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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.

*Middle Country Harbour
Guysborough Co. N.S. ✓*

County Harbor derives its name from the natural feature of the County. The river runs of some 10 or 12 miles into the country. The river is more a salt water Harbor for 8 miles with water so deep an ocean steamer can come of some 8 miles from the Bay. The terminus of the Eastern Railroad is to be about 1 mile and a half in from the Bay. a few miles from there drays open out into the broad Atlantic. It is a beautiful harbor and if the railroad should come. it will be a harbor splendidly fitted for such a terminus. From the mouth of the Harbor to the narrows is about 10 miles. from the mouth of the narrows to the spirit lake is about seven or eight miles. So you see it is a Harbor running up into the County and thus derives its name County Harbor. Middle is the centre of the Harbor hence Middle County Harbor.

Hoping this brief explanation will be satisfactory I remain yours faithfully

AW Dalsman P. M. In C. H.

Sept 17th
1893.

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Middle Country Harbor