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Memo. in reply to letter of
Mrs. H.P. Wright of date November 2nd. 1920.

In 1763, after the cession of Canada by France, the Province of Quebec was established by Royal proclamation. It included a small portion of what is now the Province of Ontario, on the west side of the Ottawa river. In 1774, by the Quebec Act, the boundaries of the Province of Quebec were extended so as to include all of the present province of Ontario, except the territory north of the Height of land, which was under the jurisdiction of the Hudson's Bay Company, and also that portion of the present United States lying west of Pennsylvania and between the Ohio and the Mississippi river. By the Treaty of Paris, in 1783, this district south of the Great Lakes was granted to the United States. By the Constitutional Act of 1791. the then Province of Quebec was divided into the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, corresponding closely to the present Ontario and Quebec.

There was an old Indian line of communication between Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay by way of the River Humber, a portage to the Holland River, Lake Simcoe and the Severn River.

One of the best historical descriptions of this region will be found in Miss K.M. Lizar's The Valley of the Humber 1615-1913. (Toronto: William Briggs, 1913), which also contains reproductions of several early maps.

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