

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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DEAR ~~SIR~~, *Madam*

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.

Dalhousie, East
New Ross
W. Prince
Annapolis Co. N.S.

Good man

To New Ross

To New Germany

County Line

P.O. Delhousie road

Lunenburg Kings

King's road to John George

Oakdene

P.O. Lake view

Lowie road

Special P.O.

Moore road to New Germany

P.O. Delhousie East

Alton road

County Line

Kings Annapolis

To Cherryfield Station

To Annapolis

Ballland Ridge mail route to Springfield

Bound.

Dalhousie East

Is a village nine miles in length — that is from bound — ^{to bound} having homes on all the different roads running North and South As I have endeavoured to shew you in the annexed rude plan from memory

In 1816 Sir John Coape Sherbrooke Governor of Nova Scotia was promoted to the Governor Generalship of Canada. George Earl of Dalhousie immediately followed him as Governor and in time as Governor General

It so happened that the Earl travelling from Annapolis thro' the then forest over a road only blazed out met Sir John coming from Halifax. They met on the spot that is now spanned by what is called the big bridge over the Sherbrooke river and shook hands Hence that became the boundary between what was then named Sherbrooke and Dalhousie In 1862 or 3 the name of Sherbrooke was changed to New Ross partly in honor of Capt. Ross' family and partly as the second title of the then Lieut. Governor (Earl Mulgrave) was New Ross Capt. Ross arrived in Sherbrooke with 172 disbanded soldiers and on the 7th Aug. 1816 the first tree was felled (a beautiful maple) which was the first step towards the future homes of Sherbrooke now New Ross But it is our Province to hold to Dalhousie East The first Grant of Land was given to Jost and Selain (800 acres) signed by the Earl of Dalhousie & dated April 1817 In 1820 the first settlers arrived (disbanded soldiers of the 98th Prince of Wales regiment) and the forest was felled to make homes for those and the future people of Dalhousie East

W. H. Hutchinson
Capt. Dalhousie East