

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 17 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.

"Vananda"
Comox-Atlin Dist. BB

Hon James White.

Van-anda B.C.
August 31th 1905

Dear Sir,

Our Postmaster has handed to me this that
and I have much pleasure in answering your Enquiries
The name Van-anda. was given to this locality by
Mr William Blewett, who in 1896. began to open
up the "Copper Queen" mines here. The said
Mr Blewett. had a son whose name (or one of them)
was Van-anda Blewett. and it was named
from him. as also the Van-anda Copper & Gold Co
for whom (said) Mr Blewett - opened the C.S. mine.
The son mentioned was never up to Texada Island -
Van-anda. is a few hundred feet East. of Stuart Bay
in a small Bay. into which the waters of "Tuttle Lake"
(named from the numerous turtles found there.) "Priest Lake"
"Spectacle Lake" (named from its similarity to a pair of pines) and
"Kitt Lake" (named after an old pioneer) debouch in
- to Malaspina Straits - all these lakes are full of fine trout
(a) Unknown - (b) No - In Reply to 4 - No -

I find by looking up. old News's it was in April. 1905.
that Mr W. F. Edward Blewett. first came here to work.
and it was the latter's son "Van-anda." this place was
called after. I have been 40 years in B.C. and here
for 15 years or more. - this Mr E. Blewett. is the same
party who founded the town of Blewett, Washington, U.S.
The Island is prominent for its Gold. Silver. Copper. Zinc
and Iron and its large deposits of Limestone or Marble
it is about 75 Miles from Vancouver City.

Any other Information I can give you will be
most cheerfully furnished. on request -

I have the Honor to be Sir's

Your Humble Servant

Adriel Raper. J.P.

P.S. I opine there is a Van-anda in
the State of Washington, ?

