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POSTMASTER.



THE POST OFFICE,
MEDICINE HAT, ALTA.,
CANADA.

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James White Esq.
Geographer, Dep^t of Interen
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing my own account of the derivation of the name "Medicine Hat", and as I see that you are sending similar enquiries to the small office served from here, I take the liberty of giving you my explanation of their names - I do this particularly because I am responsible alone for naming two of them viz: -
"Steerford" and "Woolchester"

"Steerford" is named so, because the post office there is situated near a ford of the Red Deer River, where it is the practice to cross cattle from one side of the river, to the other, there being no bridge.

"Woolchester" is named so, because it is the centre of a large sheep ranching country. The name I think is particularly applicable, as these places are invariably called "sheep-camps".

"Little Plume" is called after the creek of the same name which runs through the settlement.

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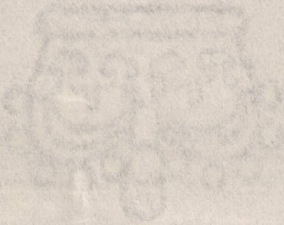
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"Eagle Butte" is derived from a very prominent butte of the same name, in the locality.

Yours Bedeviled,
Francis F. Fatt
P.M.

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