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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 19 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.

Dorking
Wellington Co
Otd.

(See next)

make card
for
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Bethlehem?

Ottawa, November 2nd, 1905

Dear Sir,

Is your P. O. named after Dorking, Surrey
Co., England? *yes*

Yours truly,

James White
Geographer

Dorking act 25

Dear sir I have not much information to send you about this place it is a small village called dorking now about 50 years ago it was called bethelam it is 2 miles south of the canestoga river on one side on the east it is seven miles to the canestoga river there is quite a mountain there the C.P.R. is cutting a road through it at present the C.P.R. is building their road from quelpk to goderich then from stratford to listowel coming in 30 rods of dorking where they say there will be a station through this part of the country it is very level the surveyors says that they never surveyed as level a road before as from the mountain at walesteen to listowel the distance of 19 miles there is not a cut to be made in that distance

dorking is on the corner of four townships three counties as follows
Waterloo county - Wellington county
perth county

it is named after Dorking in england

Yours
Jm Dorking