

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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~~North~~ Mount. Heho March 8th 66

This post office is named after a mountain in Africa
This po was named by myself ^{are} there so many post offices
in this great west of which Sascatchewan forms a part
that it is getting hard to select a name for a
post office without duplicating the name of an
other office this vicinity was commonly known
as the vicinity of Island Lake but had I called the post
office after the Lake I would have to change
the name as there is another Island Lake po
and the name of this office will no doubt be
familiar to all Bible readers as Mount Heho was
the place where Moses journeyed a while before his
death. The Shell River also flows eastward about
a mile from this place and gets its name from the many
shells that are in it and to be raised out of Shell
Lake the country around here to the west is mountains
and to the east rolling prairie with many small
creeks, one of the principal creeks is called Snake
creek another creek is called Fir Creek as it runs
through where there are a lot of fir trees. The Snake
creek is called the Snake creek because of the
w. crooked the inhabitants of the place are Native
Indians Scotch English Irish Norwegians Swedes
Americans all who get mail at this office
This place lies about 40 miles west of Prince Albert
and about eight north post master at Mount Heho
J. M. Cameron