

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, FEB 21 1906

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 who 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.

"Hanceville"

Yale-Cariboo

B. C.

Hanceville is derived from my own name, on the fact of
my being one of the oldest settlers & pioneers of this
District. Previous to my arrival here from
Illinois U.S.A. This immediate neighbourhood
was peopled by Indians during the winter
months & the summer of Salmon principally
on account of a perpetual stream of water
always warm.

Hatchet Lake 18 to 20 miles about S-S-W from here records its
name from one of the survey party out on by the
C.P.R. This occupies a land mark of the
District

Riskie Creek This may be in some other region but as I knew
the name of the man from whom the creek gets its
name. I may be able to give a few more particulars
Riskie - L - W. was a Pole & came here
from California in 1858. after remaining in
Barkerville as prospecting on this side of the river
he discovered ^{or rediscovered} Sulphur as known today. Leaving
again he was one of the first party to go to the
Horsefly river (and the place with which his name
will be always connected) spending a few years
then eventually returning to Riskie Creek where
he lived a number of years till selling out he retired
to New Westminster & died about 5 years ago

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October 1887

I wish to thank you for the receipt of the specimens of plants of the
mountainous region of the State of California, which you have
sent me, and which will find their way into the herbarium of the
Department of the Interior.

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Yours Truly
G. J. Hancock