

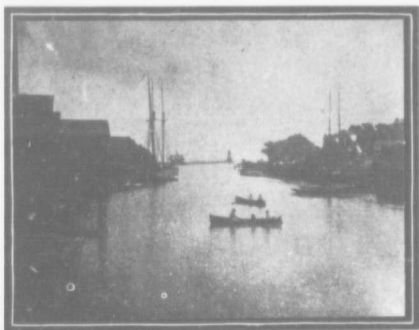
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OAKVILLE AND ITS ATTRACTIVEIONS



AMONG the thriving towns which dot the Province of Ontario, the town of Oakville is not the least conspicuous. This picturesque place, aptly termed "The Saratoga of Ontario," with a permanent population of 2,000, and largely augmented during the summer season, has had corporate existence since the year 1857, running close on to fifty years.

Prior to 1857, however, Oakville had a history which, it is not amiss to record briefly. In earlier days the town area was inhabited by Indians known as the Mississauga tribe, over which John Brant a celebrated redman was chief. Eventually, the Indian Reserve, comprising some 960 acres, was ceded to the Crown and later was auctioned off by the Government. This occurred in the year 1827, the final disposition taking place at Crook's Mills, on the Twelve Mile Creek, Nelson. The purchaser of this land was Colonel Wm. Chisholm, who, on securing a Provincial charter began the construction of Oakville Harbour, completing it in the year 1830, over seventy-four years ago.



Oakville Harbour Scene.

From an indian reserve and hunting ground to a live progressive town has been a long step through the space of time and within the period since Oakville was created a town extending onwards to the present day the character and reputation of the place have remained prominent always.

Geographically Oakville is situated half way between Toronto and Hamilton, on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway—a distance of twenty miles in either direction and bordering on the shore of Lake Ontario.

The approach from the lake coming in by steamer, shows a very picturesque harbor and surroundings, a feature which is best appreciated by a glance at illustration shown.