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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.

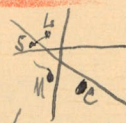
Lucasville
Logierait Old Lambton Co.

Lucasville, P. O., Oct 9th - 05-

Mr. James White - Office of Geographer - Ottawa, Dear Sir -

Our post office was at first

called - "Cole's-Corners." Mr Wm Cole was Post-master, & lived near

the corner where three roads cross.  When his daughter got married, who had ~~taken~~ ^{done} the office work. Mr Cole gave up the P. O.

There being no person willing to take it. It went to the hotel across the corner: I might say, there is a school house ("Education"), a church, ("Salvation"), & to our dis-credit, a hotel, ("Damnation") all in ^{Methodist,}

a line at these corners. The hotel keeper, & owner, was George Lucas, at that time ^{who} gladly took the P. O. business & got the name changed to "Lucas", which gradually developed into "Lucasville".

after some years & many complaints about the location, it was moved across the road & taken in charge by Mrs Loretta Smith, in June 1891. Last June Mrs Smith

^{whose husband has the blacksmith's shop} died suddenly of apoplexy. so the P. O. was again seeking a location, & we have it for the time being a few rods farther south, at Rob Milliken's.

I cannot give the exact date of the original opening of the ^{"Lucasville"} Post office. But believe it to be about 27 years ago. I believe this is all the information

I can supply under this head -

But in regard to a neighboring P. O., viz

"Logierait" kept ^{years ago} in my old home: My father D. Hossie was Post Master.

The name of the birthplace of Hon Alex McKenzie, at one time Premier of

Canada, & a close friend of my father's. I tell you this, in case the present P. M. does not know the origin of the name "Logierait". Yours respectfully, Mrs R Milliken P. M.