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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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The name "Cambridge" as applied to our village was taken from Cambridge, Mass., the "Station" was merely added to distinguish it from Cambridge in Hants' Co. When the place was being named or rather when the name was being changed, the former name being Sharpe's Brook, Mr Sharpe, then a prominent resident, had several sons working in Cambridge, Mass. The name was considered pretty and particularly suitable as there were so many bridges in this vicinity. Within a small radius there are three iron bridges, a railroad bridge and numerous smaller bridges. I do not know the exact date at which the name was changed from Sharpe's Brook to Cambridge but it was, I think, at least, forty years ago and probably longer. The former name was applied on account of a brook which ran through the property of Mr Sharpe. This brook was very useful to the community as there were at one time three saw mills situated on it, all within little over quarter of a mile,

Margaret M. Caldwell
Asst. J. M.

Cambridge Station

Oct 13th 1870