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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.

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Prince Edward Co. Oct*

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The word Cousecon is an old Indian word and in English I am told means Pickerel. So that the Village of Cousecon was named after Cousecon Lake a small lake near Cousecon which in past years was a famous lake in which to catch Pickerel and at present good men are caught. Cousecon creek runs through the village connecting Cousecon lake with Cousecon Bay.

A place of some interest to people who come here to spend their holidays is Bald Head situated at the extreme end of the beach which separates Cousecon bay from Lake Ontario. It was used in former years for an Indian burial place and as it is composed of drifting lake sand after a heavy storm people go up to the burial ground and very often find pieces of Indian pottery and beads and sometimes flint arrow heads and also stone hatchets and all kinds of things used by the Indians which do not decay by the passing of time. It is about five miles from the village of Cousecon. The tradition is that an Indian battle was fought on the head and that the skeletons which are exposed by the sand drifting off of them are the remains of those who fell in the battle. I have seen a number of them and also a skull that had an arrow head fast in it back of the ear. I do not know of any other special feature in the vicinity of Cousecon.

Yours Geo Crane Pm