

114/8

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 28 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.

Amid

Rolls Bay *Aginton*

" *Sailors Hope*

Kings Co *Fortune Bridge* *Red House* ✓

Abel's Cape *P.E.I.* ✓

(17)

Bay Fortune

Oct. 24th 1905

James White Esq.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 28th of August
having been received, to me by the Post-
Master at Fortune Bridge I send you
as far as I know - the information you desire

Fortune Bay and Bay Fortune probably
took the name from Fortune Bay in Newfound-
-land where the settlers in the early part of
the nineteenth century used to trade to a
considerable extent exchanging fat-oxen and
other cattle for Spanish and Mexican
Silver Dollars which was about the only kind
of money in use here in those days

Rollotsay ^{po. Centre east}

After a French Naval Captain Rollo who
visited the place in the latter part of the
eighteenth or the early part of the nineteenth
century

(2.)
Eglinton School District

takes its name from a small lake or bay to the South of Abels Cape, and which was probably named after Eglinton in Scotland from whence the progenitors of many of the present settlers come. Although it was originally settled by French people and the remains of an old french mill dam has formed part of the play ground for the School children for the past eighty years and has undergone very little change since the writer first recollection of it about seventy years ago.

Abels Cape

A point on the South side of Fortum Harbour made memorable by the visit of the Warship in which Capt. Murray the Quail sailed a full account of which is given in his work called the "Naval Officer". The remains of the old house and barn are still visible where the Officer and crew spent a fortnight while engaged in building houses for the Irish emigrants who were brought to settle Lord Townshend's (Lord "Thunderbolt") estate at the settlement now called Red House. At one of which Abel subsequently met his tragic death. The house of Pat Pierce one of the tenants from Halifax by Lord Townshend and the estate by the crew of the Warship and Abel was having possession of the land and obtaining the same from the Crown. The house was a small one and was a very poor one. It was a very small one and was a very poor one. It was a very small one and was a very poor one.

and earnestly besought him to give up the Man
 he refused to do so. Pat-Piece then went into his
 house and brought out an old Queen Ann. Musket
 (with which almost every house was supplied)
 with a Bayonet attached to it - and stabbed him
 twice the second thrust proving fatal. Altho he lived
 for several days during which time Pat-Piece was
 hiding in some of the neighbouring houses and after
 Abel's death made his escape to one of the Neighboring
 provinces where he lived for many years afterwards.
 and altho a reward was offered by the Government
 for his apprehension little or no effort was made
 to arrest him

The only living representative of these "Irish emigrants"
 now in the Province resides in Charlottetown a
 hale and hearty old gentleman of nearly ninety
 years of age Edward Needham who was an
 infant at the time of Abel's death in 1816

Fresh interest has been attached to this romantic
 spot by its purchase about twelve years ago by C. P.
 Flockton an actor in Mr. Matthews' Company for
 a summer residence and thereby inducing many
 other actors and persons of wealth to procure sum-
 -mer residences in the immediate vicinity

Mr. Flockton died in California Cal-Spring and
 his ashes at his own request are buried on the point
 of the Cape

settlement

Sailors Hope P.O. Lots 56 Knipsco
 Post-Office next west of Bay Fortune taken
 name from the residence of Capt. Cooper
 succeeded Abel as Agent for Lot-56 and who
 filling the position for several years with
 good deal of harshness to the tenants
 such Profit to the proprietor was de

in the Agency after which he became the determined and uncompromising enemy of the Proprietors and the Proprietary System. And after leading the escheat agitation in this Province for several years became the leader of that party in the Legislature filling at the same time the position of Speaker and Leader of the dominant-party in the Legislature. But although he was backed up by a strong majority in the House of Assembly the Executive Government was strongly opposed to him and were always able to nullify any Act passed in the interest of the Tenantry. But altho no benefit accrued to the Tenantry during the time of his agitation it nevertheless prepared the way for the Settlement. Subsequently obtained under the administration of Coles and Welles which has happily resulted in the farmers becoming the owners of the land they cultivate.

Mr. Cooper's political star having set with the Settlement of the Land question in 1849 he built a Brig, loaded her with material for building houses furnishing them and provisioning them for a year or two and with his family sailed round Cape Horn to California where he left his family and returned home to end his days at "Sailor's Hope".

(5) :

Red House

Derives its Name from a House built by Abel
(While he lived at the Cape) on a tract of five hundred
Acres of Land of which he had become the Lessee at
a yearly Rental of 700 Ropene per Acre about one
Third of the usual Rent. The house was painted Red
and was for a time occupied by Mr. Neal one of the
first Colonies for S. E. Island, and who during his
Residence there condemned a man who had taken
his own life to be buried at the Cross Roads
Immediately in front of the "Red House" with a Stake
driven through his body. When he still lies without
a Sign of even the Stake to mark the spot

Perhaps the foregoing is too lengthy for your
purpose but if so you may be able to
to get the some thing from it - that will suit
your purpose.

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Woodhouse

Bay Fortune