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Peel County Condemns Slaughter of Trees

Conservationists everywhere will heartily endorse Peel County council's condemnation of any unnecessary slaughter of trees in new housing developments. There are still many excellent stands of timber throughout the Credit Valley watershed, and many fine individual specimens which owe their continued existence to the efforts of tree-conscious residents. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has taken a leading part in reforestation efforts throughout this district and is prepared to render assistance to anyone interested in the planting of forest trees and windbreaks. Enquiries may be addressed to Field Officer E. F. Sutter at the Terra Cotta headquarters of the Conservation Authority.

An interesting account of the local forests of the past is recorded in the official Credit Valley report. Early concern with timber resources centred around pine and oak for the British Navy and the easily cut softwoods for building purposes. Fuelwood was important but was everywhere abundant and not worthy of special note. In addition, the type of timber was of indirect interest as an indication of the quality of the land: pine-oak forests indicating light, easily worked soil, and maple-elm stands suggesting richer but heavier soils.

Today, with the exception of farm woodlots where revenue is still a factor, the trees of the watershed are primarily regarded as a means of holding the water level, of enhancing recreation areas, and beautifying the landscape. There are many good reasons for preserving and protecting our trees.

Varian Founder Invented Klystron

A man who gave his name to one of Georgetown's industries died last week.

Dr. Russell Harrison Varian, 61 inventor in 1937 with his brother Sigurd of the klystron tube, died aboard a cruise ship near Juneau, Alaska, of a heart attack.

The Varian brothers founded a \$20 million-a-year electronics firm which established a Canadian branch in Georgetown five years ago. They invented the klystron, a radio tube operating at microwave frequencies that figured prominently in the development of World War II radar and later guided missiles. Dr. Varian was board chairman of Varian Associates at the time of his death.

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MISS POPULARITY QUEEN was crowned on August 1st, in Acton as part of the Civic Holiday ceremonies there. She is Trudy Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott, Limehouse, and appears, right front, with other finalists, all Acton High School students. Left to right are Elke Macke, Gloria Latimer, Marjorie Gough, and Miss Scott. Judges, rear, were Mrs. R. Johnson, Mrs. G. Fryer, Mrs. R. Spielvogel, Mrs. C. Rognvaldson, and Mrs. B. Mowat.

—Acton Free Press photo.

Lorne Scots Officers Meet Princess Margaret

By W. E. DOOLE

The pipes and drums of the Lorne Scots have been invited to participate in the 1960 Edinburgh Festival. A great honour to the Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment, indeed, to 17 Militia Group, the invitation was extended by Brigadier Maclean, head of the famous festival, during the recent visit to Edinburgh by the unit's commanding officer, Lt.-Col. Arthur Kemp of Burlington, and Hon. Lt.-Col. John R. Barber of Georgetown, a former CO.

The two Lorne Scots officers were in the United Kingdom primarily to attend the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Minden. This took the form of a glittering dinner party in London's Guildhall, which was attended by the Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry; Princess Margaret as Colonel-in-Chief of the Suffolk Regiment, and the Duchess of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. These were three of the six regiments who took part in the victory of Minden. Another was the Lancashire Fusiliers, sister regiment of the Lorne Scots. This "hands-across-the-sea" affiliation was originally established by Lt.-Col. C. M. Corkett of Brampton, who fought in World War I while attached to the Lancashire Fusiliers, and who later rose to command the Peel and Dufferin Regiment (which has been perpetuated by the Lorne Scots).

640 OFFICERS

It was a brilliant military gathering, with a galaxy of generals and other high-ranking officers in attendance. Including second lieutenants there were 640 infantry officers who rose to their feet to toast the battle in which six battalions of British infantry routed the flower of the French cavalry. For the two visiting Canadian officers, Cols. Kemp and Barber, the highlight of the memorable evening was their five-minute chat with Princess Margaret. Approximately 50 privileged guests were invited to private Guildhall receptions by the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Duchess. The two Lorne Scots were received by the Princess, and they found her a

"vibrant personality" and a "captivating conversationalist."

KEEN INTEREST

Radiantly tanned, Her Royal Highness "put us at our ease instantly," said Col. Kemp, and showed keen interest in her sister's, the Queen's Royal Tour. Col. Kemp was pleased to advise that the Lorne Scots had provided a 100-man Guard of Honour, as well as route patrols. He recalled seeing the Princess at Hamilton when she presented the colours of the H.L.I. of Galt and they quipped about how she had bunted her platform chair out of the glaring sun.

"I may be English, but I'm not so English that I want to sit in the noon-day sun," she laughed gaily.

JULY ITINERARY

Prior to the Guildhall dinner, Col. Kemp and Col. Barber had begun in late July an itinerary which commenced when they landed at Prestwick airport in Scotland. They first visited Edinburgh, where they visited Anderson's, the unit's tailors, thence to Glasgow. From there they took a side trip to Inverary Castle, home of Ian Douglas, hereditary chief of the Ancient Campbells of Argyll, whose tartan and other clan ensignia the Lorne Scots wear. The Duke had been the unit's guest last Fall, and Col. Kemp, on behalf of the unit, presented His Grace with a handsome embossed album containing a photographic record of his visit.

INVERARY CASTLE

The Duke sent his compliments to the Lorne Scots, and took his guests on a tour of the fascinating, historic residence. About two-thirds the size of Casa Loma, Inverary Castle is now part of the National Trust. It is complete with moat and drawbridge, and its great halls and corridors are resplendent with suits of armour flags, ancient family portraits and the other trappings of historic castles.

On July 25, the two Lorne Scots officers proceeded to Manchester where they attended passing-out ceremony of new Lancashire Fusilier recruits who were scheduled to join the First Battalion on duty at Cyprus. The Lances have four battalions on active duty. That evening the regiment was their host at a cocktail party celebrat-

ing locally the Battle of Minden. They then proceeded to London for the Guildhall dinner on July 27.

FAMOUS ORCHARDS

A prominent orchardist in private life, Col. Kemp found time on his U.K. visit for a tour of some of Kent's famous apple orchards. He also paid his respects to the RCAF war dead when he visited the famous Commonwealth Air Force Memorial at Runnymede. Some 244,000 names of airmen with unknown graves are recorded there.

Off to the continent, he spent a day in Brussels and went by helicopter to Dortmund, via Eindhoven and Duisburg.

At Dortmund, he was greeted by friends who drove him to Soest for a visit with the Second Battalion of the Canadian Guards. There he met Capt. Don Paisley, a former Lorne Scots officer, now Intelligence Officer with the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

The Brigade had just returned from patrol-exercise competitions with allied units, and in the final scoring the Queen's Own of Toronto were shown in second place to the Buffs of Britain.

MORALE IS HIGH

Col. Kemp said the Brigade is on a five-and-a-half day week, with, of course, a regular percentage of personnel remaining in brigade area at all times. This percentage varies, he pointed out, in accordance with the prevalent political situation. Morale is high, living conditions are good, and members of the brigade live very comfortably, Col. Kemp reports. The posting provides a wonderful opportunity for travel, and for the broadening of one's education, he said. Three two-week leaves are granted annually.

A HEALTHY LOT

Progress was evident in all parts of Germany he visited, and he was most impressed with the "almost fantastic" enthusiasm of individuals. Although lacking the equipment we have in this country, the Germans plunge into their work with determination, lacking with manual labor many jobs which we now consider machinery chores, such as for example backfilling gas and sewer lines. A healthy lot of people, it was not uncommon to see thousands out bicycling on the weekends.

Col. Kemp was also impressed by Germany's widespread reforestation activities, much of which, judging by the size of the trees, probably began at the turn of the century.

Prosperity and enthusiasm were much in evidence throughout the United Kingdom, too, and Col. Kemp was especially impressed by the tempo of life in London, where people, especially the younger set, are exceptionally well dressed.

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