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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 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.

Dutch Brook

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Dutch Brook derived its name from a batch of Dutch Settlers whose names were respectively Andrews, Buttiliers and Lewis who came from Margret's Bay Nova Scotia some sixty years ago. Their forefathers of course came from Holland and settled in Margret's Bay. These people did not settle exactly at the place now called Dutch Brook but at a place now called Cox-Heath which is about three or four miles Northwest of Dutch Brook, but land being then plentiful they claimed it all to this said Brook and used to take a lot of pine timber from around this Brook nobody then being settled in the place. It is now however settled mostly by Scotch whose forefathers came from Scotland but it still retains the name of Dutch Brook. It is a small settlement of about 20 families nearly all farmers, and all Presbyterians in religion. A large part of it is meadow land such as what is around the brook. There is a meeting house a Post office and a Saw mill in the place.

Yours Norman McDonald P.M.