

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.

"Ningaa"

Ningra Sep 1 / 05

Dear Sir

This Town was started in the Summer of 1889, by C W Seefield and the firm of Robinson & Mc Knight - both opening General Stores about the same time. It was then known as "Stanley" but on establishing a Post-office here, it was found that a P.O. of that name had already been opened. So. P.O. Inspector W. W. M. Lovel of Winnipeg who has given the names to a lot of offices in this country, gave us the Indian name of Ningra which in English means "Mother"

Yours

Geo Robinson
Postmaster

MEMORANDUM.

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To

James White, Esq.,

Geographer, Dept. of Interior,

Ottawa, Ont.

Post Office Inspector's Office,

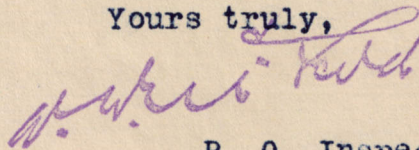
Winnipeg, Man.,

9th. September 1905. 18

Dear Sir,

Referring to the attached correspondence I beg to state that when the office in question was applied for the name "Ninga" was recommended which I was informed signified "Mother". This is all the information in my possession on the subject.

Yours truly,



P. O. Inspector.

Man



Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, Sept. 5th, 1905

Dear Sir,

Encl.

The enclosed circular respecting the origin of name "Ninga" has been returned to me by the Postmaster at that place. Could you kindly give me some information respecting the derivation of this name.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

James White

Geographer

W. W. McLeod, Esq.,

P. O. Inspector,

Winnipeg, Man.

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