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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 18 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.

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Dear Sir

In reply to your letter and information wanted. The first Post Office opened here was called Royborough. I could not find out why it was called Royborough or what year it was opened in. The second Post Office was called Strathglass it was kept by a person by the name of Christopher McRae his wife

was a Miss Chisholm
and she came from a place
by the name of Strathglass
in Scotland that was
how it derived its name
from. It was opened the
first day of August in
the year (1862) the mail
being carried once a week
between Strathglass and Berwick
seven miles distance the
mail carrier was Duncan R.
McRae who is still living
and is the only man of that
generation. The postmaster
general at that time was
the Honorable Michael

Hamilton Isley. It was
some time after this that
the name was changed to
Lodi but I could not find
out how it came to be called
that name I guess it was
the Department at Ottawa
that called it "Lodi". This
is all the information I
can give you pardon me
for not answering sooner I
remain Yours Truly
Edward Cameron. P. M.