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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

*Lorimer Lake  
Parry Sound Dist. Ont.*

and

No 2 This lake was first named after a  
Man on the Survey John Forimer when surveying the  
first through line known as the James line of which the  
Townships take their bearing from & being the first  
settled on it. about 22 years past named this office  
after it. its a beautiful clear water its outlet is by  
McKellar thence down Seagim river to Georgian Bay at  
Parry Sound it being the most north lake going down  
said river. Shawanaga lake about 1 1/2 miles to the north  
of it runs parallel with it and empties down river of same name  
into the Bay about 28 miles north of Parry Sound  
No 3 No it got its first name as mentioned above

The Great North Road Passes within 1/2 mile of it  
on the east end about 8 miles from Sunburst in 1/4 of  
Hagerman and the foresaid James line runs across the middle  
of the foresaid lake its about 6 miles long and 1 wide  
good hunting and fishing on its boundaries The James Bay  
Railway is making now past the west end of it 3/4 of a  
mile distant its about 16 miles from Parry Sound and  
14 miles from Abmie Harbour to this post office

I have now enquired you as well as I know how  
and if there is any more you would like to know  
I will be pleased to answer if in my power  
I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

Jm Chat. Ferris P. M.