

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.

"Ebor" ✓
Man.

Ebor Manitoba

25th Sept. 1905

Mr. White

Dear Sir

In reply to your circular recd. some time ago, (when we were threshing) I would say. There are no Characteristic Features about here just rolling Prairie Farm, Comfortable buildings &c.

The Post Master came here in 81 or 82 so is an old Timer round here, he has used his own row & it was not always easy since he was 7 years old.

When the Papers were sent here about the Post Office 15 years ago, my husband saw as I would have all the bother & little pay I should name it. Has no one else had made any suggestions, I made choice of the name "Ramona" the name of a beautiful & good Indian girl but the name was written in pencil to be subject to the P.O. Dy. approval, but the Man who took the Petition around, rubbed out my name & put in Ebor. part of the old Roman name of York where he came from. The whole name as you know is Ebor Recum. You can imagine my indignation & disappointment when I found out what he had done. I told him what I thought of him &c. but that was all the satisfaction I had. Wishing you success
Remain yours crazily
The Post Master's wife