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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.

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Keittore

Keittore P.O. was named after the birth place of the late Hon George Alexander, who was our representative in the "Upper House" prior to Confederation.

Our ~~Wm~~ Murray, who was a retired bookkeeper in the Adam Oliver, Establishment in Ingersoll, bought the farm to the north of my father's, being lot 17 Con 11 Tp of East Missouri. He dictated the petition, and I wrote it out, although then only a boy. We asked that the name be "Silver Creek" after the name of a spring creek that ran near by. but the Hon. George Alexander to whom we sent the petition, replied that there was already a P.O. of that name. but that he would be pleased to name it Keittore after a town in the North East of Scotland, where he was born.

On the death of Wm Murray the P.O. was moved down to the corners about 125 rods to the south of its first location. and is now situated on the corner of my farm, which is our family homestead, and a smart little country village of about 100 inhabitants has grown up around it.

The Township Council holds its sittings here, and it is the head quarters of the Missouri Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Coy, which carries over \$3,000,000 of risks. It is situated in the midst of a fine agricultural country. on the main gravel road leading from Ingersoll to St. Mary's.

Yours Truly
E. J. Pearson