

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 14 1905

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.

*Lower Prospect*

*Jernegan Bay*

*Marr's Island etc*

*W. Halifax Co.*

Lower Prospect  
Oct 28 1783

Mr. James White

Dear Sir

Your wish to obtain information

Respect to the Derivations of the place names of Canada  
 Of the names of Villages Towns cities rivers lakes  
 Capes Bays Mountains & Dear Sir I am willing to give you  
 What Little Knowledge of this matter that I possess and that is not  
 them that I could have got Information from is all. But there  
 Is not one old person living in any place now well Sir to be  
 Sir with the name of my Village is called Lower Prospect  
 The reason why it is called Lower Prospect is the next Village  
 West of us is called Upper Prospect that is to distinguish  
 Both places: what they took their names from I never heard  
 The next Village North of Lower Prospect is called Seneca Bay  
~~It was called Seneca Bay~~ ~~it was called the~~ ~~Hostible~~  
 Bay in my Grand Father's time they where lots of Sea Suck and  
 After a Days quimung this used to be full of Crippled Deucles  
 That is why it is called the Hostible Concerning Lakes other  
 Is one called Ladies Lake a mans name but I know  
 Nothing about him he was before my time Quarry Lake  
 Took its name from quarrying Granat rock at its  
 Mouth Shellbird Lake name to it from so many  
 Shell ~~fall~~ Birds in the Lake Turnsbay River Takes  
 Its name from Turnsbay I have since learned the true  
 name of Turnsbay and how it got its name. the  
 I have been told about Two hundred years  
 Ago An English Lord called

Lord Terence was shipwrecked and got into  
Terence Bay has taken its name from Lord  
Terence a sailor on board the ship named Marr  
saved Lord Terence's life and when they got back  
to England Lord Terence went to the King and  
got Marr a Grant of Land for saving his life  
and his grant runs from Halifax Bay to Lower  
Prospect Marrs Island in Lower Prospect is a very  
Is a Historic Island. About one hundred years ago  
A schooner ran a shore on the West side of the Island  
she say she was chased by a Pirate she had Spanish  
Doubloons in gold and silver dollars to the  
amount of \$2,000 dollars and quite a lot of the  
money was picked up been washed up by the sea  
and that part of the Island is called the Money  
Point About a year ago I picked up one of the silver  
dollars and it was in fairly good state the date  
was gone been rubbed off the name of the vessel I can't  
find out. Another schooner called the Ammele  
Sunlap May Flower Golden Rule and  
last the S.S. Atlantic has been wrecked on this  
Island of Marrs Bear dir this is Best I can do  
for you

Respectfully yours

Thomas. Norris

P.M. of Lower Prospect

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