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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.

*Lyons Brook  
Picton C.N.S.*

*see over*

Dear Sir • Dear Localities is called  
Scotts Hill (Pictou). The name is derived  
from one individual named Scott. Just  
as Lyon's Brook & Logan's Tannery is called so  
from the called W<sup>m</sup> Lyon &c  
Scotts Hill has been inhabited in 1792 (or about  
this date) by a host of Mr. Macarries a few years  
later by Campbells 1798: then by Mr. Donald's  
in about 1803. The schools of this locality have  
been unequalled (we may say) in respect of  
talent - many of the pupils are this day  
old men & preaching in the pulpit.

Our locality is noted for a copper  
mine. It has been explored some  
and the quality of the Ore has been  
tested in Wales and found excellent.

We wish that the Government would  
take hold of it. In the vicinity <sup>is</sup>  
Logan's Tannery so called but at the  
present time conducted by Dr. Logan  
and A. B. McDonald. It is one of the  
most extensive in trade found in the  
Dominion

Yours

W. Fraser

Dear Sir

I Lyons Brook named after a Mr Lyon?  
Also please give initials & occupation

Yours truly  
James White

Lyons Brook is named after a man by the name of Lyons  
that lived in a cabin some place on the Brook. The Lannery gets  
their water from there it runs South and South the Post office  
and the Station here is called Lyons Brook the Post office formerly was  
called Lyons Lannery and it should be called Lyons Lannery get  
Lyons Brook is fed mostly from Springs and sulphur water it don't  
run far only about 1/2 miles

Yours Truly  
Postmaster

I sent this to an old school teacher to fill up but I see he  
hasnt put in the Rivers the West River River West and Middle  
River West and New East River River West I cannot tell you  
more

Bongul Sogun

Postmaster