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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.

*Broadbent
Parry Sound Dist. Ont.*

BROADBENT, ONT.

Is situated on the South Side
of the Township of McKeelias on the
North Severn River and has two
good waterfalls at the village one
over 35 feet fall the other 16 feet fall
the latter being the only one used
up to the present on which there
is a Saw Mill, Wood Turning
Factory, and formerly a Grist Mill
It is called Broadbent after the name
of the first settler who settled here
in the year 1870 and has continuously
resided at the place since and
follows the occupation of Farmer and
Miller. Name Henry Ellis Broadbent
An Episcopal Church was erected at this
place in 1883 there is also a Store and
Post Office. Has been continuously called
Broadbent. Situated 18 miles S. E.
of Parry Sound and 8 miles from the
nearest Railway Station at Edgington.
Situated in a fairly good section
of farming country
Edward Broadbent
P. M.
Broadbent