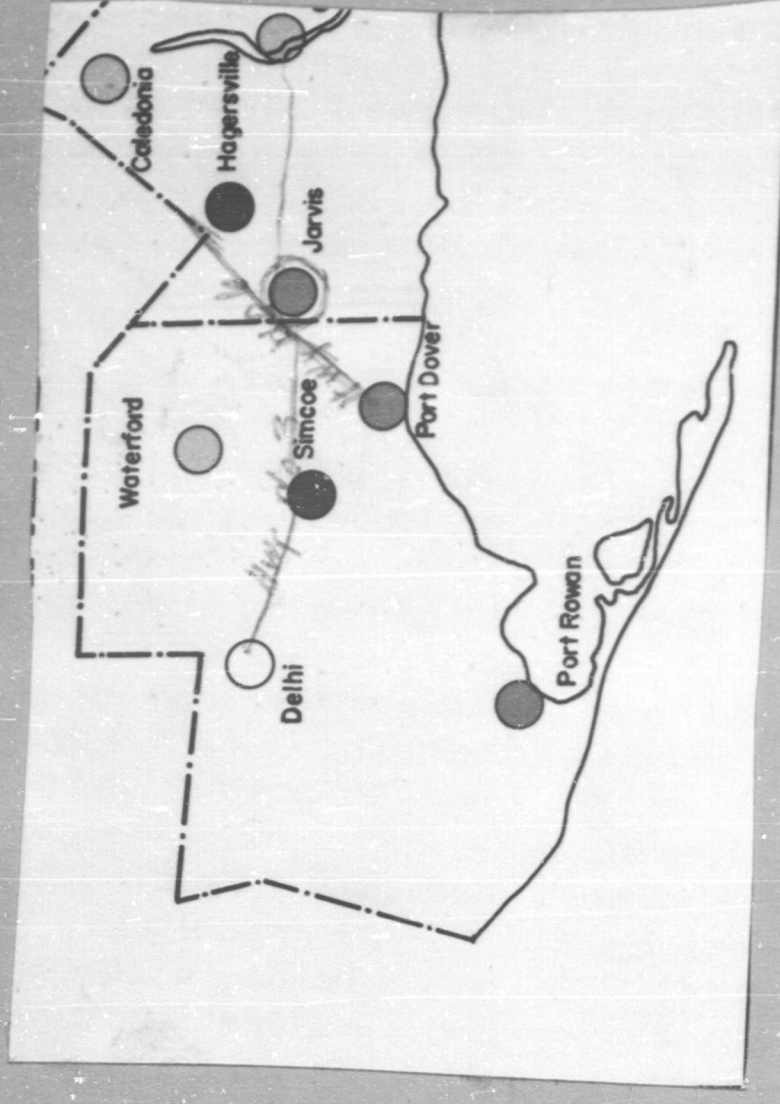


JARVIS



Jarvis unlike numerous other Ontario communities did not gain its name from its first settler but rather from William Jarvis, an aide to Colonel Talbot. Mr. Jarvis never at any time lived in the community.

The village of Jarvis came into existence with the building of the Plank Road, between Hamilton, and Port Dover. When the construction of the road commenced James Shearman built a shanty, and blacksmith shop at the corner of the Plank Road, and Talbot street, where the Imperial Oil Station now stands. He later built a tavern on his lot to refresh the navvies who worked on the road.

As soon as the road was completed Mr. W.C. Shannon moved into a toll house, which was the second habitation in Jarvis. John Gowan opened the first general store and Rial Canfield carried on an extensive business in timber, and staves.

James Sill was another prominent merchant, who carried on an extensive business, where Garner's Store now stands.

In 1873 Jarvis was nearly consumed by fire. From where no.3 highway, and No.6 street, the buildings, which were of wood, were almost entirely swept away. This calamity which it was feared had ruined Jarvis was really a benefit, for it caused the erection of buildings of a better class.



MAIN STREET, JARVIS, ONT.