

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 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.

Silverdale

New Westminster

B. C.

James White Esq.
Geographer

Silverdale B.C.
March 24/06
Ottawa Canada

Dear Sir

In reply to your request Re.
Name of Settlement etc. I had to say I selected
the Name of Silverdale from a list of Names
of places in England a small town in
Staffordshire 150 Miles from London on the
London & North Western Ry. When the p.o. was
opened here we had to select a name & I suggested
Silverdale as being appropriate there being
a Creek called Silver Creek $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile East &
a Silvermine on Stave River 2 Miles N.W.,
& the place lays in a valley between 2 low
Mountains the Fraser R. Running through
this valley 1 Mile South of p.o. There is
a Splendid Waterfall on Stave River abt.
4 Miles from p.o. & one of the best
views ^{in the province} of Mt. Baker (70 Miles distant)
can be had from the Stave River where
it enters the Fraser R. abt. 2 Miles W. of
p.o. the surrounding Country is mostly timbered
& Broken hills & valleys. Yours truly
The place never had any other
Name J. A. Skinner ex p. m.

Siberdale P.F.
Mar 27th 1906

James H. Tuttle Esq.,
Geography,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith particulars of Siberdale as desired by you. I regret the delay, but as my brother, who sketched the plan, is not at present living here, I only a few days ago got the particulars desired. I might mention that the creek mentioned in enclosure was given the name 'Siberdale' on account of silver having been found there, but not in paying quantities. Another was the mine mentioned a paying one. Lead has also been discovered about 1 1/2 or 2 miles north of C.B. but not properly developed.

I am,
Yours truly,
A. J. Skinner
P.M.