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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 27 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.

Mar  
Bua Co. Ouk

See over

Ottawa, Oct. 13th, 1905

Dear Sir,

Was your P. O. named after a Mr. Mar? If so, will you kindly his initials, occupation, and whether still alive. Or was it named after "Mar, a district of Aberdeenshire, Scotland (subdivided into Brae-Mar, Mid-Mar and Crow-Mar)" or was it named after the Earl of Mar.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

*James White*

Geographer

*The name Mar was given by the P.O. Inspector and as we had given him a good deal of trouble He gave the name Mar an abbreviation Brae Mar. As we were mostly scotch he thought that name would suit us. (And it did)*

This District is a part of the Saugeen Indian  
Peninsula, and is the Township of Albemarle Named  
after Lord Albemarle in England. (By the Indian Dept.  
at Ottawa) Our only village is Colpoys Bay being on  
the shores of said Bay. We have a number of small lakes  
in our Township, Being Lake Burford (the largest and finest),  
Lake Beattie, Lake Stuy, and Isaac Lake. The three last  
are a chain of lakes running from North to South emptying  
into the Rantou River and it into Lake Huron at  
Sable Falls in the next Township South of us

Our Township is of a very Rocky surface of Limestone  
formation, but generally level. The settlements are  
small and being divided by Rock formation up to  
the surface. And in the low parts or valleys are the  
few of us which mostly came in about 30 years ago  
But we are getting beautifully less as a great many  
of our young people are gone to our glorious  
West. We have Post Offices in most of these  
little settlements and are supplied by a stage going  
from Warton to Stokes Bay one day, and return the next  
We are all well supplied with Schools and Churches  
Our nearest Railway is at Warton and is very convenient  
for us.

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