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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 28 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.

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Pomona P.O. one of the oldest Postoffices in the Township of Glengly. It was proceeded by Bentuicks on the West side of the Township, and East Glengly on the East. Both these Offices have changed from their original names, and is now Durham and Markdale respectively, Pomona P.O. was opened about forty six years ago, and somewhat centrally in the Township, and is therefore the oldest P.O. within the present bounds of the Municipality. The Township was then almost a wilderness. There was neither fruits or gardens, and nothing else that might suggest the name excepting trees and shrubs, Now the name was suggested or who suggested it, I am unable to say, few if any of the people that asked for the office are now here, - Postmasters in charge are as follows, Wm Martin 7 years, James Ross. 4 years, Wm Purdy 4 years - Geo. Alexander 6 years, J. S. Black 25 years,

yours truly
J. S. Black
P.M.