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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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 that 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.

*Cedar Mills
Peel Co Ont.*

Cedar Mills is the name of a small
country post office accommodating about
twenty farmers in the neighborhood surrounding
it. The post office is kept by Mr Robt Robt
in his house on Lot 20 - 7th line Albion township.
Mr Robt has been P.M. since the office was opened
in the beginning of the year 1880. It was then placed
in a grist mill, close by, which was built in 1879
and was surrounded by cedar trees and it was
from these cedars and from the new mill that
the Postmaster chose the name Cedar Mills.

At this time there was a small dwelling house
and a small Methodist Church very close by.
This Church was built in 1857 and is still used
for worship but has since been made over and bricked.
This flour mill was burned in the night of
Aug 18th 1888 and the Post office was then taken
to the home of Mr Robt where it has been kept
ever since. There is nothing of further importance
except that the Sudbury-Kleinburg railway,
which is now being erected, passes thro Cedar Mills

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