

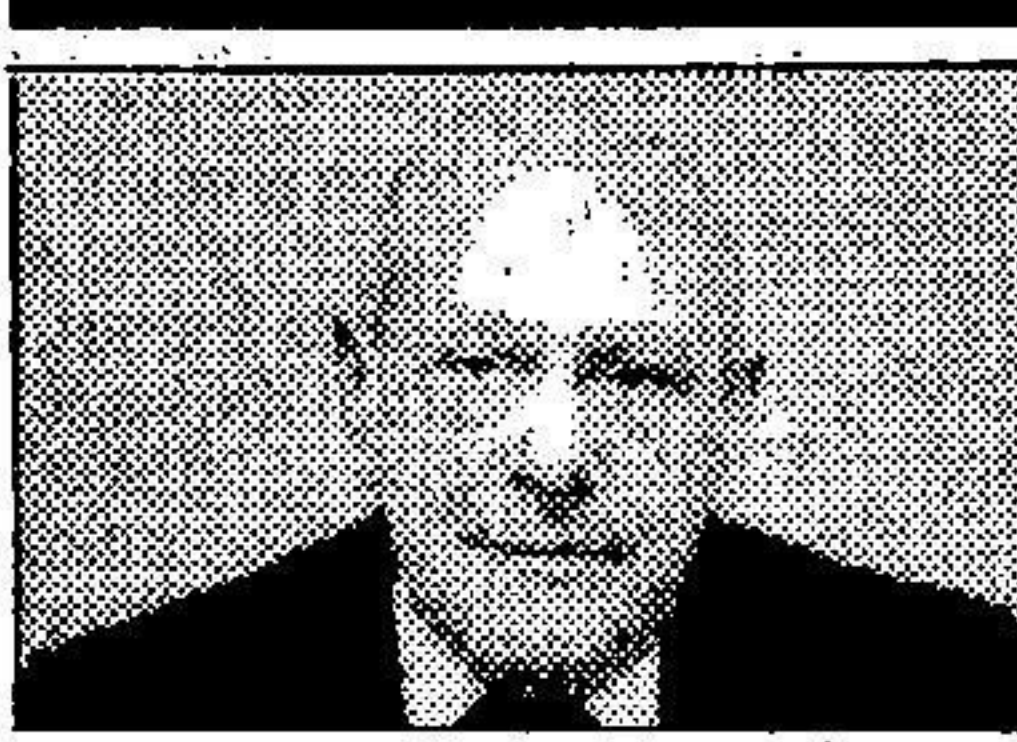
Mill park presented to Loughborough

At a special dedication ceremony the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority officially presented the Sydenham Mill Park to the Township of Loughborough.

Two commemorative plaques noting the historical significance of the site were unveiled, and a black walnut tree, one of the most valuable hardwood species native to North America, was planted. The walnut tree was donated by Silverbrook Landscape and Garden Centre.

Officials participating were John Conley, chairman of the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority; Stewart Fyfe, vice-chairman; Reeve Rein Vandewal of Loughborough Township; Deputy-Reeve Thomas Foxton; and Melvin Goslin, township representative on the CRCA.

The park was for many years the site of a busy sawmill, operated from 1921 to 1969 by Frank Anglin. The last owner of the



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property, Dr. John Turner of Kingston, donated part of the park to the CRCA. The authority acquired the land, as well as the water rights associated with the dam, as a combined purchase and donation. Improvements to the dam and former mill site were made in order to create a local public park. The funds for its purchase and subsequent improvements came from the province and Loughborough Township.

Historically the Sydenham Mill was an important local saw

and grist mill, first owned by John Strange in 1833. The original mill was destroyed by fire in 1897, but in 1915 it was rebuilt and leased to Alexander and Edward Barker, who then installed the village's first electrical power system.

The mill was destroyed by fire again in 1947 and the mill building was never rebuilt. However, Frank Anglin, the mill owner, installed a Leffel Turbine on the site which was used for a number of years to saw lumber and veneer for cheese boxes.

In recognition of the mill's local historic significance, the CRCA has preserved the turbine on the site.

After the dedication ceremonies at a full authority meeting of the CRCA, Leonard Collins presented a \$5,000 cheque on behalf of Cablenet to John Conley as a donation toward CRCA's fundraising campaign.

In 1991, Cablenet introduced a five-year plan to contribute \$5 million across Canada for local community projects.

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