

Elizabethtown and Augusta, and is washed by the River Rideau. [From the name of the family seat of Lieut.-General Simcoe, near Honiton, in Devonshire.]

*Woodhouse Township*, in the County of Norfolk, lies west of Walpole, and fronts Lake Erie. [Several families of distinction bear this name in the English Norfolk. Sir John Wodehouse was raised to the peerage in 1797, as Baron Wodehouse, of Kimberley, in the County of Norfolk.]

*Woods, Lake of the.* See Lac du Bois.

*Wye, River*, runs from a small lake near the north-west end of Lake Simcoe, into Gloucester Bay, Lake Huron.

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*Yarmouth Township*, in the County of Norfolk, lies to the west of Houghton, and fronts Lake Erie. [Probably a compliment to Francis Seymour, Lord Conway, who in 1793 was made Earl of Yarmouth.]

*Yonge Street*, is the direct communication from York to Lake Simcoe, opened during the administration of His Excellency Major-General Lieut.-Governor Simcoe, who, having visited Lake Huron by Lake aux Claies, (formerly also called Ouentaronk, or Sinion, and now named Lake Simcoe,) discovered the harbour of Penetanguishene (now Gloucester) to be fit for shipping, and resolved on improving the communication from Lake Ontario to Lake Huron by this short route, thereby avoiding the circuitous passage of Lake Erie. This street has been opened in a direct line, and the road made by the troops of His Excellency's corps. It is thirty miles from York to Holland's River, at the pine fort called Gwillimbury, where the road ends: from thence you descend into Lake Simcoe, and having passed it there are two passages into Lake Huron—the one by the River Severn, which conveys the waters of Lake Simcoe into Gloucester Bay; the other by a small portage, a continuation of Yonge Street, to a small lake, which also runs into Gloucester Bay: this communication affords many advantages; merchandise from Montreal to Michilimackinac may be sent this way at ten or fifteen pounds less expense per ton, than by the route of the Grand or Ottawa River; and the merchandise from New York, to be sent up the North and Mohawk rivers for the north-west trade, finding its way into Lake Ontario at Oswego (Fort Ontario), the advantage will certainly be felt of transporting goods from Oswego to York, and from thence across Yonge