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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 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.

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Perth Co. Ont.

Rostock P.O. Tp. Elice, County of Perth -

Rostock, the capital, is a place of some importance, with a population of 150, and contains a number of private residences, with all the small industries peculiar to a country village. This little commercial point was once known as Elice Centre, and is located on the 10th and 11th concession road at its intersection by the centre road. Its first building was a blacksmith's shop, kept by Henry Maurer, erected in 1862; and during that year a log school house was constructed. At this period, also, a saw mill was built by Mr Elden Sobring, which constituted Rostock till 1875. During this year Mr Justus Kreuter erected the first store and in 1877 a hotel was opened. Rostock P.O. in the Township of Elice, in the County of Perth, Province of Ontario is named after Rostock, in Mecklenburg Schwerin, Prussia (Germany); it is a sea port on the Baltic Sea. The name "Rostock" was given to this place owing to a great number of the settlers around here coming from Mecklenburg Schwerin, Germany, of which Rostock was their capital and the name was suggested by my father Mr. Frederick Kreuter when application was being made to the Dominion Govt. to open up a Post office here in 1879. I was appointed P.M. of Rostock P.O. on the 16th day of May 1879 and am still holding the same position