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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, OCT 20 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 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.

*Schomberg
York Co. Ont.*

Village of Schenckberg

The Village of Schenckberg, formerly called Bronsville is situated in the Township of King in the County of North York within half a mile of the boundary line between the Counties of York and Simcoe and the West Branch of the Fall Line River, and comprises part of Lots Nos 32, 33, 34 and 35 in the 9th Concession of the Township of King in the old historic County of York.

A number of years ago when the Post Office was established a dispute arose between the residents as to the name by which the Post Office was to be called, and interested parties failing to agree, the name by which the office was to be called referred it to the late S. R. Ferguson who represented the adjacent County of Simcoe in the Parliament of Upper and Lower Canada, he decided to call it Schenckberg, after Duke Schenckberg who was killed in action at the Battle of the Boyne A. D. 1690 between the armies of James II and William III.

The first Postmaster was Mr. William Moore, the present Postmaster being Joseph Stallingford who received the appointment A. D. 1888.

The Village of Schenckberg is the terminus of the Schenckberg and Aurora Railway connecting with the Metropolitan at Band Lake, since the advent of railway facilities the Village is rapidly increasing in population and contains four General Stores, four Grocery, two Hardware, two Jewellers, one drug store, Bakery, Coal Yards and a branch of the Trades Bank.

Stock Yards Large Piggery, Grist and Sawmill
also in course of erection large Grain Elevator
a large block of Stores and a Bakery.

Yours &c
Joseph Halliwell
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