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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.

*Pool  
Perth Co. Ont.*

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This place was originally laid out by the Government, comprising 1000 acres and surveyed into streets, blocks and mill sites on the river Yuth. This was in the early days and later on when the Northren Gravel road was built from Stratford to Millbank it left the town plot about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to the west. The business of the place started at the junction of Albert St with the N. G. Road and the lots in the plot were bought-up by speculators who held for fabulous prices and thereby killed the place forever. The first P. O. started here was named after Poole, Dorsetshire, England. It was opened in 1862 by D. Matthews its first Postmaster who conducted a farm, store and hotel. Later on he was succeeded by J. Engel, and for the last 15 years A. Large has held the office. It has daily mail service.

The population is about 150. There are two stores Blacksmith shop. Hotel. Supplement agency besides a few other small businesses.

The location is beautiful, surrounded by rolling farms and fine buildings, with magnificent views. Thought to have been a large town, but the greed of the early land owners killed the place which will never be any greater than it is now. Poole is 13 miles from Stratford and  $\frac{3}{4}$  from Melbourn Station G. T. R. and will always be in close competition with larger places to hold its own. It has Bell Tel. line, and Telegraph Connection via Melbourn. Only 4 of the old pioneers remain in this locality.

Yours very truly  
A. Large  
P.M. of Poole

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Trust the foregoing notes on Poole may be acceptable, and perhaps you can glean enough out of them to suit your purpose. I think <sup>the</sup> information is correct from all I can ascertain.

Yours

A. Lange