

In the early 1890's the Canadian Government hired agents from different parts of the country to go to Sweden and Norway to encourage people to come to Canada to settle. The C.P.R. was advertising free land. Meetings were held in the town halls in Sweden and the newspapers were full of articles encouraging people to settle in the wonderful land of Canada where the land was free, food and water were in abundance and money grew on trees. In fact, an expression was used " *skara guld med knivar*" which literally meant, " *gold could be cut off with a knife!*" At that time, only the wealthy could own land in Sweden. Free land of their own sounded wonderful, so many decided to come over to see about it. Life in Sweden and Norway wasn't too easy or good at the best of times. They were even provided with free tickets for the long journey. When the first settlers arrived and found only a total wilderness, they realized how they had been fooled by the silver tongued agents running around Sweden and Norway, painting such a glowing picture of what life was like in the New World. And where was the gold that was supposed to be so easy to obtain? The agents had been paid for their work, they disappeared and made sure to keep out of sight of the settlers.

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My mother saw an ad in a magazine for a new bait or lure that was guaranteed to catch fish. She sent her dollar and several weeks later received a small package. Inside the package was a hook, line & sinker. My dad looked at her a bit sideways and said " *Yes that's good for catching suckers.*"

Mother was very good at shooting and one day showing off her skills she was aiming at an old milking barn. I don't remember what her target was on the barn but when she was through, the one and only cow walked slowly from behind the barn.

(Short stories about Maria Rosene)

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HOW KIPLING GOT IT'S NAME

Olaf Englund was able to read English and the Swedish language. The settlers asked him to try to get a Post Office. He was told to contact Warren Post Office and was also told to write the Government in Ottawa. They informed him to submit three possible names. He submitted **DEER LAKE, HUGEL, and KIPLING**. The Postal Services chose **KIPLING**. Deer lake was submitted as it was the lake here. Hugel was chosen as it was the name of the township. **KIPLING**, we know was submitted as a tribute to the writer poet **RUDYARD KIPLING** who was a favourite and popular person at the time. The Post Office was named **KIPLING** and archive records show it was first named on May 1, 1899 and closed on November 13, 1959.

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