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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.

Handwritten notes and list of place names: Harper Road, Centre Line Road, DeBlais Station, Peters Road, Bernard, Western, P.D., Smith, P.M.

O.E. Blois Road

The first settler of this road was a man by the name of Hubert Arsenault, he was small of stature and the road was named by the french settlers (Le chemin au petit Hubert) and it was called by the English

Hubert Road, during about the past quarter of a century it is known as O.E. Blois Road the R. R. flag station school and Post Office bear the same name, it was named after George W. Mc. Blois a land agent for this locality, he was a citizen of Charlottetown and of one time a member of Parliament he died about twenty years ago Harper Road was named after William Harper a prominent farmer and mill owner who was its first settler he died about thirty seven years ago

Peters Road was named after James H. Peters
a land lord, he lived in Charlottetown
and was latterly a judge of the Supreme Court
this settlement is sometimes called Peter Ville
a school and Post Office on the Peters Road
are called Seville ^{P.O.} named about fifteen years
ago after Pope Leo the XIII

The Western Road so named because it is
West from Charlottetown

Palmer Road ^{P.O.} is named from Palmer Bros.
Land lords of Charlottetown one of them was
a member of Parliament and afterwards a
judge I believe they are all dead

Laricotier (Larico) is the french name for Hemlock
and being in a grove of Hemlock on that
account the settlement was named

Smith Road was named after John Smith
he died about seventeen years ago the Road
was afterwards called the Union Road it
is now called St Saccis so name by a

meeting of the settlers nearly twenty years ago
Center Line Road is in the center of Lot 3

P.P. Cavello.

Stephen Bernard P.M.