

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa,.....MAR 28 1906.....

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.

Balmoral

Haldimand Co. Ont.

Balmoral is said to have been
named after Balmoral Castle in England
by some Englishman years ago when
it was a Bush, it is on the Talbot road

Cayuga is our County Town it is
said to derive its name from a tribe of
Indians by that name distance from
here 7 miles also on the Talbot road

Stoney Creek derived its name from
having a Stoney Bottom it starts
in the north part of Walpole Township
runs in to Rainham Township and empties
in to Lake Erie at the Town line between
Rainham and Walpole is probably 25 miles long
In the early days there was plenty of pine timber
was saw mills and grist mills on this Creek
but all have disappeared now

Nelles Corner One mile from us is over
Railway Station on the air line G. T. R. R.
a small place and derived its name from
a man by the name of Nelles who kept a
store there and was shot and killed by
one Wm Townsend I think in the 40's. Townsend
was never captured but King and Blows his companions were hanged

to say other information I can give I will cheerfully give it to you
Westchester Balmoral