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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 11 1905

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.

Maryvale ✓
Antigonish Co. N.S.
Malapicant Brook
Ross Mt
Sugarloaf "

Maryvale N. S.
Sept 18 1903

Dear Sir:—

In regard to your circular of a recent date I have very little to give you from this locality. The former name of the settlement, Malignant Brook may be of passing interest. Malignant is named after a pirate ship which was driven ashore at a cove three miles distant. The cove and the surrounding country was called after it, but the name of this district has been changed in recent years to Maryvale.

- Ross's Mountain called after a country gentleman still living in the settlement
- Sugar loaf Mountain so called from the large amount of Maple sugar extracted from the trees growing on its slopes.

These are all of any interest in this community. I remain yours respectfully

John N. MacDonald
Postmaster

Maryvale
N. S.

Maryvale not given

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Maryvale Oct 14 1905

James White Esq
Ottawa

Dear Sir,

The name Malignant Brook was
changed to Maryvale about 30 years ago by
the Late Rev Andrew M. Gillinoy who was P.P. here
at the time Maryvale is called after the parish
Church St. Marie "for St. Marys" and then to
Maryvale

Respectfully Yours

John McDonald P.M.