

Post Office Inspector's Office



BARRIE,

6th. JULY, 1889. 188

NO. 791.

SIR/

I have the honor to report that I visited BARKWAY, County Ontario, N.R., on the 2nd. instant, and met by appointment a number of persons interested in the enclosed memorial praying for the removal of the Post Office to a more central site, referred to me on the 31st. ultimo, for enquiry and report.

BARKWAY is now situate on the North-East corner of lot 16 in the 12. con., of the Township of Ryde, 2 1/2 miles South of Germania and 6 miles north of Housey's Rapids, where a small general store is the only place of business. It is proposed to remove the office to the South-East corner of lot 16, con H, of the same Township, where Mr. Robert Benn keeps a general store at four corners or cross roads, and where there is a public school, a church - now used - and a second one under construction, and a saw-mill, within the distance of one mile.

Messrs. William Merkley, Michael Ruttan and Ira Davy, on behalf of those desiring to have the office removed, contended that Benn's corners, being about the centre of the settlement, would be a more convenient site for the patrons of the office, and, as it was near the church, where many of the people attended weekly services, and also near the public school, they could receive and send their mail matter without being compelled to

The Honorable,

The Postmaster General,

Ottawa,

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go specially for it as at present. The patrons of the Barkway Post Office also desired better mail accommodation, and this could be secured without increased cost by moving the office, and by establishing a mail route, Barkway & Washago, via Housey's Rapids. They also claimed that 4/5 of the people in the neighborhood were desirous of having the office removed to Benn's corners.

Richard Rusk contended that, as the office had been long established at the present site, it should not be disturbed. He acknowledged that it was not centrally located and claimed that Benn's corners was not central either.

The great majority of the people in the neighborhood are undoubtedly in favor of the removal of the office to Benn's corners, a mile and one-quarter south of the present site, principally on account of the facilities which will be afforded them of transacting their postal business with the Post Office, by their children while attending school or by themselves while attending week services at the church or on Sundays.

Should you be pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners, a saving of about \$25.00 annually could be effected by abolishing the present services to Barkway and Housey's Rapids, viz:-

Barkway & Germania, 2 times, 2 1/2 miles,	\$75.00.
Housey's Rapids & Washago, 2 times, 16 miles,	<u>\$125.00.</u>
	\$200.00.

and by establishing a new service between Barkway & Washago, via Housey's Rapids and Cobbers Falls, semi-weekly, distance 21 miles, at an estimated cost of \$175.00.

The annexed sketch will show the position of the places alluded to herein.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Amos W. Smith
Post Office Inspector

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David Spry