

sor, N. S., along both sides of the meadow-decorated Minas Basin and the tide-scourged Bay of Fundy; round rock-ribbed Nova Scotia; around the island-sentinelled Gulf of St. Lawrence; along the Labrador coast that has witnessed for centuries the gay or gloomy procession of icebergs, torn from their colossal cradle of the North and hurried by the Polar current to their grave on the submerged shores of the Gulf Stream; around the silent Hudson Bay with its ice-fringed coasts; along the Arctic* littoral, the very home and throne of our "Our Lady of the Snows;" and adown the Pacific shores over which the *Kuro-siwa*† pours its tempering heat and abundant moisture. Everywhere we find names of islands, of gulfs, bays, coves, harbours, inlets, canals and other indentations of the coast-line—also by the thousand.

We have thus many thousands of place-names to deal with, and every name has a meaning. It had an origin and it has a significance.

To those interested in the study of place-names, the questions naturally arising are (1st) "who gave the name," (2nd) "why was the name given?"

To answer the first question would be to sketch with more or less of detail the place-name Fathers of Canada. Missionaries and navigators, saints and sinners, lordly rulers and humble porters, politicians and civil servants, sovereigns and speculators, explorers and store-keepers, surveyors and railway presidents—English, Basques, Portuguese, Spaniards, French and Indians—have scattered, with profuse hand, place-names in every part of the Dominion.

To tell about those who have taken a prominent part in the place-name giving of Canada would be to tell of Cabot, Denys, Hudson; Cartier, Champlain, Roberval; Drake, Gilbert, Cook, Vancouver; Bréboeuf, Rambault, Albanel; Verandrye, Mackenzie, Frazer; the Simpsons, George and Thomas; La Salle, Marquette, Jolliet, Thompson, Henry; Rae, Simcoe, Guy and Thomas Carleton; Bayfield, Desbarres, Commander Bolton; Perley of New Brunswick, Geo. M. Dawson, William Ogilvie, Robert Bell; W. D. LeSueur, A. P. Low, R. G. McConnell; J. B. Tyrrell, W. C. Van Horne and many others,

*The Arctic ocean received its name from the Greek word *Arktos*, a bear, on account of the northern constellations of the Great and Little Bear—which sparkle in its waters. Our Great Bear Lake derives its name from the same source.

†The Black Current so called from its dark blue color which contrasts with the green of the ocean through which it flows. *Kuro-Siwa* is a Japanese word.