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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 31 1906

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 who 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.

Dixie

Peel Co. Ont.

take card
for Sydenham

Dixie, April 14th 06

Named after Dr Dixie, a practicing
Physician, about forty years ago
formerly called Sydenham -

The Dr removed to Springfield -
now Etindale - and there
Died, some 8, or 10 years ago -

I understand there was more
Sydenhams than this hence the reason
for changing its name - on account
of mail going astray -
a meeting was held to select a
name the choice being between
the names of Dixie, and Fountain Hill,
the majority being in favor of the former

Yours &c

C. H. Gill - P.M.

P.S. You promised to send me a map of Ontario or
- Canada a little over a year ago for information
I gave you in reference to our township - that is
Swamp of Toronto, I am anxiously looking for it -
C. H. Gill, Swamp Creek, T. P. M.