

The Asylum for the insane, Hamilton, is the finest structure of its kind in the Dominion. It is healthfully situated on mountain top, in Barton Township, overlooks the entire city, and has by far the most charming views of any public edifice in Canada. It first received patients on St. Patrick's Day, 1876.

The situation of Hamilton as a trade centre, is equal to that of any other city in the Dominion. Not only is she at the head of lake navigation, but she is connected with the whole system of Canadian and American Railways by the Great Western and Hamilton North-Western lines which centre here.

The city is the seat of extensive manufactories. There are several iron foundries, some of them among the largest in the Dominion, a rolling mill, three sewing machine factories, two large glass works and many other branches of productive industry, giving constant employment to large numbers of operatives.

The present population of the city may be estimated at 37,000, real estate \$13,378,880, assessable and personal property \$2,913,970. The city possesses an excellent system of drainage and magnificent water works. The supply to the reservoir, the capacity of which is 9,000,000 imperial gallons, is brought from Lake Ontario, a distance of three and a-half miles.

Hamilton sends two Members to the federal parliament and one to the provincial; the former at present are Messrs. F. E. Kilvert and Thomas Robertson. Mr. J. M. Gibson is the local representative.

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