



### LASALLE'S ROUTE TO TINAWATAWA SEPTEMBER 1669

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Historian T. R. Woodhouse's map, drawn in 1945, traces the route of the French explorer LaSalle

through the immediate area surrounding Hamilton and locates two long-vanished Indian villages.

so eagerly on the hillside on that dim-distant September morning of 1669.

On a high ridge where cows were feeding, Mr. Shaver told us, the late Rutherford Smith had dug with good results, establishing the position of a main burial site. Mr. Smith was a life-long resident of Mount Hope

and we had watched with great interest while he excavated sites of Indian campfires along the banks of the Twenty Mile Creek. And we were delighted to hear of his success in helping to establish various sites in connection with Tinawatawa in Beverly Township.

The valley of the stream in the

sixth concession and between the sixth and seventh is where most of the digging for relics has been done. It is about a mile and a half east of Westover village. Across the road from Neil Shaver's place, on a farm owned by Vernon Smith, was another likely spot for a burying ground. And on the

Dwyer farm was another likely site. Altogether eight positions, village sites or burial pits, all having a connection with the Indian village of Tinawatawa, have been established without doubt in the sixth concession of Beverly.

Rutherford Smith was the first to take with him a sieve, in which he sifted each load of soil brought up by his spade. In this way he obtained many small articles and half a basket of wampum beads. He also broke through a sort of cement composed of clay and ashes, forming the floor of one burial pit, into another one below, and here at the lower level he picked up a goose quill full of green paint.

### Analyse Paint

Such a cosmetic, used for decoration of the human face, war paint or ceremonial, had never been examined by white men before, though known to exist. It was sent to Ottawa for analysis and found to consist of animal fat and verdigris, a greenish or bluish rust that forms on copper or bronze.

I asked Mr. Woodhouse if he did not think the site of Tinawatawa was worthy of being marked as an historic site, by the Archaeological and Historical Sites Advisory Board and he replied that it seemed likely that such would be done during the year 1969 or before, to commemorate the historic meeting of LaSalle and Joliet on this site three centuries ago.



Participants in the recent unveiling of the historical plaque at Burlington Heights which commemorates the War of 1812 naval incident known as the "Burlington Races" included, left to right: A. T. Wood, president of the Head of the Lake Historical Society; Mayor Lloyd D. Jackson;

Mrs. J. R. Fitcher of the Archaeological and Historical Sites Board of Ontario; Cdr. W. J. H. Floyd, CD, RCN; area historical writer Frank L. Jones, Burlington; the Rev. T. Melville Bailey and J. E. McLean of the Hamilton Harbor Commission. — Ontario Dept. Travel and Publicity