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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... AUG 30 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 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.

*Hazel Grove  
Hunter river  
Queens Co* *P. G. J.*

## Hazel Grove

About one hundred years ago the Government of Prince Edward Island, desirous of opening up the country for settlement, placed Richard Bagnall a son of a United Empire Loyalist, at this point to keep a house of accommodation for the benefit of travellers. This place is about seventeen miles from Charlottetown.

His nearest neighbors were Richard Crable, who <sup>also</sup> kept a house of accommodation, about eight miles away on the east or Ch'town side and a Mr Smith who resided about twelve miles to west at a place called Margate.

Some time later his brother-in-law John Cantello came to visit him in the fall of the year. At this season the place abounded in Hazel nuts for the country around was covered by groves of Hazel trees. On this account he suggested that the place be called Hazel Grove which name it has since borne.

Hazel Grove is situated about two miles from Hunter River station. Hunter River was named after a man named Hunter who, during a cold winter season, perished by the side of this stream then flowing through an uninhabited region of country. Hunter River flows into New Glasgow River which received its name from a party of Scotch colonists who came out from Glasgow, Scotland, and settled along its banks.

R. P. Bagnall

Postmaster

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