

# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa,.....

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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.

*Belloni*

Cape Breton Co. N.S.

Belloni April 5<sup>th</sup>  
1866

James White

Dear Sir

The information that I am going to give you about this place is of little or no service to you I am afraid. It was settled with people that come from Scotland some where about sixty years ago. The place was all first ~~then~~ <sup>at that</sup> time. Situated two miles from False Bay Lake. The settlers at the front called it the back lands with name it carried down to about twenty years ago when the name was changed to Milver. Not called after any thing in particular that I know of. So a little over a year ago we wanted a post office established here and the name was changed to Belloni because there were too many Milvers through Nova Scotia that their mail just to get mixed up. Now Belloni is situated on the road leading from Fort-morris to Mira. And with in two miles of the new mining town of Broughton. Also two miles from Holmiville.

This is about all the information that  
i can give concerning this place. It's got no  
past history worth note. Like all country places

Yours Truly

J. A. McQuay

Postmaster

Bellevue