

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 24 1905

DEAR SIR,

I wish to obtain information respecting the derivation of the place-names of Canada—of the names of the villages, towns, cities and of the natural features, such as rivers, lakes, capes, bays, mountains, etc.—and shall be much obliged if you will give me any information that you may possess or can procure, respecting the below-mentioned name and also respecting the names of any other features in the vicinity of your residence concerning which you have knowledge.

In many localities, the older generation is passing, or has passed away, and unless steps are taken to collect this information, it will, in many instances, be too late. In most communities there are persons who take an interest in things of this nature or that have been connected with the early settlement of the locality. If there are any such in your neighbourhood, will you kindly submit this to them.

Below I have indicated the lines along which I desire information and also the commoner derivatives of place-names in Canada :—

(1.) Whether named after a village, town, or city, or natural feature in any other province or country ; if so, the name of province or country in which the original locality is situated.

(2.) Whether named after a person ; if so, the person's name, occupation, spelling of name as rendered by the person and any details of interest respecting him (or her) such as (a) Whether alive or, if dead, approximate year of death ; (b) Whether at any time a resident of the locality and, if so, whether still living there.

(3.) Whether named after a natural feature ; if so, any details respecting the origin of the name as applied to the feature and the geographical position of the latter.

(4.) Whether the town, village or city ever had any other name or names ; if so, at what dates, approximately, and the origin of these obsolete names.

Any information bearing on the above will be deemed a courtesy.

Yours truly,

JAMES WHITE,
Geographer.

Kindly write your reply on the attached sheet.

To ensure free transmission of your reply I enclose herewith an addressed envelope which will come free of postage.

"Edenwill"

Alta

Edensville alt Sep. 5th 1905

Hon James White, Geographer
Ottawa Canada

Dear Sir
yours of the 24^{inst} is received, and I will do
what I can to comply with your requirements
As to Edensville. Edensville is just a postoffice
and a few houses around it, consisting of 4 families
the place is located on a very nice rise ^{of land} giving
a beautiful view of the country North, East,
and West of it. The features of the country is
rolling with block some from 8 inches to 18 inches
deep, with a heavy clay subsoil dotted here & there
with bunches of asp and willow drained from both
North & South by meeting creek which rises at
the little Beaver Lake located in township 143-21
and flows S.E. and empties into ~~meeting~~ willow
creek and on the South is Buffalo Lake about 8 miles
South of the postoffice the predominating class of
people which surrounds this postoffice is Swedes
but there is a few settlers whom are americans
from the states whom are engaged in farming and
stock raising whom has proved themselves as
good farmers and enterprising citizens and in a
very few short years this will be one of the finest dairy
sections in central Alberta. This is written by
Thomas Gray at the request of the P.M. J. Agonsson