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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

Ballucofad
Wellington Co. Ont.

Ballinapad

Is a Gaelic word signifying "Village of bricks."

It probably received its name from a brickyard
which once existed on the farm of Mr. Joseph Young about
two miles north. People coming for bricks would
put up at the hotel here.

This explanation is the one given by Rev. Morrison
of Bedarrille to Rev. Milne of Ballinapad, not from
personal knowledge of the ~~meaning~~ circumstances but
from knowledge of the meaning of the word.

In conversing Mr. Milne mentioned Ballinapad as his
D.O. address and Mr. Morrison asked if the village were
not a brick one. Mr. Milne said it was not and was
asked if there is not a brickyard nearby. On replying
that there is none, he was assured there had been
as the word meant "village of bricks." On subsequently
making enquiry Mr. Milne learned of the formerly
existing yard mentioned above.

The explanation is probably quite correct as this
was a Highland settlement & Rev. Morrison is
a Highland Scot.