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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.

Lockport
Shelburne Co. N.S.

The original name of this place was Rugged
Islands from the rocky & rugged appearance
of the coast. About 125 yrs. ago two families
the Lockes & Churchills came here from
Plymouth United States about the time of the
War of Independence. They were Loyalists
& for a number of years were the sole
occupants of the place living by fishing &
farming. The place grew until the population
amounted to 1200 or 1400. Fifty or sixty vessels
were at one time engaged in the Banks
fisheries. A large West India business was
carried on. Six Brigantines being constantly
engaged in carrying fish products to the
West Indies. About 30 yrs. ago the name
of the place was changed to Lockport

The place was named from the Locke family
who first settled here. Formerly the only
connection with the mainland was by a
sand beach but about 30 yrs. ago a wooden
bridge was built which has since been replaced
by an iron bridge shortening the connection with
the mainland about a mile. It has a
Bank five churches 12 or 14 wharves. Has a
steamer calling twice a week. In one year
it will be connected with the Railway

system of the Dominion by the
Halifax & South Western Road
which is now nearly all graded
and some of which is now in operation

Locheport is on the South
Coast of Nova Scotia

Latitude $43^{\circ} 39'$

Longitude $65^{\circ} 06'$

John Locke
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