

An American vacationist was talking a few days ago in a local restaurant and was heard to say: "I like Haliburton. We have been up more hills and coasted around more bends than I ever expected to see."

The U.S. visitor added: "I read a sign in Haliburton referring to the Skyline Park and that it was 3,107 miles to the North Pole (as the crow flies) and the view from that height of land was as far as the eye could see."

'Main Street' had an opportunity of visiting Haliburton recently and made it a point to visit Skyline Park. The outlook was great and other visitors remarked on the Park as a tourist attraction. Cameras were clicking and one visitor took a shot at the stone wall which prevents anybody toppling over the elevation. An engraving in the stone wall overlooking the landscape was worded as follows: "Skyline Park, opened by Hon. L. M. Frost, June 20, 1958."

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Haliburton village and district has been literally swamped with tourists and the fine summer weather has been the reason. Two months of beautiful weather for the resort area has filled the lodges, boys and girls camps are going at capacity proportions and the storekeepers are very happy. "We have had the best summer business in many years," said one business man.

The hockey school organized by Wren Blair has been an asset. In this connection it is interesting to note that Blair lived at one time at Alsaw in Haliburton, and he is the owner of a very fine resort where instructors and members of the hockey school are spending some of their time in organized recreation. Instructors have included Bobby Orr, Gadsby and Red Kelly.

Many visitors to Haliburton Highlands this summer have made it a point to visit Sir Sam's Inn, nine miles from the village on Eagle Lake. The Inn has special significance for many people who look back to the days when Sir Sam Hughes was recognized as a popular member for Victoria and Haliburton, which riding he represented with distinction for many years.

They remember with great pride his tremendous contribution as a statesman and as Canada's Minister of Militia in the days of World War One.

The Inn, which was built in 1917, stands as a monument to Sir Sam's foresight. The original home is intact and a luxurious cocktail lounge has been added by the present proprietor Robert Bishop. The location of the Inn, high up on the shores of beautiful Eagle Lake is commanding in its outlook. Sir Sam's Inn is now a year round resort and the attractions include an exciting ski jump and a fine air strip.

Visitors to the Inn walk in on a long rope carpet to the main entrance. Once inside the Inn visitors cannot but notice and feel the atmosphere of hospitality and on one wall there hangs a fine portrait of Sir Sam Hughes in the full dress of Lieut. Colonel. It will be remembered by many readers that in his hey-day Sir Sam was a colourful politician when he literally flooded the area with these fine pictures. Broadloom carpets spread from wall to wall in the reception room as well as in the various rooms.

The genial proprietor stated that the large timbers throughout the Inn are reported to have been transported from Camp Borden near Barrie by

the contractor who also had the contract for building Sir Sam's summer home and they are the best Georgia Pine and British Columbia Fir. How these timbers ever reached the Hughes home in the days of wooded country and rough roads is a story in itself. The lovely printed brochure regarding the Inn reads as follows:

Sir Sam's Inn, has 6,000 feet of safe sand beach, 1,600 acres of beautiful wooded

parkland as well as water skiing and exciting bass and trout fishing on private lake; Snack Bar, Shuffle Board, Badminton, Table Tennis, Children's Swings, Croquet, The Inn is several hundred feet above sea level.

Sir Sam Hughes passed away in 1921 and as one visitor remarked: "He did not live long enough following his World War One war years to enjoy this fine home in the hills of Haliburton.



A view from Skyline Park at Haliburton showing the plaque marking the official opening by the Hon. L. M. Frost in June, 1958.