

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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.

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GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE,

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CLINTON, B. C. 18th 1905.

Mr. C. A. Hartzell,
Pemberton Meadows
Via. Lillooet

Dear sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. in regard to the word "Pemberton", and "where originating", I beg to say that a small village was formed at the head of Lillooet Lake in the early days when the whole of the inland traffic passed that way, and that particular place was named after Judge Pemberton, as he was called at that time, a County Court Judge. The Pemberton Meadows, or rather the swamps adjoining, acquired the name in that way.

Yours truly,

L. Jones

Gov't. Agent.

*The below-mentioned village has not existed for 30 or 40 years and better be taken off the maps - Nelson the valley along the Upper Lillooet river got settled in those later years we gave it the name of Pemberton Meadows in preference to the Indian name Lillooet Meadows after the Lillooet Tribe of Indians. This valley contains about 1000 acres of the choicest bottom land yours truly
Carl A. Hartzell
Pemberton*

** He was also a member of the 1st Legislative assembly of the Prov. colony of British Columbia. L.S.*