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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.

Marble Mountain ✓
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Marble Mountain, was formerly called North Mountain on account of its lying along the North shore of St. Georges Channel, Bras d'Or Lake. In 1860, the late H. G. Brown discovered large beds of white marble on this mountain. From that date it has been known as Marble Mountain.

The Bras d'Or Marble Co. operated it in 1894, erected a mill to saw it into merchantable blocks, and carried on a Marble business for several years. In 1900 they sold their holding to the D. I. S. Co and they, the D. I. S. Co are operating it now, shipping some 200,000 tons per year to their works at Sydney. C. B.

The Bras d'Or Lumber Co. who own the greater part of the Mountain turn this marble into Lumber and ship it to all parts of the Maritime Provinces. The marble is also shipped to Chatham N. B. where it is used in the manufacture of pulp. Yours Truly

D. MacLachlan
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