

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.

Alexandria

Glengarry Co. Ont.

The County of Glengarry was named by the early
settlers after Glengarry in Invernessshire Scotland

The town of Alexandria was named after the late
Right Rev^d Alexander Mc Dougal first R. C. Bishop
of Upper Canada - He owned the land and early
in 19th century, probably, erected a grist mill for the
use of the settlers - It was first known as the
"Prest Mills" and afterwards named Alexandria

This town is located on the "garry" River which runs
from a lake five miles west of the town - The lake
and River are also called after the "Rouge Garry" in
Glengarry Scotland - Alexandria is located about in
the center of the County of Glengarry, and will
when separated from Cornwall become the
County town of the County -

There are different Rivers in the County besides
the one given above but they have ~~a~~ french names
which I cannot give you the history of - the Rivers
that belong to me River aux-Racins, River Bradette,
River Desjardins and River De-Grasse. The last one
empties into the Ottawa River all the others empty
into the St Lawrence

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