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OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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Ottawa,.....

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.

*Ratho
Oxford Co. Ont.*

Scotland

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In reply to Questions on other side
first

The village of Ratho and Pastaffice was
named by Mrs Barwick mother of John
Barwick in or about the year 1845
Old Mrs Barwick lived then in Blandford
on Lot 16 on 2 bancessie John Barwick
told me when I got the Ratho P.O. that
his mother had submitted the name of
Ratho and the authorities said so be
it. Ratho I believe she came from
England and the place was called
Ratho but do not know what county or
what part of England the place also Ratho
is situated

second

Not named after any person as stated above
3rd the first question answers this
4th Ratho so far as I am aware the
village of Ratho is the only name
it ever had; and named as above
no rivers or mountains in this locality
3 miles from Bright & from Innertup 16 from
Wardrook; See Steedman