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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.

*Munro
Perth Co. Ont.*

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"Murro" is a P. Office at the cross road 4 Mls south of Mitchell. on a road almost parallel with River Thames. At Mitchell the said road & River are almost together but out at Murro the river is about 1 ml distant (East)

The land here is almost level for many miles in almost any direction. This is the garden of Canada although Pumpkins do not grow on the ^{plain} trees & the land is so level that it is ^{almost} impossible for them to roll up hill.

The owner of this office ^{Building} is an old Bachelor, a Gentleman who has taught schools here some twenty odd years he is gone up to New Ontario on a mission devoting his time to religious work. His name is William Murro this place is named after him ever since the Post office has been in existence on these corners may be found a (Methodist) Church a school house a dwelling & store with P.O. in connection. Store & P.O. built in '87 Prior to this date this corner went by the name of Bethel being the name of the Church at the time of writing. Church is new building cost \$730000 F.W. Moore. P.M. Murro