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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 4 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.

*Picelands (Summit office)
Muskoka Dist. C. W. H.*

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Oct 9/05

James White Esq
Alawa

Dear Sir

In answer to your inquires I beg
to say that Pinelands is a Tourist summer resort
situated at foot of Lake Joseph by water it is
seven miles from the village of Port Carling and
by the Road three miles there is a summer P.O.
for the convenience of summer visitors at Pinelands
and another resort called the Belmont and cottages
round here, the name Pinelands was selected on
account of the place being the home of the pine
the soil is sandy with a slope to the water
and a good sandy beach Port Sandfield
is directly opposite by water one mile by road
4 1/4 miles

If I can give you any further infor-
mation at any time I shall be pleased to do so

yours truly
John H. Jones

Postmaster Pinelands