

# 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 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.

*Blanchards Road*

Pictou Co. N.S.

## Blanchard Road

about 100 years ago the government of that time took a notion of putting one main line of a road through the county and they hired a Surveyer by the name of Blanchard (I forget his first name) a man from Inver Colchester Co. He started at what is called St Paul E.R. and went fair east from there to the village of Antigonish I suppose 25 or 30 miles long, all through the woods. The government cleared the woods off but there was no more done to it and it is now grown up again except where some farmers cleared it on their farms. But the whole line is called Blanchard Road although there is no settlement on the line that is called by that name but ours our forefathers called it Blanchard Road and the name was never changed.

The only stream of water that is worth mentioned we call it the Big Brook it takes its rise on the mountains runs for the most part south west until it empties itself in the E.R. at

Sunny Brae