

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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Sheho Sask
Mar 15. 06

Jas White Esq
Ottawa.

Dear Sir

In reply to your request, I have been able to obtain the following history of Sheho, which may be useful to you. Sheho an incorporated village, named after Sheho Lake situated on sec 22. 30. 9W2. The Lake was named by an old English Pioneer, Mr George Hill, "Sheho" is the Indian name for prairie-chicken, at least that is what it was supposed to be. Mr George Hill was an expert land guide, and now lives at Salt-coats, Sask. Its immediate vicinity is very bushy but two or three miles out splendid land is found suitable for mixed farming. Numerous lakes are in near reach of Sheho, viz.
Silver Lake 8 miles n.
Auburne do 8 1/2 . n.

Echo Lake 6 miles NW.

Stonewall Lake 15 miles N.

+ Pelican Lake 18 miles NW

Fishing Lake 22 miles NW

+ Horse Lake 30 miles SW.

The White-sand River is touched 6 miles
NE Theho.

An abundance of hunting & fishing is
carried on in the neighbourhood.

Yours truly
A. H. Abbott
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