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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 17 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 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.

*Strathroy  
Renfrew Co., Ont.*

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Dear Sir: -

In reply to your letter of information.

This district is divided into Townships - This being the Township of Lyndoch in the County of Renfrew.

There are no villages in this vicinity but a combination of <sup>a few</sup> houses which cannot be called a village, but was given the name of Duadeville by the settlers. It being named after Mr Duade who still resides and owns a sawmill.

There are several lakes but not of any importance. Some of them obtained their names from Indians who lived long ago. While others again are called by the names of settlers living near them. They are no important mountains or rivers. {It is a rather rugged and hilly locality.}

There are no men living or has lived in this part: ~~that we~~ <sup>from whom</sup> could obtain any information from as to such. There is no person that takes such an interest. The fact of the matter being there are no important persons in this line.

I learn from your letter that I do not  
need to give any information outside this  
locality.

This being all I can do for you  
in this line of interest.

I Remain,

John G. Bruce  
Strasburg.

? Strathtay, Scotland

Ottawa, November 6th, 1905

Dear Sir,

Was your P. O. named after Strathtay in  
Scotland?

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

*James White*  
Geographer

Dear Sir:

Strathtay. Nov. 15. Th  
1905

I cannot give you information  
regarding the name of the Post Office  
as I was notified by the department  
that it was to be called Strathtay.  
And I cannot tell you whether it  
was called after Strathtay in  
Scotland or not.

I remain Truly Yours  
John W Bruce  
Strathtay

? near Jay river