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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.

Malignant brook
 Malignant Cove
 Antigonish Co. N.S.
 Mabywah
 Sherbrooke
 Livingstone cove
 Ballentine cove
 Sugarloaf mt. ✓
 Kroydant ✓
 Bailey brook ✓
 Lisimore ✓

This is addressed to Malignant Cove
in the County of Antigonish. Our P.M. is
absent from here. The Daughter who is in
Charge is only 10 years old. Malignant Cove
is called after a private vessel which
was beached here over a hundred & 60 (160)
years ago. This place is on the South of
the Strait of Northumberland 35 miles East-
from Pictou. And 15 miles West of the Cape St-
George point. This Malignant Cove has a pond
in side of the beach & a large Brook enters
into the pond. This Brook was called the Malignant
Brook & also the settle up for 4 miles. Now it is
Marys vale. By after there Church St-Marys.
Like wise East from here ^{4 miles} on the Cape is a place
named Georgeville after the Church St-George
four miles East of Georgeville is a place Livingston -
Cove: first settlers & get the same further East to the point
the Land raises high and on ^{the} point is a Light-House
South from the Light is small Cove once called
Mr Nairs Cove. After it know its Ballentine Cove
I think the reason for the change was ³⁴ Mr Nairs Cove
at the Strait of Canso. Now here Scisrey is beautiful
you see Cape Breton, to Cape Mahou. Cape St George is a
an elegant growing Country Wheat, Hay & oats the Soil
not excels any part of this County unless there is a piece
at Ballentine Cove & a pier at Livingston Cove ditto Georgeville.

The West-end of the Cape is Storey & Shrubby Bushes.
None of the Cape is any ways heavily timbered. Now
I will come back to Malignant Cove, where the scenery is
most beautiful. From the pond up Mal Brook the
Land is Level. A mile from the Shore and a
quarter mile from the Brook there is a high mountain
called the Sugar Loaf - from which you can see the
most part of the County, p. E. S. Cape Breton
you can see y. Churches. The only village is the
Shire town Antigonish, which I think in olden times
was the District of Dochester. Now west from here
is all a farming Country. Near we have a pier to open
out the pond for Boats. The Steam packet - Calls at all
those piers. West is an ^{west} ~~ansage~~ which high broken Land
and a pier west is Kroydant by people emigrated from
Scotland West is Lis more which changed name. This
was Bailey Brook & upper Bailey Brook. Bailey was the
~~first~~ Letter ~~from~~ upper Bailey Brook is
named Bailey Brook & below is Lis more, viz after a
place in Scotland, as they ~~are~~ forefathers was
originaly from Scotland. Galie people -
N. B. If you are ^{not} satisfied with this, I will try
and mend the matter. Other wise ^{& call on} Colin of W. Isaac
or - Geolight - Fletcher your Humble
Servant
Sam M. Christman