

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 19 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.

"Spring Point"
Alta
from springs from foot of Porcupine hills in
vicinity

Spring Point Alta N.H.T.

Sept 1 1905

Mr James White
Starve

Dear sir in Repty to
your Inqurery would say that
Spring Pt has nor of this name
fictur as would take to make up
atow but is an Old settlement the
firs settler having settled here
about thiry years ago but no post
office was granted till a year ago
to day the settlement has ald way
been known of the Beaver creek
settlment Porcupine Hills but as
ther is other name Post office
named Beaver creek we had to find
some other name so the name
Spring point sugersted its self
for as you look around and se the

points of the Porcupine hills
and from each point Bursh after
ing spring the Cole Navigation
Company started a saw mill near
some 20 year ago to saw lumber
to build barges to try to float
cole down the old mans river
from their mines at Ledthridg
But asid from thera the country
was well watered and well grassed
and one of the Ideal stock countries
that I have ever saw having spent
some fourty year of my life in Ranching
in differant parts of North America I find
this the best that I have yet seen
ad I have spent fifteen year here
and have had ample time to find

out the true state of facts
Cattle Rang at the inter winter
without feed and you of time see
ama with one hundred head of cattle
with ten Tuns of hay to winter them
with 16 shed or Barns

The Indians say that this use to
be one of the Greatish hunting Ground
for Buffalo in the hold North west
and round the Bluff there are times
of Bone when the Indians have heard
the Buffalo over the bluff and kill or
mame^{to} that they were easy to finish.

Your obedt servant

John M Cratter

Spring Point

Alta