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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, NOV 15 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 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.

Morhead & others

Pontiac Co., Que.

Township of -

Clarendon County of Pontiac, Province of Quebec,

James White Esqr

1^o We have in this County the Village of Zeyon named
after the River that runs through it,

2^o Bristol named after the Township in which it is

3^o Shawville named after the Capt James Shaw a throwing place

4^o Campells Bay named after the Lat Donald Campbell a throwing place

5^o Bryson named after the Lat Hon George Bryson and was
first called Havelock, is now the County town

6^o Portage du Fort named after the rapids on the Ottawa River

7^o Fort Boulouge named after the Hudson Bay Co Post or trading place

8 Chapman Village named after the Rapids in Ottawa River stands opposite
Rivers

Zeyon, Pickanock, Kazubazua, Peach,

Boulouge Black River Dumoine, Maganacippie

Lakes

Wilson's Lake in Unstow Township Lake Dumont part in Clapham

Olta Lake in Leslie Johnstone Lake in Thorne, Bear Lake in Linton Litchfield

Squaw Lake in Pontreac the above are among the Lakes, we have

thousands and of others with abundance of Fish, Trusting this may be some little service to you

I have the honor to be Sir your obedient Servt

Wm Clarke Esqr Pth

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CROWN LANDS AGENCY

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COULONGE DIVISION—EASTERN SECTION

Morehead (Post Office) Clarke's Station, November 28 1905

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst,
 I beg to say that Morehead was called after
 my wife whose maiden name was Jane Moorhead^d
 in establishing the Post Office here they spelled it
 Morehead and has remained so to the present.
 She is dead over 20 years. Her father settled here about
 1840,

Yours truly
 Wm Clarke

James White Esqr
 Geographer
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