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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 14 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.

Meagher's Grant

Halifax Co. N.S.

The Musquodoboit valley takes its name from the River that runs through it the word Musquodoboit is Indian and means long crooked River - from the head of the River till it drops into the tide by the road is about forty miles by the River about seventy the valley is divided into upper middle and Lower Musquodoboit - Meagher's Grant twelve miles from the tide got its name from a man named Marten B Meagher he was employed by the Government with ^{his} vessel during the American war carrying freight and supplies to Louisburg C B on his return trip he run into Gedore his home on Saturday night this Harbour is six miles east of Musquodoboit Harbour and the home of his crew next morning when they got up there was two boats taking his schr out of the harbour and a large frigate flying the stars and stripes in the mouth of the harbour Meagher laid his demands before the Government and they give ^{him} a Grant of four thousand Acers of land in pay for the loss of his vessel and cargo and it goes by the name of Meagher's Grant ever since this valley is a fine place for hay being low intervale clear of rocks and upland on each side raises crops of all kinds

I am yours truly

Daniel Grant

Meagher's Grant
April 27 1906