

# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

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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 who 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.

Mound  
Acta.

# Spruce Grove Ranch

Mound P.O. Via Olds

April 16<sup>th</sup> 1906

## Information of the origin of Mound

The name was given to the above place by H. A. Muntz in the year 1896 he built a cabin in that year and named it Mound from the fact that there was a small hill just the shape of a mound Muntz died in the year 1902 after his death the land was surveyed and later on in the 1904 the Mound was homesteaded by P. P. Neary the first settler in the district were Wm. Kiddie L. O. Coleman and H. A. Muntz who came in as squatters in the year 1895 the Mound was built or occupied the following year and as the settlers came in a petition was drawn up by Wm. Kiddie in Feb 1905 and a post office was opened Wm. Neary Postmaster the scenery is beautiful as there is a beautiful view of the Rocky Mountains it is located on the N E  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S 30 T 33 R 4 W 5 m

Spruce Grove Ranch was taken up and named by Wm. Kiddie in 1895 (of Scotch origin) it is located on S 1 T 34 R 4 W 5 m It was named after a beautiful Grove of Spruce that lies just behind it to the N.W.

and just across the big Red Deer River and one mile north is the James River It is supposed to be called after one of the Stoney Indians from the foot hills. at Morley when it was named is not known

Eagle Hill lies two miles South and two miles East of Mound it is supposed that some of the Indian tribes gave it that name the fact that there use to be a lot of Eagles build on it the peak of Eagle Hill is in S 11 T 33 R 4 W 5 m the Eagles disappeared about the year 1898 after a forest fire

This was handed to me by Wm. Neary

Wm. Kiddie