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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.

Dufferin Mines ✓
NS
Lewiston
Halifax Co.

Idaho Mines Sept. 25th 1905 -

Dr. Sir
In reply to yours on opp. side, it is 4 miles by
port Road to port Dufferin, (formerly Salmon River
Halifax Co. N.S.) This mine has been open since
1881, first-called the Salmon River Gold Mine, and after
it began to show a good record they named it
after Lord Dufferin who at that time was Gov General of
Canada; no other place of the name in N.S.,
after which they changed the name of Salmon
River to port Dufferin there being so many
"Salmon Rivers in N.S."

The next place above us some 5
miles away at the head of Salmon River Lake
a Co. from Lewis erected a Peg Factory & which
is evidently the nucleus of a little town & in anticipa-
tion of the same they have named it "Lewisston"
after the owners & proprietors George Lewis & sons.

The next is some two miles across
from Lewisston it went by the name of "Lochaber"
until as they thought they had found a Gold Mine
in the vicinity since which it has been appelled
"Lochaber Mines", the latter however has amounted to
anything, but still they cling to the name.

Next we have the "Eagle Lake Mine"
about 1/2 miles east of us we paid expenses of working
it some lies idle, this one too is suspended in the
mean time
Yours truly in haste J.P. Hogan P.M.

The formation is chiefly Whinstone interspersed by large
slate belts, the surface generally rocky. Some fine hardwood hills
alternated with softwood swamps & several bogs, the hills
~~that~~ have been cultivated yield good hay & potatoes but not
so good for vegetables

Much gold bearing quartz has been found
in the vicinity but no other deposit of a lode has yet
been discovered. Excepting this one which has branched off
in several directions but parties still keep prospecting
with the hope that "Springs Channel"

Essex house