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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 30 1908

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.

Gores Landing

Northumberland Co. Ont.

(1)

Gore's Landing is named after
Thomas Gore who came from Ireland
in the early forties and settled on
Crown Land situated on the shore
of Rice Lake at that time the only
public highway from Cobourg to Gore's
Landing thence by ferry across Rice Lake
and up the Otterbein river to reach the
interior it is now a port over the
West Valley Canal contains a population
of about 150 has two churches two
stores & post office two hotels also
the birth place of the rice lake canoe
who's factory still situated and working
at the present time Gore's Landing can
be reached either by Stage from Cobourg
daily or from Peterboro in the summer
by Steamboat visited in summer by
a great number of tourists. Thomas Gore
died about the year '60 and buried in the
billage Church yard that bears his name

(2)

Not any of the family remain
all wood away some years ago

This is a Brief sketch
given by a man who was born in
this village in the year 1858 & has
resided here most of the time

Writing this with a
satisfactory you truly

J. W. Pratt

Assistant Comr.
