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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.

Rochester

Renfrew Co. Ont.

^{post office}
Peechert County Reuprew. South Riding, named after
Thomas Roche, Postmaster, who settled there with Fathers Family in
the year 1856. is still post master living there, with two Brothers living
on adjacent farms.

Killaloe Post office was named by the late James Bonfield
- who was then Member of the Provincial Government of
the Province of Ontario, - after his native town of
Killaloe in County Tipperary Ireland.
Leaside Post office I think was named by Mr Edward
Bennett the former Post master, who yet lives at
Killaloe Station Post office.

The Townships of Hayty, Sherwood, Jones
Richards and Burns were all surveyed
in the year 1861 by Mr Hamilton C. E. and were
named after the five High Judges of Ontario
whom were on the bench at that year.

Bremans Creek was named after John Brennan
the first lumber man who took out square timber
on that creek, this would be back as early as
1839 or 1840. I have this information from Mr Alexander
McDonnell who is yet living at Wilks Post office
with Mr Adam Prince there, and who has attained
an age of over 80 years.

Golden Lake, and Silver Lake we think
have been named by Indians from the color
of the sands on their shores. Whilst Clear Lake
is certainly named from the Clearness of its
waters, which are so transparent that fish
can be saw for a great distance all around.

Whilst Round Lake is named from its shape
Other Lakes such as Garvey Lake, Cushman Lake
and many others, like Ayleu Lake are named from
the first Lumbermen who worked on them. Lake Charlotte
in the Township of Bradwell was named by Mr Woodstock, Esq.
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who surveyed the Township of Brudenell after
a sweet heart the said Mr Woods had
the time.

Kitts Lake was named after William Kitts
who settled in early times on that lake and whose
family many of whom are yet living at the
lake in the Township of Brudenell.

Brudenell Township I think was named
after a Lord Brudenell in the United Kingdom

as there were a large settlement of people from
England settled there at the time of the first
survey of the Township. I get much of this
information from Patrick Garvey, of Bonehere

Post office, and James Skelley of Ruby
Post office both men over 70 years of age.

I am 63 years of age and lived here continuously
51 years been first living settler in the Township of
Hayarty, and I am in a position to give you and get
you as much information as any one and I am quite
willing to submit you such according as I become
possessed of such information and I think very

kindly of your research in this manner and
will give you all information you may require
or suggest at any time

I do remain your ever obedient

Servant

Thomas Roche

Post master

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Authenticated by
Seal of office

