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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 27 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.

Newcastle

Durham Co. Ont.

Newcastle Ontario
April 3rd 1906.

Dear Sir -

This town was originally called Bondhead. At one time it was all owned by the Averys. Richard the son sold 480 acres to Charles Clarke in 1838. Mr. Clarke then expended \$25,000 in building a wharf and constructing a harbour. He also erected grist and saw mills and put up some dwellings. Then called the place Bond-Head in honour of the well-known Canadian Governor, Sir Francis Bondhead.

In 1857 a new charter was obtained and the name changed from Bondhead to Port-Newcastle.

No one around seems to know the exact derivation of the name Newcastle.

Some people believe that it was named after the Duke of Newcastle others ^{that} while the resident residents were thinking of a name to give the place a stranger from England suggested Newcastle from the name of his home Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I am very sorry we have no more definite information to give you.

Hoping this will prove of value to you. I remain

yours sincerely

Eva R. Stone

Asst. P.M.