

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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,

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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.

"Frammes"
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The name Frammes, literally means a long point or headland jutting out in to water. The origin of the name is ancient Norse and the first authentic record of the name is that it was the name of the home of Thorstein the Viking situated on Sognfjord in Norway — now. Though my English is crude and I run the risk of boring you I will give you a bit of the old Saga hoping will excuse my effort and take or leave what you please of the story. —

King Beli of that part of Norway which includes Sognfjord was a great Viking and his foster brother was Thorstein the Viking. When they had been Vikings for many summer King Beli quitted Viking and went to govern his kingdom. He made his foster brother Thorstein a "Hersir" which corresponds exactly to the English Duke, and gave him one third of his Kingdom. Thorstein built himself a castle by the waters of Sognfjord and named it Frammes. The place is in ruins now and nobody knows exactly where it has been. Now Thorstein had a son named Fridthjof, he was a Viking too. He was the bravest of all the brave, and the best of all the good, his exploits were countless. He was the terror of the high and mighty and the friend and protector of the weak and poor. His story has furnished the poets with endless themes for their poetry from that till this day, and will likely do so for countless generations yet. And the name of his home together with his own has become a symbol ^{in the popular mind} of all that