

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.

*Avondale Barney Riv
Pictou Co. N. S.*

(3) Arundale is situated in the valley through which Barney's River runs to Merigonish Harbour. Its northern limit is at the head of tide water, and it extends for a distance of two miles up the river, is about 1 1/2 miles wide and forms a School District. It was given its present name about 40 years ago when the first Post-Office was established here. Before that time it was known as "Central Barney's River".

(4) Barney's River was originally called the "East River of Merigonish" and came to be called its present name after a man named Barney McGee who died only a few years ago at a very advanced age, and who resided at the mouth of this river while new settlers were arriving from Scotland and taking up farms near the headwaters of the East River of Merigonish District Co. N.S. The Subscriber proposed the name Arundale at a meeting called for the purpose which was accepted
Allan McPhie

For Post-Master

Arundale
District Co

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after Arundale parish, Lennoxshire, Scot N.S