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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.

Dillon Post
Shebeshekong bay Parry Sound Dist.

Dillon Port is situated on the North Shore of
Georgin Bay on Lot Forty in Six Con in the
Township of Carling Dist Parry Sound and
lies half mile west of Big Sheberhekong River and
three quarters of mile west of Little Sheberhekong
River on the North Shore of Dillon Bay known as
the original Sheberhekong Bay. one an Indian
Settlement and a Hudson Bay Post. three miles to the
west is Shawanaga Bay. there is a channel entering
Shawanaga Bay called Turtle Channel it arrived its
name from a rock representame of a Turtle
there is two channels out of Dillon Port one leading
to the South the other leading to the west the one
leading to west with twenty seven feet of water
Dillon Port is named after a Mr Francis Dillon a
Resident of the Place (and the first settler) (a Genius he has an invention
completed a marine Steam Injin Governor and has
tested them and having them Patented in all
Principal Countries. the word Sheberhekong is Indian
its meaning is Narrow Channel Dillon Port derived
its name first in the year 1900 by the Dillon
Port Copper Mining Co of Newark N.J. of which
Mr Dillon is one of the Co. George Hazard Postmaster