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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.

*Lydgate
Shelburne Co. N.S.*

26 Feb 73

Lydgate Rd Nov 9/05

Dear Sir

I have been some time in finding out
the Particulars about the name of Lydgate
In 1873 a Lodge of Sons of Temperance was
organised on March 26 when the question was
as to a name for the Order or Division and Brighton
Brighton was accepted as the name.

In 1890 a Post-Office was established here when the
question again came up for a name as there was
a Brighton in Digby County and the P.O. autho-
rities decided on Lydgate as a name for the P.O.

Some of the Old residents was not favourable to
the name so the place was called Brighton and
the P.O. Lydgate

Now the people see that ^{or Village} the place should be called
Lydgate as there is considerable inconvenience
caused by letters ^{to Brighton Dist} addressed going to Brighton Digby

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This is the information I have gained from some
of the residents as I did not live in the Village
until about a year ago when I was appointed
Post-master at Lydgate

I should be very glad for one if people would
adopt the name of Lydgate for the Village

Your Obedt Servt

E. W. Page P.M.

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