

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa,.....AUG 23 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 that 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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Heard, Sask. Oct. 12th. 1905.

James White Esq.
Geographer
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Sorry for such a delay in answering your questions on the att,d but business prevented me from answering any sooner.

This village first started Nov. 1904 on a site about one half mile east of the present site, and it was called Caldwell after the man that owned the land on which it was then standing, but when the C. P.R surveyed the railroad through this district, it came one half mile south west of where the village then stood, and therefor the two stores that had started business, moved their stores over to the present site, and the name was changed to Heward, and it is said to be called after a C. P. R. official, but the writer cannot say what his official position consists of.

The village, where it now stands, is only one year and six months old, with a population of 300 people and it is increasing every week, and has the following business place etc.

2 hardware stores: 3 general stores: 1 harness shop: 1 drug store:
1 jewelry store: 2 flour and feed stores: 4 real estate offices:
4 implement houses: 2 lumber yards: 2 coal sheds: 2 blacksmith shops
1 livery stable: 2 barber shops: 1 butcher shop: 1 bakery: 1 printing
office: 1 public hall: 2 dress-makers shops: 1 boarding house: 1 hotel:
1 school house: 1 church: 2 elevators: 1 station and 25 dwelling houses.

Hoping this will give you the information you require.

I am,

Yours truly,

Newton P. Crick.