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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.

*Mitchell Bay*

Halifax Co. N.S.

Mitchell Dog  
Salpax County  
August 2, 1906

Ms James White  
Dear Sir:

In Reference to your request I may say that this Place as far as I can understand came <sup>The name</sup> by a man that lived in this Place as a Hunter a very short time with care it the original name Mitchell which is now called Mitchell Bay on the Eastern side the Cape of Land extends about 2 miles with Coves none as deep Coves and Barbaries Cove and Point Mett Point and on the western side of Bay a Point of Land running about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile running South west the Point has taken the name from the Hunter name as Mitchells point with numerous rocks and quite a lot of Islands none as Sheep Island and High Island and Hartlings Island and Calf Island Slate Island Gease Island and Black ducks Island Deep water Island and rocks called Mitchell Rocks this Bay is joining on the as to the Bay none as Bay of Islands which was called years ago

and is called by that name by many people  
Mitchell Bay is marked on Baffin's charts  
as Juwass Cove as Juwass lived here at that  
time on the Eastern Side of this Point of  
Land is the next Harbours called Ecum Secum  
with the Ecum Secum Gold Mines called the  
Ecum Secum Gold fields limit end on the  
western side of Mitchell Point is the Bay  
none as by the Araijand name Duns Bay  
Extending to Moses River or Secum Launch  
and about 7 miles from here is the Islands  
None as white Islands they are on the  
out side <sup>of all</sup> Islands touching the at least <sup>from</sup> when  
they take their name as they look from sea  
they have a white appearance approaching the land  
from sea they are taken as a Land mark  
from many points by Seafaring men and  
fishermen the white Islands are supposed to  
be very rich as there has been a great Deal  
of searching for it but there has <sup>not</sup> been any Person here  
found the riches and north of Mitchell Bay is  
quite a dense forest with little or no cultivation  
and very hillie land brooks and Lakes

Yours Respectfully  
George Hartling