

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.

"The Narrows"

Man.

The Narrows, is a Post Office
on Lake Manitoba, being so called
as it is located at the narrowest
part of the Lake, and is also
a good Harbour for Boats on
the Lake and a good place for
fishing in Winter, The Country
in the vicinity is good for
mixed Farming and a fine
Cattle Country and thousands
of Tons of Hay go to West every
year as there is no one to cut
it. There also is a Stone quarry
seen here and any amount
of Lime Stone in it and
in several other places in the
vicinity. This is the place where
the C. P. R. was to have crossed
and a line was cut Throu
here and Telegraph wire
laid but it is all down
now. I have never heard of
any other name for this place

yours Truly

Helgi Einarsson

P.S. if there is anything else
you want to know about this
Place you can write to me
and I will try and give you
all the information I have

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