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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 29 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.

*O'Leary Station
Prince Co. P. E. I.*

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Sept 2nd 1895

Mr James White Geographer Ottawa
Dear Sir

The Within Information Wanted as
Regards the Original name could only
Be supplied by me as I am the only
person living here knowing the facts
about the year 1840 there was no Roads in
this west part of P & Q Travelling was done
by Boats along the shore or on foot along the
shore the then Government of P & Q considering
it advisable to open a Road from West side
of P & Q to the East side to connect with the
great Western Road called Leading from
Ch Laver to Ziguish.

Starting at West Cape Running Parcel
on the side line was a man named
John Oleary a man who came from
Ireland and settled there so the Road
was called Oleary Road after the Railway from
side to Ziguish, crossed this Road and the
Railway adopted the old name about 48 years
ago the old man John Oleary sat out for a good
year and went back to Ireland and I suppose
Dead Yours Truly Robert Ellis P M at Oleary P & Q