

11 / F / 12.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 13 1906

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.

Beaulieu

Antigonish Co. N. S.

1st Antigonish is a little town of about
Three thousand of a population. It
it got to be called by that name & sent forward
some years ago & think, about fifty years since this town
was called Sydney and Antigonish county was called
county of Sydney. It is situated on West side of Ohio
which empties into Antigonish harbour
This is a not a mountainous country there is one
mountain not a very large one called the Sugar
loaf it is about three miles to the north of
Antigonish town

1st Pictou is about twelve mile from Antigonish town
It is only a country place called after a little town
in Scotland. So was Heatherlon called after a town
in Scotland

11/15 The only lake in this part of any size is Lochaber
called after a lake in Scotland it is about five miles
long and from one mile to two miles wide
The South river quite a large river runs out of
it and empties into Antigonish harbour
what was called Black river about twenty years ago
is now Glusburne it is also quite a large
river empties into Pictou harbour

X seat in Somerset Eng