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## 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 Saxo-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.

- province; captured Detroit and General Hull's army Aug. 16, 1812; killed at the battle of Queenston Heights.
- CAMELOT**: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.
- CARNEGIE**: island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Capt. Hon. Swynfen Thomas Carnegie, R.N., b. Mar. 8, 1813, youngest son of William, seventh Earl of Northesk; in command of *Orestes* (18) and *Derivation* on the N.A. and W.I. station, 1842; M.P., 1841; Lord of the Treasury, 1846.
- CENAR**: island, St. Lawrence river, near Kingston, Frontenac, Ont.; from the cedar trees on it.
- CHICHESTER**: island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; probably named after Lieut. Col. Sir Charles Chichester (1795-1847); in 1826, he was major in the 2nd battalion of the 60th, then serving in America.
- CLEOPATRA**: island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Cleopatra* (2) gunboat, on the St. Lawrence during the war of 1812-14.
- COCKBURN**: island, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Admiral Sir George Cockburn, R.N., (1772-1853); actively engaged in war of 1812-14; was present at taking of Washington.
- COLLIER**: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander, later Vice-Admiral, Sir Edward Collier, R.N., (1783-1872); entered Navy, 1796; commanded *Princess Charlotte*, 18th Nov., 1813; present at Oswego where he commanded the *Magnet*; Post-Captain, 18th November, 1814; appointed to superintend the building of a frigate at Penetanguishene; returned to England, 1816; Vice-Admiral, 1857; K.C.B., 1865.
- CONRAN**: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major-General Henry Conran; Ensign in 49th Reg't, Oct. 4, 1780; Lieut. Col. of 1st Reg't., 1807; Lieut. General, 1825; appointed to command brigade (6th and 82nd) in Upper Canada, June 11, 1814; Lieut. Gov. of Jamaica, 1816; died July 17, 1829, aged 62.
- CUNLIFFE**: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Capt. Chas. Cunliffe Owen, R. N.; entered Navy, 1801; Lieutenant, 1808; appointed to Great lakes fleet, 1813 as Lieutenant on the *Wolfe*; Lieutenant commanding the *Sir Sidney Smith* in action of Sept. 28, 1813; present at French Creek, Nov. 1, 1813; appointed acting Commander Gunboat Establishment, Mar. 28, 1814, vice Mulcaster, promoted; invalided Mar., 1815; retired Captain, Feb. 24, 1852.
- DEATHDEALER**: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.
- DE ROTTENBURG**: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major General Francis, Baron de Rottenburg, K.C.H.; in 1812 appointed to command of troops in Montreal district; in 1813 to command of troops in Upper Canada and, as Administrator of the province 1814 and 1815, commanded left division of the army in Canada; Lieut.-General, 1819; d., April 24, 1832.
- DEWATTEVILLE**: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major General Abraham Louis Charles de Watteville; on Army Staff in 1812-14; went on half pay, 1816.
- DINGHY**: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; so-called from position in group, principal islands in which are named after vessels and also from proximity to 'Barge,' 'Gig,' &c., islands.
- DOBBS**: island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. Alex. T. Dobbs, R.N.; May 25, 1813, promoted from Lieut. of *Wolfe* (22) to acting-commander of *Moir* (10); promoted to Commander, Feb. 14, 1814; commanded *Charwell* (formerly *Moir*) at Oswego; later commanded *Star* (14) and was moving spirit in capture of *Ohio* and *Somers* on L. Erie.
- DOWNIE**: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander George Downie, R.N.; transferred from command of *Montreal* on L. Ontario to command of *Confiance* on L. Champlain; killed in action on L. Champlain, Sept. 11, 1814.
- DUMFOUNDER**: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.
- ENDYMION**: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Endymion*, a gunboat on the Great lakes in 1812-14.
- EVEREST**: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain H. B. Everest, Lieut. 6th Reg't; appointed Deputy-Assistant Adjutant General on Army Staff in Canada, Oct. 25, 1814.
- FIDDLERS ELBOW**: channel, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; so-called because the channel makes a very sharp turn at this point.
- FISHER**: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Commander Peter Fisher, R.N.; who was transferred Aug. 30, 1814, from command of *Confiance* on L. Champlain to the *Montreal* at Kingston.
- FORT WALLACE**: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; see Wallace island.
- GATES**: island, St. Lawrence river, Pittsburgh, Frontenac, Ont.; after W. Gates, some time owner of the island.

- GIG:** island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after ship's boat; name suggested by position in group named after fleet on Great lakes, 1812-14.
- GORDON:** island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Commander James Alexander Gordon, R.N.; only son of Rear-Admiral Sir Jas. A. Gordon, K.C.B.; entered Navy 1829; Lieut. (add'l) on *Niagara* (22), Capt. Williams Sandom, on the Great Lakes, Sept. 17, 1838; d. 1847.
- GOULBOURN:** island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Henry Goulbourn (1784-1856); in 1814, as Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, signed the Treaty of Ghent, on behalf of Great Britain.
- GRENADE:** island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after the famous British Grenadier regiment.
- HAMBLY:** island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; on May 1, 1816, Capt. P. A. Hambly, R.N. commanded the naval force on L. Huron consisting of the *Surprise* (1) and *Confiance* (2).
- HAMILTON:** island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Henry Hamilton, Lieutenant-Governor of Canada for one year, 1783.
- HARVEY:** island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Harvey, (1778-1852); in 1812 appointed Deputy Adjutant General to the army in Canada; took part in actions at Black Rock, Dec. 30, 1813, Oswego, Lundys Lane, Fort Erie and Stony Creek, 1813; was Governor of New Brunswick, of Newfoundland and of Nova Scotia, 1846-52; K.C.B., 1838; Lieut. General, 1842; d. 1852.
- HICKEY:** island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander F. Hickey, R.N., commanded the *Prince Regent* (56) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14.
- HORSESHOE:** island, west of Wolfe island, Frontenac, Ont.; so-called because the outline of the island resembles a horseshoe.
- HOWE:** island, St. Lawrence river, Frontenac, Ont.; after General William Howe, fifth Viscount Howe (1729-1814); led the forlorn hope of 24 men who forced the entrenched path by which Wolfe's force scaled the heights of Abraham, Sept. 13, 1759; in 1775, succeeded Gage as Commander-in-Chief in America; commanded at Bunker Hill, 1775, and gained victories of Long Island and White Plains (1776), Brandywine and Germantown (1777).
- INGALL:** island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Lieut. Ingall who, in 1829, made an exploration of the country between the St. Maurice and Saguenay.
- JOHNSON:** bay, Howe island, St. Lawrence river, Frontenac, Ont.; probably named after Major General Sir John Johnson, only son of the famous General Sir William Johnson; commanded a regiment of two battalions during the Revolutionary war; later, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in Canada; died 1830.
- LAKE FLEET:** group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after vessels that formed the British fleet on the Great lakes and on L. Champlain during the war of 1812-14.
- LYNEBOCH:** island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Gen. Thomas Graham, Lord Lynedoch (1748-1813); next in command to Wellington in Peninsular war and distinguished himself at Barossa, Ciudad Rodrigo, Vittoria, &c.
- MCCOY:** island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; in Oct. 1815, J. S. McCoy was Master of the *Champlain*, on L. Champlain.
- McNAIR:** island, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Col. McNair commanding the 90th Reg't during the war of 1812-14.
- MELVILLE:** island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Robert Saunders Dundas, second Viscount Melville (1771-1851); in 1812, appointed first Lord of the Admiralty, which office he held for fifteen years.
- MERMAID:** island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Mermaid*, a gunboat on the Great lakes during 1812-14.
- MULCASTER:** island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Sir Wm. Howe Mulcaster, (1785-1837); in Mar., 1813, was appointed to command the *Princess Charlotte*; commanded at French Creek, Nov. 1, 1813; commanded *Royal George* and severely wounded at Oswego, May 6, 1814; invalided, 1814; Post Captain, 1813; C.B., 1815; knighted, 1831.
- MURRAY:** island, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut.-Col. James Murray, 100th Reg't; appointed Inspecting Field Officer in Lower Canada, July 18, 1811; commanded attacks on Fort George and Fort Niagara (wounded); later C. B. and Lieut.-General; died Feb. 21, 1832.
- MYERS:** island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut.-Col. Christopher Myers, 70th Reg't, Acting Quartermaster-General, Army Staff in Canada, Aug. 13-Oct. 30, 1812; in command at Kingston, Apr. 22, 1813; wounded at Fort George, May 27, 1813; Colonel, 1814; C.B., 1815; died, 1817.
- NAVY:** group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after naval officers who distinguished themselves during the war of 1812-14.
- NEEDLES EYE:** island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; so-

- called from narrow steamboat channel between the island and mainland.
- NETLEY**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Netley* (32) schooner—formerly the *General Beresford*—launched at York, U.C., July, 1812; in May, 1816, carried only 4 guns, was commanded by Lieut. Spence and formed part of the L. Ontario fleet.
- NIAGARA**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; in May, 1814, the *Niagara* (22)—formerly the *Royal George*—340 tons, commanded by Capt. F. B. Spilisbury, sailed from Kingston in Sir James Yeo's fleet; on May 1, 1816, she was reported as 'laid up' and housed in Navy bay, Kingston; launched at Kingston, U.C., July, 1809.
- NIDDERY**; islands, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; the Nidd is a small river in Yorkshire, Eng. and its valley is called Nidderdale; possibly Nidderly is a corruption of the latter; possibly after a gunboat on Great lakes, war of 1812-14.
- NINETTE**; island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat, war of 1812-14.
- O'CONNOR**; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander Sir Richard James Lawrence O'Connor, R.N. Flag Captain of *Prince Regent* on L. Ontario, May 6, 1814; present at Oswego; commanded *Princess Charlotte*, Sept., 1814; K.C.H., 1836; retired Rear-Admiral, 1846.
- OTTY**; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. Allan Otty, R.N. who commanded the *Star* (14) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14; commanded *Montreal* and *Charwell* during 1816 and 1817; retired Captain, 1854.
- OWEN**; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Captain Charles Cunliffe (*q.v.*) Owen, R.N.; probably after Commodore Sir E. W. C. R. Owen, R.N. who, in 1816, commanded the naval forces on L. Champlain and the Great Lakes.
- PEEL**; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir Robert Peel, (1788-1850), a noted English statesman; Secretary for Ireland, 1812-18; Prime Minister, 1834-35 and 1841-46.
- PITCHPINE**; island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably from the occurrence on the island of the pitchpine (*Pinus Banksiana*).
- POPHAM**; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Stephen Popham, R.N., (1780-1842); was in the *Orion* (74) in the expedition against Copenhagen; in the *Montreal* (22) assisted at the capture of Oswego, 1814.
- PRINCE ALFRED**; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after the late Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh (1844-1900), second son of Queen Victoria.
- PRINCESS CHARLOTTE**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; in May the *Princess Charlotte, frigate* (43) commanded by Capt. Wm. Howe Mulcaster, formed part of Sir James Yeo's fleet; launched at Kingston, U.C., Apr. 14, 1814.
- PSYCHE**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Psyche* (32); on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14; her frames were sent out from England; launched at Kingston, Dec. 25, 1814.
- RAMSDEN**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Jesse Ramsden (1735-1880), an English manufacturer of mathematical instruments and the inventor of an improved eye-piece, known as 'Ramsden's eye-piece.'
- RICH**; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Charles Rich, R.N., entered Navy, 1801; in 1814 appointed to *St. Lawrence* (102) as Flag-Lieutenant to Sir E. W. C. R. Owen on Great lakes; Mar. 24, 1815, appointed to command of gunboats on the St. Lawrence; Commander, 1816; Captain, 1838.
- ROBINSON**; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Hon. Fred. John Robinson, (1782-1859), Lord of the Admiralty, 1810-12; Viscount Goderich, 1827; Earl of Ripon, 1833.
- ROBERT**; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir Robert Peel (*q.v.*)
- ROLLESTON**; island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. James Rolleston, R.N., b. 1791; entered Navy, 1804; present in *Pompée* (74) at defence of Gaeta; capture of Capri; battle of Marda, 1806, &c., served in *Perseus* in Mediterranean, Newfoundland, Halifax, &c., 1813-16.
- ROWLEY**; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Lieutenant Edward Rowley, R.N., who served on the Great lakes (or L. Champlain) in the war of 1812-14.
- ROYAL**; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably from proximity to Prince Alfred island (*q.v.*); possibly after the *Royal George*, later the *Niagara* (*q.v.*)
- ST. LAWRENCE**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after the *St. Lawrence*, ship of the line 2,305 tons, 102 guns; launched at Kingston, U.C., Sept. 10, 1814.
- SCORPION**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Scorpion*, formerly the U.S. S. *Surprise*, captured on lake Huron, Sept. 6, 1814.
- SHEAFFE**; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after General Sir Roger H. Sheaffe, (1763-1851) who assumed command of forces at Queenston after the death of Brock; was Administrator of Upper Canada, 1812-13.

- SHERBROOKE**; islands, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir John Coape Sherbrooke (1764-1830); Governor General of Canada in 1816.
- SIMCOE**; island, west of Wolfe island, Frontenac, Ont.; after Lieut.-Gen. John Graves Simcoe, (1752-1806), first Governor of Upper Canada, 1791-96; had extensive surveys made and encouraged immigration, particularly of United Empire Loyalists.
- SISTERS**; islands, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; so-called from their resemblance to each other.
- SKELTON**; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Bvt. Major Henry Skelton, 19th L.D., appointed Major of Brigade in Canada, Aug. 22, 1813.
- SPARROW**; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major E. P. Sparrow, 61st Regt., appointed Asst Adjutant General in Canada, Aug. 21, 1814.
- SPECTACLES**; islands (2), St. Lawrence river, Pittsburgh, Frontenac, Ont.; so-called from their relative position and shape.
- SPILSBURY**; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Capt. Francis Brockell Spilsbury, R.N., in command of schooner *Melville* on L. Ontario Aug. 10, 1815; commanded the *Beresford* at Sacketts Harbour; was present in actions off Burlington, Sept. 28, 1813, and at French Creek, Nov. 1, 1813; Captain commanding *Niagara* May 21, 1814; present at Oswego, May 6, 1814.
- STOVIN**; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major General Richard Stovin; commanded Montreal district during war of 1812-14; was present at Fort Erie *sortie*.
- THE PUNTS**; islands, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; from position in Lake Fleet group and in vicinity of Gig. (*q.v.*), Barge, &c., islands.
- TROUGHTON**; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Troughton and Simms, famous instrument manufacturers, London, Eng.
- TWIN SISTERS**; islands, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; from their striking resemblance to each other.
- VAN BUREN**; island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Martin Van Buren, (1782-1862), eighth President of the United States.
- VANSITTART**; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge Leeds, Ont.; probably after Vice-Admiral Vansittart; he was present at the capture of Cape of Good Hope; came to Canada in 1834 and settled near Woodstock, Ont. In 1821 the Right Hon. Nicholas Vansittart was Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- VICTORIA**; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Her Majesty Queen Victoria (1819-1901).
- WALLACE**; island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Thomas Wallace, Baron Wallace of Knaresdale, (1768-1844); cr. February 1828; Lord of the Admiralty, 1797-1800; sometime M.P. for Penryhyn; 1814, mar. Jane, dau. of John, 2nd Earl of Hopetown and widow of Henry, 1st Viscount Melville.
- WILLOUGHBY**; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Commander James Beautine Willoughby, R.N.; entered Navy 1830; served as mate on the *Niagara* (20) Captain Williams Sandom, on the Great lakes; Lieutenant, 1841, on the *Illustrious* N.A. and W.I. station; 1845-46 in *Mohawk* and *Cherokee* on the Great lakes; received thanks of Royal Humane Society 1867, for rescuing crew of vessel wrecked on Pigeon I., lake Ontario.
- YORKE**; island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Rt. Hon. Chas. Philip Yorke, 2nd son of Philip, 2nd Earl of Hardwicke; First Lord of the Admiralty, 1811; b. 1764.