

*Place-nomenclature.*

**Restigouche River.**—The original plan of the river, of 1836, explains the origin of some of the names of its branches. Thus, the present Boston Brook is called Beaver Brook, and just at its mouth is a lumber camp with the name *New Boston*, no doubt a facetious name for the place; evidently Boston became extended to the stream and is now its name. On Jardine's Brook, William Jardine had a timber license in 1837. The reason for the name *Five-finger Brook* is given on MacDonaid's map of his line of exploration from the Upsalquitch to the St. John, for that line crossed four branches of the stream radiating from near one another near its head, a feature shown on none of our existent maps.

The Indian name of this river is, I believe, the same fundamentally as that of the *Aroostook*, which see.

Rev. Father Pacifique, of Mission Point, writes me that he thinks it altogether probable the word Restigouche is derived from *Elistegi*, meaning to resist, to revolt, to struggle, which suggests one of the meanings commonly given, namely, "river of the long war."

**Rexton, Kent Co.**—Formerly called Kingston. The genesis of the new name is given in a letter from Dr. J. W. Doherty of that place, dated May 9, 1901. After relating the inconvenience of the former name, owing to the many duplications in Canada, he says:—"In consequence, I started a petition among the residents of this place for signature with a brief list of names appended to be voted upon, being careful that no name so voted on should be a duplicate of any other name in the Dominion. My choice of Rexton appeared to take the fancy of those signing and, in consequence, no general meeting of the inhabitants was thought necessary for the purpose of ratifying the change of name, or the name so voted on. The petition was then sent to our representative (O. J. LeBlanc), who presented it, with a strong recommendation, to the Government (Postmaster General) and, in consequence, the name of Kingston, Kent, was changed to Rexton, Kent." The change went into effect May 1, 1901. Of course the *Rex* is the Latin equivalent of *Kings*, making the name a Latin-English hybrid, but, perhaps, none the worse for that.

It is of interest to note that Kent County has been the scene of more changing of names, and by official procedure, than any other County of the Province, for, in addition to the above mentioned change, Palmerston has been changed to St. Louis, Liverpool to Richibucto, and the railroad station at first called Weidford was later changed to Harcourt.

**Richibucto.**—From the teacher of the Indian School at Big Cove, Miss Mary Isaacs, herself a Miemac, from Restigouche, I have received the following as the Indian names of places on Richibucto and vicinity:—Richibucto, *Itsebooktook*; Molus River, *Scegudeasecook*; St. Nicholas River, *Htknoekkon*; Bass River, *Boksnook*; Big Cove, *Mctisicknadec*; Indian Island, *Lluoo Hagucyoo*, which, however, seems to be merely the translation of the English name into Indian.

Of other local names on Richibucto, most are self explanatory, being descriptive or for residents or owners. *Platt's Point*, just below