

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.

*Beaver Dale
Sask*

1 Beaverdale P. O. named after Beaver Hills Sec 34. T26. R7
Cussed creek runs through the district, then turns north into
the Whitesand river. it has high banks till it leaves this district.
There is a pretty little Lake on Sec 11 & 12 T27. R7 it is about
half a mile across & said to be 30ft deep, with a sandy beach
it is almost a complete circle.

2 It is not named after any person, only as Beaver Hills
3 was the name of the district they named the P. O. after
them, there are no Hills worth speaking of but I suppose
there is a considerable rise in the land though not perceptible
there is a large bush to the west of us, which supplies all
the country as far east as Yorkston & Saltcoats with wood.

The C. P. R. passes 4^{mi} north of here and the projected
line of the G. T. P. will pass some 25^{mi} to the South

yours truly Wm Wilson P. M.

Beaverdale P. O.

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