

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... AUG 17 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.

"Fairmount Springs"  
Kootenay Dist. *BC* *Ans'd*

Fairmont Spring Kootenay B.C.

Sept 1/04

This Place is named after the Hot Springs of the same Name  
Came to this valley in 1853

I have had the Post office for 19 years  
There is no town here just  
a country P.O. it is situated about  
14 or 15 miles from the head of the  
Columbia River between the  
Rocky & Selkirk Mountains

I am afraid that I cannot give  
you much information  
but you would be mad if  
I did not write something

Yours

Samuel Brewer

Where

6 Fairmont  
19 Fairmont

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OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, Sept. 11th, 1905

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 1st instant re name of your postoffice. I note that you say that it is named after "the Hot Springs of the same name". I infer from your memo that these Hot Springs are in the United States. If so, will you kindly let me have a memo of the name of the state as the "Gazetteer" gives six Fairmonts and 19 Fairmounts *in the U. S.*

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

*James White*  
Geographer

Samuel Brewer, Esq.,

Fairmont Springs, B.C.

*The Hot Springs of the above name  
is within a 1/2 mile of my house  
in Kootenay B.C.*

✓ Yours Samuel Brewer