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IN CHARGE OF EACH DEPARTMENT.

Place - Mansfield

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MANSFIELD, ONT., ap 2nd 1906

Dufferin Co. Ont.

James White Esq

Dear Sir

Replying to your
 inquiry of the 27th inst would say this
 place has name after the Glebe &
 manse of the Presby. Union Church. The
 first Post Master of this place is still
 living in this neighborhood a man
 about 75 years his name is Malcolm
 Colquhoun his father was the first
 Minister in the church on this
 Glebe lot, they came from Scotland
 about 50 years ago and settled in the
 township of Dummer near Peterborough
 in the earlier years this was a good
 forest on both sides and was very
 nice River at the mouth one mile
 is the Joyce and at the north is
 pine River, this river deriving its
 name owing to its running through
 a great vast & valuable tract of pine
 forest from start to finish it
 commences at Horning's Mill and
 finishes at or near Angus in all
 this vast stretch of pine land not one
 living tree is supposed to be standing

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Now the noted men of early years in the timbering were Joseph Gordon who got all the pine he wanted for nothing was supposed to be very wealthy but lost all and died a very poor man he lived at Angus then came J. B. Smith & Sons, Smith of the old Pody Mills, Depeau & Pique Breeman & Sons, of Silverbrook Gimmereau of Lisle, Wilkeson Hutton & Harnistons of Lisle, who flourishes for a few years but lost nearly all their wealth in speeking up the Pine River & worthleys when opened, they are all dead, the Henry's of Randwick whose business was so successfully conducted by M^r W. J. Parkhill now of Midland and just two miles north of here was Messrs Campbell & Wilson they came to this part 35 years ago when pine was very cheap & plentiful and kept on until they cut all in close range of the Mill and gave up poor men this is a very hilly part but very good farming land especially good for mixed farming potatoes are a good success and splendid quality over

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at the present time, while the buyers only pay 40¢ per bushel for potatoes a distance of 13 miles south west the buyers at Kempt own nearest station are paying 73¢ per bushel for the potatoes that are grown in this neighborhood and very lay you to get them at that price the farmers are going in for larger crops yearly. Fruit dealers claim the best apples that are grown in Ontario are grown across the hills of Mulhenn which is one township of one we are proud to live in! The farmers make an excellent quality of Butter and go in very extensively on Eggs, and poultry, mostly all Plymouth Rocks are the fowls as they are good layers and excellent for brooding timber is very scarce the farmer did not place any value on it a few years ago and though the land was of more value than the bush was a good supplier with schools and churches and every one that tries to get along is making a good living & banking some cash yearly.

Yours faithfully,
H. Gilbert