



Niagara Falls, as seen from Wesley Park.

years under the pastoral care of the late Rev. R. Addison, a gentleman of commanding talents, whose devotedness to his sacred duties, kindliness of manner and sweet companionship are still sources of grateful and fond remembrance. He may justly be considered the missionary of the western part of the Province of Upper Canada."

Mr. Addison died in the year 1829, in the 75th year of his age beloved and regretted by all who knew him. He left as a legacy to the parish about 1,100 volumes.

He was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas Creen, who was succeeded in 1857 by the present rector, Rev. William McMurray, D. D., D. C. L., who is also Archdeacon of Niagara. The three incumbents just named have held the office for ninety-two years.

The second oldest parish in the diocese is that of Grimsby. It is just one hundred years ago that Andrew Pettit (who came to Grimsby from the Mohawk valley with the loyalists) began religious services in his own house. He and Robert Nelles acted as lay-reader and Sunday-school superintendent respectively for many years. In the year 1794 a small log church was built where the pres-

ent church now stands, and there services were held by these laymen until the arrival of the Rev. W. Sampson shortly after the American war of 1812. Mr. Sampson was succeeded in 1823 by the Rev. A. N. Bethune (afterwards Bishop of Toronto), in 1827 by the Rev. G. R. Grout, in 1849 by the Rev. F. Lundy, and in 1867 by the present rector, the Rev. T. B. Read, D. D., who is also senior canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton. The present stone church was erected in 1815, and restored at a cost of \$4,000 in 1871.

Ancaster. The Rev. Ralph Leeming was appointed to this place in 1818. Services were held in a small log school house till 1824, when old St. John's Church was erected. In the early part of the present century, Ancaster was the largest and best known village from London to Niagara. When Guelph, Dundas and Hamilton were mere hamlets, Ancaster was a thriving village. Mr. Leeming, who was educated at St. Bee's College, England, and sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, included in his mission Ancaster, Barton, Dundas and the Indian Village. In 1830, the Rev. John Miller, M. A., T. C. D., was appointed and did duty regularly at Dundas,