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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.

*Gors Bay Out  
Manitoulin Island.*



Gore Bay, District of Manicouagan Oct.  
Derives its name from the steamer  
Gore which ran between Collingwood  
and Sault-St. Marie between A.D. 1860  
and A.D. 1870. It was part of the harbour  
in what was formerly called Saint-Louis.  
The banks are bold and steep and the water  
quite deep at the shore at which place  
the steamer landed. The crew would cut  
and put on a supply of wood. On account  
of this being done several times when they  
were nearly out of fuel the Bay was  
called Gore Bay. I received this information  
in A.D. 1871 when I first came here. On the  
first maps issued the bay is called Saint-Louis.  
I never heard the origin of the name.

About the year 1880 a move was made by some  
of the settlers to have the village called by another  
name but a majority of the oldest settlers thought  
Gore Bay was good enough for the village, or  
town as it now is.

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