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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.

Norway Bay
Pontiac Co., Que.

Norway Bay is the name of that splendid Cove which the waters of the Chate Lake expansion of the Ottawa river make into the northern bank of that river in the Township of Bristol, ~~the~~ Pontiac County. The name was given to the Bay on account of the splendid Red Pines (*Pinus Rubra*) growing on its shores, the people ^{there} calling the Red Pine Norway Pine. The Bay has been formed by the waters gradually washing down the sandy shore, thus encroaching upon the land year by year; so that a bathing beach, surpassed in the extent of its level sandy bottom, only by some of the sea-shore beaches, has been gradually formed.

About 1885 a portion of the beautifully wooded shore was surveyed into building lots by Trustees appointed by the Bristol Presbyterian Church, this portion of the grounds being known as Norway Village. In the Spring of 1901 Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, M.A., bought a large section of the shore, and proceeded to have buildings erected, for the purpose of making the place a summer school for Biblical and Natural Studies, which are now annually held here, the name of the school being the Norway Beach Park Summer School.

Many prominent citizens of Montreal, Ottawa and the towns of the Ottawa valley have pretty little summer cottages here; and large numbers of persons find health and knowledge yearly in this ideal summer retreat.

Dear Mr. White: Yours to Campbell's Bay, was forwarded to me here at Quebec. I forward what I trust will cover Norway Bay fairly well. In view of the hundreds of people that come annually to Norway Bay, and the rapid growth of its popularity, I think it is worthy of a considerable note. It has certainly a great future -

Yours truly
J. A. Macfarlane.