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CORPORATION OF AYR

Office of Clerk and Treasurer

Ayr, Ont., Oct 9th 1905

James White Esq

Dear Sir

In reply to your circular of Sep 25th would say that I have hunted up the information asked for being given to me that by one of the Pioneers of Ayr 1st Ayr was named by James Jackson who came from Ayr in Scotland. It is situated on the River Nith. a stream of considerable proportions

4th About the year 1824 a Mill was built by one Able Mudge and the place was called Mudge's Mill and the river was called Smith's Creek. The change of name took place about the year 1836

Yours &c

A J Reids

Esq

AYR is on the main line of the C. P. R. and enjoys splendid shipping facilities. The Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Reliance Loan Company have branches here, as have also the Canadian and Dominion Express Companies, the G. N. W. and C. P. R. telegraph lines, and the Bell Telephone Company. A number of large manufacturing concerns, with more than a provincial reputation, are doing a flourishing business, including the John Watson M'fg Co., with a branch office in Winnipeg; the American Plow Works; the Goldie Milling Comp'y; Nithvale Mills; planing, hoop and heading factory; good saw mill; a model creamery, and many minor industries; also a first-class local newspaper. The town has a splendid fire department, an electric light plant, fine granolithic walks and an up-to-date appearance generally. It also has a large Public school, three good churches, a free library, two commodious hotels, all the popular fraternal societies. There are health-giving mineral springs within the limits, and the most picturesque scenery in Ontario.

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