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FORT ROUILLÉ—(FORT TORONTO.)

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T was by a popular misuse of terms that the word Toronto came to be applied to the small trading post or "fort," established in 1749, on the north shore of Lake Ontario, not far from the mouth of the Humber. The proper and official name of this erection was Fort Rouillé, so called in compliment to Antoine Louis Rouillé, the Colonial Minister of the day. But traders and *coureurs du bois* preferred to speak of Fort Rouillé as Fort Toronto, because it stood at the landing-place of the southern terminus of the trail or "pass," (teiaiagon,) which conducted up to the well-known "Toronto," the place of concourse, the great Huron rendezvous, sixty miles to the north, and the popular phraseology ultimately prevailed. In 1752, in a despatch to Rouillé himself, still Colonial minister, (given at length in "Documents relating to the Colonial History