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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 1 1906

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 who 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.

✓ *Fanning Brook*

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Fanning Brook,
P. E. Island,
March 22nd, 1906.

James White, Esq. Geographer.
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your questions regarding the derivation of the name Fanning Brook I will add the following information, which I trust may prove satisfactory.

The first part of the name, Fanning, is derived from the name of a person who formerly owned a large block of land in this vicinity. She was known as Lady Fanning. Although she owned this estate here she always resided in Charlottetown, and lived on money brought from England. She died about the year 1860, and her estate has changed hands two or three times since, being sold in small blocks to suit purchasers. None of her descendants are now living on this Island. The name seems to ^{be} quite obsolete.

As regards the second part of the name, Brook, that comes from a large spring which has its source in this Fanning estate. This brook is considered to be the main branch of the head waters of the Hillsboro River, the largest river in Prince Edward Island. It flows for a considerable distance through the settlement to which it gives

its name, and, being the only spring in the
locality, it is the water supply of the community.
during dry seasons when wells are low.

I have the honor, to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Benjamin Jay.

Postmaster.