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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.

Doucetteville ✓
Digby Co. N.S.

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Sept. 25th 1905

This Place Was always called Mistake Settlement untill We got the Post Office five years Ago In the year of 1900 With We Exchange the Name To Doucetteville there is no Mountains this Village is Very Level $\frac{1}{4}$ of A mile there is A River Runs To the Westward called Mistake River: there is A lake Bearing North $1\frac{1}{4}$ Miled from this Place called Tim Amers lake there two more lakes To the West from here two miles from here one is called Hannar Barns lake and the other one is called Gelled lake three Miles South East of this Place there is A River called the Branch River Bouth of the Rivers discharge in Weymouth River the main River Bearing South West from here

the first man that settled in this
Place His name was David W. Doucette
About Eighty years ago in the clear Wilderness
the Population is three Hundred and ⁽³¹⁷⁾seventeen
in this Place

after F.M.

Yours Truly
Alfred W. Doucette D, M.