

# 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 who 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.

"Fannystell"

Man.

The name of Fannystelle was given to this village in remembrance of a lady by the name of Miss Fanny Rives who donated some \$60,000.00 for the opening of a French Colony in Manitoba. She never came here - She died young, I think at 28 years of age - she is now dead about sixteen years. The first part of Fannystelle, was called after miss Fanny Rives and Stelle (the latin for star) terminates the name - making it all mean Fanny's star - This place dates from 1890 - and has had no other name -

A very rich lady, Madame la Comtesse d'Albufera, with some lady friends, bought 10,000 acres of land in this neighborhood and built dwelling houses and out-houses, bought implements and stock and rented the farms to some poor families, which they sent at their own expences from France - The colony soon got well started - There are still some families here, who have prospered -

Post Mistress

Fannystelle