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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 who 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.

*Baccaro*

Shelburne Co. N.S.



Answers.

Baccaro is the name of our little Village, and we are of the opinion that this name is derived from the obsolete French word "Bacalieu," which was in olden times given to regions where fish were plentiful, and as this point of land now called Baccaro, is in close proximity to the old French Fort "St. Louis," no doubt during its occupation by the French the name, "Bacalieu" was given, and corrupted to "Baccaro," by the English.

There are no rivers, mountains, lakes or bays in Baccaro; and as it is a very small place and the extreme end of the province, there is nothing much of interest to record, excepting, I may say, there is a nice sand beach makes out from the land on the east side of Baccaro for about a mile in length, ending in a fine Hill. This beach together with the land on its other side forms a creek, called "South West Creek" and it runs out into Port Laton Harbor <sup>on the north & east.</sup>. It forms a pleasant place for Tourists in summer as well as a very good anchorage for small boats.

Truly Yours.

April. 30/86.

Thomas W. Crowell.  
P. M.  
Baccaro.