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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 28 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.

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This office is situated five and one half miles south west of the Flourishing town of Meaford situated on the Georgian Bay and terminus of the Grand Trunk R.R. in North Grey one of <sup>the</sup> best fruit growing districts in the world this P.O. received its name from a combination of circumstances (away back in the Early Thirtys a man by the name of John Minnie a Farmer <sup>and Bachelor</sup> settled in the wilderness right opsite where P.O. now stands he and another neighbor <sup>by name Mackee</sup> visited each other every alter ~~week~~ <sup>week</sup> Sunday it was Minnie's turn to visit but failed and Mack <sup>nee</sup> thinking something wrong went over about the middle of the week and found him dead in his shanty in mid winter this was the first white man died in the Township of St. Vincent he was Buried by Mr Mackee the late Thomas Mackee sen & Thos Cooper all long since desused his coffin was a Baswood tree split in

too and hollowed out and strange to say  
a willow tree grew at the head of the grave  
no one knows to this day ~~to~~ who planted it)

J MacKie