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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 12 1905

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.

Bear Cove, Chateaucamp ✓

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Bear Cove Lehigh Dist. Ed. N. J.
Sep 30. 1904

there is not much of any importance
in this small village for we
have only a mercantile office
and $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Nutley and
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Trenton the
Bear Cove is a very pretty place
have a fine scenery of all the coves
of rocks and a large piece of ground
called the Commons and from there
we can look to the North West
and we have the bay of St. James
and Brier Island and Long Island
the Bear Cove got its name from a Bear
for before the place was settled as it is now
there was only 3 house in the village and
one morning one of the old men going
down to the cove saw a Bear sitting
on a rock looking round and after
that they call it the Bear Cove
we are now trying for a broke water

and in the near future there may be
a lot of improvement in the place
there is no lake here only brooks that
run through the low land it is
any hill or not much level in all
I can say it is a very pretty place
in summer time but the winter
kill all the pleasure so cold and we
fare a way from the Market 25
miles of Yarmouth N.S. 12 miles
from any of the Bayley stations we
you can form a idea of what
we have found to put up with I
can not think of any thing else
of importance

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