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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 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.

*Ellisville*

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✓ Seeley's Bay, a <sup>po. lake</sup> village, named after a man by the name of Seeley, now dead.

✓ Berryston, a <sup>po. lake</sup> locality, named after several families, by the name of Berry, many of whom are still living, as —  
John Berry Sr. & Jr. — farmers.

George H. Berry — William Berry — farmers.

✓ Brady's Creek, a small stream flowing into South Lake, named after a man by the name of Brady Cornelius, who is still living — Pump manufacturer.

✓ Sweet's Corners, a <sup>po.</sup> locality, named after a man by the name of Sweet Melvin, who is still alive — Farmer.

✓ Ellisville, a <sup>po. lake</sup> locality, named after a man by the name of Ellis George, now dead, a merchant and farmer.

✓ Singleton Lake, named after several families of that name, fathers now dead, farmers.

✓ Lyndhurst, a <sup>po. lake</sup> village, of old — Furnace Falls, a small

✓ Long Point, a <sup>po. lake</sup> locality, so named because of its peninsular shape in connection with Singleton and Ganarogue Lakes.

Ganarogue Lake, so named, because its waters flow throu the town of Ganarogue into the R. St. Lawrence.

Black Rapids, a locality and rapids, so named because of the color of the water at the rapids. It forms

The connecting link between Singleton and Gananoque Lakes.

<sup>P.O. loc</sup>  
Worton, a village, named after a man of the same name, now dead.

<sup>P.O. loc</sup>  
Jones' Falls, a by-wash <sup>and locality</sup> on the Rideau, 6 miles below  
Seeley's Bay, named after a man of the same name, now dead.

<sup>P.O. loc</sup>  
Hoperton, a locality, named after several families of that  
name, now out of the settlement.

Grippen Creek, a small stream connecting Grippen and  
Singleton Lakes; also Grippen Lake, both named after  
a man by the name of Grippen, now dead.

This is the Best Act  
I can give of the Required  
Information asked on the other sheet  
hoping it will be some help  
in the matter

I remain yours truly

E. Ellis S. M. of  
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