

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 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.

Bastford

Renfrew Co. Ont.

make card
for Warrnock.

Castelford is not a village but the name of a
country Post Office in a farming locality
it derived its name from a chute or water fall
on the Bonnichere River it is situated on the banks
of the Ottawa River and is amongst the oldest Post
offices in Renfrew county

in the year 1875 the name was changed to Warrnock, ^{Callahan}
for Mr John Warrnell the post master at that time
the reason for the change was ^{owing to the C.P.R.}
naming a station ~~Castelford~~ some three miles from here
after the post office Castelford. Some time after that
they got a post office at the station so that was
why they changed this office to Warrnock but there
was some of the residents here who were not satisfied
with losing the name of their office and put up a vigorous
kick and had the name changed back to Castelford
and the post office at the station was named Castelford Station