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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.

Brule Lake Station
Nipissing, Dist. Ont
Potten lake
leaves "

13th Oct. 1905

Dear Sir,

Brule Lake Station, a Ry Station on the
 line of the Canada Atlantic Ry. 182 miles from Ottawa
 situated in the Algonquin Park. Lakes et. name from
 Brule Lake which is contiguous to the Station.
 I find the name "Brule Lake" was given to this Lake by
 the Indians more than 35 years ago, as they found
 the waters of this lake left a sediment in their cooking
 vessels which burned holes in them. Hence the name
Brule or Burn. 35 years ago, about the first white
 man, trapping in this vicinity was Jas. Sawyer,
 who is at present one of the Park Rangers, and
 who accounts for the name Brule Lake. Potter Lake
 which is immediately south east of Brule Lake took
 its name from a dropper by that name who came in
 from Haliburton Township at the south - about the same time
 as Sawyer. Cause Lake the next lake to the South East of
 Potter Lake (now at P.O.) took its name I understand
 from an Indian Chief Big Cause. Two miles west of
 Brule Lake Station is the Summit or height of land at which
 there is a small lake the waters from which flow in different
 directions, one outlet going to Georgian Bay the other to the Ottawa
 the elevation at the Summit is I understand the same as at Banff
 in the Rockies.

Yrs truly
 C. C. Hubbs