

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

AUG 26 1905

Ottawa,.....

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.

"Foley" ✓
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Winnipeg Beach
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North Star Mills

Sept 14. 1905

Mr. J. White

Dear Sir Your of Aug 26 to
hand on Sept 7 & contents noted.

This place called Foley school Dist. & Foley P.O.
is situated on R. 2. 1/4 Sec. 10. 18. 3. east.

And was named Foley by Mr Thomas as Mr Foley
& Mr Thomas were boys together in Ontario
Mr Foley is Homestead Inspector, (he never lived
here) & is at present in the Dominion Lands
Office Winnipeg. The place consists of only
the property & buildings of J. T. Thomas
Flour mill & saw mill, Planer & all other
Machinery pertaining to a good mill. Mr Thomas
was the first settler here & began business his
two sons each own 1/4 sec 10. 18. 3. & I am Postmistress
We are 17 mile from Leulon (named after Mr Castle's wife)
he is a wealthy farmer & Grain Commissioner &
Foley is about 6 ^{mile} from Winnipeg Beach (a summer resort on
Lake Winnipeg) which was named by C.P.R. the
roads not being opened up through the Township
we have to go 13 mile in summer to get to the
Beach & no Railroad nearer. Mr Thomas has
several thousand acres of timber limit here & the
settlers are Germans Galicians, Poles, Icelanders &
a few English. Nearest town is Gimli (named after a

a town in Iceland) which is 10 mile north
& east ^{of us} on the shore of Winnipeg Lake.

I thought it best to write on
this paper & you could pick out
what you saw that would
suit your purpose.

Hoping it may prove
some help I am

Yours truly

Mrs J. Thomas

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