

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa,.....AUG 24 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.

"Douglas Station" ✓
Sewell Man
De Winton a Carberry.

Dear Sir

In answer to yours, from all enquires from oldest settlers, Douglas was named after one of the C.P.R. officials by the name of Douglas, He being one of the first officials that passed over the line after it was completed, Carbury one of the adjoining towns and Sewell were also named after one of the same party, Carbury of to day was named after Captain De Winton (De Winton) but later was moved about 2 miles west and called ~~De Winton~~ Carbury. Sewell still holds the ~~the name of being called~~ after Captain Sewell. The oldest settler knows nothing of the whereabouts of any of the parties to day, perhaps you might farther information the C.P.R. officials. Any other information I can give you will be freely given.

Respectfully Yours

Alex Thomson

P. M.

Douglas

De Winter