

London returned a representative to the Legislature in 1836, having at that time a population of 1,037.

Its first member was Mr. Mahlon Burwell. His opponent for Legislative honors was Mr. John Scatcherd, father of Thos. Scatcherd, Esq., Barrister—the present representative of West Middlesex. The assessed value of the town property for that year was \$34,380. In 1840 it was incorporated a village—having a population of 1,716—with a Board of Police, of which the Hon. G. J. Goodhue was the first President. In 1846 it became a town; elected Mr. Simeon Morrill its first Mayor in 1848; and attained to the dignity of a city in 1855, with a population of over 10,000. Mr. John Wilson, Q.C., was its first representative in the Legislature, and Mr. Murray Anderson was elected its first Mayor after this important epoch occurred in its history.

From the first, the value of real estate steadily increased, but it made ominous leaps from 1852 to 1858, values increasing threefold in that time. Then, the frenzy of speculation having run its course, a relapse ensued, and values shrank nearly one-half, large numbers who had yielded to the allurements of the time being ruined. Since then the growth of London has been steady and healthy, and we doubt if to-day there exists in the Dominion of Canada a more thriving or prosperous city, or one giving promise of a brighter future. The city contains several ornamental public buildings, among these the Court House and Jail, built of brick, in the form of a castle, which is a handsome and substantial edifice, costing to build about £10,000. Their imposing appearance cannot fail to strike the European, recalling to his memory the stately edifices of his native land.

In educational facilities London possesses superior advantages containing, in addition to numerous primary and select schools, the Huron and Hellmuth Colleges, Convent of the Sacred Heart, two Business Colleges, and others, all being in a flourishing condition.

The moral interests of the city are represented by numerous churches, many of which are beautiful and costly edifices. Among these, St. Paul's Cathedral, a gothic structure, tastefully surrounded by trees and shrubberies, is worthy of special remark. Also St. Peter's Cathedral.

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