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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 20 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.

Capstick W
Victoria B.

Laptick Decemr 7. 1905

Dear Sir your request

me to give you information concerning the nature of the village and settlement in which the Post office Laptick is situated is as follows

it is a village by the gulf of the St Lawrence and the name of the village is Bay St Lawrence taking its name from the gulf of St Lawrence and the original cause being it was discovered on St Lawrence day it is a bay nine miles between the two capes and forms a Bay about nine miles in width and 5 in depth the North Cape is called Cape North. it extends about 3 miles out in the gulf of St Lawrence and is very dangerous to ~~navigation~~ navigation the West Cape is called Cape St Lawrence. into this Bay there are some bays. By the name of Wreck Cove this name being given by the number of Wreck vessels which being cast away on its rocky shores in the by gone days. The next cove is meat cove which name was given on account of the herds of Wild Moose that used to roam around its shores when the first settlers came to live there. The population of this village is about one hundred and sixty people it has one river which is

Called Salmon river
it has one Church " Catholic
the industry is fishing

dear Sir i Beg to be excused
excused for i have no education
to state or to spell properly

Choping this information may
Be of service to you
i remain yours

J. W. Capstick

Post master Capstick

after postmaster