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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 4 1905

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.

*Hillview  
Nipissing Dist. Ont*

Hillbrien - New-Ent.  
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If you have a spare geological map of this district I might ask for a copy to put up (Lemiscanning) H.B. 11

\* Dear Sir

I might say that the naming of this place fell to my lot and that I selected the above name from the fact that we have a very high rocky hill about half a mile north from here and from the summit of which can be seen the town of New Liskeard 6 miles away quite distinctly also Lake Lemiscanning - the Quebec side and bluffs and hills some 30 and 40 miles away to the East and north.

I might also say that many settlers clearings and buildings may now be seen several miles away and in a few years when the country becomes cleared up a magnificent view from this hill may be had of the surrounding country which is of the best clay soil for agricultural purposes

Trusting this will be satisfactory

Yours truly  
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