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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.

St. Eleanors

Prince Co. P. E. I.

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St. Eleannas Township
No. 17. County of Pines
P. E. Island

These lines are passed
by Herbert G. Caupston descendant
of ~~Harry~~ Harry Caupston who emigrated
to this Island from the Parish of
Marylebone in the County of Middle-
sex England in the year 1804

In 1794 the above named
Harry Caupston was appointed captain
of a company in the Perth Highland
Regiment of Fencibles the document
confering the appointment is at present
in the possession of the family at St.
Eleannas. The Captain and his two
brothers did good service for the crown
during the Irish Rebellion of 1798
in which the two brothers mentioned
sacrificed their lives

In return for his gallant
services Capt. Caupston was awarded
a grant of 20,000 acres of land in
St. Eleannas Pines Co. P.E.I.

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P. E. Island being parts of what
are known as Lots 17 & 19.

Upon his arrival on the Island
he had erected a comfortable dwelling

The house when completed
was named the Pavilion

It stood on a beautiful site
overlooking the waters of Richmond
Bay. This name was borrowed

from the Lake of Richmond

St. Eleanors was so named

by Mr. Caspion who at this time
received his promotion to the rank
Colonel. The name was that of his

only daughter Eleanor. She with her
father left the Island in 1818 settled
in Brittany France. In the year 1809

Mr. Caspion leased lands in St. Eleanors,
to 23 families of French of Acadian origin

The well known cognomens of Aronauk,
Gollant, Poier, Bernard and Richard

appear upon the temporary lease with the
number of their farms set opposite the

names. These were Mr. Caspion's first tenants

These after purchasing lands

in what is now known as Inisconchee
 left St. Clemons there are no rivers of note
 as the south of Richmond Bay. They

are named as follows Ramsay River has taken
 its name from John Ramsay one of three brothers
 who came to this Island from Scotland in 1770,
 with others of same family name and settled
 on the banks of this river. He and his sons
 built many fine ships later on moved to
 Summerside where some of his descendants
 are now living. Waite River, this took its name
 from George Waite who came to this Island
 in 1804 and also settled at this small river
 not any of this family are to be found in this
 locality today. Majner River again named
 after an early settler of this name, descendant
 of the above named Edward Majner are still
 there all of whom are farmers

Lastly Barbara Waite, this the largest river,
 took its name from the wife of the above
 named George Waite. On this river was erected
 at an early date a saw and grist mill
 by William Jamieson from Scotland

The mills are now in possession of
Edward Wright. Robert the youngest and
 only son of the above named W. Jamieson

now living resides with his family
in S. side In the distance are to be seen
Islands dotting the waters of ^{Richmond} Bay which
will compare very favorably with any
in the vicinity. These Islands run East
and West When a land the water after
visited them, at this time they were covered
with a fine growth of hard and soft
wood this has disappeared, giving place
to a thick growth of scrub. From the
waters of this bay are taken quantities
of oysters the most superior bivalve found
in Canada. ~~One of these Islands above
named is at this date in possession
of A. C. Holland descendant of Adyaz
Captain Holland who surveyed this
Island in 1764 & 5 & 6 Stanley son of
the writer owns a tract on one of the
Islands these are valuable as hunting
grounds they are the resort of large and
small game~~

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Mr. Campion with his daughter as
before stated settled in Brittany
France where the Colouch died
in the year 1839 his daughter
following in 1878 unmarried
she was possessed of ample means
the greater part she bequeathed
to her niece Eleanor ^{Sister} daughter of Mr
orville, who occupies the Pavilion
farm, that on which his grandfather
first settled is now in his 75
year youngest son and only
remaining child of the late Mayor
Thos. G. Campion,

When this reaches you will
you kindly drop me a line,

Herbert G. Campion
P.O. St. Eleazer
P. O. Island