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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.

*Sandhill
Peel to JW.*

Sand Hill Ont
25 October 1905

Jas White Esq
Geographer

Sir

Regarding this place I have obtained the following from one of the old natives, That 75 or 80 years ago the land here was covered with virgin forest, there were no villages only isolated Hotels & Stores along the line of travel, that the Postoffice was kept in one of these Stores about one mile North West of its present location; there was a burial ground about one mile North East of the Postoffice called the Sand Hill, "it being a rising ground composed of white sand", to distinguish it from the rest of the land which is all Clay loam, so as there were no names of places the Postoffice was called the Sand Hill Postoffice the Postmaster failed in business and removed from these parts and the Postoffice was located in its present site, and gave its name to the Place it has been held ⁱⁿ the present building for about 60 or 65 years, so that Sand Hill Ontario, takes its name from the Sand Hill which is about one mile and one third due north of it and is now known as Providence - Cemetery

I am
yours truly
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Postmaster