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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, APR 11 1906

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.

Lovering

Simcoe Co. Ont.

The Township of Matchedash
In County of Simcoe
Province of Ontario

The name of this Township is I am told Indian.
It is situated on Matchedash Bay, of Georgian
Bay; North River, coming out of Pass-Lake,
near Orillia, runs through this Township, into
the above Bay. The Township is bound by the Seven
River, out of Lake Couchinging, and also empties
into the Bay. (Northern Boundary)

~~The name of this Office was taken from~~
~~the person who first had the Office, name~~
~~of (Loving) W.D. (He only kept it a few~~
~~years, then, you it was changed to myself.~~

E.W. Kitchen 20 years ago Oct 7-86, will be.

Mr W.D. Loving has moved to Coldwater some
years ago. He was a farmer. This is the only office
in the Township; This T.P. was a thick pine forest
33 years ago when I personally settled here. It is now
entirely striped of pine, and about 350 better
in it, where the land is good. The C.P.R. Railroad
is now in construction through here, to Sudbury, and
the James's Bay R.R. in construction crossing
Raggs Rapids - above Orillia, its power plant
constructed 3 years ago, in this T.P.

Sincerely
P.M.
Loving

In early years of settlement, we got the mail from Coldwater
7 miles from here - We have mail 8 times per week
E.W. Kitchen