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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 1 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.

Summerville

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1st m. 2^d m. 3^d m. After the natural features
Summerville

A pretty rural district in King County situate about 15 miles from the City of Charlottetown and 12 miles from Georgetown and central to three of the finest shipping ports in the province by Montague Bridge Cardigan and Vernon River Bridge. Its rich clay soil responds readily to intelligent cultivation and in the summer season, with its fairly well preserved woodlands and arbors, its neat dwellings and fine outbuildings and rich waving grass and grain fields, presents a scene of beauty not easily described.

The locality is healthful being at the greatest altitude between the towns testified by natural conditions viz. a flowing spring on the farm of Mr. Edmonds heads the Brudenell River which flows to Georgetown to the East, and another on the farm of Mr. A. Lannan at a distance of about 18 chains west of the former constitutes the most easterly head of the Vernon River which mingles its waters with those of the Hillsborough to the West.

The district received its present name on the 10th of Nov 1867, at a meeting called for this purpose in the School room, on motion of Peter J. D. Edmonds Esq. seconded by John Kelly Esq. and carried by a unanimous vote. 2^d Previous name Town Brook.

Very respectfully yours
Peter J. D. Edmonds