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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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DEAR SIR,

I wish to obtain information respecting the derivation of the place-names of Canada—of the names of the villages, towns, cities and of the natural features, such as rivers, lakes, capes, bays, mountains, etc.—and shall be much obliged if you will give me any information that you may possess or can procure, respecting the below-mentioned name and also respecting the names of any other features in the vicinity of your residence concerning which you have knowledge.

In many localities, the older generation is passing, or has passed away, and unless steps are taken to collect this information, it will, in many instances, be too late. In most communities there are persons who take an interest in things of this nature or that have been connected with the early settlement of the locality. If there are any such in your neighbourhood, will you kindly submit this to them.

Below I have indicated the lines along which I desire information and also the commoner derivatives of place-names in Canada :—

(1.) Whether named after a village, town, or city, or natural feature in any other province or country ; if so, the name of province or country in which the original locality is situated.

(2.) Whether named after a person ; if so, the person's name, occupation, spelling of name as rendered by the person and any details of interest respecting him (or her) such as (a) Whether alive or, if dead, approximate year of death ; (b) Whether at any time a resident of the locality and, if so, whether still living there.

(3.) Whether named after a natural feature ; if so, any details respecting the origin of the name as applied to the feature and the geographical position of the latter.

(4.) Whether the town, village or city ever had any other name or names ; if so, at what dates, approximately, and the origin of these obsolete names.

Any information bearing on the above will be deemed a courtesy.

Yours truly,

JAMES WHITE,
Geographer.

Kindly write your reply on the attached sheet.

To ensure free transmission of your reply I enclose herewith an addressed envelope which will come free of postage.

*Argyle Head
Yarmouth Co. N.S.*

Argyle Head
Yamouco Co N.S.

At the head of tide water of the Argyle
River, the said river continues connecting chains
of lakes fifty miles at least. Some of the nearest
and most noted lakes are, Randal's Lake
Mispogque, Long, Clear water, Moses, Sand Pond
Lurtle Pond, Great-Barren, Stony Creek, Gull Lake,
The most noted of them are Mispogque about five
miles long two miles wide, Great Barren about the
same size. The country here is hilly.
Argyle Head, a part of the municipality of Argyle
named in the intent of the Lord office
named Argyle Head, being at the head of the river
once called Argyle, before the P. Office was
established, about twenty years ago

This has been overlooked

I have tried to give the necessary information
as I understand it. I presume
all the other officers in the Township
of Argyle have given information respecting
features in this locality for this
purpose. I have not trespassed
on their rights.

Very yours

A. J. Nickerson

P.M. Argyle Head
Yamouco Co
N.S.

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of the Argyle Head