

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.

Lily Plain
Sask.

Lily Plain is Level prairie of about 8 miles
long and about 5 mile wide a large the Saskatchewan
River it got it name from the lillies that grow
on it it waud be all waven and welaun with
Lillies it has a Post office a school and a church
and a gold Dradge Dragen for gold in the
River there and the rest is all farmers and
the make a large quantity of Kalerade ties the
and some lager. there is creack the call the miners
creack after to old miners Wheack Sateled there in
the year of .73. and a rather creack cold the Willow
creack after the amount of Willaiver growe a
long the creack. there is a gland there calcd
genes gland after gorge gun which made shingls
ther by hand in the year 70. and gland calcd Badger
gland after a man calcd william Badger which
lived there in the year 69 and 70 sawayn lumber
with a Pite sawe for the Hudson Bay cumpny
James Mackie Postmaster
J. Remas. Lily Plain Book N. W. J. March 6. 06