

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.

"Geetelius"
Kootenay Dist - Bl
? after a G.P.R. engineer

Gutelius

B.C.

Aug 29th 1903

Gutelius is neither a town nor village but a flag station with a section house there and a farm house. The ranch is at present unoccupied, when the Post Office was placed there a family lived there. A mile and a half further up a good saw mill is under way, ~~sixty~~ ^{eighty} acres of land has been cleared. A three story warehouse, three cottages and a sleeping house have been already put up and more are to follow. Whether this place will take the name of Gutelius I cannot say. Three years ago Gutelius was called Park Siding. ^{named} ~~called~~ after a place close by which ^{was} called "The Park" a bench of land supporting some bull pines which are from twenty to forty or fifty feet apart and no under brush. The C.P.R. changed the name to Gutelius for reasons of their own, I believe they altered all names with Siding attached to it. At that time I understood Gutelius was a man of Otsego extraction who ~~was~~ ^{had been} killed while in the employ of the C.P.R. Co. The C.P.R. authorities could tell you. If there is anything else I could find out for you I shall be pleased to do so.

Yours

Very truly

William Crebbin

P. A.

Cutler is the Slocan River a tributary of the
Kootenay on the left bank. Joining that river at Slocan
junction within a mile from Cutler a small river
joins the Slocan river on its right bank called the
Little Slocan.

W.C.