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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.

*Lebright
Ontario Co. Ont.*

*History of
District of*

*Monk Road
Young Lake
Head river*

*Ans'd
Good ✓*

The Geographer
Ottawa

Lebington Co Ontario
Oct-21/05

Dear Sir

Being the first "Settler" at this point and being an old hunter & fisherman in this vicinity permit me to say that the below few facts are, I think correct. The name of the Post Office was supplied by the P.O. Department and was not suggested by any one here. I am the first Postmaster and the PO was opened in August 1873. This place is situated in the S.E. corner of Kaman Township on the Government Colonization Road. Known as the Munch Road named after Governor Munch about a Lake is close to this village called Young Lake named after James Young (now dead) ^{a farmer} of Young ^{was the} first settler in this Township of Dalton (the next township east of this) J Young settled before the Township was surveyed. J Young died about 10 years ago he came from Townships of Mariposa and originally from Bay & Town now called Ottawa. Head River flows past this place it rises N.E. of here in County Victoria the River is I think named after Sir Francis Bond Head but I do not state this as a fact as it is only hearsay. As to the history of this County of Ontario. I have a printed History of the whole County which if required I could send you.

Yours truly

Edw A. Young Postmaster