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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.

*Lower E. Cheyenne
Halifax N.S.*

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Lower East Chezzetook
Sep 28th 16

Dear Sir

I cannot give you much information concerning our small village as it is a very unimportant place there are no mountains two small lakes and one river called little River and a Lake called Roast Lake named after one of the first settlers about 86 years ago occupation was chiefly farming and fishing very sorry not to have anything of importance to write

I am yours truly

Uriah Roast

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Dear Sir

Can you give me any information
as to the meaning of Cheysetcook which is, I take it,
an Indian word?

Yours truly
James White

Cheysetcook has got its name from the
Indians It has been an Indian settlement many
years ago there is a small Island reserved for
them in the Harbour yet call Indian Island
Also some other Islands in the Harbour named
after the Persons that owns them such as
Mc Loren's In Conrad's Idl. Pettipuss Idl. Homol Idl.

Yours Truly

Wm Coast
J M