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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 28 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.

Harbord ✓
Carleton Co. Ont.

Nepean Sp.

Now part of City of
Ottawa ?

Harbord P.O. Oct. 3rd 1905.

Mrs White
Dear Sir

In trying to answer the questions asked I am afraid that I am not in a position to give much information I might say that Harbord is a small wayside P.O. it is situated in the center of the Government Experimental Farm consequently there are no old settlers that I could get to aid me in answering the questions

The only information that I can give in connexion with the name of our office is that of a street in Toronto Ontario — I think the street is still called Harbord but cannot say positively — unable to give any information to third question — Sorry I have to treat fourth question the same as the third one I might say from the fact that our office is entirely surrounded by the Experimental Farm it prevents it from developing along any of the lines inquired of. Pardon my scant information.

Yours Truly

Wm McAdoo