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Real Estate

MARKET PLACE

Will the real landscape please stand up

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The landscape of Southern Ontario is a little like a blackboard that has been written on over and over again, with each successive layer of writing imperfectly erased and still partly legible through later layers. Geologists try to read through these layers, right back to the earliest one, in the hope that they can reconstruct a piece of the earth's history.

The latest marks that have been "written" on the landscape are the signs of the white man's settlement of this country. Towns, industries and cultivated fields, roads and railroads all give Ontario the comfortable "lived in" look we take for granted.

But this white man's layer is really quite alien to the land underneath, a land first colonized by the Indian some 12,000 years ago. And even to

these first comers that older landscape must have appeared alien and inhospitable, with its hilly moraines, gravel ridges and sheets of sandy outwash crossed by unpredictable streams. There were no forests then, to soften the harsh features of the land, only a sparse Arctic type of vegetation slowly taking over where glaciers had been a short time before.

Take off this glacial layer

and beneath it you find sedimentary rocks that show that 400 million years ago there was no landscape here, only a seascape. A shallow sea covered all of Southern Ontario and organisms that lived and built reefs in it have left behind fossilized forms as their only memorial.

Probe beneath the sedimentary layers and you reach dry land again in the shape of gently rolling hills and valleys that may be as much as 800 million years old. We don't know what it looked like precisely, but to our eyes it would have appeared very bare and uninviting. There would have been no trees, flowers and no grass, all of which were still hundreds of millions of years into the future.

If you look closely at the rocks that form this ancient landscape you find clues to an even earlier one in the form of granite, a rock that originates

in the deep core of mountain chains, and basalt, the commonest of all volcanic rocks. They show that more than a billion years ago Ontario was a mountainous land with active volcanoes throwing out streams of molten lava. And structures in the rocks show that these mountains and volcanoes were preceded by earlier ones going back to two and a half and perhaps even three billion years ago.

At this point the writing becomes unreadable and no record can be found of earlier Ontario landscapes. What did it look like four billion years ago? We have no direct way of knowing, but some geologists have suggested that it probably resembled the surface of the moon, pockmarked with craters and covered in loose rubble, a far cry from the countryside we know today.

Train accident prompts inquest

An inquest will be held into the deaths of three construction workers killed in a freak industrial accident at an Ontario Hydro job site east of

Trafalgar Rd. on Britannia Rd. A date and location for the inquest is likely to be set within the next two weeks by Dr. Bruce Penton, district supervisor from St. Catharines, according to Staff Sergeant Eric Bullock of Halton Regional Police.

The three men, employees of Penvidic Contracting, Burlington died when an unmanned idling train engine slipped into gear and plowed into four small trucks parked on the railroad ties.

The accident, which occurred on Ontario Hydro-owned land, is being investigated by both Halton Regional Police and Ministry of Labor officials.

According to police, the new track built to transport heavy equipment necessary for Ontario Hydro's new

500kV substation was used by the trucks travelling into the construction site, due to muddy conditions.

There are no crossing guards marking the tracks at Britannia Rd., but according to police a flag man was in use when the company-owned train was operating back and forth on the spur line.

Killed in the accident were train engineer Victor R. Newcombe of Burlington, Jose Carrelles, 52, and Joao Pereira Tavares, 50, both of Toronto.

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This beautiful home perches itself high on a hill overlooking the neighboring lands. This home has a large Hollywood kitchen, 4 bedrooms, master bedroom on suite, separate dining room; games room; family room; 2 fireplaces; inground pool and new barn 40' x 20'. The land is clear and mixed bush. \$139,000.00.



PRIVATE YARD

4 bedroom 2 storey brick home, with double attached garage. All rooms are large. This home backs on to conservation zoned land, at the end of town. 2 steps to the country. \$62,500.00.



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IMMACULATE 3 bedroom brick bungalow located close to schools and shopping. This tastefully decorated home includes an eat in kitchen, modern bathroom, living and dining area, broadloom, large finished rec room, carpet and paved drive. All for only \$51,200.

ECONOMY MINDED—If you are looking for a reasonably priced detached home on a large lot, check on this lovely 3 bedroom bungalow close to downtown Acton. It also includes a kitchen, bathroom, living room, laundry room and garage. Asking only \$39,300.

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LOW DOWN PAYMENT will get you into this spotless townhouse featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished family room with bar and patio doors to fenced yard overlooking woods. Broadloom throughout. Spacious living and dining room. Priced at \$40,500.

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