

COUNTY OF BRANT.

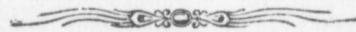
The County of Brant is situated in the south part of the province of Ontario, about 25 miles west of Lake Ontario. It contains an area of 271,247 acres, and consists of the city of Brantford, town of Paris, and the townships of Brantford, Burford, Oakland, Onondaga, South Dumfries, and Tuscarora. The last named township is an Indian reserve, and has no municipal organization.

The County is unsurpassed for its fertility and great natural agricultural advantages, and is well watered by the Grand River and its tributaries. The County is traversed by the Grand Trunk railway of Canada—and also by the Harrisburg and Brantford and Wellington, Grey and Bruce, and the Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell railways.

The confederacy known as the Five Nations was formed about the year 1540, and consisted of the Mohawks, Oniedas, Onondagas, Cayugas and Senecas; about the year 1712 the Tuscaroras were admitted, and the allied tribes were subsequently known as the Six Nations.

In the year 1784 a tract of land six miles on each side of the Grand River, extending from its mouth to its source, was surrendered by the Objibways to the Government and transferred to the Six Nation Indians, the faithful allies of the British during the revolutionary war, under warrant of Sir Frederick Haldimand, dated 25th October of that year. This tract included about 700,000 acres. The Indians took immediate possession and formed a settlement about two miles below the present city of Brantford, to which they gave the name of Mohawk, after the valley where they had formerly resided in the Province of New York. Here they erected the first Protestant church in Upper Canada, which is still standing.

The land at present in possession of the Indians consists of 44,000 acres, forming the township of Tuscarora, and about 8,000 acres in the township of Onieda. The Indian population is about 3,000. Population of the county including the city 33,000.



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