

Near the town of Walhalla, North Dakota, there are great sand hills, formed of the silt brought down by the current and deposited in the lake.

At Walhalla, we are out of Manitoba, but the name is of interest. The first settlers there were of Scandinavian origin and keeping in mind, their old mythology. they called their new home "Valhalla". the abode of the blest.

If we followed the valley in the opposite direction for some miles, we would come to a chain of lakes. They are now called, Rock Lake, Bone Lake, Swan Lake, Pelican. Lorne, Louise and Overend, but on a map of 1800, they were show as being known to the French fur traders, as "Lacs des Placittes", a translation of an Indian name meaning "Flat Ribs"

The French names were translated into English as, "Buffalo Rib"? "Flat Rib", "RIB BONE" and "Back Fat". These commonplace names do not seem to be much improvement over the French.

The same contrast may be seen in many other instances in Manitoba. Compare some of the picturesque names found in the Mennonite district, east of Morden, with some of the very prosaic and matter of fact ~~sixty six~~ ones bestowed by the English speaking pioneers;

We find "Blumengart", meaning "flower garden"

"Rosenfeld" " field of roses"

"Blumenthal" " "valley of flowers"

"Fredensruh" " "peaceful rest"

Schoenthal" " beautiful valley"

and alongside of these place such as;

"White Mud". "Dead Horse Creek". "Stinking River" and others which might be mentioned.