

the citizens of Hamilton should feel grateful that George Hamilton set apart for the public use, notwithstanding the failure of his neighbor to dedicate his portion, that strip of land off the north end of his farm, which now adds so greatly to the beauty of the central portion of the city.

The present City of Hamilton is situated upon a plain which rises gradually from the shores of Hamilton Bay, a land-locked harbour at the western end of Lake Ontario, to the base of the Niagara Escarpment, commonly called "The Mountain," a distance of about two miles.

One cannot stand on the edge of this escarpment without being struck with the surprising beauty of the scenery in the neighborhood of Hamilton. At one's feet, extending from "Beasley's Hollow" on the west, to "The Delta" on the east, a distance of nearly five miles; and in width "from the mountain to the bay," lies the beautiful city, with its wide, regularly laid out, and well-paved streets, its fine churches, residences and public buildings, and its wealth of beautiful shade trees. To the north are the clear waters of the beautiful Bay, backed by the green banks of "Oaklands," with the blue heights of Flamborough Head beyond. To the west is a bird's-eye view of the beautiful Dundas valley Town of Dundas, about four miles distant from the city, nestling among its surrounding tall-covered heights.

Towering to the eastward, we have panoramic view of fields of green and gold, like a tessellated pavement, broken here and there by tracts of woodland, and in the distance the blue waters of Lake Ontario form a fitting background, with white houses of the pretty Village of Burlington in the distance. At the northern end of the strip of land which serves to lock the harbour, and at the same time to furnish the residents with a summer resort unequalled on the continent.

"The Beach" is about five miles long and extends across the eastern end of the Bay from shore to shore; is of an average width of 300 yards, and is intersected only by the Hamilton Canal, which affords an entrance for the largest vessels. This strip of land is being appreciated more and more every year, and is now thickly settled with residences for the greater portion of its length.