Growth and Development in Rural Counties Surrounding Separated Cities

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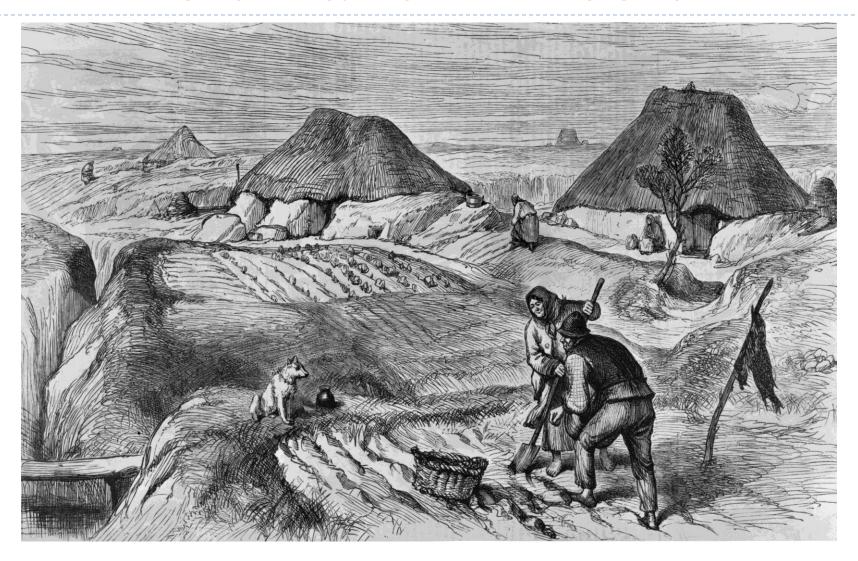
















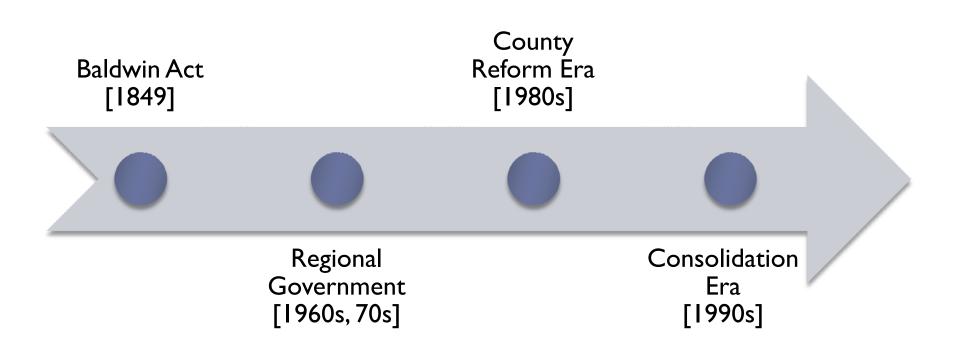


The town has ting'd the country; and the stain Appears a spot upon a vestal's robe,
The worse for what it soils. The fashion runs
Down into scenes still rural; but alas
Scenes grac'd with rural manners now!

William Cowpr's "The Task" (553-7)



Municipal Organization in Ontario





City County Separation in Ontario

| County | Separated City/Cities | Lower-Tiers |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Simcoe | Barrie, Orillia | 16 |
| Essex | Windsor | 7 |
| Wellington | Guelph | 8 |
| Middlesex | London | 9 |
| Frontenac | Kingston | 4 |
| Peterborough | Peterborough | 8 |
| Renfrew | Pembroke | 17 |
| Leeds and Grenville | Brockville, Prescott, Gananoque | 10 |
| Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry | Cornwall | 6 |
| Lanark | Smith's Falls | 8 |
| Elgin | St. Thomas | 7 |
| Hastings | Belleville, Quinte West | 14 |
| Perth | St. Mary's, Stratford | 4 |

London-Middlesex County



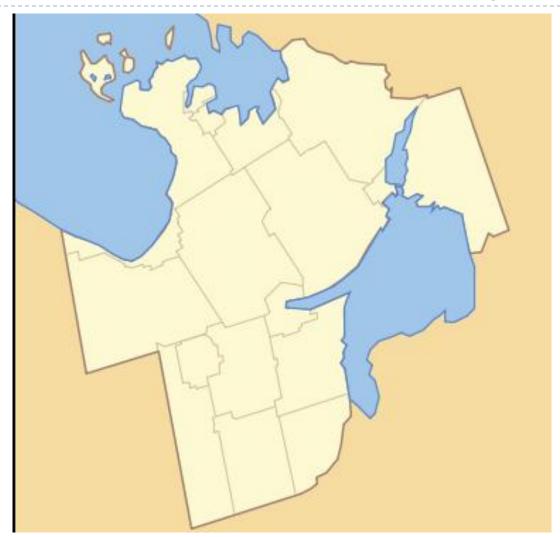
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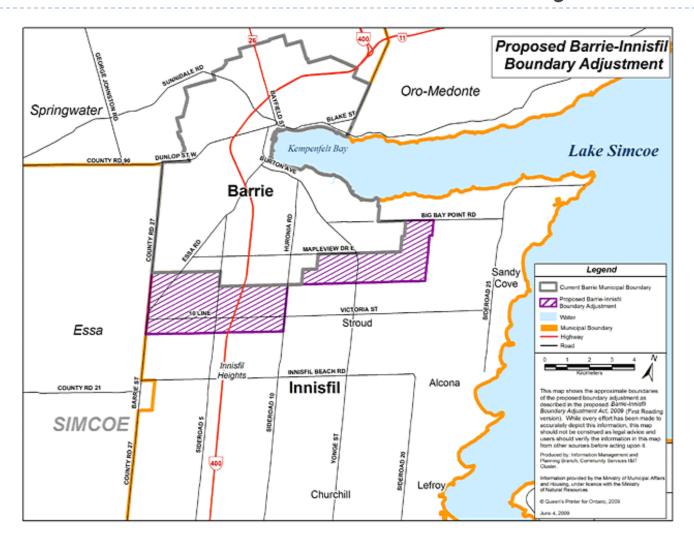
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Barrie-Simcoe County

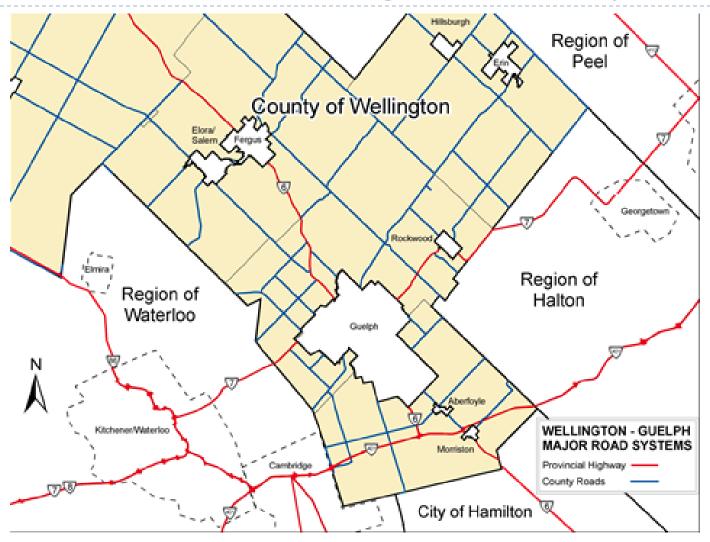


Barrie-Simcoe County





Guelph-Wellington County



The CMSM Dispute

| Region | County Request | City Request |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Wellington/Guelph | Actual Cost | Weighted Assessment |
| Frontenac/Kingston | Case Load/Population | Weighted Assessment |
| Renfrew/Pembroke | Case Load | Weighted Assessment |
| Essex/Windsor | Actual Cost | Weighted Assessment |



Breaking the Bargain?

- Where county municipalities wish to remain rural, citycounty separation continues to work well
- However, many municipalities around separated cities are not content to remain rural
- Development is threatening the institution
- Annexation is not a long-term solution for separated cities
- Amalgamation in 1990s created larger, stronger lowertiers in counties
- Province should reassess the institutional structure of many rapidly developing counties with separated cities

