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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.

Cape Croker
Bruce Co Osh

Amia

Goodman

Crocker ? Crocker + merchant

1 This place now called Cape Crocker the i being dropped for short in establishing the P.O here in 1862.

Named after one of the Staff of Capt. Bayfield Surveying party. the date of that survey has escaped me, and I have no document at hand to recall it.

The Indian Name is a very appropriate one giving the full natural feature of the locality "Ne-yoshe. one-gaming". The first fur traders of the country were french called it "Pointe au Portage" which gives the full meaning of the Indian name.

2 Lions Head named ^{after} the bluff which before being burnt up gave the figure of the head of a Lion.

The Indian name is "Ma ma gwe se wo, be Kong," meaning Mermaid rock., the Harbor itself was called "Shell drake bay" "Ain-zick wo be Kong"

3. Cape Chin further on was "War whoop" Point" in Indian "Saw, Saw, Kwo, Ne-yoshing."

4 Still further on is named "Cobots Head" after admiral or Captain Cobot. a Rock standing on the brink of a precipice. Indians call it "tumbling Rock." "Ussin gi bo, wa, bu, ming." The Rock is as big as a house 40x60 & almost ready to slip down about 3 or 4 hundred feet below.

I can give you many other names if you require any more
J. H. Crocker