

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.

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Percival, Assn. East N. W. 3. a Village on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. A reservation occupied by Cree Indians is not far away. Their a small Lake on the reservation about three miles north from Percival. Its named Indian Lake about two miles east of the a fore said Lake. Their another Lake it is named Mcintosh Lake. after Mr Donald Mcintosh that lived on a farm he owned near the Lake. last mentioned. Around Percival their frequent ponds and copes. afford excellent opportunities for sports, waterfowl and prairie chickens being especially abundant. Percival stands 100 feet higher than the general level. which makes it a pleasant and healthy district. The first settlers arrived in this district in the summer of 1882. some of the names of same is Joseph Callin, John M. Callin^{and} John. Callin came from Ontario. Donald Mcintosh, and John Mcintosh came from Nova Scotia. John A. McLean, Alice Munro and David McKenzie came from Scotland. Fine crops of wheat. Oats. Barley and nearly all kinds of vegetables is grown around Percival. They have run as high as sixty Bushels of wheat per acre. and over 125 Bushels of oats per acer. some years. Their wild frute in abundance. The district around Percival. is well settled with prosperous settlers. They have got lots of land under cultivation. which makes a great improvement in the district. I think the name Percival was given by the Canadian Pacific Railway. by. Over 23 years back. The spelling of Percival. on the station sign is Percival on the Railway mile post is spelled. Percival. I dont think their was ~~their~~ given any other name to the village.

Yours Truly

David McKenzie. P.M.

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