

1838 the population had increased to 3,338, and the assessed value was \$252,130. The City of Hamilton was incorporated in 1846, the population then being 6,832, and the assessed value £113,720. In the following year the first Council was elected and was composed of Messrs. Colin C. Ferrie, Mayor; Alexander Carpenter, Chas. O. Counsell, N. Ford, L. B. Freeman, D. C. Gunn, David Kelly, Andrew Miller, Samuel Mills, H. R. O'Reilly and H. B. Wilson. In 1846 Captain Geo. A. Armstrong was appointed Police Magistrate. On the 17th of March 1863 the present Police Magistrate, Mr. Jas. Cahill, was appointed. In 1854 Mr. Thomas Beasley was appointed City Clerk, and still retains the office.

Hamilton has several fine buildings, public and private, and many elegant residences, surrounded by beautiful grounds in the outskirts of the city, which have more than a local celebrity. The churches, banks and many of the stores, chiefly built of stone and brick, are handsome structures. The new Court House, erected in 1878, is one of the finest edifices of the kind in the Dominion. It fronts on Prince's Square, and is 168 feet in length; the breadth of the main building is 74 feet and that of each of the wings 64 feet.

The County Jail, on Barton street, was completed in 1875, at a cost of about \$40,000, and John Henery, formerly Chief of Police, was appointed Governor.

The Asylum for the insane, Hamilton, is the finest structure of its kind in the Dominion. It is beautifully situated on the top of the mountain, in Barton township, overlooks the city, and has by far the most charming views of any public edifice in Canada. It first received patients on St. Patrick's Day, 1876. One hundred acres are attached and fenced with picket. An orchard and avenue are planted. A coal shed and mortuary are built, fine airy courts, a carpenter shop, out buildings, and excellent stables, and a house for the officials. J. M. Wallace, M. D., Medical Superintendent, Theo. S. Covernton, M. D., Assistant Superintendent, Bidwell Way, Bursar.

The magnificent building of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society, now in course of erection, will form one of the most attractive ornaments of the city. It is situated on the corner of King and Hughson streets. David B. Dick, architect; Robert Chisholm, contractor.

A new Post Office and Custom House are soon to be erected.

The situation of Hamilton, as a trade centre is equal to that of any other city in the Dominion, being connected with all the American and Canadian lines of Railway by the Great Western and Hamilton and North Western. The city is the seat of extensive manufactures. There are several iron foundries, some of them among the largest in the Dominion, a rolling mill, three sewing machine factories, two large glassworks, and many other branches of productive industry, giving constant employment to large numbers of operatives. *(See Subscribers' Classified Business Directory.)*

The present population of the city, January 1880, may be estimated at about 35,000; real estate, \$12,735,670; assessable income, \$585,490; personal property, \$2,110,260.

The city sends two members to the Federal Parliament and one to the Provincial; the former are Messrs. F. E. Kilvert and Thomas Robertson. Mr. J. M. Gibson is the Local representative.

The city possesses an excellent system of drainage and magnificent water-works. The supply to the reservoir, the capacity of which is 9,000,000 imperial gallons, is brought from Lake Ontario, a distance of 34 miles.

Hamilton is distant from Suspension Bridge, 43 miles; St. Catharines, 31; Toronto, 39; Barrie, 95; Collingwood, 108; Port Dover, 42; Montreal, 372; Quebec, 552; Detroit, 186; New York, 511; and from Buffalo 70.