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To accompany the Memorial from Hamilton, 27th February 1863.

"Daily Spectator."

Census of the City of Hamilton.

FROM the labours of the city assessors, just completed, we learn that there are now within the limits of Hamilton, 22,134 souls. These are distributed through the different wards, as follows, viz. :—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTALS
St. Mary's Ward - - - -	2,825	2,682	5,507
St. George's Ward - - - -	1,985	2,147	4,132
St. Lawrence Ward - - - -	2,235	2,516	5,751
St. Andrew's Ward - - - -	2,262	2,028	4,290
St. Patrick's Ward - - - -	1,591	1,863	3,454
			22,134

This number shows an increase of 3,038 over that returned by the census of 1861. The military has, of course, made up a share of this increase; there being at present settled amongst us 1,200 souls, men, women, and children, all told. Thus we have a natural growth in two years of nearly 2,000 inhabitants. This is a sign of prosperity which augurs well for the future healthy rise and progress of Hamilton. On the removal of the incubus which has held her down for the past few years (and we expect soon to see it disappear), her motto, "I advance," will be no empty boast, but the indication, as it once was, of a prosperity and growth hitherto unequalled by any other city in Western Canada.

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To his Excellency the Right Honourable *Charles Stanley Viscount Monck*, Baron Monck of Ballytranmon, in the county of Wexford, Governor General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of the Mayor and Deputation from the City of Hamilton,—

Humbly sheweth,

THAT the present deputation was sent to the seat of Government by the City Council of Hamilton, to satisfy your Excellency and the other branches of the Legislature, that Hamilton has always been and is now willing and anxious to do all in its power for its creditors, and to solicit the aid of the Provincial Executive, as well as the Legislature, to this great end, upon the double plea that the financial distresses of Hamilton have arisen from faith not being kept with our city, by former Legislatures having violated the original agreement that the Main Trunk Line of Railway should pass through Hamilton; and that the financial distresses of Hamilton are now (from being misunderstood in England) inflicting most serious disgrace and discredit on the Province generally, as well as the city of Hamilton.

That on being to-day honoured with an interview with your Excellency, we explained the position and views of the city of Hamilton in detail, and were requested by your Excellency to put the same on paper, which we now do as follows :—

1st. The city of Hamilton is wrongfully accused of throwing impediments in the way of justice. It was impossible for the city, in the interest of its general creditors, not to prevent unnecessary sacrifice of property; nor is it in the city's power to alter (as was insisted on) the law, which required primary instead of secondary evidence by distant claimants, although we can have no objection to this if the Legislature sees fit.

2d. No difficulty has been intentionally thrown in the way of the sheriff in levying rates. The assessment for the interest proposed by the Hon. J. H. Cameron for the present year was regularly made by the City Council; but the day for legally appointing collectors was inadvertently allowed to pass by, during a most anxious discussion on the subject of whether it was not the duty of the City Council in the interest of the general creditors (as opposed to the few judgment creditors), to avoid for the moment actually collecting the

revenue,