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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.

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Sir.

As you desire I will give what information I can
having lived here 27 years.

- I Urso. Township of Glamorgan. The lies around Bear Lake which had that name before I came. probably given along with others in the vicinity at time of Survey. In neighbourhood are Wolf, Stormy Pine, Drag, Contaus, Minnicock, Bark, Cockweong and Loon Lakes. Being so near Bear Lake on the establishment of the post office we petitioned for it to be Urso.
- II Gooderham. I understood was so named from one of the Gooderhams in Toronto in recognition of his generosity in giving money as a start of a subscription for a Methodist church.
- III Irondale. Originally, Devils Creek, changed by Mr Pusey originator of the Irondale Bancroft and Ottawa Railway, who lived some years there and it is in close proximity to iron mines owned by him.
- IV Pusey. in Monmouth Township is named after him, after his death
- V Cheddar is probably so named as a complement to Cardiff in which Township it is
It must have been a Dutchman who called four adjoining Townships Snowdon Glamorgan Monmouth and Cardiff
Edonville was named after Daniel Edson the first Postmaster who left for the west and I have heard is dead.
- VI Tony Hill. ^{Monmouth Township} So named by John Anderson the first P.M. and probably rightly for he and all but one person in neighbourhood are Conservatives. I have no knowledge of the origin of Wilberforce nor of Hotspur
- VII Furnace Falls. Snowdon Township is also in neighbourhood of Mr Pusey's mine and where some attempt was made at smelting
~~was made~~

Yours truly
Stephen Kettle