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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 29 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 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.

Bishop Otendest
of England
amen
Opuden
Out
Keppel & Grey Co

The village of Oxenden and post office

Was named after Bishop Oxenden of England

Who Died within this last year

The township of Keppel where in Oxenden lies
was named after admiral Keppel one of England's

Best admirals

Admiral

Admirals.

Oxenden October 6 1865

Mr James White - geographer - Ottawa

Dear Sir - by request from Mr Christler P. M.

I here give you the following information concerning
the village of Oxenden - I am one of the first white
settlers here I came here from Caledonia County of Haldimand
in 1862 and have remained here since being in the saw
mill business it is a water power mill run by a stream
called the Gleason river which flows from Gleason Lake
five miles back in the township of Repell Grey County
it empties into Colpoys Bay where the mill stands
Oxenden and vicinity is one of the finest and most
picturesque places in the Dominion of Canada Colpoys Bay is
one of the best harbours in the world 9 miles long and one and
a mile wide and land locked with beautiful islands
and an unlimited number of the largest and smallest vessels
in the world could sail steam or sail at anchor here and be
perfectly safe the end of the Bay is the terminus of a part of the grand
trunk railway system - the Indians of the Chippewa and Mohawk
tribe inhabited this place for an unnumbered length of time as I have
found in making my garden Indian relics of most every description
such as stone axes stone skinning tools flint arrow heads and Indian
quivers Broches made of fancy stones and highly ornamented these Indians
here now say that those stone relics belonged to a different race of Indians
before they came here these Indians moved from here in 1861 to Cape
Crocker where they now live and are prosperous farmers
any other information wanted
will be kindly given

I remain fraternally yours

D. J. Mallard - Oxenden P. O. Ont