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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

*Killaloe Station
Renfrew Co. Ont.*

Gentlemen the paper has been handed me by
The postmaster of this place with a request to give
some information respecting this place. ^{Killaloe Station}
is the name of our post office. The name of our
village is Fort McDowell. The name of the village
property has been registered in that name. It
has been named after the first settler who
located here, some fifty years ago, William
McDowell, originally from ^{the} Glengarry. The village
spring up at the time of the building of the
Canada Atlantic Railway, it is located on a small
stream called Burns brook called after a man
who I understand here first. We are two miles from
Golden Lake. The Lake has an area of about 27. Miles
fifty years ago this country was a wilderness.
The Land is Rough and Mountainous. Soil is poor
but Rocky, well suited for pasture. Lumbering has
been the chief industry of this section, we have
two post offices convenient to each other one is Killaloe
and the other is Killaloe Station. Killaloe is named
after a town in Ireland in the County Clare, forming
the name of the town of Kana

A place was named by the late James Bonfield
 who at one time represented this county in the
 Legislative assembly of Ontario. The McDowell family
 are living here yet. William McDowell and his
 village was named after. is 90 years of age his
 brother Alexander McDowell is 78 years. They are Canada
 Residents of this Municipality they were the
 owners of this country at the outlet of Coldwater about
 1810 the first house here is the old Hudson Bay Fort
 at this Fort Capt. McDowell was born the 1st Auditor
 General, Commandant of this old trading post is the
 Reserve where a remnant of the Algonquin Indians
 remain who are fast vanishing away, only
 a few families remain, Killarney Station post office
 is located in the village of St. McDowell in the
 Municipality of Hagarly Sherwood Jones Richards
 and Burns, five Townships constitute this
 Municipal Corporation, we are located 25 miles
 from the City of Ottawa by the new Ottawa
 division of the Grand Trunk Railway. Finally the
 Canada thanks, trusting you may select some
 of the information desired in your circular, by this
 indifferently written, and unequalled sketch

I remain yours very respectfully
 C. W. Bonfield