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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 16 1909

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.

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Victoria Co
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BaadecK Cape Belou
Nova Scotia March 30th
1906

James White Esq
Geographer

Dear Sir:

Some years ago the late Rev D Patterson read a paper before the Nova Scotia Historical Society referring to the names of places in Nova Scotia: he said BaadecK signified a place with an Island near it. I think if you see refer to BaadecKs guide to tourists you will find that BaadecK is there quoted as being taken from Ebedek, an Indian word, a little book written some years ago by Charles Dudley Warner entitled "BaadecK and that sort of thing" might throw some light on your enquiries. This is a most beautifully situated little town on the shore of the far-famed Bras Da Lalle. Does Bourne's history of Cape Belou throw any light on this subject? We have another history of Cape Belou, by Vernon of North Sydney, that might enlighten you. If at any time I can assist you I will gladly do so
Respectfully
Wmace Mackenzie asst P.M.