

Miller, Saml. Mills, H. R. O'Reilly, and H. B. Wilson. In 1846 a police court was established, Capt. Geo. A. Armstrong, magistrate. On the 17th March, 1863, the present police magistrate Mr. James Cahill was appointed. In 1854 Mr. Thos. Beasley was appointed city clerk, and still retains the office.*

Hamilton has several fine buildings, public and private—and many magnificent residences, surrounded by beautiful grounds in the outskirts of the city, have more than a local celebrity. The churches, banks, and many of the stores, chiefly built of stone and brick, are handsome structures. The new court house erected in 1878, is one of the finest edifices of the kind in the Dominion. It fronts on Prince's Square and is 168 feet in length, the breadth of the main building is 74 feet, and that of each of the two wings 64 feet.

The County Jail on Barton Street, was completed in 1875, at a cost of about \$40,000, and John Henery, formerly chief of police was appointed governor.

The Asylum for the insane, Hamilton, is the finest structure of its kind in the Dominion. It is healthfully situated on mountain top, in Barton Township, overlooks the entire city, and has by far the most charming views of any public edifice in Canada. It first received patients on St. Patrick's Day 1876, and in 1879 its population is 320. One hundred acres are attached and fenced with picket. An orchard and avenue are planted. A coal shed and mortuary are built; fine airing courts; a carpenter shop, out buildings, and excellent stables; and a house for superintendent, bursar, engineer, and farmer. The pumping house is on Queen St., in the city. The officers are: J. M. Wallace, M. D., medical superintendent; Theo. S. Covernton, M. D., assistant superintendent; Bidwell Way, bursar; John Shaw, storekeeper and steward; Mrs. Fitzgerald, matron; John Martin, engineer; Canby Reece, carpenter; A. Goodall, farmer and gardener.

* We shall be obliged to any of our friends who will favor us with further details similar to those contained in the above brief sketch, as we intend inserting a more extended account of the early history of Hamilton in our seventh issue of the City Directory for the year 1880.