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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.

Greenfield

Kings Co. P. E. I.

To Jas. White, Esq.
Geographer

Dear Sir, -

The name "Greenfield" Kings Co. P. E. State
was given to this settlement in May
1904, when a new Post Office was
opened here. The former name was
"Sparrows Road" called after one of the first
settlers, James Sparrow, who settled here about
1840.

This is a fine farming section of country
Agents & travellers from abroad, who visit
us in summer time say it much
resembles the best agricultural parts
of Ontario. "Deep waving fields and
meadows green, with gentle slopes and
groves between"

This is why it received the name
"Greenfield"

This is an inland place, far from

either shore, consequently there are
no rivers, bays nor straits or points of
land that I could give you any
historical knowledge of.

I suppose you have sent circulars
to all the Post Masters on the Island
and I know they will be only too happy
to send you all the information
they can of the places in which
they reside.

yours truly

James Emnis Post Master

Greenfield, P. E. Isle

April 3. 1866