

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... AUG 28 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.

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Dumree Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1905

Dear Sir In answer to the following questions I have  
to record the following replies 1<sup>st</sup> The writer is the first  
Settler in the Township and is also the party who was  
the means of getting the railway built through here  
and got the locating of the site for Town when it  
came to be named. The name Aberdeen after the then  
Gov. Gen. was proposed as well as Dunlop after  
myself the Co. objected to Aberdeen as they already  
had Station of that name on their System  
one of the Engineers laying out the route said as  
you and Mr. Rea own the land for the site  
why not take part of your name and Mr. Rea's  
and call it Dumree I consented to that and  
that is how it got the name of Dumree

2<sup>nd</sup> The Persons full names are Adam Dunlop  
and Thomas Rea. at that time both engaged as  
~~Farmers~~ and still alive and residing in the District  
the one as senior Member of the firm of A. Dunlop & Sons  
Lumber Merchants and P. M. the other Tho. Rea as  
Farmer. 4<sup>th</sup> never had any other name  
Yours Respectfully Adam Dunlop Sr.