

COUNTY OF
BRANT GAZETTEER!
AND GENERAL
BUSINESS DIRECTORY,
FOR 1865-6.

COUNTY OF BRANT,
PROVINCE OF CANADA.

This County is bounded on the north by the township of Blenheim, in the County of Oxford, and North Dumfries, in the County of Waterloo, and Ancaster, in the County of Wentworth; on the east by the townships of Seneca and Oneida, in the County of Haldimand; on the south by the townships of Walpole, in the County of Haldimand, and Townsend and Windham, in the County of Norfolk; on the west by the townships of North Norwich and East Oxford, in the County of Oxford.

It contains six townships, namely—Burford, Brantford, South Dumfries, Oaklands, Tuscarora, Onandaga, and the towns of Brantford and Paris.

The Province of Canada prior to 1792, was divided into four Districts, namely: the Western, Home, Midland, and Eastern; and, in that year, the Governor-General of Upper Canada was empowered by the British Act 31 Geo. 3, cap. 31, to divide the Province into as many Districts or Counties as he thought proper. In accordance with this Act and authority, Col. John Graves Simcoe, (the first Governor-General of Upper Canada) issued his proclamation dividing Canada into nineteen Counties, namely: Addington, Dundas, Durham, Essex, Frontenac, Glengary, Grenville, Hastings, Kent, Leeds, Lennox, Lincoln, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ontario, Prince Edwards, Stormont, Suffolk, and York.

Twenty-three new Counties have since been formed, partly by a sub-division of the territory comprised by those just named, and partly by the reclaiming of new territory. The County of Brant is one of the Counties formed since Governor Simcoe's Division, and some of the townships which compose it were comprised within the boundaries of the adjoining Counties. The townships of Burford and Oaklands forming part of the County of Oxford until the re-construction of that County, in 1851. The townships of Brantford, Onandaga, and Tuscarora formed part of the County of Wentworth, and the township of Dumfries formed part of the County of Halton. In the year 1851, an Act was passed authorising the