

314/13

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 30 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.

*Shaver + others*  
*Hastings Co. Oct*      *Ans'd*

Dear Sir,

as all the old settlers has either died or left these parts, I will give you what information I know. Dickie's lake is in the township of Lake, county of Hastings. It was called after a man by the name of Dickie, a shorts man, who used to hunt and trap there and was shot by a man by the name of Rock who was working for him, about 1865.

The village of Ormsby in the township of Limerick formerly called Rathbun after the Rathbun company of Deseronto, the name was changed in 1890. to Ormsby.

✓ Bass lake? in the township of Limerick named after the fish found in its waters.

✓ Paddie's lake? named after a farmer by the name of Patrick Oconnell in the township of Tudor who died about the year 1865

Light house lake in the township of Wallaston named after a large hill the hill was called light house because two men saw a light there about twelve o'clock at night and could not account

for the light being there.

Caster oil lake? in the township of Wallaston  
named after the water because it is like  
medicine if you drink it.

Lake of Islands in the Township of  
Lake named on account of there being  
so many small islands in it.

John's lake in the township of Limerick  
named after a farmer by the name  
of John Livingstone who died about <sup>the year</sup> 1900.

The hole in the wall. a large hole on the  
boundry line between Lake and Gudon  
with a rivine running through it resembling  
a hole in a wall through <sup>which</sup> the Hastings  
road is built.

Salmon lake? in the township of Limerick  
named because there is salmon Trout  
found there.

all these lakes empties into Beaver  
River excepting John's lake which  
empties into the York River.

Wm. Madrillican, R. M.

Charlet,