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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 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.

*Hawkestone P.O. creek
Oct.
Shanty Bay Prescott Co.*

Hawkestone first name was called Hodges Landing after
Mr. Richard Hodges he was first merchant and first Post ~~master~~
in 1847 on July 10th Richard Hodges died and some ^{time} previous to
that date Mr. Johnston Allingham was Appointed Post master
the next merchant was Wm Hodges in 1853 and sold part
of Property to Sidney Morehouse Sandford and Captain G. Bell
Mr. Sandford 1856 sold Part of village to James Patton and
Mr. Howard Bernard and they thought Hawkestone
would be a more suitable name the name is called
Hawkestone in England Hawkestone was first
settled in 1830 it is situated in County Simcoe and Township
of OTO and situated on North Shore of Lake Simcoe
five miles back from Lake Simcoe there is a high Ridge
of Hills starts twenty miles to North of Hawkestone and
same Ridge of Hills runs through Township of Floss
West of Town of Barrie the western Part of Township was
settled in 1811/12 in Governor Simcoes time there is only
3 of the old settlers now living Mr. D. Allingham Mr. E. Elson
and Wm Hodges the first land Agent appointed was
~~to Col O'Brien~~
Mr. Richie and only one log Building now standing
that Mr. Richie helped to build with Mr. Richard Hodges
There is in Hawkestone 2 genl Stores one Black Smiths Shop
one ^{saw mill and chopping mill} 3 summer resorts for Towners
one Hotel Rail Road Station 6 creeks running into Lake
out of Township of OTO Carthew Bay North East of Hawkestone Eight mile Point East

Town of Barrie County Town of County Simcoe situated thirteen
miles West of Hawkestone and North the Town of Orillia
Eight miles from Hawkestone
first old settlers now decess Col Carthew Capt Davis. Col Mc
Vity and Major McVittie Major Addam Capt Ross Lieutenant
Monk Captain Keneson to Col Smith Father of Larratt
W Smith Frank Walker to James Lieutenant But
Col O'Brien Captain Stove Captain Thompson
Hawkestone Creek is largest of all streames running
in to Lake Simcoe on North side of Lake
William Hodges is the oldest Resident of
Hawkestone now living and has written the
above information and as I have only lived
in Hawkestone about 18 years there is nothing
more that I can add that would be interest
except that I may say that the Popalation is
about 300 and I have been Postmaster in Hawkestone
nearly 18 years and two years in Shanty Bay, the
latter name P.O. took its name from a no. of Shanties
which where Built by Col O. Brians Father to
Commodate Emigrants who came across the Atlantic
Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Linton P.M.
Born in Yorkshere Eng 23 Jan 1842