

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.

"Allaulea"
Man

Allan Sea

Allan Sea is a place situated in the prairie at foot of the Riding mountains about 5 miles north and east of Burnie and eleven miles west of Glenalla.

The soil is mostly good for general purpose crops in this locality have never been known to freeze and very fair average per acre is produced. In 1904 a better samples are produced than any where around. The pasture is good and splendid cattle is raised. The lumber for building is now within easy radius.

There is one school.

There is a population of about ninety; which are all Protestants. They are mostly are English, Irish or Set Scotch.

Allan Sea was named after a man whose name was Allan. He owned a large meadows up on which his large herd of cattle pastured. He is a elderly man and resided on Allan Sea until about three years ago, his sons all reside in Glenallan. He lives in Neepawa at present

Before this place was called Allan Lea it was called Oakleaf. The present ~~or~~ name of the school. It ^{the} name given this district by the Indians years ago when the meadows of this place was a flood plain.

I am

Yours Truly

Mabel A Davis

of Allan Lea.

Memo

P. S. Excuse me for this writing instead of the postmaster be as he was unable to provide the required information he has requested me to do so.

M A Davis