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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

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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.

*Sturgeon*

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## Geographical Description

Sturgeon is the name given to a District situated on the Sturgeon River, being so called from the name of a fish that is found in the River of that name. It is rather a difficult task to draw a picture of this beautiful agricultural District; words but faintly describe it. A personal visit is the only means of securing a true perspective. On all sides as far as the eye can reach are to be seen rich and fertile fields capable of producing products of various kinds (namely) wheat, oats, potatoes, Barley, &c. Prosperous looking farmhouses are to be seen everywhere. It is literally a land of promise to the farmer, and it is no cause for wonder that it has filled up with men, who realized the possibilities it had to offer. The rich climate, soil and favourable climatic conditions are here a Bank account, upon which upon which the present farmers in the District are yet drawing a portion of the Interest accruing to them from year to year. The products of the farms are tangible products commodities, that are required to supply not only meats (namely) coarse grains meats wheat, Dairy products, poultry & eggs.

The District is thickly settled and shipping  
accommodations are good. For the sports  
the place offers every attraction. For the  
shooting of wild-Duck snipe plover wild  
geese and fishing Trout perch Smelts are  
favorable sports. - I do not think that  
the District referred to ever had  
any other name. Hoping to find  
this vivid description to meet your  
requirements I remain your obediently

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Postmaster  
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