

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, FEB 22 1906

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,

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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.

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Westward Ho! Alberta.

March 15th. DORE. 1906.

Dear Sir.

WESTWARD HO! was so named by Capt. Thomas an officer of the British army who was one of the first settlers in this district.

It is so named after the well known book ^{Westward Ho!} by the Revd. Chas. Kingsley^g an English Clergyman in the Mother land. *some years dead.*

1904. The idea of so naming this place was because at the time it was the most Westerly settlement in Alberta. and the most westerly post office in Alberta, in the then North West Territories.

The Little Red Deer river runs through this settlement and is so named for the many Red Deer always found in the district even to this day. It is named Little for the larger Red Deer is a little west and they join a few miles away.

[P.O. 1905] Eagle Hill is another almost historic geographical point in this district and is so named simply because it is so prominent that is seen at any position for many miles round.

---Any other information about this district I shall be happy to be of service in throwing light on to the best of my ability.

Yours very Truly

J. Thomas
J.P.

Post Script. If your Department could send me a map of the north west showing the quarter sections that are settled, as I believe there is such published I should be very grateful.

(F.T.)

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according to the title of the Book ^{note the exclamation mark} by Chas. Kingsley.