

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,

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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Man

Skalhott Sept th 105.

Dear Sir!

I in reply to yours circular, on page first
I beg to say that. The name of my Post-
office, "Skalhott," is taken by my self, from
my old Country "Iceland," and is name of
nice little Town in that Country, where the
high Ministers. (Bishops) very living, one after
one, for Hundreds of years; — and further
this name "Skalhott," ~~was~~ mean on English

— Hole — and — Scrobbe Land — = Skal — mean = Hole
or low place — and — Holt — mean Scrobbe Land
— Second — our School District is named

Maverly. S. D. I saw in a Book, that it is
a District or Settlement in "Scotland," nam-
ed Maverly, and I think, the People in here
has taken up this name when they formed
this School District. — — —

= Third — The Assineboine River is very near
here — I dont know whether it is the first
name, of that River or not, of course, she
has that name for last 25. years or more —
this is all the names near here Except, Glenboro
and — Cypress River — — —

yours obedient Servant
J. J. Anderson P. M.