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TORONTO ON THE OLD MAPS.

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N more than one occasion there have been displayed, by way of ornament, on the walls of a well filled room in this city several large cards bearing the word Toronto, but not spelled exactly as we

now spell it; and each of these cards had also on the face of it a date, as if, at the particular time specified, that was the generally acknowledged form of the word. But this is a theory to which I think we ought not to give our sanction. These two or three different varieties of the word Toronto simply resemble the Kébec or Kébecq for Quebec, the Kadarakui and Cataracoui for Cataraqui, the Outaouais and Uttawas for Ottawa, which we meet with in some of the old maps and documents. The great preponderance of authority is in favour of the form Toronto as we now have it. In