

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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Tiree Post office was named by Alex Campbell a Scotchman who named it after an island near Scotland called by the same name.

Cherrytoon is a high hill on the south side of the Quiddapelle Valley from the top of which a person can get a good view of the valley. It was named by a party of people who were up on it one summer day in 1897 when the cherry and saskatoon blossoms were in full bloom down below. The young people decided to name the hill after the blossoms. So it was put to a vote whether the cherry or saskatoon blossoms were the prettiest. The majority voted for the cherry-blossoms and so the whole name cherry and part of saskatoon was given. A flag was put up on a birch pole on the bark of which all present wrote their names and one young man composed a verse and wrote it on the pole. The verse was

"Upon this hill I stand and now proclaim
That it shall go no more without a name.
Its flowers from henceforth shall bloom
Sacred to the cherry and the saskatoon"