

# 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.

*Hy de*

*Rosa*  
*Sask.*

Hyde. Situated in the Dullipkelle Valley  
Lark

Named after a man whose full name is  
G. A. E. Hyde. English gentleman took Homestead  
and bought Land here Summer of 87. Spent Large  
sums of money in Building a one man town  
Built up a nice village. Let the different  
Branches of Business. but could not make ends  
meet after a time, I think in 1900 he failed. the property  
was sold under the Hammer. Village Buildings all  
tore down there is now nothing left but the farm  
and farm Buildings and Post office owned by myself at  
present. the one Hyde is still living here in the west  
with his family.

he first of all called the place <sup>(a family name)</sup> Clarendon. then for  
a short time <sup>(London England)</sup> Hyde Park and finally his own name  
which became the P.O. name. Hyde

there are still a nice little English Church stands here  
Built by him but is not being used.

any further information will be gladly forwarded

sorry that was overlooked to this late date

yours truly

Wm. McLeod  
Hyde