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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 15 1906

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 who 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.

Maitland

Hants Co. N.S.

Maitland derived its name
from Sir Peregrine Maitland
who was appointed gov of upper Canada
in 1818 and went out of office about
1834 It is situated on the head
waters of Fair and Rossequal lakes
which is the largest in Nova Scotia
whos waters empty into the Messy
or Liverpool River

Respectfully Yours
Wm Dukeshire

Post master of maitland
for 43 years

Mar 28 1906

Maitland

U.S.

Mailand, Hants Co.

Nova Scotia

28 Mar. 1906

Dear Sir

In reply to your enquiry, I would say that this place was named after Sir Peregrine Mailand, who was Governor of Nova Scotia from 1828 to 1834. He was a native of England. Do not know the year of his death. He never resided here.

In 1803, and for some years before and after that date, the place now known as Mailand was known as "The Mouth of the River", the Mouth of the River Shubenacadie, the largest river in Nova Scotia.

Yours truly

John A. Roy
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