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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, APR 12 1906

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.

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Haliburton Co. Ont.

Elephant Lake

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Jas White Esq

Ottawa

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Dear Sir.

Your letter to hand re information of the Geographical features of the vicinity in which I live, & in reply will say, Kennaway so called by parties who built road from Maynooth to Haliburton & being one of the 1st settlers some 32 yrs ago started the mail line and Post Office at this place. There is a river flowing down through this country called the York Branch, and considerable lumbering has been carried on along this river. The Rathbun Co takes large drives down this stream every year as far as the village of Bancroft some 32 miles down the stream. At this end of the stream there is

what we call Benois Lake, so called
from settlers who lived on its banks years
ago. but now occupied by a milling
Co. known as the Avery Bros.

They are erecting a large saw mill and
starting a good Business.

Further down the stream we have Elephant
Lake, so called from its shape and on
the Banks of it we have another Lumber
ing Co starting known as the Burgess
Bros. They are also starting a fine Saw
mill and have a large Subject to carry on
their business. Then on down we have
Baptist Lake so called, from the Indians
who live on its shores. At the lower
end of this lake the V. B. & C. Ry. runs
along its shores making a fine
opening for the country. This is about
all the information I can give you
at present & hoping this is satisfactory
I remain Yours Respectfully
L. J. McEvoy & Thos Scott