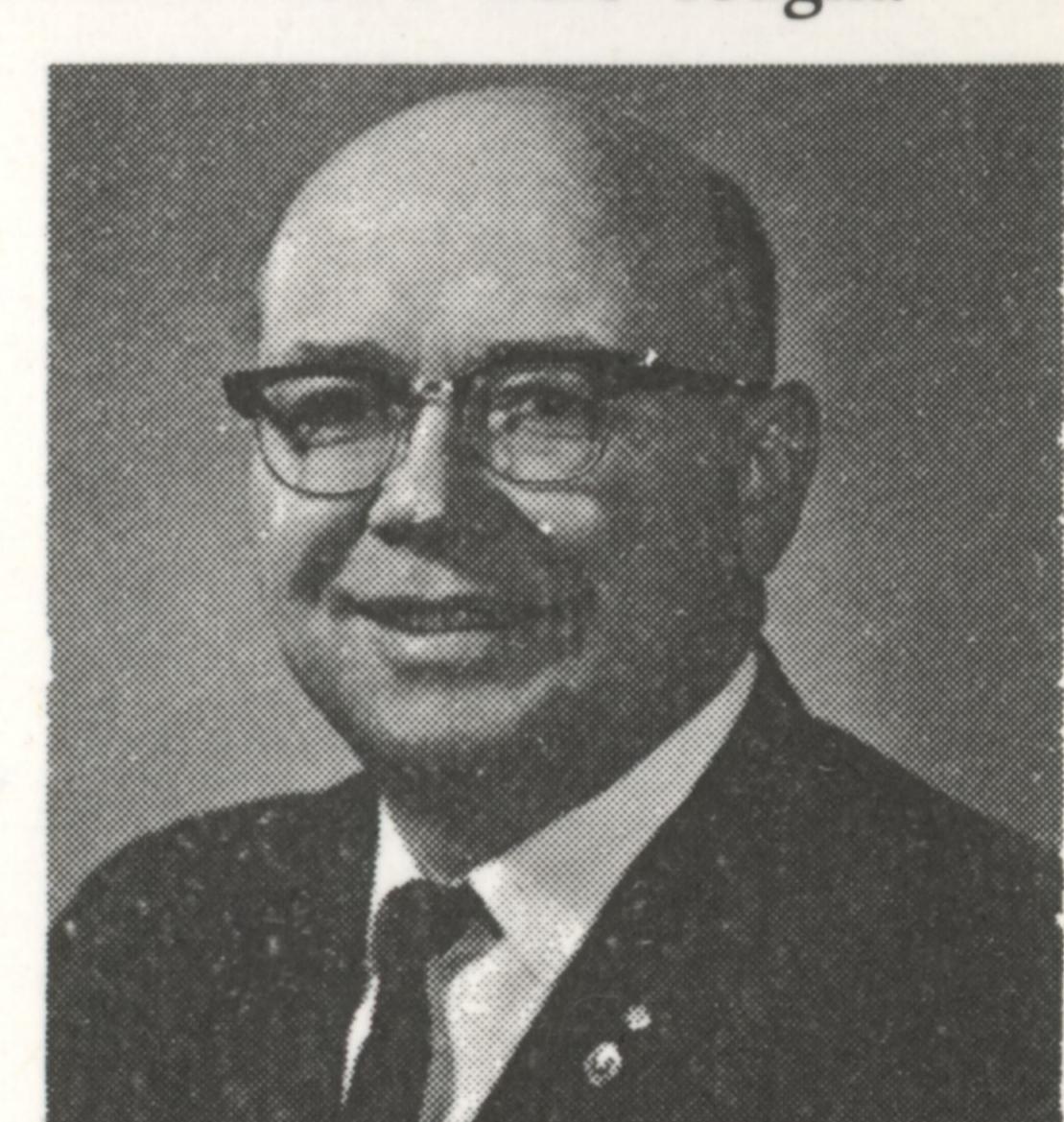
## MESSAGE FROM THE REEVE

THE CENTENNIAL of Canadian Confederation has a special meaning for the Township of Niagara.

It was on our soils that many of the important battles of the war of 1812-1814 were fought.

Those early victories did much to draw this nation, Canada, together. Fifty years after the last soldier tramped across this township, the Fathers of Confederation began drafting the articles of our confederation.



Fred S. Goring

Canada was officially born in 1867. But the nation was truly

born here, on the battlefields of 1812 - 1814, on the lands that most of us drive by daily and work year after year.

Canada's earliest heroes, General Brock and Laura Secord included, are also Niagara's heroes.

This work, commissioned on the occasion of the centennial of Canadian Confederation, digs into the past to present to the citizens of today a true picture of how our forefathers fought, sweated, toiled and died so that our lives might be better.

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Weston, October, 1967.