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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.

New Liskeard
Coch
Thornloe Nipissing Dist.

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry, I beg to say this town is divided by the Wahki River called after an Indian whose name Don Angus & John now reside at the Indian reservation at North Lewisburg - The first survey was made for one Mr Murray formerly of Haliburton / who still lives here on the north side of the River. Mr Murray called his town Thorndale after the Bishop of Algona and the P. Office was so named. A Humboldt Syndicate made up of Mr Geo. Baget - Clearwater and Sharpe then surveyed a plot south of the River and called it Lisheard after the English town of that name. Subsequently the name of the P. Office was called New Lisheard and in 1908 the town was incorporated under that name. The name Thorndale has been given to a P. Office further north in the Township of Harley - a good deal of strife took place in getting the name changed from Thorndale to New Lisheard.

Yours Truly
D.W. Cook

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