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 localties, 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.

Lyndhurst
Leeds Co. Ont.

Lyndhurst a village of about 300 inhabitants is Situated on Lots no 2 & 3 in the 10 Con. of Lansdowne in the County of Leeds (South Riding) Is a thriving village with good water Powers and a Reservour of about 30 Sq miles for a mill Pond. including upper & lower Beverly Lakes and Streams, which is Suplyed from the a Rideau Canal (at morton village) And in fact was formerly the natural Out let or Stream from the Rideau. And other Lakes at Newboro before the Canal was made So I am informed by the Old inhabitants, And also drains Plumb Hollow Vally which Extends for miles North of the village.

I am informed by the Old inhabitants it was first Called Falls Only intil About 1830 - 32 An american Company Started a Furnace for Smelting Iron, and then it was Named or Called Furnace Falls, the Iron Ore was got up the Stream and Close to the Shore of Lower Beverly Lake which is part of the mill Pond which gives it a permenancy of Water dureing the dry time of year.

Mr. Charles Sutherland who Run the Furnace being an american, in 1837 & 8. got into dificulty Politically, And the Property was Confiscated, And the Hon Charles And Jonas Jones got the Property, And on or about 1845 to 1850 got a mail Line, And the Name was Changed Furnace Falls to Lyndhurst, Signifying Water fall in the woods or grove which indead was very appropriate as when I Came here in 1853. it was most beautifuly Surounded by a fine grove of woods, the property belonged to the Jones Estate til I purchased it in 1868. when it was Surveyed into a village and Commenced Selling Building lots. &c

the Industries Comprise, two Grist mills one an up to date Roller Process, three Saw mills two Plaining & matching mills. 3 Shingle mills and a good wooden mill, their is also opened a fine Quarry of Granite of very fine texture & Color Said to be as good both in Color and Quality as the Scotch Aberdeen, together with other Small industries Blacksmithing Tinsmiths &c &c. which gives a good mercantile & other business — trade the Stream Abounds in fish Salmon trout white fish Bass in abundance Yours truly

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