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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.

Little Riv Musquodoboit
Meagher Grant
Churchville *W*
Halifax Co.

Ans'd
Goodman

Musquodobuit. in Halifax Co NB
is a beautiful and fertile Valley
varying in width from five to
fifteen miles skirting the river
of the same name and extend-
ing from the County of Guysboro
to Musquodobuit Harbour a
distance of about sixty miles.

It was named by the Aborigines
a Tribe of Micmac Indians, who
have almost disappeared.

Different derivations have been given
the name one of which is "Rushing
Water" Little River is a small town
situated about 20 miles from the
mouth of the Musquodobuit-river
and derives its name from a small
stream emptying into the Musq
where the town is situated. It is on
the surmounting of the Nova Scotia
Eastern Railway and will we think
be a point of importance when this
road is built.

Messers Grant. a small town six
miles south and down the river
derives its name from a large Grant
of land taken up in the locality by a
man named Messers

Murchyville a small town about
four miles south and east sit-
uate about five miles from
the mouth of Little River is a
very pretty and romantic spot
and derives its name from the
original inhabitant - Alexander
Murchy whose descendants at
one time practically owned
the town

Trusting this may be of some
service to you

I am
Yours &c

Sam'l Burris

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