

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.

"Shopland"
B6. Nanaimo Dist.
"Maple Bay"

Maple Bay P. O.

Vancouver Isl.

MAR 15 1905
P. O. DEPT.
VANCOUVER

There is no Shopland

This Post Office formerly called Shopland P. O. derived its name from Mr J. S. Shopland now of North Saanich who ran the office when it was first started. Hence finding its way into the Directory.

The name was changed to Maple Bay P. O. on May 1 of the present year 1905. by the P. O. Department Ottawa. Maple Bay Townsite derives its name from Maple Bay Proper. situate on East Coast of Vancouver Isle. Dominion Electoral District of Vancouver and the Provincial of Cowichan. Mining Recording Division of Victoria. Nearest Railway Station, Telegraph and Express Office Duncan 6 miles distant from the Bay. It contains

P.T.O.

Methodist Church, Post Office, and Public School,

The Chief Industry is Farming.

Any further information you might require I shall
be happy to supply.

yours truly,

W. A. Woods, P. M.

James White Esq.

Geographer.

P. S. Steamers put in at Maple Bay when Chartered.