

Legend

Priest Visited Falls in 1678

Father Louis Hennepin, French explorer is usually credited with being the first white man to see Niagara Falls. Though it is believed others were there before him, he was certainly the first to write a description of the mighty cataract, as he saw it in 1678.

Parliament at Navy Hall

The first parliament of Upper Canada was opened by Lieut.-Gov. John Graves Simcoe at Navy hall, Niagara, in 1792.

Engineering Feat at Canal

The Welland canal, opening the Great Lakes to the ocean for navigation, is one of the world's engineering masterpieces. The feat of siphoning the Welland river underneath the canal channel is outstanding.

Early Electricity From Decew Falls

Despite Lord Kelvin's statement that electricity could not be transmitted more than 12 miles, the "Five Johns" of Hamilton, Sir John Gibson, John Moodie, John Sutherland, John Patterson and John Pickering, went ahead with an electric plant at Decew Falls in 1887, which supplied Hamilton with its first electric power.

Sea Salmon at Oakville

Early records show that before the Great Lakes were polluted by industrialism, sea salmon used to come up as far as Lake Ontario to spawn and were once taken by spear at Oakville.

Places Named After Nelson

As a tribute to Britain's hero of Trafalgar, many of the places in Halton county

were named in incidents in Nelson's life. Among them are Nelson, Palermo, Bronte, Trafalgar and even Oakville, a name derived from Britain's "hearts of oak."

First Phone Exchange Here

The first telephone exchange in the British Empire was established in Hamilton in 1878 by Hugh C. Baker, a friend of Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telephone in Brantford two years earlier. The late Dr. Thomas White, of this city, was the first doctor in Canada to have a telephone.

Maggie's Mill in Glandford

The famous song, When You and I Were Young, Maggie, was written by George Johnson, a Blinbrook school teacher, to Maggie Clark, whose father's mill was on the banks of the Twenty creek, in Glandford. The site of the mill may be seen today and Maggie, who died when only 23, is buried in the White Church cemetery, Mount Hope.

Canal Made Dundas Port

The Desjardins canal, constructed by Peter Desjardins in 1826, made Dundas the busiest port on Lake Ontario until the advent of railways.

Romulus, a Dream City

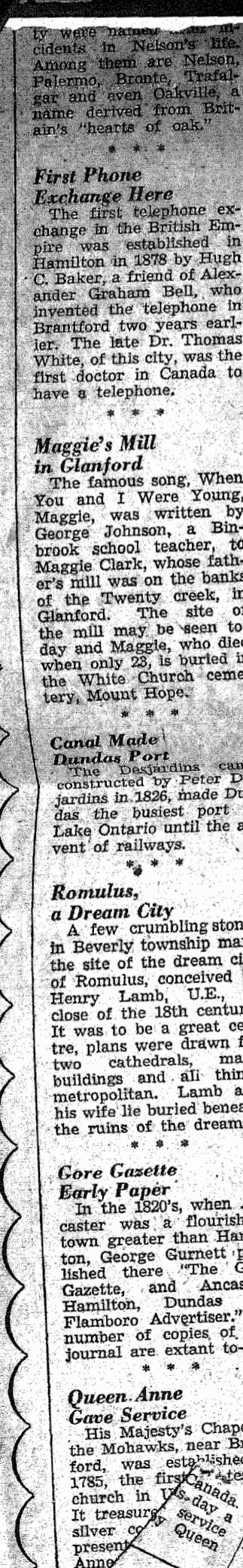
A few crumbling stones in Beverly township mark the site of the dream city of Romulus, conceived by Henry Lamb, U.E., at close of the 18th century. It was to be a great centre, plans were drawn for two cathedrals, many buildings and all things metropolitan. Lamb and his wife lie buried beneath the ruins of the dream.

Gore Gazette Early Paper

In the 1820's, when Ancaster was a flourishing town greater than Hamilton, George Garnett published there "The Gore Gazette," and Ancaster, Hamilton, Dundas and Flamboro Advertiser." A number of copies of this journal are extant to-day.

Queen Anne Game Service

His Majesty's Chapel to the Mohawks, near Brantford, was established in 1785, the first Protestant church in Upper Canada. It treasures a silver cup presented by Queen Anne.



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