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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 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.

McNabs Cove

Richmond C. N.S.

The name of this village is MacNab's Cove. It has derived its name from a Mr. MacNab who was the first to settle in this locality. Mr. M^s Nab and family resided here till ^{his, and her} death in 1866, ^{A.D.} when himself departed; and she followed him a short time after. Then the descendants of these people lived here till their death in 1890 A.D. Then in 1891 A.D. I bought the residence and have lived here ever since. The occupation of the MacNab's were as follows. They had many enterprises and a large business on hand. They kept a Dry Goods and Grocery store and people from all over the Island of Cape Breton would come here for goods and especially for oatmeal which they manufactured, and they also had a lumber mill, and a very large farm. At the present day we are living on the same farm. Every one of the family are dead except one. The name Cove is an outlet of a famous lake called the Bras D'or. On this Cove there are two or three Islands and what is peculiar about these people, who never wanted to be buried except on these Islands, and so they are buried on one of the Islands in this Cove. This is about all I can trace. Trusting this will be satisfactory

I remain, yours Respectfully;

D. J. M^s Kiggan
M^s Nab's Cove Cape Breton,