

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 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.

"High View"

~~Canada~~ SASK

Dear Sir, -

High View is simply a post-office situated at the north edge of the elevation known as Moose Mountain. The reason it was given the name "High View" is that from this place the view is wider than at any place on the surrounding prairie. But it ~~has not~~ is not situated on the highest point of the Mountain as the name might suggest.

Before the post-office got the name of High View, the district used to be called Nob although the post-office never had this name. The reason the name Nob was applied to this district was as follows, - Four or five miles to the north of this place was a Jew settlement which went by the name of Jerusalem and of course in Biblical times Nob was a place near Jerusalem. Hence the name of this place.

Fish Lake is a lake in the mountain 5 miles directly south of here. There is no post-office there but it is quite a summer resort. The lake is about three miles long, very beautiful, and in it is an abundance of good fish. In it are islands of heavy and as the shores are well wooded there is a fine opportunity

opportunity of fixing up an excellent
summer resort. - As it is at the present
time, the roads leading in are unfit
for safe passage or at least - for any
comfort; yet there are hundreds
go in each year from surrounding
country and towns even 70 and
80 miles distant -

Could not the Government - do
something for the development of this
place?

I feel interested in this place as
there is such a good opportunity of
giving the people of the West - in
this district - at least - some of
the privileges they have left
in the East & else where -

Please write me in reply

Yours truly

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