

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.

Monte Creek
Yale & Caribou Dist. ^{B6} Ack'd

Monte Creek Bl
Aug 27/08

Dear Sir

This place correct name which is Ducks named after the farmer who gave the land to the CPR for station site. Mr Jacob Beck saw out 16 years ago to Bostock for \$45,000 he then went to England his birth place and crossed the great divide about a year ago.

Mr Bostock or rather Senator Bostock as soon as he entered politics as a member for Yale carried for the post office name which was Duck & Shingle. Shingle was at one time a partner with Duck. Shingle changed to Monte Creek which is a creek called by this name passing through the farm.

I have never heard of any other name than Ducks for this place in ~~substance~~ on the ^{out} side of the south Thompson River the Railway station which is a telegraph office, express office, & stock office. The post office is at the Ry Sta every thing grown here is by irrigation all kinds of game and the best fishing in the province.

Stage leaves this station every Wednesday & Saturday for Grand Prairie which is 18 miles south in the early days before the Shumway & Okanagan railway was built the Okanagan people used to drive all their cattle to this point for shipment Vernon being 60 miles south of here good roads all the way this was their nearest shipping point for east or west.

The principal industry is stock raising & grain
the population is about 120, 2 school houses
1 near the station and the other on what
is called the best range this range
up till 4 years ago was a grazing ground
for cattle and the dryest spot any one would
wish to see and today it is mostly all
taken up by settlers who grow immense crops
of grain or it mostly all fall wheat,
I trust you will be able to make our job
this.

Yours Very Truly
W. L. Linn
P.M.

Mr Jacob Buck was the second white man
to take up land here the first was a Frenchman
I cannot find out his name however he had squatted
on this place and Buck bought him out
for 16 Indian ponies which he bought with
him from Cornwall's ranch where he Buck had
been working prior to squating here

P. Cornwall's ranch is the address P. 6

W. L.