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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.

*Goldensburgh
Algoma Dist. Out*

October 9th 1905

Goldenburgh is Located in the Township of Wells
in the District of East Algoma on the Banks of the
Mississauga River at the Town line between the Townships
of Day and Wells The Post-Office was named by the
The Post Master General in the year 1894. The Postmaster
of this Place at that time having made application
for a Post-Office to be named Golden Valley on account
of Gold having been found in the sand at this place
along the Banks and flats of the River on the property of
Post Master there being a Post-Office at that time a
Post office already named Golden Valley The Postmaster
General named this P.O. Goldenburgh This P.O. never had
any other name it is a beautiful Locality with a high
Mountain on the West and The Mississauga River on the
East, and Lake Waukigiting lying two Miles south and
a short and slate rapids lying 1 1/2 Miles S.E. on the
The Mississauga River Grand Portage and Rapids 6
Miles North on the same River The present Postmaster
has kept this P.O. ever since the Post office opened and
also carried the mails to and from Sowerby 1 time per
week He is also the Pioneer settler in the Township
of Wells having settled in this place in A.D. 1892
the place being a howling wilderness at that time
yours truly

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