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IN the month of March, 1896, the Council of the Township of Hamilton received a communication from the Provincial Historical Association of Ontario, advising them that the 24th day of June, 1897, would be the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Continent of North America, or Canada, under British auspices, by Cabot ; that the summer of that year would be made the occasion of a grand National, Canadian, Historical celebration, and requesting the Council to appoint the most suitable person or persons in the municipality to compile an attested history of the township. The Council therefore decided it proper and desirable to comply with the request of the Provincial Historical Association of Ontario, and in accordance with their wishes, this work has been undertaken by Walter Riddell, Esq., a gentleman who has for over 60 years taken a prominent place in agricultural and municipal affairs in this township.