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Hamilton was laid out A.D. 1813, but for a long time made little progress. In 1845 it contained only 6000 inhabitants, in 1850 they had increased to 10,200; and, incredible as it may seem, their numbers have since then more than doubled, and they now amount to upwards of 22,000 persons, while, probably, this very year 4000 or 5000 more will be added to them. Hamilton contains some fifteen or more churches or places of public worship, some of them very elegant structures. Mammon has also his temples in five banking establishments, of which the handsomest building is that of the Bank of British North America. This bank has branches in all the towns of any size in Canada, the elegant buildings belonging to it contrasting strongly with the very unpretending office in St. Helen's Place, London. I had introductions to several of the managers, and feel most grateful for the kindness and attention they showed us in their private capacity.

Besides Mr. Davidson's City Hotel, which we found so comfortable, there are the Burlington House and Hamilton House, both large, well-conducted establishments, the latter frequented mostly by Americans. Several gentlemen connected with the railway are also building an hotel of the largest size and magnificence, such as the constant influx of visitors will require. To add to the attractions of the place, a theatre also was building, and is by this time open.

The streets are laid out at right angles, with many open spaces. King Street is the main street, and is very wide; James Street and John Street, very hand-