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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, NOV 16 1905

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.

Miletta

Stanstead Co., Que.

Miletta Nov 4 1905.

James, White, Esq.  
Ottawa, Ont.

My Dear Sir This letter to hand  
some time ago I beg to be excused for not  
answering sooner regarding the place we  
have only a Country Post Office we are four miles  
west of Inagoog on line of C.P. Ry. we are right  
at the foot of Orford Mountain on the South side  
& we have a Splended lake of water called Orford  
lake it is fed from Springs from the mountain  
it is two miles <sup>long</sup> us & lays South west. of the mountain  
we have other bodies of water which are called ponds & we  
any amount of fine brooks but as you do not ask for  
report on them I will not go any further

regarding the names of places I must say that I  
do not know how this place came by the name I sup-  
pose it must have been sent to Post Office department at  
Ottawa by some one when the office was opened 20 years  
ago I have heard some say that it was named after  
the Parish Priest at Inagoog the Rev C. E. Miletta who  
still remains there but I am not sure & Heaven could  
find who sent the name see if it was so Yours Truly  
L. Miletta  
P.M. Miletta