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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.

Suffolk Station

Queens Co. P. E. I.

Suffolk. P. E. I. March 9th 1906

James White Esq.

Dear Sir— This circular requesting Geographical information and sent to the P. O. here has been placed in my hands. In reply I wish to state that there are no towns or villages in this part of P. E. Island. It is merely a farming settlement situated 9 miles from Charlottetown; and is one of the most picturesque spots of P. E. I.

The Suffolk Road branches off the St. Peter's Road seven miles from the City, and runs direct North four miles till it strikes the Tracadie Road running East to Tracadie Harbor.

It is drained by the Winter River one of the most beautiful of the many fresh water rivers of P. E. I. From Thompsons mills it flows a Northeasterly direction about five miles and empties into Tracadie Bay. This is one of the rivers set apart by the Federal Government for the natural propagation of Trout

and Salmon. The Brook Salmon resort
is this stream to deposit their spawn about
the First of November and it is pleasant
to hear them splashing in the "stilly nights"
of autumn when they are preparing their
spawn beds.

The pioneer settlers of this place are all
dead as far as I know. The most of them
emigrated from Suffolk County England
about the year 1824 to 40 and gave that
name to this place. Their names are
as follows James blow, Samuel Arbing
John Arbing Rodger Harper, Henry Harper
John Harper John Godfrey, Jas Irving
Isaac Thompson, John Handcock John
Baldwin, Jas Green, Jas Dover, Martin
Welsh, and others.

I will gladly furnish other information
should you need it if you address
to me at this place.

Yours truly,

J. W. Godfrey