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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 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.

*Pratt Corners*

Larark Co. Ont.

Mr James White

Pratt Corners May 3-1900

Dear Sir

I will do the best I can towards giving you what information I can but I don't know as it will be very much. This P. O. is named after a ~~man~~ man or rather a people which live round this place by the name of Pratt. There is a church built on part of this lot named Bethel. This church is built about fifty years there was a log building which served for years but is now replaced by a brick one. This Brick was built in 1883 there is a lake about one mile from here called Bennets lake. This is a very fine lake for fish and sporters in summer about one mile from here on this lake is a landing know to every body as Mc Cogs Landing named after a man which lived on this shore years ago about one mile futher north on this lake is a Bay called Bartlett Bay. Called after an old man that settled on this shore when coming from Ireland this man died on this shore about 70 years ago he was buried there too he was a school teacher in those days those two bays or landings I speak off is know all over this part of the country. About 2 miles from here is another lake called Fagens lake. This lake is called after a man lived on its shore years ago I cannot tell how long he is dead now but this lake empties into Bennets by a small creek there is on the shore of this lake a place called Robinsons Landing at this landing is an old burying ground the graves to be seen to this day those of the first settlers at the head of this lake about 3 miles from here is a little village called Rocky there used to be a store some years ago there is a English church there ~~to this day~~ but seldom used now except in case of funerals as there is a burying ground there also

There is about ~~one~~<sup>two</sup> mile from here in the west direction  
a corner called Comenars Corner This place is called after a  
man which lived there some 60 years ago and died there  
about 50 years ago, There is north of this place a creek or small  
river called Bolton Creek all along this creek is saw mills  
some in operation and some idle about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile from here  
on this creek is a place or rather an old site which used  
to be known as Mitchels Mills called after a family that lived  
there and lumbered for years I cannot tell how long since  
those people left here Well I think I will close I cannot  
tell much more that would be of any use this time

I remain Yours faithfully

Mrs Matilda Foster, P.M.