

# Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

"Grand Forks"

Yale & Caribou Dist  
other place names in B.C.



Grand Forks B.C. is named on account of it being at the Forks of the Kettle river where the North fork empties in the main river, a beautiful place midway <sup>between</sup> Grand Forks and Proyoos Lake B.C. Princeton B.C. was named after some foreign town

Keremeos B.C. is an Indian name. Revelstoke B.C. after a man by that name from the old <sup>country</sup> it was first called Fairwell after a man by that name in B.C.

Robinson B.C. is named after a man in B.C. Rossland B.C. was named after Ross <sup>Whompson the original owner</sup>

Fort Shephard <sup>B.C.</sup> is an old Hudson Bay Post, but lately forgotten. Greenwood B.C. was named after a mining camp in Colorado <sup>U.S.</sup>

Cholt B.C. was named after a man by that name that took up the first ranch at Midway he died about 6 years ago

Carson B.C. was named after a mans middle name in camloops, his name is James Carson. <sup>(see Carson)</sup> McClaren alive

Sidley B.C. was named after P. G. Sidley, a large rancher at Sidley B.C. owns 1400 acres of land a live <sup>he took up this ranch in 1886, and lived on it ever since he keeps the P.O.</sup>

Kanagan Lake is named after Kanagan river an Indian name on account of about 2 miles long of still water where they used to camp and go in bathing

Similkameen River is an Indian name translation swimming river. Tutameen River another Indian name <sup>both of those is tributary of the Similkameen</sup>

Aohanola River is another Indian name. Christena Lake is named by the Indians after an Indian maiden who got drowned in the lake many years ago, east of Grand Forks 12 miles. Rock creek running into Kettle River got its name from the miners on account of their being so many boulders in the creek of 50 years ago.



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Now about the Mining Camps, name of Mountains & Camps  
and Mines

Voh hill & Ironides owned by the Granby Co. present names  
Another lode <sup>discovered</sup> owned by the B.C. Copper Co.  
Nickel plate mine of bedley B.C. owned by Roof fillers and Mark <sup>is dead</sup> estate  
big mill and concentrating works in operation

Copper Mountain B.C. was named by ~~Mr~~ Robert Allen Brown  
your humble servant. who staked out the first claim on  
the mountain called the Sunset Sun hill the Grate  
Railroad Maggote and associates, has bought the contract  
interest in upwards of 100 claims joining each other on  
Copper Mt also bought out ~~several~~ ranches & miles from  
Copper Mountain. for \$1,000 cash for <sup>from</sup> copper mountain

has got the largest body of copper ore in the world yet discovered  
now the next largest body of copper ore in the world is volcanic  
Mountain named by me 10 miles north of Grand Fort's  
I own two claims on volcanic the Stantentine named after  
the Stantentine mountains in the northern part of New Brunswick  
and the volcanic mineral claim, named after volcanic Mt  
I named this Mt volcanic Mt on account of it belonging to  
the volcanic family. it was formerly a burnt out

crater of a large size and it sunk underneath the sea  
and filled in with lime 3000 ft long by 1000 ft wide  
and when she rose above sea level the mineral  
forced it way up in the old crater underneath the  
great body of lime about 1400 ft deep and forced  
the lime up until the lime was cut right into and one  
half was forced by volcanic pressure, 1400 feet  
and filled in with Barital copper ore, as it moved  
the lime out, and at last it broke loose and opened  
the weakest side of the mountain, out like two  
harm doors, than came the wash period and hauled

the ore for 600 ft wide, <sup>this</sup> Mt is 1400 ft high  
I have got lime and Iron enough <sup>in</sup> to keep 20 = 500 ton  
smelters running for the next 100 years, and the greatest  
smelter sites at the foot of volcanic Mt which I own  
that is in the world. I have a tunnel in nearly 900 <sup>ft</sup>



I will tap her down 1200 feet deep when I strike  
the ore where the great chute comes up. where  
the old crater has burnt out. I calculate that  
this Property once Developed will be worth in  
the neighbourhood of \$1,000,000. I have  
held this down for 15 years I also own the  
Shickshock Mineral claim 2 1/2 miles west of volcanic  
with 40 ft wide of Iron ore, and one hundred feet  
of Gray quartz carrying copper and gold, but  
wee must get down underneath those Iron  
caps. to get the Copper in Paying quantities. in  
a few years this country will astonish the Mining  
world

this is named after me by William McPherson  
Browns Camp about 8 miles by 10 square  
the C.P.R. R.R. Pass runs up Browns Creek  
which was named after me by John  
Coryell. a Provincial Land Surveyor  
now in south Africa

Franklin Camp was named after Frank  
McC Farlin the discoverer. this lies  
40 miles North of volcanic out  
any more information I can give you I  
will be very happy to do so

Yours very truly

D. A. Brown