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THE HUMBER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

The following is one of a series of papers read before the York Pioneers by Mr. William Watson, of Weston, one of the most prominent and respected members of the association, and a minute history of the county of York, especially the Western portion.
(PAPER No. 1.)

When consenting to submit to this association a short account of the Humber and its tributaries, I supposed the task would be comparatively an easy one, but collecting reliable information about portions thereof unknown to me has proved tedious and difficult beyond my expectations. However, after much personal inquiry and considerable correspondence, I have received several replies as to the source, size, and direction of the upper part of the main Humber portions of which are here given. The sources are:—One branch of the Humber takes its rise about three miles from Orangeville, in Mono, and flows east, or to Mono Mills into Albion, where it is joined by another branch which rises in Adjala. Another writes:—"The Humber rises on Lot 19, in the 5th Con. of Caledon, and flows nearly north into Mono, thence in an easterly direction through Mono and Adjala into Albion." Another writes:—"The Humber rises in the east half of lot 2, in the 4th Con. of Orangeville, and two miles from Mono Mills. At Ballyroy, the hills are steep and about 100 feet high. From here to Palgrave they vary in height from 10 to 20 feet." Another writes:—"The sources of the Humber are two small streams from a number of springs in the northern part of Caledon, flowing northward into Mono, some three miles from Mono Mills. The other rises also from springs in the Township of Mono, not far from the source of a branch of the Nottawa river. These unite flow on to Mono Mills; thence through the township Adjala, near the county line to Kazwood Mills. From here the river, increased in volume by a number of small spring creeks, flows to Ballyroy on the county line at the head of the 6th con. of Albion, and distant about twelve miles from its source. Thence it flows south-easterly, Wilson's creek is added to the river, a short distance before it reaches Palgrave, on the 7th line of Albion; thence three miles and a half to Cedar Mills, receiving in that distance four or five small streams. Three miles further on, Bolton village is reached. Then after a course of thirty-five miles by the river from its source, it enters the township of King, where it receives the waters of Cold Creek, a considerable stream of spring water, about four miles in length." Another writes:—"The Humber takes its rise in Mono, close to the base line, a short distance west of Mono Mills, in a small tamarac and cedar swamp, about four miles from Orangeville. Here another small stream from a spring in a stony or rocky ridge, on the Caledon side of the base line joins it. On leaving Mono Mills it passes through a rather rough ravine or gorge, caused possibly by the Caledon Mountains, or as some suppose it only a break in that terrace-like range, forming the water shed of the Humber. This far, the Humber is a mere creek, passing on its way through several small cedar and tamarac swamps. It enters Adjala about the third lot, and works its way into Albion near Ballyroy. Till reaching here the banks are not high, nor the flats broad." The course of the Humber, the general course of the Humber is south-east; from Woodbridge to Greenholm Mills, on Lot 39, Con. A, in Etobicoke, almost south, thence taking a south-easterly direction till reaching Lot 20, 6th con. of York, when it turns east along the south side of said lot for nearly a mile, forming by its windings two peninsulas, both which have recently been transformed into islands, each containing several acres. I will have more to say of this when speaking of mills, &c. From here the river flows with numerous windings, nearly south to Weston, also from Weston to Lambton its general course continues nearly south. From Lambton its course is south-east to where it enters Lake Ontario about three miles westward from the Exhibition grounds. The length of the Humber in a tolerably direct course, is between fifty and sixty miles, but following it in all its windings the distance would be much greater. In most of its course it is serpentine, but in places both above and below Kleinburg it quite surpasses in crookedness the proverbial ram's horn. Between York and Etobicoke the Humber is the town-line, or municipal boundary, thus producing in both townships many part lots generally designated "broken farms."

The next most important tributary in this connection is the West Branch, or as it is sometimes called, THE BRANCH. The sources of this stream are six small creeks each flowing from a separate spring three of which rises in Canguanousy, and the remaining three in Albion. These uniting in Toronto Gore, form a fairly sized stream, which soon enters Etobicoke just below Clairville, and continuing its course in an easterly direction through a fine section of country, formerly heavily timbered with hardwood of different kinds, hemlock, and a few fine pines near its entrance into the Humber, on Lot 30 con. B, in the township of Etobicoke west two miles north of Weston. The West Branch is about twenty miles in length and has considerable fall for the last few miles of its course. Occasionally during a freshet it becomes quite turbulent, sweeping away fences, however severely made, demolishing bridges, uprooting trees, and tumbling stones about as though they were mere blocks of wood. In a dry season the lower portion of the Branch becomes almost (some say entirely) dry, the water being absorbed by the sand and gravel, while for miles above, the stream continues quite a size. Another tributary the Black Creek, flows through Vaughan and York entering the Humber a short distance above Lambton. I will have more to say of this in some future paper, also occasionally smaller streams may be briefly mentioned.

STONE. In many parts of the Humber stone is found in considerable quantities. From Weston to Stillwater it is found in abundance, varying from one foot to four feet in depth, and is being largely used for building purposes, and for road-making. Underlying the stone is a fine shale bottom. In fact, throughout much of its course the river bed consists of shale or gravel. The West Branch is also famous for its stone, it being found not only in the river-bed but also underlying the flats or Valley lands. Mr. Wm. Grubb, through whose land the Branch flows for the last mile or so of its course, represents the stone as about three feet thick, and resting, as in the Humber on a splendid shale bottom. He also states that the lime used in the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway bridge at Weston was obtained from stone taken from his flats.

[The next paper will be on the probable formation of the Humber valley and its condition when first occupied by our forefathers, together with some account of subsequent changes.]

WEST YORK.

Enthusiastic Reform Convention at Parkdale.—Mr. H. S. Howland unanimously chosen the Standard-Bearer for West York.

The West York Reform Convention, called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Dominion Legislature, was held in the Town Hall, Parkdale, Friday. The hall was appropriately draped with flags, British, French, and American, while festoons of evergreens heightened the effect of the decorations. On each side of the hall were photographs of the late Hon. George Brown and Mr. Blake, and on cards ranged along the wall the names of Oliver Mowat, Edward Blake, George Brown, Luther H. Holton, Marshall Spring Bidwell, Papineau, Lafontaine, Robert Baldwin, and Wm. Lyon Mackenzie. As mottoes, "Ontario must have what the Arbitrators awarded her and nothing more"; Provincial rights"; "Canada our home"; "What shall the harvest be—West York redeemed in 1883"; "Parkdale will give the Liberal candidate a majority," still further added to the attractions of the place of meeting.

The members of the Convention did not effect an organization in the forenoon, the hour proceeding luncheon being taken up with the presentation of delegates' credentials, after which an adjournment was made until half-past twelve for a lunch provided by the Parkdale Association. During the discussion of the winds the liberality of the Parkdale Association was referred to by the members in terms of the highest praise. On returning to the hall the Convention was organized by Mr. Winchester, of Brockton, taking the chair, Mr. Porter, of Vaughan, being Secretary. The President briefly addressed the Convention in reference to the very important object of their meeting, it being no less than that of selecting a Reform candidate for the West Riding of the County of York to represent the constituency in the Dominion Parliament. It was incumbent upon them to lay aside all personal prejudices and predilections and unite in nominating as a candidate one who would lead them to victory in 1883, and redeem the riding from the disgrace of defeat at the last general election.

The following gentlemen were then appointed as scrutineers by the Chairman for the taking and counting of ballots—Messrs. T. W. Webster, W. C. Patterson, W. A. Wallis, Dr. Lynd, John Malton, John A. Stewart, W. Watson and George Yullop.

Mr. Watson, of Weston, seconded by Mr. White of Kleinburg. "That the Convention proceed to the election of a candidate to represent the Riding at the next general election for the House of Commons, and that a two-thirds vote be required for the first three ballots in order to make a choice, after that a majority vote be final." The motion was carried.

It was decided on motion made by Mr. Peter Patterson, seconded by Mr. Donald McFarlane "that no speeches be allowed until after the election of a candidate."

Nominations were then made, but finally all were withdrawn, except Mr. Henry S. Howland, who was declared elected by the unanimous vote of the two hundred delegates. The announcement of the result of the balloting was received with the utmost enthusiasm, and many were the expressions of pleasure at the fact of such a zeal-hearted Reformer being appointed as their leader. All appear to be sanguine that their action at the Convention would be endorsed at the general election, whenever it would be held, by Mr. Howland's election by a large majority.

The President stated that unfortunately Mr. Howland was now in Boston attending a sick relative in that city, but he had no doubt concerning his acquiescence in the action of the Convention in nominating him as their standard-bearer in the coming campaign.

The following gentlemen were appointed as a delegation to acquaint the candidate elect of the action of the Convention:—For Vaughan, Mr. Peter Patterson; Etobicoke, W. A. Wallis, Parkdale, J. S. Lockie; Brockton, John Malton; Weston, George Yullop; York, Joseph Sheppard; and Richmond Hill, A. L. Skeele. The members of the delegation then proceeded to the telegraph office in order to telephone to Mr. Howland's city office, from which a despatch would be sent to that gentleman to Boston.

Speeches were then made by a number of prominent gentlemen, which our space compels us to hold over until next issue, when we will give a synopsis of each.

INTERESTING INKLINGS.

The Quebec Local Legislature will meet on the 8th of March.

An eight-year-old boy died last week at Point St. Charles from the excessive use of liquor, and the coroner's jury has brought in a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown. An effort is now to be made to find the person or persons who gave the boy the liquor.

The Governor of New York State has been compelled to issue a proclamation directed against persons residing in Greenwood, Stenben county, who have adopted a "no tax" platform and resist all the advances of the tax collector. A species of Boycotting is also carried on, and it is thought that it may be necessary to call out the military.

To the Editor of the Liberal.

MR. EDITOR:—Will you please tell me if it was right for our P. M. to allow meetings to be held in his office for if they were held on the premises at all, they must, of course, have been held in the P. O. During the last election, was it right for him to electioneer through the Sub Division? Was it right for him to allow his amiable wife to receive the small half of a gold watch as a "slight token of appreciation" by the Tories for services rendered, he paying the other half? Remember the grins we in power then; he was trying to out them. Is it right for Inspectors of weights and measures to electioneer and do all they can to keep their party in power if so it is right for the P. M. of Maple to do likewise.

Yours,
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