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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 21 1906

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 who 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.

*Gracias*

Peterborough Co. Ont.

Querin April 18. 196<sup>th</sup>

James White Esq Geographer Dear Sir  
When this Post Office was first opened  
it got the name of Indian P.O  
this Indian River starts at Stony Lake  
and runs through here and empties into  
Rice Lake. Mr. P. M. Grover then  
Member of Parliament that got this P.O opened  
first and Martin Querin first post  
master whose age <sup>is</sup> 78 years and first settler  
another old settler living here William Walsh  
108 years, also Maurice Mead whose age  
is 84 years. Michael Querin kept this  
office about 17 years and the office is  
now called after his father Martin Querin  
Lang P.O six miles south of here, Norwood 11 miles  
Peterboro nine miles, Lakefield 8 miles and  
Warsaw 7 miles.

yours Respectfully  
Stephen Murphy P.M.