



How come we missed this place on the way up?



On reflection - this looks like the place to have a barrel of fun!

Provincial grants of \$12,150

Provincial grants of \$2,150 for initial development work in the Scotch Block Conservation Area and \$10,000 at Limehouse Conservation Area were announced this week by James W. Snow, MPP for Halton East and Minister without Portfolio.

Scotch Block, a project of Halton Region Conservation Authority in Lots 11 and 12, Concession 3 Esquesing, is the site of a new dam and reservoir that was officially opened in September.

Now that construction of the dam and reservoir have been completed the authority is proposing to undertake construction of road and parking lot in the area, provide a number of signs and carry out some landscaping in the fall.

Roads, fencing
The Limehouse area comprises 190 acres of land in Esquesing just south of the village of Limehouse, and is a project of Credit Valley Conservation Area. The Authority is proposing to undertake some capital development work in this area which will include the construction of service roads, fencing of the perimeter, ground development work, preparation and erection of signs and barriers, demolition of remains of an existing house in the area, general cleanup of the area, and other general development work.

Acton Wildlife Sanctuary

Some people are chicken and go south around this time of the year. On the other hand some chickens are taking wing and visiting some relative of the species.

This past week three wild Canada Geese dropped in to Acton heading south and decided to stay. They have been spending their time visiting the bright spots and the best eating places. Their hosts are the resident flock of high school sponsored geese. Among other things they are taking in a cruise around the lake, and as things look at the moment they could be staying for the winter.

Other ideal conservation areas also have their annual arrivals and departures as the migrants stop over before their trip south. Acton is off limits for duck hunting and this could be one reason for the visitors. The lake is posted as a wildlife sanctuary, you would think the birds could read. For their sake we hope the hunters can.

Leisure Lassies name of unit

Ballinfad Leisure Lassies held the second meeting of the unit Focus on Fitness on Saturday, October 2 in the hall. The name Ballinfad Leisure Lassies has been chosen as the name for this 4-H club. A hike is being planned for October 17. Topics discussed at the meeting were music, books, travel and etiquette.

Scotch Block dam opened

The \$1,258,000 Scotch Block dam and reservoir was officially opened by Halton West MPP and Minister of the Environment George Kerr as more than 100 guests looked on.

The 500 foot long, 180 million gallon reservoir was started almost two years ago by Bot Construction Ltd. of Oakville, contracted for the job by the Halton Region Conservation Authority. At normal high water level in spring, the reservoir will store approximately 1,500 acre feet of water and extend one and a half miles upstream of the structure.

Scenic beauty
The Scotch Block dam is strictly for utilitarian purposes — the conservation of water and regulating the flow of the stream — although it has also taken on a new dimension for sightseers, adding more beauty to the already scenic escarpment land. Mr. Kerr said the dam and reservoir "is one type of work being carried out by the Conservation Authority... for which the region paid a good portion."

HRCA chairman Barry Humphreys welcomed guests to the opening. Four busloads of chairmen from other conservation authorities across the province also attended the ceremonies. The group were members of the 1971 Conservation Authority Chairmen's Tour, who visited Halton as their last stop before the final 25th annual conservation banquet to be held in Toronto Thursday evening.

Improve summer flow
Chairman Humphreys said the dam will "help flood control and provide better summer flows in the creek. The normal summer

flow is no longer adequate and the dam will keep the spring flood retained for summer use," he pointed out. "This is the first Fabridam to be built in Canada and although it didn't get finished on time it is still serving the purpose," he said.

An unusual feature of the dam is the water level control device — a long rubberized fabric balloon, or Fabridam, stretching the full width of the spillways. Operators will be able to inflate or deflate the balloon to regulate the height of water in the reservoir, which stretches from Highway 25 back to the Third Line, Esquesing, swelling waters of the creek almost as far east as the Fourth Line.

Stores 1,500 acre feet
At normal level the reservoir

will store approximately 1,500 acre feet of water and flooding will occur in the narrow valley one and a half miles upstream from the structure, which is hidden from the view of passing motorists by the Tangmere Mushroom Co. buildings.

The dam will regulate and conserve water in the reservoir so relatively constant amounts can be discharged during the growing season.

The water level at Thursday's opening was low in preparation for the accumulation of next spring's runoff. A steady 45 cubic feet of water per second left the reservoir.

Control gates
The dam provides two ways for water to leave the reservoir: a discharge pipe embedded mid-

way in the dam and a wide concrete spillway at the top. The normal flow down the stream is regulated by control gates on the 36 inch diameter discharge pipe. Flood waters can be released from the reservoir over a concrete weir running across part of the dam.

Aid 50 bass
Following the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the event, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Snow joined Humphreys in stocking the first fish in the new reservoir. Kerr threw two fingerling bass into the water, then he and Humphreys dumped in a washtub with 48 other fish into the water. "The project is officially completed and ready to serve the needs of the area," Kerr said.



The welcome committee of resident geese meet the new arrivals.

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