



View from Half-Moon Battery looking west. Stanley Barracks in the distance.

From "The Old Fort"—J. E. Geeson.

Memorandum to Accompany the Plans for the Restoration of Old Fort York Prepared by the Ontario Historical Society.

FOR a number of years there have been discussions in progress with respect to the use and future of this OLD FORT. When in 1903, it was agreed with the Dominion Government that this Fort property would, together with the other Ordnance lands comprising the Garrison Common, be transferred to the City of Toronto, it was a part of the Agreement that this old Fort should be "restored and maintained by the City as an Historical Memorial for ever."

While there have been many projects suggested, with respect to a use to be made of it, there have been no plans proposed for its restoration, and much unrest has been thereby occasioned.

The Ontario Historical Society, on behalf of the County Historical and Patriotic Societies in Ontario, and of the local Societies in Toronto, has been actively interesting itself in its preservation and restoration.

In negotiations opened with the Mayor of Toronto in July last, I undertook, on behalf of the Society, that if the City would make surveys of the Fort as it now exists, and of the land attached to it, the Society would prepare the necessary plans for its restoration.

It had been ascertained by the Society that considerable encroachment had been made upon the Fort property, as originally reserved and agreed to be conveyed to the City by the Government.