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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 2 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.

Leadbury
Huron Co. Ont

(See over)

Ottawa, Oct. 20th, 1905

Dear Madam,

Can you tell me whether your P. O. was named after a person? If so, kindly give me his initials, occupation, and whether still alive. If named after a place will you kindly give me some information respecting its position. Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

James White
Geographer

Probably after Ledbury
Down Hertfordshire Eng.

I answer

The first Postmaster

of Leadbury P.O. was Mr. Charles

Javis (Now dead some years) named the

Leadbury P.O. after some place (Town)

(I think) in England, but where

that place in England is I do

not know, having never heard

anything whatever about ^{it} more than what

I now tell you. I regret I cannot ^{make} matters

better for you. neither do I know any person

who could supply any further information

Respectfully yours

Wm. McE. McEwen

Leadbury Post-Office
Oct 11th 1905

The Geographer
Dept. of the Interior
Ottawa
Canada

Dear Sir:-

I cannot find any person who is interested in this paper around here, and as far as I know myself this locality has remained the same these thirty years or more (with the exception) of a few farmers retiring into the towns and younger men taking their places.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. M. E. McEwen.

P. M.

Leadbury, P. O.

Harvey Co.,

Ont.