Lake Nipissing. (Ontario, Canada.) Kichinibishing, the locative case of Kichinibish, "big lake." Nibi, (in the Ottawa dialect, nibish,) properly means "water," but is also used for "a body of water," "a small lake."

In the Pottawatomie dialect, m'bish, is an "inland lake."

Lake Superior. Ojibwekichigámi, "the great water of the Ojibwa." The Indians living on or near Lake Superior, call it simply Kichigami, "great water." Kichi.

"great;" -gami, "water," "a body of water."

This lake was the pond of the Giant Beaver hunted by Menabosho, who broke its dams, thereby causing the Saut Ste. Marie and Neebish rapids. Another consequence was the subsidence of the water, the ancient beach being still plainly visible on many points of the shore, some ten feet above the present level of the lake. (This is Indian geology!) (See Ashland Bay.)

Lake of the Woods. (Minnesota and Manitoba.) Papikwawangasagaigan, "sand-hill lake." Pikwawanga (from piko-, "knob shaped," and -awanga, "there is sand on the shore"), "there is a sand-hill on the shore;" papikwawanga, "there are many sand-hills on the shore."

L'Anse. (Baraga Co., Mich.) The French translation of the Ojibwa Wikwed, "the bay," or "the head of the bay." It is generally used in the locative case, Wikwedong; from wik-, (wig-, wag-, wak-,) "round," "bent."

Laughing Fish Point. (Schoolcraft Co, Mich.) Atikameg-bapid, "laughing-whitefish."

The origin of this singular name is unknown.

Little Munusco River. (Chippewa Co., Mich.) Anákanáshkosíbi, "rush river." Anakan, "a floor mat;" -ashk, "grass," "a shaft;" hence anakanashk, "a rush (used for making mats)."

Little Traverse Bay. (L. M.) Wikwédôs, "little bay." (See Harbor Springs.)

Marquette. (U. P. Mich.) Kichinamébinisibing, "at the big carp-river." (See Carp River.)

Michigan Island. (One of the Apostle Islands, L. S.) Pagidábiminiss, "fishing island." Pagid-, "letting go," "abandoning;" -ab, "thread," "line;" pagidabi, "he sets a fish-line (with several hooks)."

Michipicoten. (Island, L. S.) A corruption of the Ojibwa name, Mishipikwadina, which means "there is high land in the form of a large knob," or "there is a big bluff."