

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.

*New Ottawa
Sask.*

New Ottawa May 30. 1906

There is no village. Town or city near here. Nothing but rolling Prairie broken by an occasional slough or Bluff. as most of the settlers in this Township. 43. 11. R. 3rd, come from, ^{or near} the city of Ottawa ont. we named our Post office "New Ottawa"

There are no very marked natural features other than mentioned above. The Saskatchewan is our nearest river, about twenty miles away. Lakes, capes, bays and mountains are conspicuous by their absence. but for all that it is a very beautiful stretch of country. the sloughs. some very small. many not more than 100 ft wide or long, are usually found in a low place and are mostly completely surrounded by small willow, Poplar + Balsam-of-Gilead trees, which are very beautiful at present. looks very much like shrubbery around a city lawn and we are told, owing to the Prairie fires having swayed for so many years, the trees are not much

taller than the arctic shrubbery. but grow to a height of 18 to 30. ft when set out and protected from fire. is not the Prairie fire a striking natural feature! the two years we have been here it has come with the spring and fall months. March & April and September & October, and devours every thing in its track - but it is a grand sight specially at night.

I believe there is a lake about 30 miles north in which there ~~is~~ abundance of fish. all the water around ^{here} is called dead water, fish will not live in it.

as to old settlers. we were the first white women my two daughters & myself, in this part of the country with nothing to live in except a tent. now we have a large settlement. a school house 20 x 34. our school District is called "Green Bluff." There is a Bluff not far from it on the old Battleford & Carleton Trail. where the Indians & halfbreeds often camped and used as a land mark or guide. it was known as Green Bluff from Prince Albert to Battleford, hence the name of our school Mary. A. King, for Postmaster