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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.

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James White, Geographer
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Dear Sir

The name of this place is taken from the forks of the Maccan River which branches at Lechol the next village being about three miles below this the main branch coming in from Southampton having its source up in what is known as the Maccan Mountains a locality famed for its maple sugar the large forks of the River are 8 or 9 mile further down where the Nappan River joins with the Maccan, this community was known by the name of Little Forks (I.E. Lechol & other river forks were on this branch) by the old people when the river formed one means of travel but when or about the time the Railroad (I.E. N.S.)

was put through it was thought to sound too plebeian
I suppose by the younger people so the settlement
near the Station was called Acton & gave this
name to that Station, there were only a few
scattered farms on the eastern bank at that
time & I suppose the people did not mind if
the whole name was still applied to the locality
however in course of time some of the woodland
near the railroad was bought up by W. M. Fullerton
a lawyer residing in Amherst who built a saw
mill at this place & built up some house for
his workmen & the place was known as Fullerton's
Mills (I think there had been a siding put in here for
the accommodation of the farmer in this vicinity &
the place was still known to I. C. H. Men
as Forks siding) Mr Fullerton carried on business
here until 1891 when he died then his heirs decided
to sell the property it passed into the hands
of Rhodes Barry & Co of Amherst who continued
to operate it, connection with their large building
& contracting & building business with their
head office & car work at Amherst, they improved
the plant here bought more timber land built more
houses for employees & it was decided get a
post-office when a name was asked for the Fuller
Forks was given & still the Forks it is although it does not
apply altogether to the natural features of the locality.

The place was known at the head office in
Amherst as Whet Mills but the post office
is Little Forks.

we are 6 miles south of the old Coburg
Road which used to be the main highway of
the province before Railway days the Stage
used to go from Adirast to Levee or
what even important traffic than was passed
over it but now the farms are in many
places deserted & the road is growing up
in trees & bushes which I suppose is the
case in many more places where the Railway
does not come within 6 or 7 miles
Cruckhampton takes its name from Cruck the
place of that name in England where the
first settlers came from

I think the names Maccan & Naffon are
Indian names the Maccan River used to
be navigable for small craft to the Little Forks
that is Whet there were several vessels of
60 to 80 tons built - these in days gone by
I will try to get some more information about
this matter & write you again

P.M.
I remain your truly
Little Forks L. A. McCabe