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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.

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Yarker Post
Oct 10 - 1905

James White Esq
Ottawa

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry would say that this place was formerly called Simcoe Falls after Lord Simcoe. About the year 1862 to '5 the Post office Department asked the people to select a new name for the village. About ~~six~~ eight names were sent in and amongst them the name of Yarker was submitted by the late Alex MacLean who owned a flour mill here at that time and had learned his trade with a man by the name of James Yarker, of Sydenham Post, a village about ten miles from here. That happened to be the name selected by the P.O. Department. A bell was presented to the village by two sons of the late Jas Yarker in

honor of the name and it is now
in the public school building here
One of the sons G.W. Yarker is still in
business in Toronto

Trusting that this information
may be of some use to you I remain

Yours truly

John Ewart P. Esq.
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