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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 5 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.

Raglan
Ontario Co. Ont.

Raglan Oct 31 1905

Dear Sir

I have just
received a statement about the
Poste Office from Mr J P Harnden
he found it in his ^{Deceased} fathers books
I Enclosed it to you

there is two Creeks
one 1/2 Mile west of Raglan known as the
Harnden Creek one two Miles east
known as the Thompson Creek

this is a nice farming Country up here

hoping this will be Satisfactory
to you

Yours J

Mrs M Hodgson J M
Raglan Ont

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Maglan Oct. 30th 1905 =

The following letter addressed to
my late father - who first proposed "Raplan"
(of Sir John Raplan)
and headed the petition, explains itself.

Jeff. Perry Harnden

- Copy - (original before me)

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No 461

Toronto 29 Jan 1855 -

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of
27th inst. I beg to say that I have submitted
the various petitions sent to me to the Post-
master general and have recommended
the adoption of the name of Raplan it
appearing that that name would be
more satisfactory to the majority of
the inhabitants than any other.

Yours obed^t
John Dewe
P.C. Inspector =

Card for
Newtown
(see over)

Previous to 1855 it was given
some years known as a post office
name Newtown, (new-town).

Raglan is but a village now
it was known first as (Boyls'
Corners - from the "Tavern".
