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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 23 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.

*Lewis Bay, West
Cape Breton Co. N.S.*

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Lewis Bay West

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I cannot give you any information about this locality as I am living here only four years and do not know much about the place

I live four miles from Mira River in a place called Caldonia which derived its name from old Scotch Settlers from Scotland, a new settled

Country this resources is lumbering and farming and about

Thirty miles from Sydney

Dear Sir

Was your P.L. ~~bay~~ bay named after a Mr Lewis?
If so, please give initials, occupation & whether
alive or dead

Yours truly
James White

Lewis Bay West Oct 20/83

Sir
When we got the P. Office here
I sent in the name of the Settlement
Caledonia it was rejected for the reason
that there was an other office of the same
name at Caledonia Mines near Sydney
as Caledonia is West of Lewis Bay I
sent in the name of the office

Lewis Bay West which was accepted
Lewis Bay was named after an old
Indian by name Lewis who died
over 100 yrs ago

Yours truly

P. M. Lewis Bay West