

course of time formed the Beach, which is stationed exactly where the balance of power took place between the opposing waters.

1820. In a Government report of 1820, I find the following :
 "That during the Spring and Fall seasons, 'Ocean Winds,'
 "as they were called by old mariners, rose, causing the waters of
 "the Lake to rise and fall in intensity and velocity with that of
 "the Atlantic, rushing through the cut (present Canal) at a veloc-
 "ity of between six and seven miles an hour, forming a tide in
 "the Bay, raising the waters round the shores, flooding Coot's
 "Paradise, above, almost to the town of Dundas, so that when
 "the storm abated the pent up waters returned to the Lake with
 "a similar velocity." The small wash-quarter, "Coot's
 "Paradise," or Dundas Marsh, forms a miniature of the Bay, en-
 "closed with high banks, known as the Flamboro Heights, and
 "had, in those days, a singular peculiarity, also that of being an
 "inland swamp, acted upon by the tidal waves—a very rare
 "phenomena to be met with in nature. The waters rushed over
 "the swamp from the Bay when a Lake storm existed with the
 "lull back, leaving an irrigated paradise for water fowl. Wild rice
 "grew here luxuriantly, and from the same report I learned
 "that the swamp contained about two hundred and fifty acres
 "of ground which might be made into a most valuable rice
 "farm.

1792. It was the intention of Governor Simcoe to make the Heights the site of the little town which was then springing up, but Mr. Richard Beasley, who carried on an extensive trade with the Indians, laid claim to the land where Dundurn Park is now situated (in fact, Dundurn Castle was built over the foundation of the old Beasley homestead). He also pre-empted the adjoining property known as Beasley's Hollow, and afterwards erected a mill on the stream flowing into Coot's Paradise. Feeling confident that no other site was possible for the future town, Mr. Beasley demanded such an exorbitant sum for his rights, that Governor Simcoe withdrew the offer of the purchase made, the settlement taking a more southerly and easterly direction.

Burlington Heights, the "Quebec of Ontario," command the Bay and occupy one of the most important strategic positions in Canada, nature in her laboratory of waters having moulded