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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.

Delhi ✓
Norfolk Co. Dub

Delhi is an Incorporated Village incorporated by Law of the County Council of the County of Norfolk, in which it is situated, in June 1893. The original name was Fredericksburg named after one of the first residents about 1810, Frederick Covert, who died about 1866. The Post Office was Middleton until immediately after the Great Indian Mutiny, when Mr. Putnam, D. Gates and a Mr. McBellan petitioned the Parliament of Canada East and Canada West to change the name of the Post Office to Delhi. In 1872 the station of the Great Western Railway was named Delhi, and in 1894 when the first Council of the incorporation of whom the Registrar of the County of Norfolk, demanded a map he the Registrar named the incorporation the Village of Delhi and now all instruments are registered as in the Village of Delhi instead of Fredericksburg as formerly.

The Village of Delhi is beautifully situated on the River Rhone, or Big Creek as first known, with magnificent water power fairly utilized. The surrounding scenery is unsurpassed in Western Ontario.

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Fredericksburg +
Middleton