

About this time the Ontario Government established a Forestry Branch on the lake to take care of any conflagrations during the dry seasons. This branch was called upon to battle fires not only around Panache but on areas about Panache and reaching southward to Georgian Bay.

Fire-fighting at that time was very hazardous as well as very difficult. Equipment had to be paddled in canoes over treacherous lakes and portaged over tortuous trails. Fires were not extinguished as quickly and efficiently as now but often burned out of control until a rain disciplined them. Often rangers lost their lives in the performance of their duties. Much valuable timber was lost as the result of the forest fires.

After the Second World War, many people from the U.S. began to invade Northern Ontario and found it much to their liking as fishing and hunting territory. Of course Panache has many enticements for the tourist. As the older inhabitants tell us fishing was just a matter of dropping one's line in the lake with an unbaited hook and catching as many as you desired.

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