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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.

"Ladner"

New Westminster Dist. ^{BA}

Mr. Whaley
Geographer
Ottawa

Dear Sir
I enclose a short biography of W. H. Ladner
whom the place is named after.
Trusting this what you require
Yours
Ed. J. Larla
Postmaster

Ladner, B.C.

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Jas White Esq
Geographer
Dear Sir

Ladner B.C. August 28 1905

Peace named after Mr. Hadner, farmer, native of Kent Cornwall

England still alive & healthy in his 99th year, emigrated to Wisconsin U.S. 1848
crossed the plains to California with his brother Thos. E. in 1852, came to B.C. 1858
in first (May) rush, the excitement of Fraser River, was engaged in packing
merchandise, at 50¢ per the gross weight, from Fort St. to Cariboo from 1859 to
1865, then followed rush to Big Bend with his Pack Train, being the first to take
a pack train from the waters of Fraser to the Columbia, across that portion of the
Selkirk Mountains West of the Columbia River, in 1865, 160 acres of land on the
south of Fraser, near its mouth, where village now stands, which at that time
was subject to overflow of Fraser, in June, & from Gulf of Georgia in October
or December in each year, of times to the depth of 3 or 4 ft., which has now
been reclaimed by an extensive dyke, built by Steam Dredges for a length
of about 25 miles, at a cost of about \$1,250,000 which is borne by a tax on about
\$50,000⁰⁰ acres land, which was accomplished successfully in 1883 & 1886, it
is an alluvial deposit of Fraser, the land is highly productive and
produces the best crops that can be grown north of 49th Parallel of latitude
which is only 6 miles south, it was called Ladner's Landing for some time
but recently the landing has not been used by Post Office or Telegraph

W. H. LADNER,
Breeder of SHORT HORNS,
Ladner, B. C. Can.