

History of BATTLE POINT ASSOCIATION

In the fall of 1925 there was a forest fire on the north side of the lake from where the Cataract River joins Duborne, east along the shore to Granery Lake. By 1940 The timber had grown back. The firetower had been manned for only a few years and by 1940 it had collapsed.

In 1934 the Association bought more land - seventy acres for \$454. This extended their property around the ~~the~~ point to Abernot's Bay. In 1938 they bought an additional ~~elevan~~^{eleven} acres which had been part of the Jensen Homestead.

Association Meetings were held at Counsel Rock - the large bald rock near the point. By 1949 they had built a Community House which, during the dedication ceremony on August 14, 1949 they named it the Gilbert Barnes Memorial Community House, after Professor Barnes who had passed away some years before.

The Battle Point Wesleyan Association owns the land and the cottagers who leased it from the Association had to be connected with Wesleyan University in some way. This policy still hold true today even for the third generation that comes up now.

They employed Paul Dufour, who had a farm on the lake, as contractor. John Gauvreau, George Doucette, and Mr. "My God" LeClair were carpenters who worked on building the cottages. Barry Godson, the forest ranger who worked at the firetower on the north shore of the lake, and Jack Gionette also helped out.