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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, ..... MAR 28 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.

*L'Amable*

Hasting Co. Ont.

# Reply to the Written Queries,

L'Amable 28<sup>th</sup> May 1906

Que. No 1

L'Amable Village named after a Lake in its vicinity which Lake it appears was given that name owing to a chief of that name "L'Amable" having been drowned in it, and buried in its vicinity.

Que. 2

My delay in answering sooner has been occasioned by my Endeavour to see or find out through the relatives - Some of whom are residing some distance north of this - all or any details of interest respecting the aforesaid L'Amable who was drowned in the Lake. And shall if I can ascertain anything definite further Supplement this report. -

Que. 3

L'Amable Lake Situated in the Township of Faraday. Close to the village Size average 2 miles long by one mile in width shaped like a bowl or Basin Surrounded on all sides by hills, water deep, and contains Great Mountain or Lake Trout in fair abundance averaging from  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Each - John McKeown - Botanist - whilst here on a visit - many years ago - spent a day or two round the lake pronounced it "The Loch of Lake" he had ever seen.

Que. 4

What had any other name

P.S.

The outlet at L'Amable forms one of the best water privileges in this part of the country, and has been utilized as driving power for Saw and Grist Mills at that place.