

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.

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The Geographer

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As you wish to know how Hazelcliffe derived its name. Well to begin Mr. H. J. Rawson the present Post Master received your letter and handed the same to me, as I was the first P.M. and the one who is blamed for giving it the name. I came to this country from Ontario in 1889 I landed in Moosomin on the 25 of March and struck out for the Cut Arm as that was the only name in them days 42 Miles N.E. of Moosomin. There was only one house in the whole neighborhood occupied by the Gordon Boys. I took up Land and settled down at once and have remained here ever since the Land was mostly all taken that summer and we needed a Post Office so we sent a petition to Ottawa in 1892 and had no trouble to get a P.O. of which I was appointed P.M. and the honor of giving it a name. The reason I called it Hazelcliffe is simply this it is the natural feature the Quappell valley to the south the Cut Arm creek on the north and H.C. is in the V. The Quappell is 320 feet down and the Cut arm about 200 the Banks is mostly slight and when we go down about 8 feet we strike the slight rock almost any place so I think the place is well named as the Land is mostly covered with Hazel and very productive

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if there is any thing I have not made clear
I will be pleased to answer any question
to the best of my ability. I might say there
is some reviews or creeks that might be of
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I remain yours truly

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