

the woods, make no use of maps, but adopt names only as they hear them, or as they arise naturally from the fixation of descriptive phrases, the method by which nearly all place-names arise among uneducated people. Yet such people, as I have often observed, have great respect for maps, and for their "correct," i. e., printed names; and undoubtedly they would adopt them when brought to their attention, for otherwise unnamed places, provided only they are pronounceable and familiar enough in form to be easily remembered. But surveyors, tourists, hunters, scientists, and the better class of guides, do use maps, and unhesitatingly adopt their names. The number of such visitors to our mountains is increasing, and if the new names are on the maps used by them, they will be adopted; the guides will then hear them and pass them to others, and so on, until in time they will become widespread and fixed. The great practical point, then, is to secure their insertion upon all new maps, not only upon geological and other scientific maps, but upon all those issued by the Provincial and Dominion governments. If the Society approves of this plan, and will use its influence to urge the adoption of these names in all official publications, setting the example in its own publications, it will go far to secure this desirable end.

We next consider what shall determine the names to be adopted. I would suggest that such names be adopted and approved by the Society as are given upon the same principles as are recognized among scientific men for the naming of new species of animals or plants; that is, the first name applied to a previously unnamed place shall be accepted when published with such a description and illustration as will enable any other person to recognize it. The illustration should be a drawing, or better a photograph, or a survey (not a sketch) map accurately locating the place.

We ask, finally, what kind of names may best be given? Here we are much aided by taking account of the known qualities of the best place-names. The best names are, first, *melodious*, that is, they have a well-balanced succession of a few pleasing easily-pronounced sounds; second, they are dignified, that is, are free from incongruous associations, and have sounds consistent with the character of the place; third, they are individual or unique, that is, are applied to but a single place, and not met with elsewhere. Few names can realize all of these qualities, but they put before us an ideal to be striven for.