

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

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Done

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 who 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.

James White

Renfrew Co. Ont

Camel Chute - is situated on the Banks of the
Madawaska River.
about fifty-years ago. a man named
Campbell, Camped at this Place which was
then a wilderness, this is a chute at
this Place.

Hence the name Campbell Chute.
but when the Postoffice was organised
it was given in as Camel Chute.
which was a shorter, and easier, name
(Spelled.)

The man Campbell has never been in
this section for fifty-years.

Two miles Below Camel Chute, is another
Chute called the wolfe.
The way it - derived its name, was, a
Boat-load of River drivers was running
the Chute, their Boat capsized, and all
were drowned, and were taken out
and Buried there.

and a Pack of wolves - came and dug
them up and ~~from that day, not one spear~~
~~of Man has shown~~ that spot -

Low miles farther down the river is a
dangerous Rapids - called the Coulter -
named after an old indian trapper, which
pitched his tent at that place. He Hunt -
and trap

about one mile north of camel chute. is a mountain
called the Hunters guide, which is over 1000 ft high
two sides is perpendicular solid rock.

it is called the Hunters guide.
because it can be seen for miles from any way

about three miles East is a very high Pinacal
called the Bawled Mountain, about 1300 ft high
slopes all sides around alike.

a beautiful place. when one takes the trouble
to scale the top.

you can see a distance of forty miles each way.

if the above information is of any use to you

you are welcome to print it.

which is the plain facts of this place.

I am yours Resp

J. A. Hicks

April 14th 1906

Postmaster Camel chute