

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

"Fiji" others (see over)

Yale & Caribou B.C. Dist

'Life' is simply named after Life in
Scotland.

Christina Lake: some years ago a family of
Indians were camped on the shores of this lake
and a daughter was born to them. She was named
by the Priest "Christina" and the name was given
after going to the lake

Texas Creek is called after "Texas Jack" - a wild
man from the State of that name - His whereabouts
is unknown

McRae, Creek is named after a prospector of
that name

Sutherland Creek is also called after a prospector
who is now living in Culver, Washington

These Creeks empty into Christina Lake

Shamrock Mountain is of course named
after the Emblem of Ireland.

There is another hill of note called "Castle
Mountain" but I have been unable to find
out why

Yours Truly
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P. M. Life