

## APPENDIX.

## BIBLIOGRAPHICAL, DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL NOTES.

## THE DISTRICT OF GORE.

## Note 1, page 3.

The district of Gore was formed in 1816 out of the Niagara and Home districts by a Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, who gave it his own name. It consisted of two new counties, named (1) Wentworth, in honour of Mrs. Gore's family name, and (2) Halton, in honour of Governor Gore's private secretary. Mrs. Gore's uncle was the well-known loyalist, Sir John Wentworth, the last royal Governor of New Hampshire, and subsequently Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. Wentworth originally comprised the townships of Saltfleet (including Burlington Beach), Barton (including Burlington Heights), Binbrook, Glanford, Ancaster, and so much of the county of Haldimand as lies between Dundas Street and the village of Onondaga, commonly called Bearsfoot.

Halton was composed of the townships of Trafalgar, Nelson, East and West Flamboro', Dumfries, Waterloo, Woolwich, and Nichol, together with the reserved lands in the rear of Blenheim and Blanford. See "Historical Sketch of the County of Wentworth and Head of the Lake," by J. H. Smith (Hamilton, 1897), pp. 76-78. Also an article by H. F. Gardiner in "Pioneers of One Hundred Years Ago," edited by Minnie Jean Nisbet (Hamilton, 1900).

Of Governor Wentworth, Sabine says in "Loyalists of the American Revolution" (vol. 2, p. 411): "In my judgment, not one of the public men of the time who clung to the royal cause will go down to posterity with a more enviable fame." For sketches of his life see: Gardiner's "Nothing but Names," (*infra*, p. 17) pp. 261-264, and Sabine, as above. His administration of the affairs of Nova Scotia was conspicuous for the general prosperity of the province, and he died respected by all classes and parties, though in his public career he was somewhat unfair to Mr. Tonge, the Liberal leader, of whose opinions as an old Loyalist he was always too suspicious. For interesting accounts of his old home in New Hampshire, read Marion Harland's "More Colonial Homesteads" (New York, 1899), pp. 380 *et seq.*; Drake's "Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast" (New York, 1875), pp. 196 *et seq.*