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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.

*West Cape now West Point? - D. Throp  
No, north of West Point - JAR 1971*

Prince Co. P. E. I.

James White Geographer

dear sir West-Cape derives its name  
 being the west Cape of Prince Edwards  
 Island, I never heard any other name,  
 and have been here 68 years It is about  
 half a mile from Mr Williams Cove It was  
 first taken or settled on by a man from  
 Scotland name Robert Currie and being poor  
 had to sell he had 500 acres <sup>the late David Pring William</sup> my father  
 Bought 100 acres of the mill site that was in  
 1838 and built 3 mills flour mill saw mill  
 and carding mill and 600 acres is settled  
 by the McWilliams family west Point is 4  
 miles south of west-Cape where the Light house  
 stands and three miles north is Cape wolf where  
 General <sup>wolf</sup> they say took his dinner on his way to  
 Quebec and buried a cask of gold so they say

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Right across the Straits is Kichabusto Cape  
Yn at B about 16 miles we have no Harbour  
Bold open shore and high Bank one Place  
150 feet high Just the cover to land in  
North easter, <sup>Gales</sup> is dreadful rough if I was  
Talking to you I could Tell you all you  
would want to know

We carried on Ship Building also  
If there is any thing you would want know  
and will do the best I can we are 10 miles from  
the railroad our nearest Station is to Leary  
10 miles away  
Yours Fraternally

Horatio McWilliam

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I am sorry the copying  
is so long