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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.

Lingan Road
Cape Breton Co. N.S.

(See next)

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Lingan Road N.S.
Oct 27th/03

James White Esq

yours of Sept 23rd to hand

asking for place names, which
might have changed their name.

The name Lingan I can not tell you where
the name derived from it was the
only name that was ever on the place.

Brood Cove in 1820 was called Soldiers Cove

✓ Lingan Bay's former name was Indian Bay,
✓ Northern Head, used to be called Coal Head

✓ Low Point used to go by the name of Flat Point.

✓ Waterford Lake now, was Irish Lake in 1820,
also with Irish Brook, running to Barrsois Pond
on Lowpoint shore

Sydney River was formerly Spanish River

This is about all I can say about these places

Yours Truly

Patrick Ryan P.M.

November 6th, 1905

Dear Sir,

Could you give me any information respecting the derivation of the name "Lingan" ? Is it named after a Mr. Lingan ? If so, kindly give initials, occupation and whether still alive.

Thanking you in advance.
Yours truly,

Geographer

See Bourne's "Memorials of Fleafe Breton"

*Lingan Road W.S.
Nov 15th, 05*

Dear Sir,

I do not know the initials of Mr Lingan. I know the name is over one hundred years old. Or I do not know what occupation he had. I will still enquire

*your Respectfully
Patrick Ryan*