



View of Hamilton Beach and Bay, with the City in the Distance.

Hamilton, Ancaster and Barton, and occasionally at Guelph. In 1842 he was succeeded by the Rev. W. McMurray, whose duties were confined to Ancaster, Dundas and Flamboro'.

The present rector, the Rev. F. L. Osler, who was appointed in 1858, has retired from active work. His duties are discharged by the Rev. E. A. Irving at Dundas, and the Rev. W. R. Clark, M. A., at Ancaster. Handsome stone churches have been erected at both places.

The fourth parish of 1820 was at Chippawa, which for some years included Stamford, Thorold and Fort Erie. The Rev. Wm. Leeming was the first incumbent. He was sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in March, 1820, and died in June, 1863. He was succeeded by the present rector, the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, B. A., in 1879.

This parish enjoys the benefit of the following bequests:—From the late Mrs. Street, \$1,000 in trust for the benefit of the poor of the parish; from the late Mrs. O. Macklem, \$1,000 in trust to keep the burial ground in order; from the late Mr. Leeming, \$200 in trust for the benefit of the poor of the parish; from the late T. C. Street, Esq., \$12,000 for the endowment of the parish.

The registers of baptisms, marriages and burials in the time of the first rector were kept in a peculiar manner—on slips of paper to the number of nearly 300. These have recently been entered regularly in a register provided for the purpose.

The next seven years (1820—1827) witnessed the formation of only two new parishes within the present limits of the Diocese of Niagara, viz., St. Catharines and Queenston.

From the Archdeacon of Toronto's report to Lord Goderich in 1827 we gather that the people of the Province were coming forward in all direc-

tions offering to assist in building churches and soliciting with the greatest anxiety the establishment of settled clergymen; that there were in the Province 150 townships containing each from forty to five hundred families, in each of which a clergyman may be most usefully employed; that the Church had been supported out of the very limited and fluctuating revenue of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, aided by a small yearly grant from the home government; and that in the whole Province there were, at the date of writing, thirty clergymen, fifty-eight places where there were regular or occasional services, exclusive of frequent journeys taken by the missionaries to the new settlements, forty-five churches and thirty-one regular parishes. The following table taken from the Archdeacon's ecclesiastical chart will show the state of the Church in that district which is now the Diocese of Niagara:—

DISTRICT.	CLERGY-MEN.	TOWNSHIPS OR LOCALITIES.	CHURCHES BUILT OR BUILDING.	SERVICES.
Gore District.	R. Leeming	Ancaster . . . .	Church.	Regular.
		Barton . . . . .	Church.	Regular.
		Dundas . . . . .	.....	Occasional.
		Indian Village	Church .	Occasional.
Niagara District.	A. Bethune R. Addison T. Green.. Mr. Leeds. W Leeming	Grimsby. . . .	Church..	Regular.
		Niagara. . . . .	Church..	Regular.
		Queenston... .	Church..	Regular.
		St. Catharines	Church..	Occasional.
		Chippawa. . . .	Church..	Regular.
		Short Hills . . . . .	.....	Occasional.
		Fort Erie. . . . .	Church..	Regular.
Long Point.	Church. Building.	Occasional.		

(To be continued.)