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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.

*Loring
Parry Sound Dist.*

* Elizabeth Loring

Loring

Sometime about the year 1882, the settlers in and around the above, petitioned Government for the establishment of a Post office, at that time there ^{was} only a store and Blacksmiths shop where the village now is, and no name had as yet been given. Col. W. G. O'Brien was at that time M.P. for the District of Parry Sound and presented the petition and asked as a favor that the place should be named Loring after his wife's maiden name. No objection being made that name was adopted. *Elizabeth Loring*

Col. O'Brien never resided here and although he is no longer M.P. I believe both he and Mrs O'Brien are still living at Shanty Bay and run a stock farm there.

Col. O'Brien served two terms as M.P. for the district and was then discarded by his party on account of his opposition to the then Gov. of Sir J. A. McDonald on the Jesuit Estate question and some other measures.

James White Esq.

Loring Dec. 4th 1905

Dear Sir

This paper was handed to me some days since by Post Master, I have endeavored to give the information required as near as I can from memory. The facts are correct but I am not certain as to dates. Yours Truly

A. W. Sinclair