborhood is celebrated for its fertility.

The mountain is an escarpment to the broad plateau of Western Ontario, worn down by the ceaseless dash of the waters of the ancient lake. It stretches away to the east, forming the precipices over which leap Niagara and the Genesee, and loses itself finally in the wild savagery of the Adirondacks.

North-west of the city are Burlington Heights, a wall of concrete, built up and cemented together by the action of the water, in the same way that Burlington Beach, which separates the bay from the lake, is now being compacted.

Hamilton has several fine buildings—public and private—and the magnificent residences surrounded by beautiful grounds in the outskirts of the city, have more than a local celebrity; and the churches, banks, and many of the stores, chiefly built of stone and brick, are handsome structures. The new court house, just erected, is one of the finest buildings of the kind in the Dominion, and reflects a high degree of credit on Mr. C. W. Mulligan, the architect.

Hamilton is the seat of extensive manufactories; there are several iron foundries, some of them among the largest in the Dominion; three extensive sewing machine factories, two large glass companies, and many other branches of productive industry giving constant employment to large numbers of operatives.

The city is very advantageously situated for trade. Not only is she at the head of lake navigation, but she is connected with the whole system of Canadian and American railways by the Great Western and Hamilton & North-Western lines which centre here.

The first settlement made here was in 1813, when the nucleus of a village was formed, but for many years Dundas and Ancaster maintained a superiority. In 1841 its population was 3,446, and at present, (January, 1879,) it exceeds 30,000. Real and personal property has proportionately increased in value. The city is regularly laid out, possessing an excellent system of drainage and magnificent water works, the supply to the reservoir of which is brought from Lake Ontario, a distance of nine miles.

**DISTANCES.**—Niagara Falls, Suspension Bridge, 43 miles. St. Catharines, 81. Toronto, 39. Barrie, 95. Collingwood, 108. Port Dover, 42. Montreal, 371. New York, 511.

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