



CITY HALL

TORONTO

CANADA

TORONTO, founded in 1749 as a French trading post, is situated on the north-west shore of Lake Ontario, which is oblong in shape, being about one hundred and ninety miles long, with a breadth of fifty-five miles at its broadest part.

As stated in a despatch of M. de Longueuil, dated 1752, it received the name of Fort Rouille from the French Colonial Minister of the period, Antoine Louis Rouille, Count de Jouy. The fort was erected as a rival trading post to that which the English had obtained permission from the Iroquois to build at Choneguen, or Oswego, at the mouth of the latter river.

A granite boulder in Exhibition Park commemorates the spot where old Fort Rouille stood, and bears this inscription:—

"This cairn marks the exact site of Fort Rouille, commonly known as Fort Toronto, an Indian trading post and stockade, established A.D. 1749 by order of the Government of Louis XV., in