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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.

*P.E.*  
*Dundee* ✓  
*Simmotts Road* P.O.  
*Allesay* ✓  
*Nest St. Patricks*  
*Peake St. P.O.*  
*Bristol P.O.*  
*Wt. Stewart* P.O.  
*Morell P.O.*  
*Winnon* P.O.  
*Byrnes Road* P.O.  
*Head Hillsboro* P.O.  
*Nest St. Peters* P.O.

Sinnotts Road  
Dear Sir - P. E. Island

Enclosed I herewith send you the names of Villages, and places of any importance in this district, for a radius of Eight miles

1<sup>st</sup> Peakes Station on P. E. I. R.R.

named after Peake Bros. Ch. Town, Ship owners and Merchants

2<sup>nd</sup> Bristol formerly known as Lot 40, but changed to Bristol in 1901. named I presume from a City in England

3<sup>rd</sup> Mt. Stewart; another village; named after Colonel Stewart. a prominent man in that district.

4<sup>th</sup> Morell Station; a smart village on the line of P. E. I. R.R. in lot 40. named after James Morrill long since dead

5<sup>th</sup> Windon, a rural district formerly known as O'Brien's Road changed to Windon in 1904 on account of a new Post Office being established there

6<sup>th</sup> Sinnotts Road; a rural settlement. named after Peter Sinnott, he being the first settler in this place long since dead; road was opened in 1857.

7<sup>th</sup> Byrnes Road. " " " named after Walter Byrnes being first to settle in that place. The two last mentioned settlements was land belonging to the Worrel estate.  
no other name

✓ (8) Head Hillsboro, an old settlement, named so, on account of the Hillsboro River having its source in the place  
no other name

(7) ✓ West St Peters, a rural district named so on account of being alongside of St Peters Harbor.  
no other name Lot 39

(10) Dundee a new settled place on line of P.E.I. R.R. named of course after a City of Scotland, most of the inhabitants being of Scotch origin. - Lot 39

(11) Alisary (rural) named after a place in Scotland most of the settlers, of Scotch origin Lot 37  
no other name

(12) ✓ St Patricks Road; in Lot 38 a comparatively new settlement, named, I presume after Irelands patron Saint, all the settlers being Irish descendants

This is all information of any importance in this locality

I remain yrs truly

Postmaster

Sunnotts Road

Lot 39  
P.E.I.