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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.

*Egan Creek
Hastings Co Ont*

Egan Creek Oct. 12th 1905

Jas White
Geographer
Ottawa

Dear Sir
Your letter of recent date is hand and
in reply would say that Egan Creek is the name
of a Post Office in the country and is named
after a large creek or river upon whose bank
it is situated. The river is quite a large stream
between forty and fifty miles from its fountain
to mouth. It empties into the "York Branch
of the Mississippi at about one half a mile above
what is known as the "Egan Chute" on the Branch.
This is a large fall in the York Branch and was
named after the same man as Egan Creek. This
man's ~~his~~ name was Egan his given name
unknown and he has been dead for some time date unknown.
He was a prominent lumberman on this stream and on
the York Branch from about 1850 to 1880

This is about all I know of the history
of the name and have had pleasure in
giving the information you wished

Yours Truly

Wm Smith

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