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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa,.....AUG 29 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 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,

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Emyvale Lot 30 P.E.I.  
Oct. 6th 1905.

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Replying to your communication of Aug 29th, we thank that the object in seeking such information is a good one. As you state many of the old "landmarks" are passing away in fact most of them are gone. We cannot say by what person this settlement or district was named Emyvale but some of the older residents think it was so called by either Michael Mc Cardle or Patrick Dougherty who were among the first settlers who came from Emyvale in the North of Ireland. Other places around in the vicinity are also named after places in Ireland such as Bonwee, Tyrone - the first settlers coming from the places mentioned, those who named this place Emyvale are of course long since passed away having lived in this locality from the the time of the first settlement until their death. Emyvale in Ireland was a section of a county such as the Townships in P.E.I. Hoping this is satisfactory we remain  
yours truly  
D. Connochy Jm