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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.

Bowling Green
Dufferin Co. W.C.B.

Bowling Green Jan. 17. 1906.

Mr. White Geographer
Hawa.

Dear Sir + In giving this place a name some suggested to call it Jellyville after the man of that name who owned a North East corner farm of the 8 line road (Lot 11 con. 7 with 1/2 Sp. Amaranth). Some wished to call it Honorville after the man across the road next from Mr. W. B. Jelly. Some wanted some name some suggested some other until the story kepta Mr. Mole who had been in the United States suggested the name Bowling Green after a very pretty place he had been to over there. I do not know whether Kentucky or Ohio. This suggestion was agreeable and this has been its name ever since.

A Mr. Jos. Hinton Bowling Green } could tell from
Mr James Bates } personal experience
all about this affair.

Also I think Mr. John Kiefer British Columbia
This man was some in law to Mr. Mole and likely to know most about it he is deaf but most his sons are prominent out there and they would be easily found.

One neighbor says Mr. Mole thought the side of the ^{hill} was like a Bowling alley, Common in England. This term common was used at first by a few volunteers for drill.

Mr. Mole promised a jug of whiskey to the men if they would let him name it which they did and

Mr. Thomas ^{Hinton} baptized it in these characteristic lines while quaffing of a glass of the liquor supplied by

Long live the Queen and Mr. Mole.
We'll call this place Bowling Green!

I am, Sir,
yours respectfully.
Robert Henry Edge.
Bowling Green, Ont., Can.