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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 16 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.

Trowbridge
Perth Co. Ont.

Trawbridge Oct 19 1905

Honorable and Dear Sir

In reply to the enclosed
re how did Trawbridge get its name
All I know is this in the fall of 1856
I bought property in this beautiful little
spot then called Eldorado but in
the year 1857 it was found necessary to
change the name of our Post office as it
was found that there was another Eldorado
in Canada and we had an English gentleman
here at the time who said that his home
village Post office in England was Trawbridge
and he suggested that our little town be
called Trawbridge and the Department
very kindly gave count and called
us Trawbridge and we are still called
by that name our beautiful village is situated
in the Township of Elme County of North Perth
30 miles north of Stratford and 5 miles west
of the town of Listowel built on the banks
of the River Maitland in one of the healthiest
Townships in the Province of Ontario

Your humble servant
Post Master for 29 years

Charles Boswell P.M.