



## Toronto

"I dreamed not then that, ere the rolling year  
Had filled its circle, I should wander here  
In musing awe : should tread this wondrous world,  
See all its store of inland waters hurled  
In one vast volume down Niagara's steep,  
Where the blue hills of old Toronto shed  
Their evening shadows o'er Ontario's bed."

—THOMAS MOORE.



THE Indian word "Toronto" means "the place of meeting." It was so named on account of its being a favorite gathering-place for the Huron Indians. For a number of years past it has fairly earned the name, as it has witnessed many notable conventions and assemblies, some of them larger than the International Sunday School Convention of this year, but none more representative or convened for a more important object.

Governor Simcoe selected it, in 1793, as the site for the capital of the new Province of Upper Canada, in place of Niagara, which was its first capital. He named it York, and the new town was often irreverently called "Muddy York" until 1832, when it was made a city and its Indian name restored.