



Burlington, Ontario, as seen from the air.

The Town of **BURLINGTON**



Overlooking the blue waters of Lake Ontario, Burlington offers an inviting prospect to those who seek a place in which to work and to live.

In 1778, as a reward for his efforts in the British cause, a grateful government bestowed a large tract of land at the western end of Lake Ontario upon the great Indian leader Chief Thayendanegea, better known as Captain Joseph Brant. The land was selected by the Indian chieftain himself and on the present site of Burlington he established the Village of Wellington Square. For many years his people occupied the lands. Eventually however, as the Indians dispersed or became assimilated, the lands passed by purchase into the hands of white settlers.

In 1805, its favoured location drew pioneer settlers from among the United Empire Loyalists, chiefly from North Carolina, who crossed the Niagara frontier to found homes under the British flag.

In 1873, the settlement of Wellington Square and much of the surrounding district became incorporated in the Village of Burlington, named after the famous London suburb and became a Town in 1912.