

the south-east corner of King and John. "Black," Carpenter, Knight and Shute, were the names of the first cabinet makers. John Aikman was the first wagon maker, and Edward Jackson the first tinsmith. McQuesten & Co., owned the first foundry, a stone building which occupied the site of the present Royal Hotel. Thomas Reynolds was the first blacksmith, his shop stood on the south-east corner of King and Ferguson avenue. John Law kept the first district school. Andrew Miller, commonly known as "Yankee Miller" succeeded Barnum, and kept the tavern till it was destroyed by fire. In 1813 a portion of the site of the city was laid out in town lots by Geo. Hamilton, at that time and for many years afterwards member of Parliament for Gore district. Between 1823-6 charters were granted for the construction of the Burlington Bay and Desjardins Canals. At this time King and Main streets were the chief thoroughfares. In 1833 the town of Hamilton was incorporated, three years later the population was 2,846, and the assessed value amounted to £44,020. In 1838 the population was 3,358, and the assessed value £52,130. The CITY OF HAMILTON was incorporated in 1846, the population having increased to 6,832, and the assessed value to £113,720. In the following year the first council was elected, and was composed of Messrs. Colin C. Ferrie, mayor; Alex. Carpenter, Chas. O. Counsell, N. Ford, L. B. Freeman, D. C. Gunn, David Kelly, Andrew Miller, Saml. Mills, H. R. O'Reilly, and H. B. Wilson. In 1846 a police court was established, Capt. Geo. A. Armstrong, magistrate. On the 17th March, 1863, the present police magistrate Mr. James Cahill was appointed. In 1854 Mr. Thos. Beasley was appointed city clerk, and still retains the office.

Hamilton has several fine buildings, public and private—and many magnificent residences, surrounded by beautiful grounds in the outskirts of the city, 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 two 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.

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