

Dayton - P.O.

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To Mr White, Dominion Telegraphs

Dear Sir

When Engineer Ramsay was laying out the C.P.R., I was building a government Road from Day Mills South, to the C.P.R. Survey, a station was built at the end of government Road, and Mr Ramsay named it "Dayton". Some years after a P.O. was established at a farm house near Dayton, and it was named Dayton, the Post Master was James Smith, after a few years his wife left him. He was an old man alone, and while he was cutting wood one Saturday evening he took a "fainting fit". I fell down, and was not found until Sunday morning. And in the mean time, the pigs had nearly devoured the poor old man's body. There was then no one to keep the P.O. at that place, and it was moved within 2 miles of Day Mills, thus depriving the settlers near Dayton of the P.O. privileges and accommodations.

Yours truly

Wm Harris Pell,

Ans'd

Algoma Dist.

Dayton

P.S. are for a relative of Col White of the P.O. Department, I met him in Ottawa some years ago. — I have relatives in Ottawa, they are the Bates