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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, OCT 20 1905

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.

Oak Ridge
+ others O.W.
York Co.

Dear Sir

Re. Oak Ridges

There has been considerable Oak ^{have} growth in
his part but a great deal more Pine but probably
has been wamed after the Oak it is generally called
The Ridges & is High & Hilley Country running East & West
through at least two or three Townships and is the
Watershed between Lake Ontario & Lake Simcoe

There are a great many small lakes all the way
through it the largest that I know is Wilcox Lake
right here on Young St is about one mile long & $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
wide & wamed I understand after a Mr Wilcox
also St. Georges Lake $\frac{1}{4}$ mile East of it Bonds Lake about $\frac{1}{2}$
mile South on Young St. Named after Mr Bond
who owned Property around it & must have died years
ago & a number of others named in the same manner

to the East are Spraxton Lake Steffers & Catfish &
Old Simon L. Musselmans & a fine sheet of water
similar to Wilcox. to the west is Melvins L.

Fergusons L. Fergusons L. Bales L & Bells Lake
all wamed after People who lived by or owned them

Yours Attnl Servt

Peter Routledge

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