

These notes will doubtless show *all* the settlement which existed on the line of Yonge Street in the beginning of 1796.

The Survey was commenced on the first day of January, 1796, and in the first thirteen days they had completed just two miles. Being busy every day "opening Yonge Street." On the third mile they pass a "Bridge and Creek running to the right," and come "in line of Coon's Road," and pass over "burnt plains." On the fourth mile they cross "the old road," between five and six miles "a bridge," six and a half miles "a bridge"; seven miles "a bridge"; eight miles "a bridge"; at eleven and a half miles "Cooper's House on the left"; at twelve miles opposite "Johnson's House on the left." As houses were not very plentiful, it is not very surprising that they remained at Johnson's three days, and on the 25th of January pursued their course:—At thirteen miles thirty three chains, "opposite improvement to left, about two acres"; at thirteen and a half miles, "a road turns off to the right to Berezy's settlement"; at fifty eight chains house on the left, about three acres cleared"; at seventeen and a half miles "a small improvement (S. Thorn) on the left"; at nearly eighteen miles "a log house (Berezy) on the right"; at eighteen and a half miles, "C. Berezy's house, timber not raised, on the right."

On the twenty-first mile we have the following:—"At 64 chains descend a steep hill to 66.50, arm of a pond, cross to 69, rise hill to 73 along on ridge, pond on the right to 80 opposite Mr. Bond's house, which is on the East side."

Many of our readers will be familiar with "Bond's Lake," and it now appears that Mr. Bond had also a "house" in 1796.

In going the next mile, twenty-one to twenty-two, four improvements were passed, two on each side, and no further sign of settlement is mentioned.

On Tuesday 16th February, they reached the Holland Landing thirty-three miles and fifty-three chains from Lake Ontario.

Mr. Jones returned to York on Friday 19th, and on the 20th "went to the Garrison and waited on His Excellency, the Governor, and informed him that Yonge Street is opened from York to the Pine Fort Landing, Lake Simcoe."

It is quite probable that Lake Simcoe was then, as it is now, seven miles at least from the Holland Landing, but it is possible that the marsh on both sides of the Holland River, being then covered with snow, might be mistaken for an arm of the Lake.