

Place-Names of Canada.

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When all are here and no by-elections on, 213 members of the House of Commons assemble on Parliament Hill* to represent the people of the 200 electoral districts which include the whole country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Each of these divisions has a name. Included in each division are many subdivisions, in all cases having distinctive names; excepting in the case of Prince Edward Island, where the subdivisions are distinguished by numerals, to-day as they have been for 130 years.

These divisions are known, in most of the Provinces, as Counties, and the subdivisions as Townships, Parishes, Municipalities, Polling Districts, etc.

Divisions and Subdivisions, as we had to deal with them in the Census, numbered 3,600 census places.

Consultation with the Post Office List provides the information that there are over 9,000 post offices in the country, each with a place-name; some of them duplicates of the place-names of the electoral districts and of the Census subdivisions; most of them not so.

A study of a good map reveals the names of Lakes, Mountain ranges, Mounts, Rivers and Streams—thousands of them; many of the names not duplicated in the names of the Counties, Parishes, Townships, Municipalities and Post Offices.

Taking the map as a guide we travel along the coastline of the Dominion, from the fire-devastated town of Wind-

*Parliament Hill is a very appropriate name. The hills were the ancient places of meeting for conference on public affairs. Thus Mote Hill, near Scone in Scotland, had the famous scone stone on which the Kings of Scotland were crowned and on which, since its removal to Westminster Abbey, during 6 centuries 27 Sovereigns of England and of Great Britain have been crowned. Moot Hills abound in England, and *Ludlow* means "the people's hill." Parliament is French for talk, Hill is Anglo-Saxon. Parliament Hill exactly suits the condition of this double-raced, doubly blessed Canada of ours,