

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 22 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.

"Fort Saskatchewan"
Alta

36-54-22-W4

● Fort Ross Ratchewan
Aug 30th 05

The town of Fort Ross Ratchewan
is situated on the south bank
of the north Ratchewan River
Population about 2,000

It derived its name Fort. from
being the first Fort of the R.R. W. M. P. Co.
north of Calgary and is still the
head quarters of G. S. Division R.R. W. M. P. Co.

The word Ratchewan was taken
from the Ratchewan River
admitted by all who have seen it to be

It is one of the prettiest towns
sites in the Dominion of Canada with
a very rich fertile farming district
all around it

Yours Truly
A. M. Campbell
P.M.

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Office

You will receive information regarding the delivery of the placenames of the
... and will be notified if you will give us any information that you may
... the name of the placename and also regarding the name of
... your placename which you have known.

In many instances the name of the placename is spelled or has passed away, and unless you give
... to correct the information, it will in many instances be lost and the
... who take an interest in the name of the placename, will be
... of the placename. If they are any of the placename, will you
... kindly submit this to them.

Royal North West

Below I have indicated the place names in Canada and also the names
... of placenames in Canada.

(1) Whether you have a village, town, or city or other place in any other province
... or country; if so the name of province or country in which the placename is situated.

(2) Whether the name is a name; if so, the person's name, occupation, spelling of name
... by the person and any initials of the name (as for) such as (a) Whether
... of the name; (b) Whether at any time a resident of the locality
... and, if so, whether still living there.

(3) Whether the name is a name; if so, the name of the person and the date of the name.
... of the name and the geographical position of the name.

(4) Whether the name is a name or has any other name or name; if so, in what
... name, approximate number, and the origin of the placename.

The information bearing on the above will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

JAMES WHITE

Geographer

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