

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.

✓ Wardenville,
Sask.

Wardville, Dak. Named after S. Warder, he has been a resident of
Boulevard & this locality for 30 years. For a number
of years he was Stiff Sergeant R. S. W. M. P. Barricks
Boulevard, he is now Farm Instructor on Round Mound
and Little Pine Indian Reserves. 10 miles Northwest
of this P.O.

This part is known as the Cutknife District
6 miles from this office. was fought the famous
Cutknife Hill fight with the Indians in ~~that~~
the Spring of 1885. Many relics such as Bow
Shells & other evidences of the battle are still
to be seen on "Cutknife Hill"

There is every reason to believe there is Coal
in this district. quantities have been picked
up in the Cutknife Creek after each
spring's flood. parties have tried, but failed
to locate just where it came from.

Though it must be within 15 miles, as the
Creek only comes about that distance,

Cutknife is proving famous for its
rich farming land & people are
flocking in to the district is rapidly
settling up. The G. T. R. & C. P. R. are good
through this part this season. There
greatly enhance the value of the land

J. H. Murphy P.M.
16th Sept 1906