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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 16 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.

*Lasswade
Peterborough Co. Ont.*

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Sir I have been waiting thinking
Mr Ratcliff would fill this out but
he is away now so I will do the best I can
I have been here long enough to tell much
there is not any village at Lassmade
I think the Post office officials named
this office there is the school and Cheese
Factory within $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ mile off this office
and now they are building for a store
and flour and feed store at the
Cheese Factory it is a quite place here
there is a lake they call Devil Lake
the Indians named it that for the dismal
sound when the wind blows down
River runs close by the saw mill is about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile call mill named after themselves
there is about 40 heads of families get
their mail at this office now Loan Lake
is about 2 miles from here it is a nice lake
named for the Loans that lives in it
if I can find any better information at
any time you want let me know I will
try and get all you can yours sincerely
Lassmade) Mr. S. G. Woodbeck agent