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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 30 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.

Brookston
Hastings Co. Ont

See over

Dear Sir

It seems probable that your village has been named after a Mr Brooks, a not uncommon name but whether the late Hon. Adam Brooks or a local celebrity is not so certain.

I will be much obliged if you can get me some information re the above

Yours truly
James White

Crookston Nov. 9th 08.

I have made inquiry as ^{to} the above question and as far as I can ascertain it was the late Hon. Adam Brooks it was named after - I have asked some of the oldest residents and this is the best I can give. Hoping this is yours. Satisfactory.

J W Blue
P. M.
Crookston

Crookston Oct. 4/65.

Dear Sir,

Crookston has all ways
been known as far as I
can find out by Crookston
I cannot tell you why such
was named, as I have
not been here for over
10 or 12 years.

I am

Yours

J. W. Blue

P. M.

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