

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa,.....AUG 26 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.

Beausejour ^{Man} — doubtful
Brokenhead — very doubtful

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Beausjour Man 1st Sept 1905 -
Dear Sir: The name Beausjour was
given to this first as a station on
C.P.Ry - when this section was under
Construction by the Government and
before taken over by Canadian Ry
Co - and from Selduk East was
the first part built in this Country -
I am told, it was named so by
the Govt. divisional Engineer, who
was a French Canadian, But whose
name I have not been able to find
out - and the present station building
was put up for him at that time.
place is situated on a rising ground
or Knoll containing about a mile
square - stony with gravel and
large deposits of Building sand - &
previously was called Stonyham
by the Indians of the breed - The
Engineer gave it the pure French and
Compound name of Beau - sejour.
Beau = good or fine - and sejour = a
Camping ground - a good Camping
ground - a high & dry location
in contrast to a large portion of the
Country especially in earlier times
being low & wet - If I can secure
name of this Engineer will let you

have not and any further information
I can gather -

I might just say a word as to the
derivation of the Brokenhead River
flowing North into Lake Wapew³
miles East of us it crosses the
C. P. Ry. - but only about 2 miles
in. Direct line East of the Town
Name Brokenhead evidently taken
from nature of river at its source
being divided into 2 heads or
branches - East & West - and
hence called the Brokenhead
River - division at the place
9 or 10 miles South of its crossing
of the C. P. Ry. Yours truly

S. Turner
Jm

P.S.

Beausejour was the first and
only name given this station &
Village since settlement

S. J.