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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.

*Spring Valley —*  
*Teneap Leeds Co.*

*See Teneap*  
*new [unclear]*

Tinecap Oct. 5 1905

Dear Sir

The correct name for this place is Tinecap although the N.C. is Spring Valley. The latter is about one mile north of here where the N.C. first was & afterward was removed down here & still goes by the name of Spring Valley. Tinecap is a little corner where four roads meet 4 miles north of Rockville consisting of a Post-Office; grocery; Blacksmith's shop; school house & several good dwelling houses. The name Tinecap originated from the first school house built here which had a cupola or cap on one end of the roof covered with tin; and it is our intention to get the name of the N.C. changed to Tinecap as soon as possible. There is no lakes or railroads but quite convenient to those I think the name Tinecap is familiar all over the British Empire almost and very often letters come here addressed Tinecap; it is known in Ireland Scotland England & in the United States I assure you it is a wonderful little place; it would take me too long to tell you <sup>all</sup> No Whiskey no gambling no houses of ill fame doors left open day & night I might say the wolf and the Lamb lies down together here. Hoping you will be able to glean enough from these few lines for the information needed I remain resp; yours  
L. A. Young