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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 3 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.

*Granton*  
*Middlesex Co, Ont*

Granton a Small Station on the  
G & Ry west of St. Marys

At the time of setting off the Station  
ground by Mr Christie, then Superintendent  
between Toronto and Leam, when returning  
to St. Marys he suggested Biddulph as name.  
Alexander Grant, who was in the car with  
Mr Christie, objected to Biddulph as name and  
mentioned Granton as a name. This had been  
~~discussed~~ talked over between us before on mention of the  
name Mr Christie said "Granton Pier at Leith,  
Scotland was where I was born and it shall  
be Granton; it was thus named by Mr Christie."

Station - Postage and Post office bear the same  
name a good business place in a fine farming  
Country

James Grant, P.M.

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I wish to obtain information regarding the location of the place named in Canada - of the name of the place, town, village or hamlet, and the name of the county or province in which it is situated. It is also desired to know the name of the person or persons who have been identified with the place, and the date of their identification. It is also desired to know the name of the person or persons who have been identified with the place, and the date of their identification. It is also desired to know the name of the person or persons who have been identified with the place, and the date of their identification.

In many instances the information it will be necessary to obtain in order to identify the place is of a nature which is not readily obtainable from the usual sources. It is therefore desired that you will use your best judgment in the selection of the names of the places to be included in the list, and that you will include in the list only those places which are of a nature which is not readily obtainable from the usual sources. It is also desired that you will include in the list only those places which are of a nature which is not readily obtainable from the usual sources.

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