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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 29 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.

Freeland
Prince Co. P.G. J

Freeland P.O. Sep 4th 1905

In Reply to your letter
Prince Ed. Island

I have not much information to give you
we have a Daley Mill near a good steam mill
the school house is about 4.00 yards from the Post Office
a good Country Store about 2.00 yds Post Office Blacksmith
shop about 1.00 yds Post Office - this Place was wonce call Fredrick
Cove it is now called Freeland because it was made free
from Government their is five Lobster Factorys on the
Sand Hills facing Freeland their is a light house ^{at} little
channel 4. miles from Freeland Post Office the Narros are filling
up very fast whare wonce their was ten feet of water they
now cross with horse and wagon to the sandhills whare
John Youngs inlet was about 40 years ago they cut good hay
on the old Fox that was hear 1.00 years ago are all gone
their is a good Presbyterian Church 5.00 yds from Freeland P.O.
the minister Preaches every Sabeth they was no roads hear
45 ago people went the narrows by water

yours Truly

George P. Palmer Post Master
Freeland P.E.I.