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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.

*Lornevale
Colchester Co. N.S.*

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To The Department of The Interior
Ottawa

The place to which you refer on the other page is situated at the foot of the Cobiquid Mountain in the County of Colchester (on the south side of said Mountain) both east and west of the 1st road that was made from Halifax to Cumberland over said Mountain and there is a high elevation of land to the south between the foot of the Mountain and the Cobiquid Bay part of which is known as Mc Pleasant so that between the Mountain range and this hill a valley is formed running in an easterly or southeasterly direction into the Great Village River and from thence into the Bay

And when the 1st settlers came here it was called the foot of the Mountain some times the Cumberland road other times the west Mines for there has been large quantities of iron ore mined here for the Great Iron Works at Londonderry

But at the time of the Governorship of the Marquis of Lorne the inhabitants assembled at the School House to settle on a name for the place and taking into consideration the Geographical features and the Popular ruling of the Governor General they unanimously decided to call the ^{valley} Lorne Vale which was endorsed by all and continued to the present time

Lorne Vale October 30th
1905