

PLACE NAMES --THOUSAND ISLANDS

Most of the islands composing the group known as the 'Thousand Islands' have been named after officers and others who have distinguished themselves, particularly in the war of 1812-14. As these names have been given to commemorate their efforts to preserve Canada for the British empire, it is only fitting that the information be published in connected and permanent form that will ensure the recognition to which they are entitled.

The following notes have been compiled by Mr. James White from various sources, but largely from the following:—

Irving's 'Officers of the British Forces in Canada, 1812-15.'

James' 'Naval Actions between Great Britain and the United States.'

And from information, MSS. supplied by the Admiralty, Dr. Doughty, Lieut.-Col. Cruikshank and Mr. L. Homfray Irving.

ADELAIDE; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Queen Adelaide (Amelia Adelaide Louise Theresa Caroline) 1792-1849; princess of Saxe-Cobourg-Meiningen and queen of England, wife of the Duke of Clarence, (later William IV.) whom she married July 18, 1818.

ADMIRALTY; group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after the governing body of the British navy; some of the islands in the group are named after Lords of the Admiralty.

AMHERST; island, L. Ontario, Addington, Ont.; after Field Marshal Jeffrey Amherst, (1717-97) Baron Amherst; commanded the British forces during the capture of Louisburg; C.B., July 26, 1758; appointed Governor-General of British North America in 1760.

ASPASIA; island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat, on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

AXEMAN; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Axeman*, a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

BAGOT; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir Charles Bagot, 1871-1843; negotiated with Rush agreement between Great Britain and United States, respecting limitation of vessels of war on the Great lakes; Governor-General of Canada, 1841-43.

BARER; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; name suggested

by its position in the group named after the fleet on the Great lakes in 1812-14 and by proximity to 'Gig,' 'The Punts,' and 'Jolly' islands.

BATTERSBY; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Lieut.-Col. F. Battersby, who, on Feb. 6, 1812, was in command of the Gleggarry Light Infantry.

BAUMGARDT; island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; on May 1, 1816, Capt. W. A. Baumgardt, R.N., commanded the Lake Champlain fleet, consisting of the flagship *Champlain*, and ten gunboats, 3 long guns each.

BELABOURER; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

BLOODLETTER; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

BOUCHIER; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; on May 1, 1816, Capt. Wm. Bouchier, R.N., commanded the Lake Erie fleet consisting of the *Newash* (4), *Tecumseh* (4), *Saulk* (1) and *Huron* (1).

BROCK; group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major Gen. Sir Isaac Brock (1769-1812); in 1810, appointed to command of troops in Upper Canada and, later, was provisional Lieut. Gov. of the

NOTE.—Aspas'a, Belabourer, Bloodletter, are stated as 'probably' after gunboats on but there is very little doubt that there were tions on the St. Lawrence and lake Ontario,

Camelot, Deathdealer and Dumfounder islands the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14, one-gun gunboats bearing these names although no definite evidence is procurable.