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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 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.

*Swausea  
York Co Ont.*



"Dwausea" is an incorporated village, in the Township of York & under the control of the Township Council -

It fronts on the beautiful Humber Bay its Eastern boundary being the West limit of High Park (City) On the North Bloor St. forms the boundary and on the West the Humber river, the area being about 600 acres, and includes the historical Grenadier Pond. -

The late P.G. Close in 1886 from the picturesqueness of the locality called the place Windermere, considering its strong resemblance to Lake Windermere, dividing Lancaster and Westmorland, counties of old England. - On the establishment, ten or twelve years later, of a Post Office, it was found necessary to change the name, as the people of Windermere must have claimed priority. - A meeting of the principal Landowners was called for that purpose comprising, the late Mr James Worthington then proprietor of the iron industry (The Bolt Works) Mr Child (Sec. Rolling Mills) Mr John Ellis, Mr Chapman and others, who waited upon the then <sup>member</sup> for West York, the late Honorable W. Clarke <sup>Wallace</sup>. The geographical features of the place & similarity of the industries carried on at the time led to the selection of "Dwausea" as the most appropriate as well as the most distinctive name for the locality.

The first Postmaster was the late James Worthington (Prop. Bolt Works) the present P.M. is Mr James Byrdson.



At the Swausea G. P. R. Station is a telegraph  
and an Express Office. —

Several important industries have lately  
sprung up and over forty new residences — some  
of quite an imposing character have been erected.  
Here too are situated the trial & flower ground  
of Wm. Rennie, Seedsman, Toronto — The oldest  
resident is Mr John Ellis whose father located  
here about 1839 — The principal business  
thoroughfare is Windermere Ave, and the leading  
residential one is Ellis Ave, which connects  
directly with Toronto Junction on the North —

The Lake Shore road on the South bordering  
the Humber Bay is a beautiful feature of the  
place, & is the fashionable drive of the West  
End Citizens, The Mimico and Toronto  
Electric Railway runs parallel to the Grand Trunk,  
on this road.

Most of this information has been kindly  
furnished by Mr John Ellis, Hoping it  
will prove satisfactory I am, Sir

Yours Truly  
Koskiewicz  
Swausea  
Per A.B.