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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.

*Fonthill
Welland Co. Ont.*

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Fonthill Ontario
Nov 24th 1905

This is the original name, which was given Fonthill.

The village is near what is known as the Short Hills, referred to in Canadian History many years ago. possibly between 1840 and 1850. There was erected a public drinking reservoir and fountain and this was a stopping place for travellers on the ~~Canal~~ Canboro road. when thirsty, as they were passing, going east or west. and the village was called after the drinking fount and being on the hillside Fonthill.

I am
Yours Truly
Fred Winsman
Postmaster

Card for
Temperanceville
see Fonthill

Fred Kinsman
MERCHANT

DRY GOODS, CARPETS, &c.

THE HUB

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Boots & Shoes,
Groceries,
Hardware,
Clothing,
Wall Paper,
Crockery.

Fonthill, Ont. Dec 4 1905

Mr. James White
Office of Geographer.
Ottawa

Dear Sir:

Since writing you on Nov. 24th I have learned that Fonthill was called Temperanceville then afterwards changed to the present name, for reasons as given you in letter of above date.

Yours Truly
Fred Kinsman
Postmaster

Place Names

See next letter

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