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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 28 1906

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 who 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.

Maxville

Glengarry Co. Ont.

Memo

MAXVILLE, ONT.

The village of Maxville, is situated partly in the rear of the Seventeenth and front of the Eighteenth Concessions of the St Regis Indian Reservation a strip of land about two miles in width lying between the Counties of Glengarry and Stormont, but attached to the former County. It is on the height of land between the St Lawrence and Ottawa rivers the waters in the north of it flowing to the latter and those to the south into the former. The Laurentian range lying north of the Ottawa and the Adirondacks in the State of New York can be plainly seen from the village on any clear day.

The original settlers came from Perthshire Scotland between 1815 and 1870 and being nearly all Macs the village was named the village of the Macs by the late John Mc McEwen the first Post Master - from this was derived MAXVILLE, ONT. The village is of recent growth (about 30 years) and sprang up alongside the Canada - Atlantic railway (now the Ottawa Division of the Grand Trunk railway) during its construction. As it is situated in the centre of a fertile ^{and} highly cultivated section of country, inhabited by an intelligent industrious farming community it is bound to grow, and its future prospects are bright.

Charles McNaughton P.M.
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Dated
April 3rd 1906.