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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.

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Halifax Co, N.S.*

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in reply to inquiry on first page have to say
the Village of Bayside (a p.o. address) Harbor Co
was named at the request of a prominent school teacher
who observing the village expanding sought to get
postal communication: which brought with West Cove
and McGrath's Cove - (under one name) the first being
a large Cove on the northwest of the Bay. the other named for
a family living here at that time about the thirties of the last
Century; although the first to improve soil here was a
sailor named Foran said to have fought at Trafalgar with
Nelson another named Drake and one Summons

^{situated} Beautifully situated on the upper part of ^{west side} near the Head
has lying at her feet a sheet of almost shoalless water 3 to 4 miles
by 1 1/2. wide and safe anchorage for the largest ship afloat

the place is noted for its fine fishing
good locality for small Milling industry being
providentially supplied with two ~~ocean~~ ocean like reservoirs
of boundless supply of power, etc

Respectfully
Yours

Bayside = Bay - side