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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.

Beaton
Norfolk Co. Ont

Boston
Boston creek
Hartford

Bealton. is situated on a small ~~creek~~^{stream} called "Boston creek" in the third and fourth concessions where they are crossed by the east quarter town line of Townsend township.

In the Pioneer days of the country, settlements were made at Boston and Hartford mostly by New Englanders, and midway between the two a third was formed and named from its central position Centerville, by its first settlers who came about 1821.

About the year 1857 an agitation was made by a number of younger residents to change the name of the settlement, and a meeting was called in the school house for that purpose. This gathering elected to change the name to "Sabula" at the suggestion of one "Darling Smith," and a flag was prepared with this new name upon it. But "Centerville" was too firmly rooted as a name and the settlement was known by that name until the organizing of a Post Office about 1870.

When the name Bealton was selected so named in ~~com~~ complement to the Beal family who were among the pioneer settlers, since then it has retained this name.

The first school was erected in 1844 on the south east corner of the hamlet, since then a brick building replaced the original frame one about 1856, and again this was replaced by the present Brick structure built in 1882. The first school teacher was Mrs Mary Hayes.

The first church building to be erected was build by the Wesleyan Methodists, it was a frame structure erected on the farm of Peter Beal on the west side of the east quarter town line near the south west village corner. built about the year 1851.

A saw mill was built just north of the village on the creek by Mr Brazilla Beal in 1841.

John Barber operated a small tannery about a mile west of the "corner" as early as 1832

Mr Frank Tubner was appointed the first Post Master of Bealton, the office site then was somewhat east of the present location.

Mr Peter Beal and Brazilla Beal of the original family died about a quarter of a century ago on the farms which they cleared and cultivated.

Any further particulars gladly given
Yours truly Percy Turner PM