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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 23 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.

Middle West Pubco
Yarmouth Co. N.S.

see over

Middle West Colony
Sept. 28, 1903

Mr. James White,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received to day and in reply will state that our neighbourhood being small, I could not give you any new information.

Yours truly
Frank C. Stenriment
Postmaster

Dear Sir

Can you give me any information re the derivation of the name "Pubnico". Is it an Indian word & if so, what does it mean.

Yours truly
James White

The word "Pubnico" is a modified form of Pubomecup. Pubomecup is an Indian word whose signification we cannot ascertain. In a grant of land given to a ~~Stenriment~~ and others in the year 1650 we find the name Pubomecup. This is the farthest back we can find it. So thus far nothing has been discovered which would tend to throw light on the

subject neither with regard to its derivation or its
signification,

When I'll know more about this I'll let you know

Yours truly,
Frank C. Stearns,

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