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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.

*Earleton
Nipissing Dist. Oct*

EARLTON, ONT.

Earlton a small Village and Post Office
on the line of the T. & N. O Ry, and situated
on the ^{S. East} Corner of lot No 7 in the 4th Con of the Township
of Armstrong in the District of East Township

In the Summer of 1903 I, Albert Edward Brusher
was offered a lot to build on by the owner of the
S¹/₂ of lot No 7, a Mr Peter Jones, if I would build a
store, and do my best to make a Village of the
Corner, I accepted the offer and built a Store,
that fall realizing the growing importance of
having a Post Office, I applied for the same
and named the office Earlton, after my oldest
boy - whose name is George Earl Brusher now
a young man 18 years of age, and living with me
here & at present working on the Railway,

This is I believe the very brief History of the
origin of the Post Office named Earlton
- we are about $\frac{3}{8}$ of a mile from the Ry Stn
& will be in the center of a rich agul country
when the farming interests are more advanced

I Remain

Respectfully Yours

A. E. Brusher

Our first mail. Came to us from Millbenta,
a small village 8 miles South of here & the
mail was carried once a week from Earlton
to Millbenta & Return by my son Earl, on his
back, for 6 months or more over very bad
roads - deep snow & stormy weather - later, we
got a horse & buggy - and now drive to Millbenta,
but this is to be changed on Nov 1st - 1905, the mail
then will come by the T. & N. O. Ry, 3 times per
week -