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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.

Jordan Harbour
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(See over)
Ans'd

Jordan Harbor Oct 5th, 5

Tao-White Esq

Dear Sir

The original
names of all the streams entering Lake Ontario
from the South shore in Canada, were all
derived from their supposed distance from
Niagara, the then Capital of Canada West, beginning
with the four mile, ^{then the} eight mile, twelve mile,
fifteen mile, sixteen mile, eighteen mile, twenty
mile, twenty mile, forty mile, ending with
the fifty, near Hamilton, the length of all
these is the twenty which flows into Lake
Ontario, at this place, its source is nearly
South of Hamilton near Caledonia, running
East along the top of the Mountain until
arriving near Jordan where it plunges over
into the valley below a straight fall of
77 feet, The derivation of names for the
County Townships, Towns & Villages of this
? Lincoln have already been published

Yours Truly

G. Oliver