

# 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.

"Hugald" man

Dugald. Man

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1905.

Dear Sir

The Village of "Dugald" is situated 14 miles east of Winnipeg in the Municipality of Springfield, and is named after Dugald Gillespie a native of Ontario of Scotch parents he settled here in 1880 when this municipality was very sparsely settled, he married an Irish lady by whom he had four sons & one daughter all of whom are living. Mr. D. G. opened a general store which he still conducts doing a good business, he owns and farms 900 acres of No. 1 land.

The Municipality of Springfield adjoins the City of Winnipeg to the east. The land naturally was not so high nor as easily brought under cultivation as some land further west but the extensive system of drainage and road making practised by the municipality for years past has altered the face of nature so that one can now make the journey to W'p'g in two hours, a great contrast to the time when one had to wade through sloughs and follow ridges making a detour of many miles, the journey during spring freshets often taking more than a day.

The writer remembers after the first road was made, nine work-outs between here & W'p'g teams were stationed at the gaps to haul the poor unfortunate wayfarer out of the holes, the rising generation now kick if after a heavy rain it takes them four hours to make the Peg. This place was formerly called Sunnyside but as the Township was of that name many mistakes occurred with mail matter &c, at a meeting of the settlers it was to change the name to "Dugald". A railroad is now being constructed one & one half miles north of here and a line conducting electric power to W'p'g from Lac-du-Bonnet a distance of about sixty miles

This power when fully developed will be 90,000 horse power  
30,000 of which will be delivered This fall

Yours truly

Herbert Matthew.