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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.

*Lamou  
Middlesex Co.*

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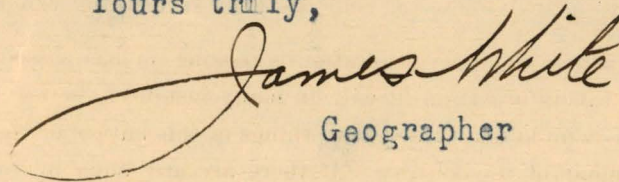
Ottawa; Oct. 13th, 1905

Dear Sir,

I note in your memo of the 6th instant that your P.O. was named after a lady from Argyleshire, Scotland, and that it was so named by her son, A. McLachlan. I infer from the above that Lamon was either her Christian name or her maiden name. Will you kindly inform me which, or, was she married a second time ?

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

James White

Geographer

Oct. 6th 1905-

My White Dear Sir, Larnon is  
situated in western Middlesex near  
the river Sauble it is a country place  
it was named after a lady from Argyllshire  
Scotland, she never come to Canada, but  
her son A McLauchlan kept the D O

and he named it Larnon about 25  
years ago, it had no other names  
to my knowledge,

hoping this will be  
of some use to you

Yours & D. Galbraith  
Larnon  
Ontario

This lady's maiden name was  
Miss Larnon and she married  
a McLauchlan (over 80 years ago)

What her occupation was I am not able  
to determine, yours truly D Galbraith