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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 2 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.

Bloomington Point

Queens Co. P. E. I.

Blooming Point

March 29th 06

Dear Sir

Blooming Point is a farming settlement comprising about 28 families each family possessing a farm, varying in extent from fifty to one hundred acres of land. It was formerly called Tracadie Sand-hills.

It was in possession of a ~~Land~~ Lord, Mr Donald by name who came from a place in Scotland called Tracadie therefore his Estate here was called Tracadie, and as it was larged it inclosed a bay called Bedford or Tracadie Bay, with a harbour leading out to the Gulf of St Lawrence this was called Tracadie Harbour. The west side of the bay was called Grand Tracadie, the south end was called Tracadie Cross, and the East side Tracadie Sandhills, as the road led to a long range of sandhills these or four miles long vary^{ing} ~~in~~ ~~width~~ from a half mile to one mile in width those hills separated Tracadie Bay from the Gulf of St. Lawrence

This Estate was leased to tenants for a period of fifty years. The inhabitants rose a league against the landlords called the Tenants League the landlords were forced to sell to Government and the tenants bought their farms from the Government. So a few years after when having a Post Office established there was a meeting of the inhabitants called to select a suitable name for the district ^{it} was then named Blooming Point not after any particular person, place, or thing but just to distinguish it from the other Facades. This was about twenty six years ago.

Sir William C. Mc Donald the great Tobacco-Manufacturer ^{in, Montreal} is one of the ^{heirs} to whom part of the Estate belonged.

A plot containing 500 acres of land known as the Glenaladale ^{farm} was reserved as the homestead, upon this farm John Archibald Brother of Sir William C. Mc Donald lived till his death in the spring of 1903 A. D. his daughters were all married his sons wished to go out. Thus the farm was sold and is now

in possession of Mr. Major Mc Binnon.
A railroad passes about three miles distant on
the South. the nearest station is called Tracadie
There are no rivers, lakes, or mountains.

Yours truly

Peter Lacey

Postmaster

Blooming-Point

C. E. I.