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Department of the Interior

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.

Victoria Road
of other names out
Victoria Co.

Ans'd

Good
+ Ref

Thompson's Maples

near Sir: Cabocomb

Indian for long rapids "being
the longest on Gull River waters.

Palustine a settlement ^{in the Eldon Co. Victoria} near
Spennom, as follows.

Settled by Waterloo veterans

One Sullivan went to Beaverton
for his pension, and staying
until late Saturday whiskey
being cheap, and veterans proud of it
two of his neighbors went to see
him Sunday expecting a share of the
contents of the cruto very jug
he had on entering the till clearing
the friends of a plait as Sullivan
was taking some grain off
the shores before putting to his
cattle. One Robert Connor
said to the others, This is a holy
place, let us call it "Palustine".

Spennom called after a place in
Ireland

Salrympole, after a place in Solay
Scotland from which came

Some of the first settlers, and proposed
by one Janet Graham, who was
blind, from the time she was in her
teens.

Uphill, so called because no matter
which way one drives to the place, one
must go up a hill.

Corson's Siding, after Captain
J. W. Corson, who still lives there
about 82 yrs old, and newly blind,

Victor's Road, after the late Victor
and Road. Having been ~~proposed~~
built as a colonization road
chiefly by government, and county aid.

Norland, so called by a Scotchman a
pioneer lumberman

Sheep Lake, after a lake of that name P. Obin
near the bank.

Islay, after Island of Islay in Scotland

Stonely, after one of Wellington's quartermasters
or officers, very likely

Argyle, after Argyle, Scotland, first
settled by emigrants from that shire

Horn Castle, possibly a place in England
as Shorpe first P.M. was a breezy Englishman
who sometimes preached.

Buxley, after tp. of Buxley.

Grass River, because of large meadows and
long grass now destroyed by Trent Canal.

Talbot River, Lord Talbot, did Charleplain call it?
(No more rivers) 4000 or 5000 A. Graham

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GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, November 14th, 1905

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your very interesting memo of the 8th instant respecting derivation of names of postoffices etc in your vicinity.

I note that Norland was so-called by a lumberman. Domyou know whether it is an abbreviation of Northland?

Head Lake- is this lake named because it is at the head of the river, ~~only~~ why ?

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

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Geographer

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Ont.

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Victoria Co

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Ottawa

Visit Road & District in 1908-

Cannot say, but very likely
as Head River is its outlet
Head River enters into Black River
in Ont. Co. consequently going
into Georgian Bay.

Yours

A. C. Graham