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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 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 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.

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Lower Rollo Bay East
Kings Co. P. 6. J

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The district served by this Post office ^{was} called Lower Rollo Bay because the place called Rollo Bay was divided into three parts, as Julius Caesar says of Gaul of old; that is to say: Lower Rollo Bay, Rollo Bay Cross, and Rollo Bay Head, Last year the progressive inhabitants of all Rollo Bay succeeded in getting the above names changed to Rollo Bay East, Rollo Bay Centre, and Rollo Bay West, respectively. So the name Lower Rollo Bay is done away with, belongs to ancient history and anachronism so to speak.

With regard to the origin of the word Rollo, it is probable that it was given by Capt Halland in memory of Lord Rollo an English military Lord of the last century.

I might mention here that shortly after the cession of this Island from France to England its name was changed from Ile St Jean to Prince Edward Island in honor of Prince Edward Duke of Kent fourth son of George III and father of Queen Victoria. A survey was made of the land and adjacent waters by Capt Halland. It was he (Capt Halland) who gave the names to our bays, rivers, islands, straits, &c &c generally, after some

prominent personage of the day, from
King George, Northumberland, Egmond Rollo
down through the whole list.

I would recommend getting a copy
of Capt Halland's survey from the
archives of the P. & I. Island Government
for full information with regard to
nearly all the place names of this Island.
During the French occupation of this
Island the bay now called Rollo Bay was
called Havre à Mathieu

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Rollo Bay Coast

P & I Island

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