Burlington Bay, Beach and Heights in History.

HE environs of the "Ambitious City" of the Province of Ontario claim the distinction of possessing a site of historic interest, not merely dating from the era of European possession, but one of still greater antiquity.



In the days of the barbaric power of the red men, the district formed part of the domain of the ancient kindlers of the peace fires the smokers of the Pipe of Peace and the pacific arrow makers of old Canada ; the chert beds of the Niagara escarpment supplying the materials necessary to make the flint arrow and spear heads so eagerly sought after as

the war implements of the surrounding nations.

Tradition tells the tale that, in the far past ages, when the Algonquin had multiplied into many families and tribes, bands of daring and adventurous hunters and warriors, taking with them their wives and little ones, separated from the parent stock to seek out new hunting grounds for themselves.

The Eries were the first to turn southward, cross the great river (St. Lawrence), turn their faces westward and follow the setting sun, finally settling down in the rich lands and fruit fields of the great central peninsula of "Ka-nai-der-a-da," "the country of big lakes and rivers." Band after band followed their footsteps, and soon, too soon, there arose feuds, quarrels and wars,