

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 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.

Brighton
Digby Co. N.S.

Brighton is a ^{settlement} ~~village~~ pleasantly situated on the south side & near the Head of St Mary's Bay, in the County of Digby, and on the main road leading from Digby to Weymouth. It contains about 60 dwelling houses, one Post Office, one Methodist Church, two stores, one blacksmith shop, two school houses, one shingle mill, and has about two hundred inhabitants.

The ^{settlement} ~~village~~ was originally called Head of St Mary's Bay after the Bay on which it is situated.

The name was changed to Brighton March 1868 and was named after a place called Brighton in the State of Massachusetts, U. S. A.

Yours respectfully,

Elizabeth J Young
P. M.

Per m. y.

Brighton Digby Co N.S.

Oct 6th 1905

Mr James White
Geographer.

Dear Sir:-

I have waited for
fuller information before returning
your papers, but find there are
so few who remember anything
about changing the name of the
place & the minutes of the meeting
have been mislaid. The older people
living at that time have passed away.

Yours respectfully

Elizabeth J Young

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