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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 14 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.

Mooseland ✓  
Halifax Co. W ans'd

The Gang

Old Langier

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1905

To James White  
Geographer

Dear Sir

I will answer your questions regarding the name of this place all in one.

Mooseland or rather Old Langier received its present name <sup>Arlington</sup> from the Local Government some eleven years ago; when Hon. W. S. Fielding was our Leader. At the instigation of some of the young people who disliked the name of Mooseland. (And no wonder! Who would not?

But I think think the name Arlington was a mistake. It should be Old Langier.

I suppose it received its present name from the number of moose in the vicinity. But

this is the very spot where gold was first discovered in Nova Scotia as is therefore

the historical Langier but as the mines were developed at the shore first, fifteen miles away that is Langier proper and this

is Old Langier. In the old days. The first  
of the mining days this was called "The Back  
Diggins". Hoping this will help you along  
I remain Yours respectfully

Mrs. Dr. Priest

The Grange.