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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 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.

Braighurst
Seminar Bay, Ont.

Craighurst a village of about one hundred and fifty inhabitants is situated in the County of Simcoe cornering on the four townships of Oro, Medonte, Hro and Vespra. It is on the Penetanguishene Road (a road running from Barrie to Penetanguishene, the first survey through this part of the County.) Craighurst is situated in a farming community the land being slightly undulating. There are no large bodies of water nor rivers near.

Craighurst received its name from the Craigs, Thomas Craig being the first settler in this part having come here on the 14th of May 1821. A few years later a settlement some three miles north of here was granted a post office under the name of Hro - kept by Hugh Marlow. On Marlow's death about 1840 the post office was given to John Craig of this place, a son of Thomas Craig. The office

continued to go by the name of Hoss
until about the year 1850 when its
name was changed to Craighurst.
This office was in the township of Medonte.
about half a mile north of the village, Lot 43.
It is now kept by Joseph H. Swan on Lot 41
township of Hoss.

J. H. Swan.
P. M.
Craighurst.