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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.

Presqu'Isle
Out
Grey Co.

17. Town Plot of Brooke ← where is it?

Called after Sir James Brooke
Rajah of Sarawak, in the Island
of Borneo, in the Indian Archipelago

Township of Sarawak

Named after Sarawak in the
Island of Borneo ruled over by
Sir James Brooke from about 1838
to 1857 - "Prasene Isle" (Village)

was named about 250 years by the
Jesuit Fathers and is the French for
"Nearly an Island" This was a great
camping ground for the Indian Tribes
in the upper part, as the Indian Graves
were very numerous - arrow heads, Native
Copper Knives and Battle axes of Stone
& Flint being found in the graves in large
quantities - This was an Island in very early times
as the several ridges can be read as plain as
a Book.

Kepel Township was called after
Capt Kepel afterwards Admiral Kepel, who
assisted Sir James Brooke in putting down the
Dyak & Malay & Arab pirates - This Indian
Principality was surveyed in 1854 & 1853, was here
then, and have lived here continuously since 1861

(2) Was a Peer of Kippel & Sarawak
in 1864 and connected with Municipal
Matters ever since

I am sorry this was not answered
sooner, but only came under my notice
~~sooner~~ today. If not too late I would
write you out a full description of the
Names of the whole Peninsula, if you wish
I am yours truly,

James White Esq
Geographer Ottawa
10th July 1906

John Mackenzie
Clerk of Sarawak
Prisgue Isle P.O.