

be adopted as place-names and there are some—such as Galt and Cartier and Grey—whose names had already been employed before the Quebec Conference took place.

*Morris* in Manitoba commemorates Alexander Morris, a man who strove to make his country great and prosperous. De Salaberry, of whose good works Sulte has sung, is remembered in Salaberry in the French district of Provencher.

We recognize at once, in the place-names of Burpee and Bidwell and Billings and Dawson (ex M.P.) and Howland and Mills and Robinson and Sandfield and Brantford and Papineau, Lauder, Osler, Widdifield, Kirkpatrick, Hagerman, Blake, Lount, Hainsworth, Chapleau, Schreiber—public men who have worked for the best interests of the country.

Of course this vein might be worked and results produced for a whole night. What has been said must suffice.

And yet we have but skirted the shores of the subject. An inexhaustible supply is untouched.

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Some place-names are corruptions arising from misunderstanding of previous names. We have had place-names given by Basques, Portuguese, Spaniards, French and English. Some of these earlier place-name givers bestowed names that from the ignorance or carelessness of subsequent generations of different races have been subjected to much phonetic abrasion, and in some instances mutilated beyond all recognition. In London, Eng., under the operation of this factor there is *Sermon* Lane, the origin of which is traced to Shermonier's lane—the lane in which stood the office of the *money-shearers*, or clippers connected with the Mint. So in Canada a mountain near the head of the Bay of Fundy is known as the Shepody Mountain. The name (so say some) the French gave it was *Chapeau de dieu*, from the cap of cloud which often overhangs it. The English who followed continued the name as Chipody and later as Shepody.

Down in the Gulf of St. Lawrence forming the most easterly point of the north shore of Baie des Chaleurs is Cape d'Espoir, so named because it was a welcome sight to early French fishermen who had lost their bearings in a storm. The English call it *Cape Despair* and the lugubrious change is reported to have been intentional having been caused by the total loss there of an English troopship carrying a portion of Sir Hovenden Walker's squadron in 1711. We have added to our list of post offices in this very year of grace, 1897, the post office of Cape Despair.