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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 19 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.

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Blandford, N.S.

Oct. 24th 1905.

Sir,

I submit the following answers to you, per request, - as near as I can.

It seems very difficult to get the derivation of the name of this place. It bore its present name as early as 1808 or 9, but - I presume it was named after Blandford in England.

One small river, called "Young's Brook."

One small lake, called "Gates' Lake."

Settlement - situated on east-side Mahone Bay.

One mountain, called Aspotogan

(Indian name.)
Deep Cove, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from

Blandford. A very romantic spot,

Mt. Aspotogan rising from the water, just - space enough for a road along the foot of the mountain. Place much admired by tourists.

On the road to said cove, is a very beautiful beech grove, with the branches intertwined over head.

This place (Blandford) was originally settled by the Irish, now all extinct.

see Blandford H. Out

At the present-time, settle
one of Seman decent.

I think this is about all
the information I can furnish
you at the present-time,

I remain,

Sir

Your Obedt. Servant,

Isaac N. Seaboyer,
P.M.