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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.

Lake Rausay
Lunenburg Co. W

see over

Oct 3rd 1905

Dear Sir

There is not much information I can give in regard to Lake Ramsey at the present time, as the old generation has passed away, as it is seventy years since it was settled, and then the place was called Sherbrooke, after Governor Sherbrooke, who travelled through this country. But owing to the fact, that there was a Sherbrooke at St. Marys, and mail matters getting changed. It was then decided to change the name of the place. So it was called ~~after~~ New Ross after one of the first inhabitants of the place, Cpt. Ross, a retired officer. But Lake Ramsey comprises only a small place of New Ross. It has derived its name on account of the Lake, which extends nearly the length of the place. But the lake was formerly called Lake Morris instead of Ramsey. The lake has ~~four~~ ^{five} islands, three of which is very small. But they have no names,

There is nothing more I can tell you on the subject. So trust you may gain a little information, out of this,

I Remain, Yours Truly
Postmaster, Lake, Ramsey

?lake after settlement

tawa, October 12th, 1905

Dear Sir,

Was Lake Ramsey named after a Mr. Ramsey? If so, will you kindly give initials, occupation and whether alive. Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

James White
Geographer

No it was not named after a Mr Ramsey. A Episcopal clergyman who came from the North of Ireland named it Lake Ramsey. Because ~~he~~ it reminded him so much of a lake at home. And it was called.

Lake Ramsey, after that, His name was Riggles but his initials, I do not know or whether he is living.

Yours Truly
Postmaster.