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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.

*Braeside
Renfrew, Co Ont.*

The name "Braeside" was understood given to the place by W J McDonald D.H.S. some 40 years ago. because of its natural features, being a rather steep hill, about 180 ft above the lake. (Chato Lake) and the village is along the face & crown of the hill.

There was a large Highland Scotch settlement here. (Chief MacKab clan) and many of the places bear Scotch names:

Braeside, Docherb Creek & village, Lochwinnoch

You might get information from ^{William} ~~Andrew~~ Russell, Annapolis an old resident whose father lived here in Annapolis 50 or 60 years ago.

Also Tom Stone Sand Point who says he remembers the first raft of white Pine lumber passing here on the Ottawa

Other local names are
Chat's Lake. Chat's Rapids
& Cheveaux Rapids. The former
two of unknown derivation
(to the writer) unless from
chats (Cut or wildcat)
Cheveaux is "Little Oaks"
from the trees on the hills
at this rapids.

Portage du Fort.

Rocher Fendu

and other names are of
French origin & the relics
of the voyageurs of the
North Western & Hudson Bay
Co & other fur traders & voyageurs.

Yours Sincerely
J. L. Lillie