

SECOND DIVISION.

Passing to the other great division of place-names, technically the *enchorial*, they are of Indian and Canadian origin—using the word *Canadian* to include Nova Scotians, New Brunswickers, and all others, as well as the inhabitants of Old Canada.

They include (1) names derived from physical characteristics; (2) names derived from individuals of local fame.

The first class includes the Indian names of the country. These have the full, unadulterated flavour of the soil about them. They are aboriginal in their bouquet. Long before the coming of the White Man—long before De Monts sailed from Port Royal (now Annapolis) along the coast to Florida without finding a trace of the White Man—the Indian tribes had mapped out this continent and divided it among themselves. With their keen eyes and practical habits they applied place-names which embalmed physical characteristics whose aptness, we, of these times, have no difficulty in recognizing. Most of the orographic place-names of to-day are of their coining. Thus, Massachusetts—"the great blue hill."

Many of the rivers owe their names to the Indians:—Mississippi, Saskatchewan, Assiniboine. Many of the portages over which the canoes were carried from one water-stretch to another still bear Indian names.

In the case of the imported place-names, those formed of material from outside, I used the Provinces of British Columbia and New Brunswick as repositories from which to draw illustrations. In the case of the Indians the other provinces may be drawn upon.

Manitoba is an Indian word meaning *Strait of the Spirit*, the Indian legend being that in the narrower portions of Lake Manitoba strange noises were heard by the Indians. These noises, not accounted for by any experience of the Indians, were considered supernatural, and, therefore, caused by the Manitou—the Great Spirit. Pere Lacombe says the word should be *Manitowapan*, *supernatural or god-like*—the Indian dwellers on the shores of Lake Manitoba deeming it to possess supernatural qualities; whether in the way of noisemaking or in the line of healing or what else, not specified.

Assiniboia, perpetuates the Assiniboins—a tribe of Indians whose name is thought by some to mean Stone boilers and