

Albert D. Brown,
A Baron Loudesborough
1805-1860

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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.

Loudesborough
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About fifty years ago, Thomas
Hayward settled upon two farms
to the north of what was then
called Wright's Corners, - being named
after Mr Wright who owned the
farm upon the south west corner.

In a short time a village
began to spring up and Mr
Hayward named it Londesborough
after Lord Londesborough for whom
he worked before immigrating into
Canada.

Albert Denison, 1st Baron Londesborough, 1805-1860

The village grew steadily and
at one time rivalled the neighboring
villages as a manufacturing and
commercial centre. The surrounding
landowners refused to dispose of
property for village lots except
at exorbitant prices and as a
natural result excitement ceased
and business was carried elsewhere,
so instead of a flourishing town
we have the ~~pretty~~ village of Andover
situated north of the Marland
in the heart of one of the finest
farming communities of Ontario.