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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, OCT 20 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 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.

Linton
York Co. Ont.

Replies to preceding queries.

- 1 Not named after village etc.
- 2 named after my surname Lynn;
Joseph Lynn Postmaster yet alive
and still a resident and P.M.

- 3 The Post Office was opened here on the 1st July 1858 by the name of Liston P.O. and I hold my Commission from the late Hon. Sidney Smith then P.M. Canada.
- 4 No other name. This being an agricultural section there few physical ^{features} of a conspicuous nature, as the land is undulating and of considerable elevation, being 120 ft. above a little lake, about a mile south of here.

A few rods north of P.O. water runs north, it runs south past here.

The soil is fertile, and well cultivated, and the principal occupation of the residents is of a rural nature and few mechanics or traders reside here.

The mail-service comes from Steinburg N.W. Co. Pa. via Nobleton, King Creek, and Holly Park.

By looking at the map of the Co. York Pa. you will see that this is the leading road to Fronton a distance of about thirty three miles south east. These are the principal items relative to the section.