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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 18 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.

"Camp McKimney" ✓
Yale Harbor Dist. BB

Camp McKinney, B. C., September, 25rd. 1905.

James White Esq.,

Geographer,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to within circular I would state that:

"Camp McKinney" received its name from AL. McKinney, one of a party of four men, who in May, 188~~7~~⁷ discovered the Cariboo Mine; McKinney, an American citizen, after disposing of his interest in the Cariboo in '88, went to reside in Colville, Wash. and I think is still living there.

Camp McKinney is situated in the range of mountains between the Okanagon and Kettle Rivers at an altitude of about 4600ft. at the headwaters of Rock Creek, which empties into the Kettle River, and about eight miles due north of the Boundary line.

Like all mining camps, McKinney has experienced periods of prosperity and depression - the Cariboo mine or rather group of mines, has been the mainstay of the camp and from ^{'94}'~~84~~ to ^{'04}'~~94~~ produced about \$1,500,000^{from}, another property, the Waterloo, considerable gold has been taken out, while others, even at this late date are scarcely beyond the prospect stage, owing in a measure to the somewhat isolated position of the camp and the consequent difficulty and expense of transportation.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Henry Strickland.

Postmaster, Camp McKinney.