

Place-nomenclature

- Norton.**—P. 1795. As to this name the late Leonard Allison wrote me as follows:—"I have for a good while supposed, though I have no direct evidence of the fact, that the Parish of Norton, in Kings County, was named by the Honorable George Leonard, as the habitat of his branch of the Leonard family seemed to be Norton, Mass., as appears from W. R. Deane's Memoir of the Taunton Leonards (Boston, 1851), page 8, from which it appeared that his grandfather, Major George Leonard, removed in 1690 to Norton, then a part of Taunton The Honorable George Leonard's father, the Reverend Nathaniel Leonard, was born at Norton." This explanation is entirely in harmony with the mode of naming of many other parishes in the Province, and is probably correct. It may be that the Norton Brook, in Sussex, east of the parish may have some connection with the name, or it may be a coincidence.
- Nova Scotia.**—The very interesting genesis of this name with the curious reason for its persistence in the Latin form, is fully discussed in the Educational Review, XVI, 11, and in the Boundaries Monograph, 213.
- Numeheal Creek.**—According to Raymond (N. B. Magazine, II, 217) this was the Pre-Loyalist name of a creek "opposite Middle Island in Mauderville." I believe, however, that this is simply a bad misprint for Windmill Creek (now called Street's Creek?), for there was apparently a Windmill Point just beside it (see Middle Island).
- Oanwells Island** (of the Peachey maps).—Granted as *Fall Island* in 1785 to Capt. Atwood (Land Memorials). Just below it is *Belvisor Bar* (which see), and it is called Belviso Fall Island in a document of 1819, and also Cronkite Island, according to Raymond (letter). Now called Brown's Island.
- Ohio Settlement.**—Origin locally unknown. Johnston (Travels in North America, II, 62) speaks of it in 1849 as a new French settlement. I think it very likely that this settlement, as well as the several California Settlements in the Province, were named when emigration to those places was attracting much attention, in a half-humorous allusion to them as possible substitutes. Johnston, in his Travels in North America, II, 39, comments upon the "emigration fevers" which swept over the country at intervals, and adds: "These accessions of fever come on at irregular intervals. The Indiana, the Illinois, the Michigan, and the Wisconsin fevers have all had their turn, and now the California paroxysm is at its height."
- Old Mission Point.**—The Micmac name of this point, as I am told by Mr. D. Ferguson, of Chatham, who knows the place and Indians well, was *Chee-gook*.
- Onlockywicket.**—Name of a place on the Upper Nepisiguit, in local use by guides and lumbermen, doubtless Micmac.
- Ononette.**—(Formerly *Riverbank*, on the C.P.R.). Recent simplification of the Acadian name of Brandy Point (see earlier in these addenda).