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an application for

the establishment of

Post offices at

Tnship of "Stanhope",

at "Maple Lake

Settlement", and at

"Browns Corners" Co.

Peterboro

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stand

Post Office Inspector's Office

Kingston, Prov. Of Ontario, 13th Aug't 1875

Sir,

I have the honor to state that my careful attention has been given to the accompanying Memorials praying that Post offices may be established at the undermentioned places, viz:-

1. In Maple Lake Settlement
2. In the township of Stanhope
3. At Brown's Corners, and I beg respectfully to report as follows:

1. Maple Lake Settlement

The site proposed for the office in Maple Lake Settlement is at the residence of Mr. James Melville on Lot No. 30 in the 5th Concession of the township of Stanhope, Count of Peterboro' West, eighteen miles distant from Minden, eight miles from Carnarvon, eleven miles from Peterson, and ten miles from Horse Shoe Bridge.

At the site proposed, there are no places of business or public resort, and there does not appear to be any prospect of its ever becoming a place of business.

I am credibly informed that not more than fifteen families would make use of an office in Maple Lake Settlement.

An office at the place above described would require to be served from Horse Shoe Bridge and a weekly service would cost at least \$50 a year.

2. Township of Stanhope

The office asked for in the accompanying memorial from the Municipal Council of the township of Stanhope is on Lot No. 8 in the 5th concession of the township, thirteen miles distant from Minden, twelve miles from Horse Shoe Bridge, five miles from Carnarvon, and five miles from Peterson, and the person recommended for Postmaster is a W. Joseph Beatty.

The country in the vicinity of the proposed site is thinly settled, but the land is pretty fair, and there is a prospect of the population increasing. At present there are about fifteen families living within a reasonable distance from W. Beatty's who might make use of a Post office there.

An office at the place above mentioned would be supplied from Peterson at a cost of about \$35 a year for a weekly mail.

3. Brown's Corners

The accompanying memorial from the Municipal Council of Stanhope and Sherborne, asks that a Post office may be established at Brown's Corners, on Lot No. 17 in the 1st Concession of the township of Stanhope, thirteen miles distant from Minden, ten miles from Carnarvon, five miles from Horse Shoe Bridge, and five miles from Peterson.

There is a school house at Brown's Corners, but no other place of meeting or business.

It is estimated that thirty families would be accommodated by the proposed office, but many of these of course now make use of the Carnarvon office which is only two miles distant.

An office at Brown's Corners could be served by extending the existing Horse Shoe Bridge and Minden service to the corners five miles further, at a cost of about \$30 a year for a weekly mail.

As already mentioned the sites for the proposed office are in the township of Stanhope, County of Peterboro West. A great part of the township is rough and interspersed with lakes, but there is notwithstanding a considerable amount of good land scattered here and there, and it is being taken up by settlers.

It had been suggested to me by S.S. Peck Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate for the new county of Haliburton who has a good knowledge of the Country in the northern part of Peterboro', that the Carnarvon office should be removed to Lot No. 18 in the 1st concession of Stanhope, and it would then render the

accommodation that would be given by an office in the Maple Lake Settlement, and it would be far enough away from Brown's Corners to make an office at the latter place desirable and useful, but on this suggestion I am not prepared to offer an opinion and am not well enough acquainted with the different localities mentioned. With however the Carnarvon office where it now is, another office at Brown's Corners, only two miles distant, cannot possibly be required in that sparsely settled country.

The Township of Stanhope is interspersed with lakes, and as the roads are few and bad, it is difficult to get from one settlement to another and it would be an "accommodation" to the settlers in the localities above mentioned if Post offices were established where asked for, but as the country is comparatively new, and thinly settles the amount of Postal business that would be done at them would be very trifling.

I regret that I am not able to enclose herewith a sketch showing the proposed sites, as I have no map of the township of Stanhope from which I could get the desired information to prepare a sketch.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

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P.O. Insp'r

The Honorable
The Postmaster General
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