Snyder who settled there in 1793. Anne Snyder was very kind to the Indians and their squaws, so they called her Saint Anne, and the name was afterwards given to the village.

Smithville, named after Smith Griffin, who was one of the first settlers about 1784. He was of Welsh descent and came from New York State. He had the first store and mill.

Grassie, named after the Grassie family, early pioneers in the district.

Fulton, named after Fulton, a town in New York State.

Abingdon, named after the town of Abingdon in Berkshire, England.

Niagara, named from the Indian name Oungiara, or Ongiara, Ouniagahara, (about 40 different spellings), which is supposed by some to mean "Thunder of Waters," but most authorities give its meaning as "The Strait."

Niagara-on-the-Lake, was formerly called Newark, but was afterwards named Niagara, and then Niagaraon-the-Lake, to avoid confusion with Niagara Falls, Fort Niagara, etc.

Queenston, was formerly called Queenstown after the Queen of England. It was later shortened to Queenston.

St. Davids, named after David Secord, a soldier in the American Revolution, served in Butler's Rangers, and was granted a large tract of land in that part of the Township of Niagara.

Virgil, named after the Latin author, Virgil.

Homer, named after the Greek poet, Homer.

McNab, named after two brothers of the name of McNab who were given large grants of land in this district.

Port Weller, named after Mr. J. L. Weller, who was the Chief Engineer who planned the Welland Ship Canal.

Merritton, named after Hon. William Hamilton Merritt, the promoter of the first Welland Canal.

Decew Falls, named after Capt. John Decou or Decew, a man who first settled there. His stone house is still standing.

Port Davidson, a station on the Dunnville branch of the T. H. & B. Railway.

Wellandport—The name Welland is from the River Welland in England. It is called a port because it was a good landing place for small boats and canoes when the early settlers came up the Chippewa Creek when they were coming into the country. The early settlers made much use of this as a port for shipping goods, timber, etc.

Chippewa, is an Indian word meaning "People without moccasins," and is named after a tribe of Indians of that name who occupied the southern part of Lincoln County after the Neutrals were destroyed.

Bismark, named after Bismark, the German statesman.

Beamsville, named after Jacob Beam, who was the first settler about 1776.

Port Dalhousie, named after Lord Dalhousie who was Governor-General of Canada when the Welland Canal was first opened.

St. Catharines, named after Catharine Hamilton, wife of Hon. Robert Hamilton, who was a prominent man in the district in early days, and gave land on which was erected the first church here.

Creeks: The early settlers and Indians made much use of the lake in travelling from Niagara to places west. The inlets at the mouths of streams were very important landing places, and these inlets or creeks were given