

# 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.

*Barberry, Man  
DeWinton - Alta*

Carberry Man  
Sept 12/05

Dear Sir

Replying to within enquiry the  
Town of Carberry Manitoba built on the  
Can. Pac Ry at the southern extremity of the  
Big Plain, was settled in the summer of  
1882 and received its name from the Railway  
Co being called Carberry after Carberry Hall  
a country seat of Lord Alphonstone in Great  
Britain (Ireland I think)

Two miles east of Carberry in the winter of 1881  
and '82 was established the village of De Winton  
named after Col De Winton Secretary to the  
then Governor General, when in 1880 the Railway  
Co made Carberry a station De Winton became  
deserted and is now obsolete

M Wise  
Postmaster

De Winton on Calgary & Healed Br

Ans'd

Carberry man

May 17th 1906

James White Esq

Geographer

Department of the Interior  
Ottawa

Dear Sir

Replying further to an  
enquiry from you in Sept 1905  
as to the name origin &c of  
Carberry man I enclose a  
clipping from the Winnipeg Tribune  
of 16th inst in which J. J. Hill  
Vice President of the Great Northern  
Railroad claims to have given the  
town its name, coming from Mr  
Hill it would appear to be entirely  
reliable

Yours truly  
M. W. Postmaster

Carberry man

BUSY DAY FOR

R. J. J. HILL

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A. Ramsey, H. M. E. Evans, J. A. Machray, I. Pitblado, F. M. Peters, H. M. Howell, J. C. Gage, C. P. Wilson, A. MacDonald, F. S. Andrews, J. Galt, M. T. Nichols, Justice Myers, J. A. Pearson, J. S. Aikins, E. A. James, William Robinson, J. Keator, W. G. McMann, A. K. Bannell, D. E. Adams, C. D. Sheppard, R. S. Barrow, F. W. S. Crispo, E. M. Counsell, J. H. Turnbull, P. C. McIntyre and Wm. Russell.

DELEGATIONS.

Provincial Towns Desirous of Connection With the G.N.R.

A number of delegations waited on Mr. Hill during the day, with the object of interesting him in the districts they represent. A deputation from Carberry, in which were Mayor Eaton; Councillors Ben Stewart and H. A. Manville, W. I. Small, president of the board of trade, and W. G. Murphy of the board of trade, waited on Mr. Hill to ask that the trunk line west which it is his intention to build should pass through Carberry.

The reception which Mr. Hill gave to the delegation was very cordial, and afforded him the opportunity to speak of his connection with the town. It was he who gave it its name when it was nothing more than a siding of the C.P.R. system. When the line was being built he went over the line with the directors, and the question of naming the future town came up. Lord Elphinstone was one of the party, and Mr. Hill suggested that it be given the name of Carberry, after the Carberry Heights, on the Elphinstone estates. Touching the matter in hand, Mr. Hill made no promise, but the members of the deputation retired with the knowledge that Mr. Hill is in possession of information which will cause him to view the town with interest, and they hope that he may act upon their requests.

Hannah Extension