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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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Halifax B. Ns*

Lochaber Mines Halifax Co N.S.
Nov 2nd 1905

The Geographers,

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, Canada,

This place was formerly called Lochaber, and was named by Alexander Fraser from Scotland. It is named after Lochaber in Scotland. It is now called Lochaber Mines, a name that was given to it when we got our Post Office. As there is a Lochaber in Antigonish Co, the Post Office Dept did not wish to have two Post Offices by the same name in the Province. So it was named Lochaber Mines, because there was a Gold mine here years ago.

There are several branch rivers running into the main river. The branch rivers are as follows; Seven mile, Ten mile, Fourteen mile, Fifteen mile, Sixteen mile, Seventeen mile, Twenty mile. Bear Brook and Grants River, all running into the main river Lochaber, which runs through the settlement thence into Sheet Harbour River. These rivers were named years ago, by men travelling through the woods. The first seven mile named by the distance from one river to the other. Bear Brook derived its name from a bear being killed there, and Grants River derived its name from a man by the name of Grant living at the

Mouth of the river.

This is all the information I can
procure regarding how the place obtained
its name. And about the river
There is no other features of any importance
in the place.

Yours Truly

P. P. Mackarty
Postmaster