

## PORT HOPE ON LAKE ONTARIO

### THE COMING CITY BETWEEN TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

History of its Early Settlement—A Splendid Centre for Manufacturing Industries—Members of the Corporation—The Midland Railway—The Church and the Celebrated Viaduct.

The early history of the north shore of Lake Ontario consists of many shadowy outlines at the best, and the imagination only can fill in the details. It is certain that in 1815 Champlain coasted along the shore in the course of discovery, but whether he landed at Port Hope and wandered through the picturesque ravines and from some of the heights gazed with admiration at the broad bosom of the lake and the wonderful landscape stretching away towards the interior as far as his eye could reach, is a question no historian has left to decide. For many years after the red man was last seen, the possession of his hunting grounds, and the great-uncle that saw Champlain or his mysterious craft on the lake must have passed away to the happy hunting grounds of the Indians' fancy before the first white settler appeared upon their territory. The first missionaries of the early days had the most romantic notions about civilizing and converting the Aborigines, and, when the spirit of the Great Spirit of the North was in their abandoned civilization, the opinion of courts and distinguished positions, to engage in this work. After a long blank of 150 years history comes to our knowledge that in 1838 Captain and Thomas of the Sulphur Brothers entered the natural harbor at the mouth of the Ganaraska River and found an Indian village on the present site of Port Hope. The Indian name was not material to work upon, and it is safe to say that their mission was not a total success. They did a good deal of exploring in the back country, and Captain Fairbairn, a noted explorer, was sent to the north shore, and finally this life, to his chivalrous end. Again there is a hiatus, and there is no record until 1778, when Peter Smith, a Scotchman, came to the place. He was connected with the North-west Fur Company, and set up his log hut, with all its bachelor-hall contents, near the site of the present village. The Indian village was then called Coburn, and the Scotchman and his wife still there the euphonious name of Ganaraska, a name which would have been a splendid one for the modern town. What became of Peter Smith, and his wife, no one knows. They were married, and had a family, but the Scotchman, who was a prosaic, practical man, and a philosopher, died in the wilderness, and his wife, who was a prosaic, practical woman, died in the wilderness, and his wife, who was a prosaic, practical woman, died in the wilderness.

The general school accommodation is very superior, and the schools, both High and Public, have a high reputation for efficiency. The High school there are 4 teachers, Dr. Purcell being the principal. There is a Central Public School, and in addition to these are several schools with 2 teachers each. The total attendance in the schools is about 200. It is well maintained, as might be expected in an industrial town like Port Hope.

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have conducted the business with a credit and success worthy of the proprietors, and carry on the largest stock of hardware, cutlery, and Toronto, well assorted and always up to modern requirements.

**Dr. J. B. Dickson,** a graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, member of the Ontario Medical Association, Government Veterinary Inspector for East Durham and Veterinary Surgeon to the Durham Field Battery of Artillery. He has been practicing for 7 years, and has been very successful in the treatment of chronic diseases; surgery is a specialty.

**Peplow & Metcalfe** are proprietors of the Ontario Roller Mills. These mills have a capacity of 100 bbls., and the best known brands of flour manufactured by them are the "Lilly White," "White Rose" and "Seal." Two runs of stones are still retained for grist and flour. Both customers have been residents of the town for many years, and Mr. Peplow is the present Mayor and a liberal minded and reliable citizen.

**R. B. Williamson** is a well known and reliable citizen. He is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, and has been practicing for 7 years, and has been very successful in the treatment of chronic diseases; surgery is a specialty.

The above represents the music store of R. B. Williamson, the old reliable dealer in pianos, organs, sewing machines, etc., of the standard make. His experience, capital, and skill in dealing have placed him among the best men in this line of business in the Dominion. There are certainly few towns in the Dominion that can boast of as fine and well equipped music stores as the one in Port Hope. He has a branch store in Cobourg and is represented in all the towns and villages in the district.

A part of the above premises are occupied by T. Long as a general insurance, and the second part is occupied by the Bell Telephone Company's office. Mr. Long is a well known and reliable citizen, and has been practicing for 7 years, and has been very successful in the treatment of chronic diseases; surgery is a specialty.

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