



SUN-SPLASHED leaves attracted thousands to the tiny hamlet of Forks of the Credit over the weekend. The hills are alive

with a multitude of colors which blend with the evergreens and the soft grey of limestone. (Staff Photo)



ALMOST HIDDEN by foliage, some of the older houses sit serenely as the Credit River ends its mad plunge down the

"mountain" to join hands with its northern branch. The pair then proceed more calmly to Lake Ontario. (Staff Photo)

Fall at the Forks

Autumn leaves, sentimental words for a song and subject of much poetic fancy, are at their best now.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday thousands motored to enjoy the spectacle and were blessed with beautiful, warm sunny weather which accented the reds and golds of the leaves. One of the busiest and prettiest magnets for motorists was the Forks of the Credit, only a few miles from Acton.

The Niagara escarpment, rising to mountainous heights here, provides a scenic backdrop for the junction of the two branches of the Credit River.

One, splashing down from Belfountain over numerous ledges and pools, still retains much of the pristine purity it

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had when the ancient glaciers cut notches in the escarpment. The other branch, a placid stream until it reaches the old hydro dam at Cataract, runs with the railway to the Forks, still cutting into limestone rock.

Thousands visited the "Forks" over the weekend laden with cameras equipped with color. Others brought easels to capture the beauty on canvass. Still others came to look in awe at the beauty of Nature.

Traffic lined up for miles bumper to bumper ascending the steep road and hairpin turn near the old railway station. Hundreds walked. Some tried their luck at fishing.

In the hills where limestone cliffs rise precipitously to great heights, there are many caves and fissures. Legend has it that one of these has a fortune in gold, hidden there by some adventurer in the 1800's.

Another is reputed to have hidden William Lyon Mackenzie when the fiery red-headed rebel was fleeing from the Family Compact after the ill-fated rebellion of 1837.

Remains of once prosperous stone quarries and lime kilns still dot the area.

You can reach the Forks of the Credit by taking Highway 25 North to Hwy 24. Follow 24 to Erin. Turn right to Belfountain when you reach Erin and follow the paved road. Turn left at picturesque Belfountain's main corners and proceed another two miles to the "Forks."



BUMPER-TO-BUMPER traffic was lined up for miles for the weekend color show at the Forks of the Credit. (Staff Photo)

Signing of Armistice commemorated

Six Legionnaires from Acton Branch 197 attended a banquet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice at the branch new Cooksville legion hall, Saturday evening. The event was sponsored by Zone 7B of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Among the "Old Sweats" and two South African veterans who attended were Comrades Fred Wright, Gib Kingsbury, Charlie Thomson, George Simpson, Robert Turner and Dr. A. J. Buchanan.

Dr. Buchanan remarked that although numbers are dwindling each year, first world war veterans enjoy getting together to talk over their army experiences.

South African veterans Charlie Taylor of the Scots Greys and Jim Pedlar of the South Wales Borders impressed the over 200 in attendance at the banquet and entertainment.

Cooksville Legion president Frank Lanton welcomed the guests to the event. It was the first event held in the new hall. Acton Legionnaires were impressed and delighted with the night.



NERVOUS WALKERS sometimes had to be assisted over the high railway bridge which crosses the picturesque Credit River valley. (Staff Photo)

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