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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 3 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.

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Forfar Postoffice Oct 11 1905
Ottawa
Mr Jas White

Dear Sir

This place was formerly called Hales Corners named
after a man that used to live here years ago
and after his death Mr Wm Young kept the office and
~~it~~ was him that gave the name of Forfar ^{called} after
a place in Scotland by this name Mr Young is
also dead a good many years ago but the exact date of his
death I do not know we have ^{in the Postoffice} here about 20
years our nearest lake is the Redon that lies in a northerly
direction and about three miles from here the next lake
Delta is about seven miles that is southeast from here
It was formerly called Bererly lake named after Lord
Bererly I am sorry I am not able to give you
more information as some of those parties are away
that I could make more inquiry for you hoping you
will excuse this I Remain yours truly

Jas Boyd Ackland

Postmaster
Forfar