

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.

Brileys Brook

Antigonish Co. N. S.

Briely, or rather Brierley Brook so called
after the name of the man who first discovered
is situated in the Western part of the County of ^{Antigonish}
and has its source in a large Spring about eight
miles from the town of that name, where it
empties itself into the West River so called
It is a beautiful Stream of good clear water -
abounding with some Salmon and trout
On both sides of it are tracts of fertile land
yielding large quantities of hay annually
On its Western side are several quarries of lime-
stone - which stone is much used for building
purposes; and on its Eastern side is an inexhaustible
~~stone~~ store of gypsum, - but none of which has as yet
been developed

The Eastern Extension Railway runs through
it, as do also two public highways The station
house and post office are located about
the middle of the settlement

P.S.
Nothing is now known about this
man Brierley except what I stated
A.M.D.

Alex McDonald
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