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Historically speaking the  
County of Victoria has under-  
gone a multitude of changes

and other changes are in the offing. One of the latest was the taking over of all Welfare units by the county and in the near future all Health units will disappear and be taken over by the County. In fact there has been some talk of the probable disappearance of the County Council and the development of a Regional Government.

Facing up to this situation the following article, taken from an old scrap book, may prove of historical value:

Six years before the Confederation of the provinces, the County of Victoria by the vote of its people, was separated from the County of Peterborough, and after passing through the provisional stage during which the Court House and Gaol were erected, in the beginning of 1863, it was fully established with Lindsay as a County Town.

The County then consisted of twelve municipalities within the same boundaries, with the exception of one municipality which was afterwards taken into the County of Haliburton. A few years later six municipalities now in the District of Muskoka were joined to Victoria, but were detached in the year 1888.

In 1873 Lindsay was incorporated, Fenelon Falls in 1874, Bobcaygeon in 1876 and Woodville in 1884. The village of Sturgeon Point was incorporated in 1897.

For a period of ten years beginning in 1897 the County was governed by twelve members who were elected by six County Council Divisions into which the County was formed under an Act of the Legislature.

There are six Police Villages, namely: Cambray, Kinmount, Kirkfield, Little Britain, Oakwood and Pleasant Point.

The population of the County in 1867 was about 23,000. In 1867 the value of the County was \$4,620,725.00. In 1927 the value was \$22,614,003.00, an increase of 389 per cent. There were levies by the County Council for all County purposes, including county roads, \$203,707.000. An increase of 638 percent. In 1867 the County expended on roads and bridges \$6,405.00. For education there was raised by levy in 1867 \$3,600.00 and received from the Government \$3,422.00. In the sixtieth year of Confederation there was raised by levy \$31,809.00 and received from the Government \$36,464.00. During the period of World War One the county levied \$238,875.00 for patriotic purposes. In the first year of Confederation the County expended in benevolence \$62. In the xtieth year the expen-

diture in benevolence for the  
maintenance of the House of  
Refuge, and for Mother's Al-  
lowances, the Children's Aid  
Society and Hospitals and  
Charitable Institutions \$35,-  
608.00.