

Randolph Ont. 41<sup>st</sup>/16  
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Dear Sir

I must apologize for being so long in answering your inquiry as to the origin of the name "Randolph". I would have answered at once, had I possessed the necessary information. Having made some inquiries, both here and in Penetang, and being very busy, I forgot to attend to it, and mislaid the paper you sent me.

When I came here about 18 years ago, I thought that perhaps it was named after Lord Randolph Churchill, but am told that such was not the case; nor can I get any information as to the origin of the name, nobody seems to know anything about it, but they say a man named "Randolph" formerly owned a sawmill 3 or 4 miles from here...

I once read a statement in the Farmer's Sun that the three townships in this part of Simcoe were named after three ~~fox~~ <sup>fox</sup> dogs owned (I think) by the Governor General of that time, **Randolphs, Simcoe Co. Ont.**

namely, Ting, Tay, and Fla.

Mr. Osborne Sr. of Penetanguishene  
can I think give you some information about  
Penetanguishene and vicinity. In any event, I  
understand that he has been writing a history  
of the town for some time past, and I know him  
to be a very able and intelligent man. He is now  
getting old and infirm.

Yours very resp<sup>ly</sup>.

William Evans

Vancouver

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