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Built in 1798, Still Operating At Port Rowan

Port Rowan, Oct. 3.—A plaque has been unveiled at the old Backus Mill near here to mark it as a historic site.

Highways Minister Allan, who officiated, said the mill had served Norfolk County well, not only in pioneer days, but in the time of fuller settlement.

It was erected in 1798 and was operated by the same family until acquired by Big Creek Conservation Authority in 1955 as part of a park to be developed. In the War of 1812-14, when U.S. troops invaded Upper Canada, burning and pillaging, the mill escaped.

Situated on a picturesque site below its tree-fringed mill pond, the old mill, it is hoped, will be renovated and continue to serve in the future as evidence of a typical industry of pioneer times.

The man who gave High Park to the people of Toronto was honored yesterday by an historical plaque.

John G. Howard devoted his life to the improvement of Toronto through his work as city

surveyor, architect and artist, and built himself a fine house which he named Colborne Lodge in honor of Lt. Gov. Sir John Colborne.

In 1873 he offered his property to the city as a public park.

Yesterday, a plaque was unveiled at the site by the Archeological and Historic Sites advisory board to mark the residence and honor the man who lived in it.

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VICTORIA—(CP)—This city's parks department soon will begin erecting a monument commemorating Marilyn Bell's 1956 swim across the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

A granite plaque donated by the Canadian Association of Memorial Craftsmen in Toronto will be placed near the spot Miss Bell reached shore after swimming from Port Angeles, Wash.