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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 4 1905

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.

Charlton
Nipissing Dist. *cut*

Charlton, Ont. Oct. 16/05.

Mr. Jas White, Geographer,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir; The village of Charlton ^{obtained} ~~was~~
its name in this way. Two parties made application
for the Post office here. One of these, the disappointed
applicant, was supported by Hon. Geo. Charlton and
Hon. Wm. Charlton and as a compromise the office
was called Charlton. The name applied for was
Auralynn (Aura (Greek for golden) and Lynn (Scottish word for falls)
The Golden Falls as a very pretty falls is located
at this place, part of which has been developed
as a water power. The village of Charlton was a
wilderness without a settler up to March 1903, when
R. G. Hooley & family first settled here and it is now
a rapidly growing village with Saw Mill, Hotel, 3 Stores
Post Office, Telephone Office Blacksmith shop &c.

The Lakes here are called Long Lake and Kinogami-
-ji-jing - the latter of which Mr. Hooley informs me
is the Indian word for Long Lake. Hoping this information
may be of value to you and that in future when you
require any information about this part of the
District you will inquire of Mr. R. G. Hooley who
is more thoroughly posted in these matters. I am

Yours Sincerely

Thos M Laughlin

Postmaster
Charlton.