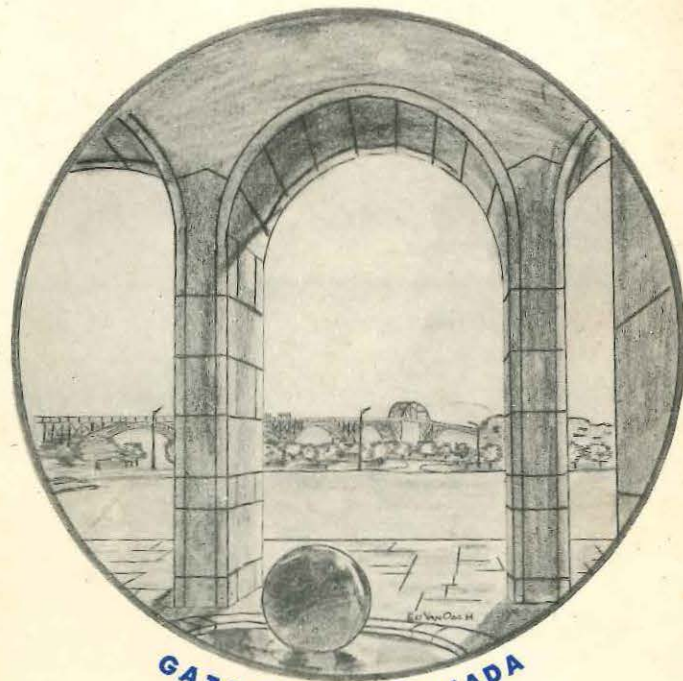


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It was not until the early 1600's that the "couriers de bois" became the first white man in the area, and not until 1763, with the building of the fortress "Fort Erie," did he leave his first enduring mark.

With the influx of the Empire Loyalists in 1776 came the first non-military settlement of a few scattered rough-hewn houses surrounding the fort. In the succeeding years the history of this settlement — called variously Fort Erie Mills, Fort Erie Rapids, and Waterloo after the Napoleonic War — was to be linked very closely with navigation on Lake Erie.

Prior to 1825 Fort Erie was an important commercial area due mainly to its strategic location on the water route however, this importance waned severely in 1825 with the openings of the Welland and Erie Canals. Fort Erie was now bypassed and what was once a tremendously potential metropolis became almost utterly dormant.

The community did progress sufficiently to achieve incorporation as the Village of Fort Erie on July 13th, 1857.

The advent of a car ferry to facilitate the flourishing railways gave Fort Erie a short lease on life which was terminated by the building of the International Bridge in 1873. Almost overnight there evolved all those enterprises which accompany a great undertaking. Soon there grew a rival sister village called Victoria, which, in 1895, was incorporated as Bridgeburg. Located about two miles to the north of Fort Erie, the new village flourished immediately as a railroad and customs port while Fort Erie, with the opening of the Peace Bridge, became a port of entry for vehicular traffic.

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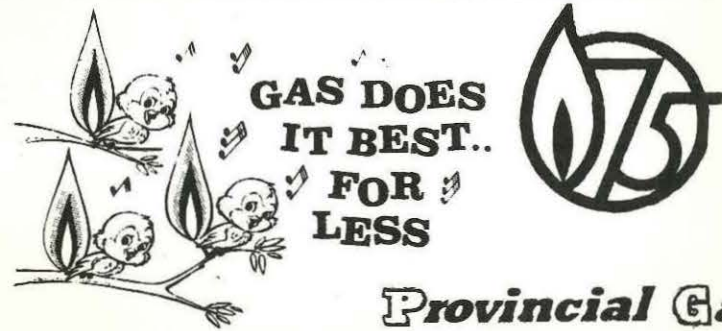
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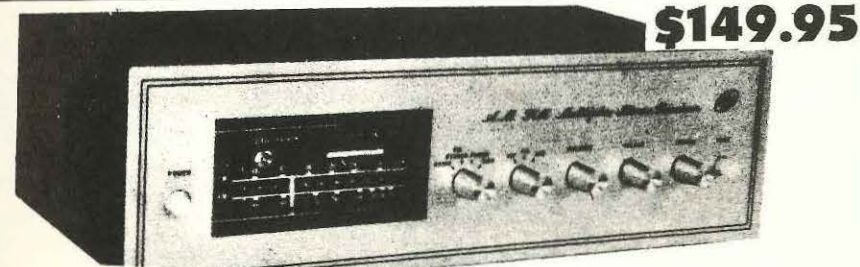
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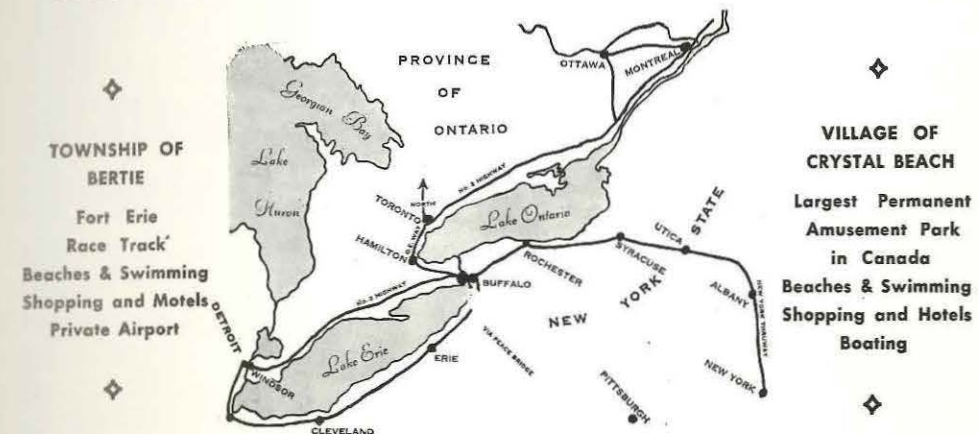
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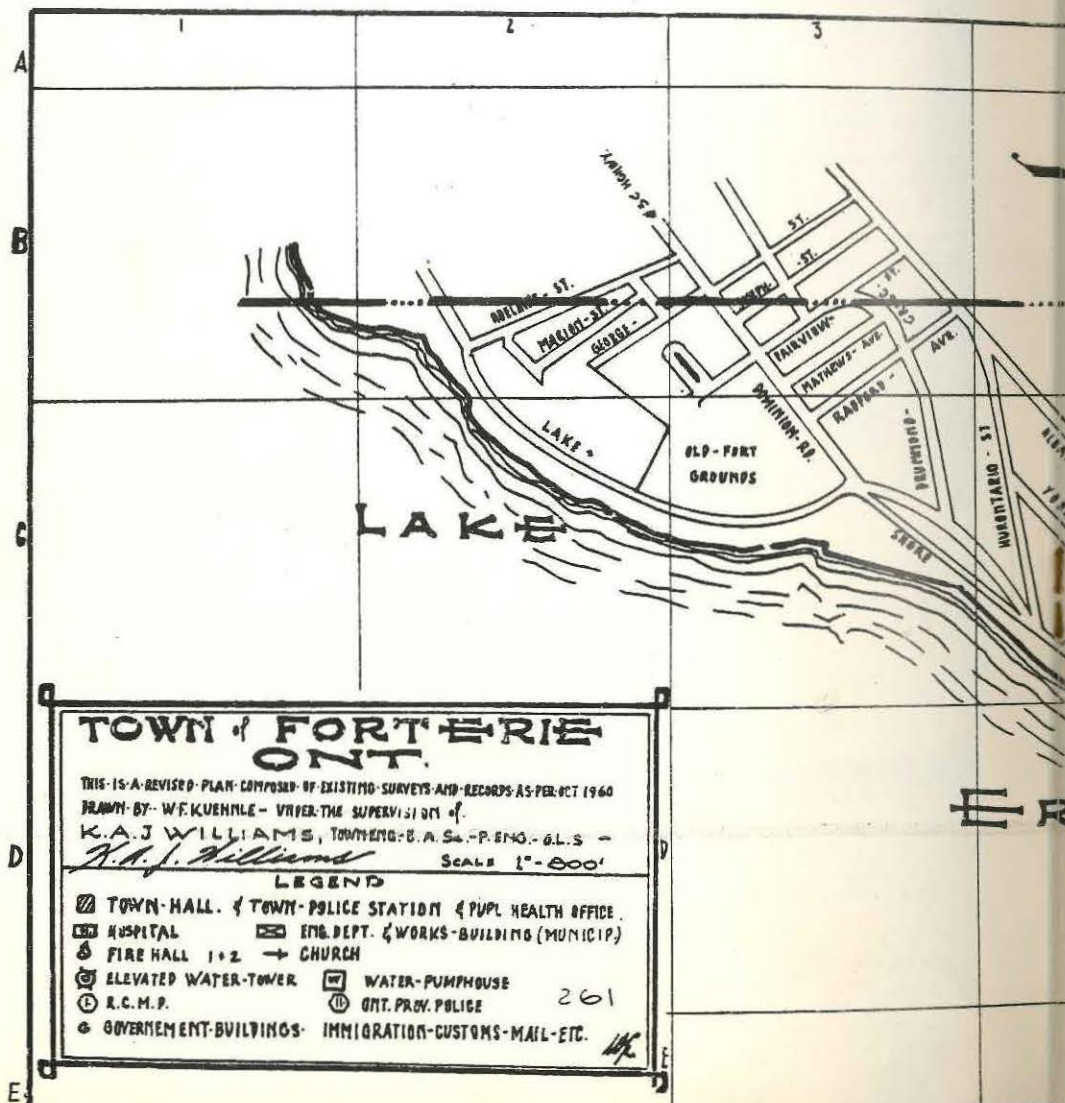
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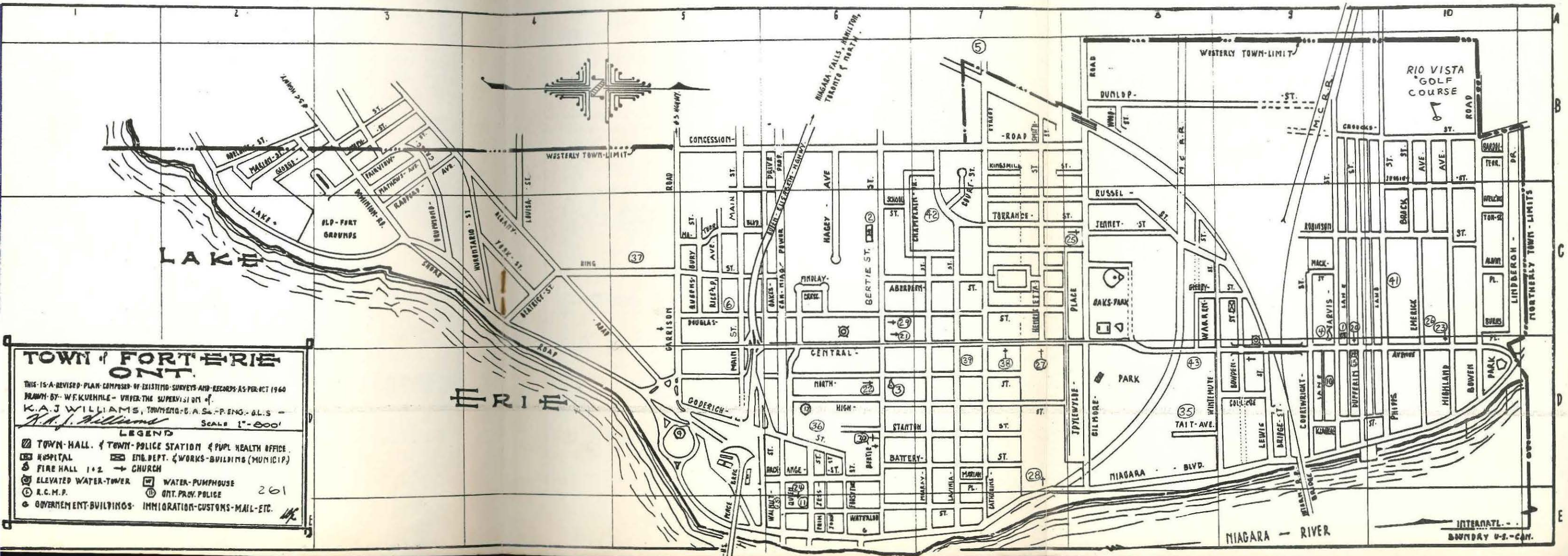
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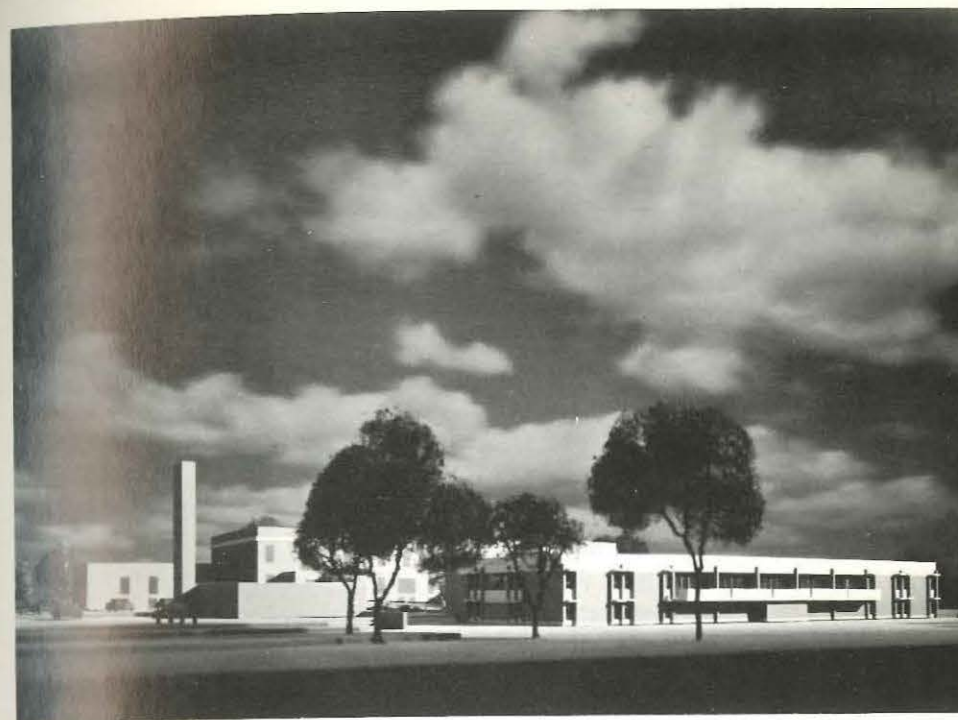
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Throughout the intervening years the hospital has provided invaluable service to the community and in order to keep pace with modern day demands, an expansion program was launched in 1963. Plans are now being finalized and it is expected that construction will begin in early summer.

To cost one and three quarter million dollars the expanded hospital will have all the services and facilities of much larger hospitals. In addition to 75 active treatment beds, there will also be included 20 beds for chronic patients.

Ownership of the hospital is vested in the Douglas Memorial Hospital Association, a voluntary association open to all citizens in the area who at the annual meeting elect a Board of Governors. Control and management of the hospital rests with this Board which numbers 20 highly qualified persons.

The Douglas Memorial Hospital Medical Staff has 17 active staff members, and 10 honorary consultants in the various medical specialties.

Two hospital ladies' auxiliaries have served the hospital in a voluntary capacity for several years. With memberships totalling more than 100 the auxiliaries have contributed much to the care and comfort of patients. In addition their many fund raising projects have provided substantial funds for hospital equipment.

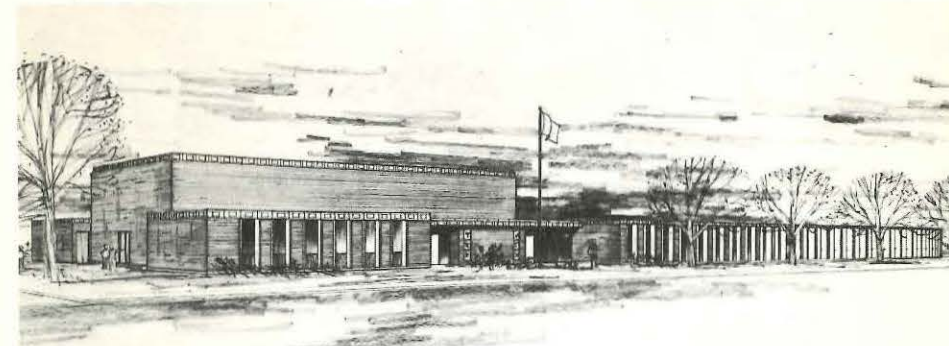
The equivalent of more than 100 full time staff are employed and the hospital has an annual budget of more than \$550,000.00.

The Douglas Memorial is one of the few hospitals in the Province of Ontario that provides ambulance service.

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Meetings: every other Tuesday
Leo's Restaurant 7:00
- JAYCETTES** — Pres. Olive Turner, Aberdeen Street 871-1861
Meetings: first and third Thursday as called
- KINSMEN** — Pres. Gordon Jackson 871-4294
Meetings: first and third Thursday
Michele's 7:00
- KINETTES** — Pres. Mrs. J. McCallum, 474 Lakeshore Road 871-2333
Meetings: every second Thursday
Leo's Restaurant 8:00
- LIONS** — Pres. A. Backshall, 28 Lindbergh Drive 871-0322
Meetings: Thursday 6:30
Hotel Fort Erie
- ROTARY CLUB** — Pres. W. Briggs, 112 Jarvis Street 871-3281
Meetings: Wednesday
Hotel Fort Erie, 12:15
- ROTARY ANNS** — Pres. Mrs. W. Briggs, 112 Jarvis Street 871-3281
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Regent — Miss M. Philps, 50 Wintemute Street 871-0485
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- LOYAL ORANGE LODGE** — Pres. D. Hall, 420 Gilmore Road 871-2997
Meetings: first and third Wednesday
Orange Hall 8:00
- BERTIE SPCA** — Pres. Nelson Miller, Garrison Road, Ridgeway, Ont. 869-2162
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- Y'S MEN CLUB** — Pres. D. Jackson, 236 Douglas Street 871-1013
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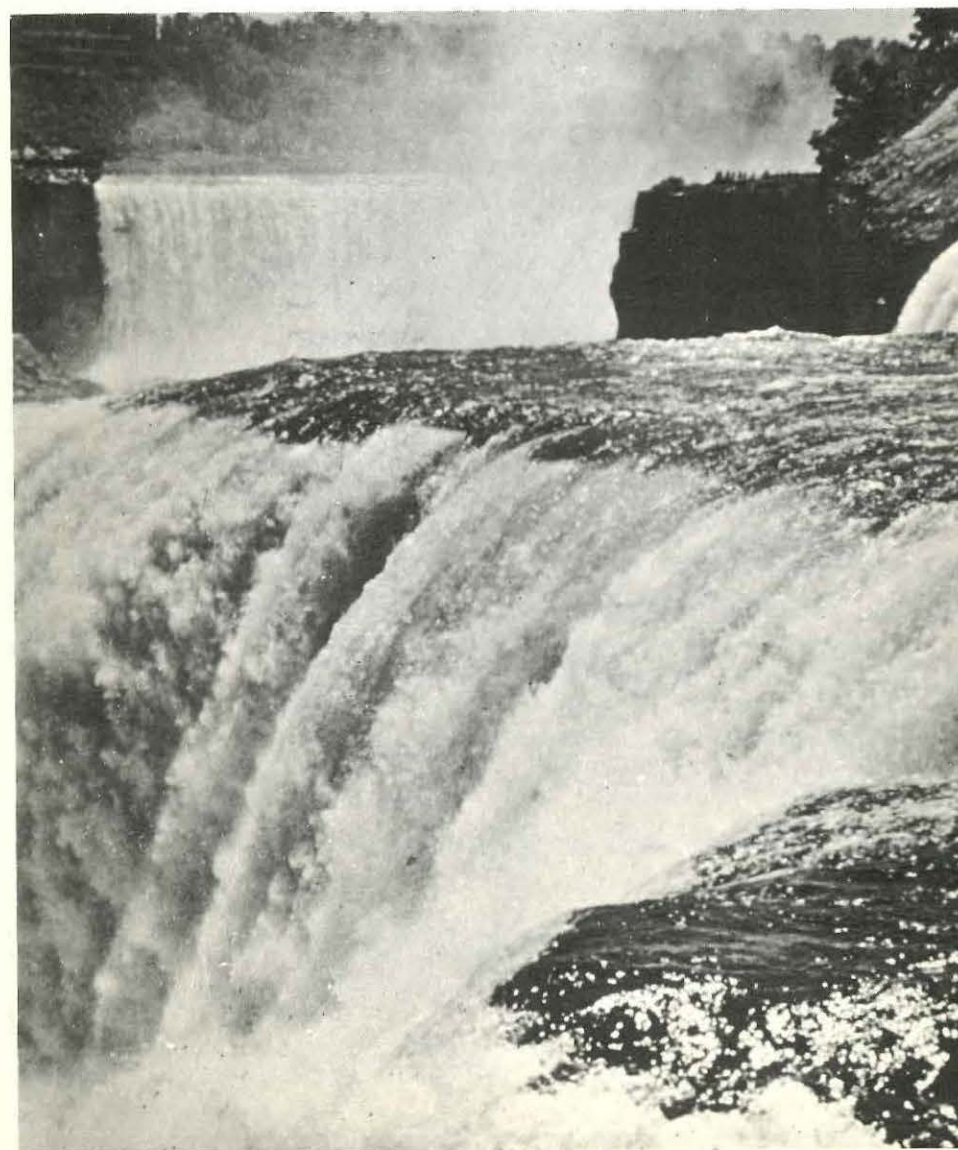
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This Association is dedicated to the welfare of the retarded and their families throughout their lives, and tries to meet all the needs of the retarded which are not covered by other facilities. The Association is affiliated with the Ontario Association for retarded Children and the Canadian Association. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the welfare of the Retarded. Each individual service is the responsibility of a committee, which is, in turn responsible to the Association's executive.

Education

The **ELSIE ENGLISH MEMORIAL SCHOOL** is a new school for trainable retarded built by the Association. The administration is now the responsibility of the government, but the Association is represented on the Board. The school serves children from 5 - 18. Application for admission is made to the principal.

Principal Mrs. Doris Emerson, Lakeshore Road, Fort Erie
Staff consists of two additional teachers, a teacher's aide and a janitor.

Adult Services

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE, 143 Lavinia Street, Fort Erie
Manager Gerald Edwards

Training Director Mrs. Lucille Hudd, 1235 Orchard Avenue, Fort Erie
Additional Staff Mrs. Bessie Wilson and volunteers

The training centre, for which the Association receives no government grants, provides sheltered working conditions for those who are too severely retarded ever to be able to compete in the normal labour market, but who are yet able to perform useful work; and also work training for those who will eventually be able to go elsewhere to work.

Chairman of Adult Services Committee: Grant Asplin, Niagara Boulevard

Home Care

The function of this committee is to provide services for the home bound and pre-school retarded and their families. A pre-school programme will shortly be started.

Chairman of Home Care Committee: Mrs. Betty Sutcliffe, Bowen Road, Fort Erie

Recreation

This committee is responsible for the running of a summer day camp, sending children to summer residential camp, regular skating, and other recreational activities.

Chairman of Recreation Committee: Mrs. Grace Wheatman, Lewis Street, Fort Erie

Religious Education

This committee strives to promote the spiritual welfare of the retarded and to interest local Churches in this. Religious instruction is provided regularly in the day school, and a regular Sunday School is conducted at Central Avenue United Church.

Chairman of Religious Education Committee: Rev. J. A. Bovenkamp, Bertie Street.

Residential Care

A number of children from this area are in Provincial Hospital schools, and this committee acts as a watch-dog committee to make sure that the interests and welfare of these and other children in residences are never neglected. One of the major objectives of this committee at the present time is to further the establishment of small residences in this area for those children who are not able to be cared for at home.

Chairman of Residential Care Committee: Mrs. Beryl Corcoran, 343 Ferndale Avenue, Fort Erie

Publicity

The Association endeavours to make the needs of the retarded widely known and understood. This is done through addressing meetings, newspaper publicity, etc. and the monthly bulletin. Requests for speakers and films should be addressed to the publicity chairman.

Publicity Chairman: Mrs. Debora Baumanis, 115 Stanton Street, Fort Erie

Bulletin Editor: Mrs. Doris Scott, 233 Bowen Road, Fort Erie

Membership

The Association is always looking for new members, who should apply to the Chairman.

Chairman of Membership: Mrs. Edith Train, 162 Bertie Street, Fort Erie

Finance

The activities of the Association are financed by contributions from local municipalities, private donations and an annual fund raising drive conducted in May in connection with the nation-wide appeal known as The Flowers of Hope. The budget for 1965 exceeds \$12,000.

Chairman of Finance: John Brennan, 433 Ferndale, Fort Erie

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Chairman of Ways and Means: Mrs. Dorothy Ammer, R.R. 1, Fort Erie

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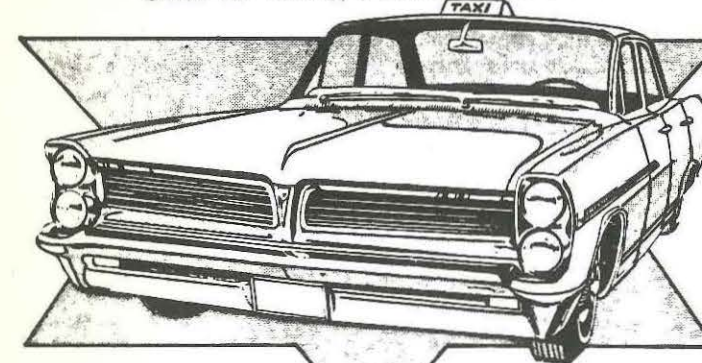
The Association is proud to be associated with this project the aim of which is to provide a complete range of services for the retarded in the Niagara-Hamilton area.

Association meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Elsie English Memorial School, Buffalo Road. The public is invited to attend these meetings, whether or not they wish to become members of the Association.

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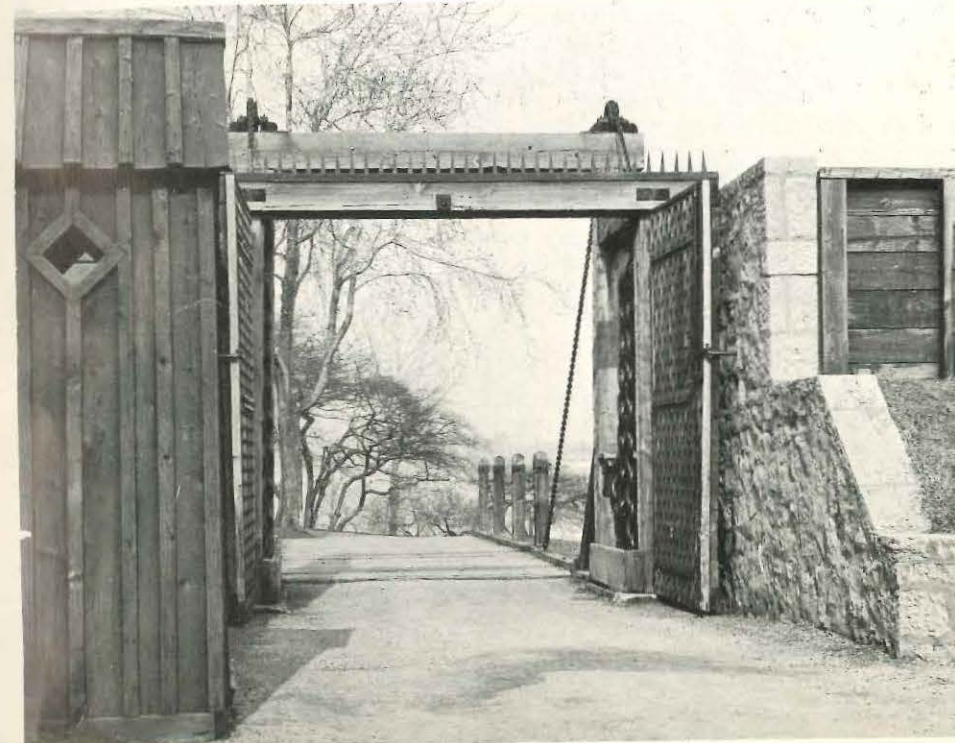
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History of a Fort Restored

Overlooking the point where Lake Erie spills into the Niagara River the Old Fort, from which the town of Fort Erie derives its name, epitomizes one of the most event-ridden and historical sites in Ontario.

This was the first land in the province to be acquired by treaty from the Indians. Here, some 200 years ago, were established the first British military outpost and wharf to push navigation into the upper lakes. The first two forts to occupy the site succumbed to the vicissitudes of Lake Erie and the present Fort Erie was completed during the war years of 1812 to 1814. Captured by the Americans, besieged by the British, in turn abandoned and blown up by the Americans, the Old Fort today serves to emminate the veneration of two nations toward this place.

In the summer of 1763 General Bradstreet of the British Army despatched Lieutenant Colonel John Montesor to the outlet of Lake Erie to establish a wharf and protective fortress for British vessels loading for western posts, on the upper lakes. On July 9th he marked off the site of the first fort at the mouth of the river, to be built of timber from the surrounding wood. General Bradstreet later named the site "Fort Erie" due to its strategic location on Lake Erie.

For the next quarter century the fort, exposed to the ravages of the lake, was found extremely difficult to keep in repair. During this peiod it fell before the fury of a storm and was partially destroyed in 1779. Then, in 1803, during another great storm, a wall of wind-driven ice destroyed the garrison beyond repair and led to its relocation on the site we now know. The following year preparation for a new post, to be constructed out of local stone and located away from the water, was initiated. The work, begun in 1804, was discontinued in 1808.

Work progressed intermittently until war broke out in 1812 between Canada and the United States. The fort, not nearly completed, was captured by the Americans in the Seige of Fort Erie in 1814. In 1904 a stone monument to those who fell was erected and today stands guard at the entrance to the park. The fort was abandoned later in 1814 but was almost completely destroyed by the Americans when they left.

Restoration was begun in 1937, sponsored jointly by the Provincial and Dominion governments. Completed and opened on July 1st, 1939, the fort today has taken on the appearance of an impressive fortress. However it is not in any way intended to reflect a renewed citadel and its guns, silenced forever 200 years ago, would be of no use for or against modern aggressive forces. Instead, it serves only as a center of attraction and recreation to visitors to the Niagara Frontier.

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