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Approved in principle, the Authority's Guelph Dam project has been proved possible by a feasibility study which indicates

Planned for completion in time to catch the spring water in 1974, the project will go ahead with land purchases in the area.

The dam will be located on the Speed River. Its design has received an award of excellence for architecture.

Construction site is west of Guelph between Highway 24 and

No. 6. Sideroad. The resulting lake will be about a mile and a half long and half to three-quarters of a mile wide. It will stretch beyond the Guelph-Eramosa Town Line and bisect Highway 24.

This will mean the flooding of two existing roads and the rerouting of Highway 24 with the acquisition and removal of dwellings along the highway and in the area of the reservoir.

The western end of the lake will become a wildlife preserve and park, the remaining sections of the total 3,800 acres will be developed for multi-use con-

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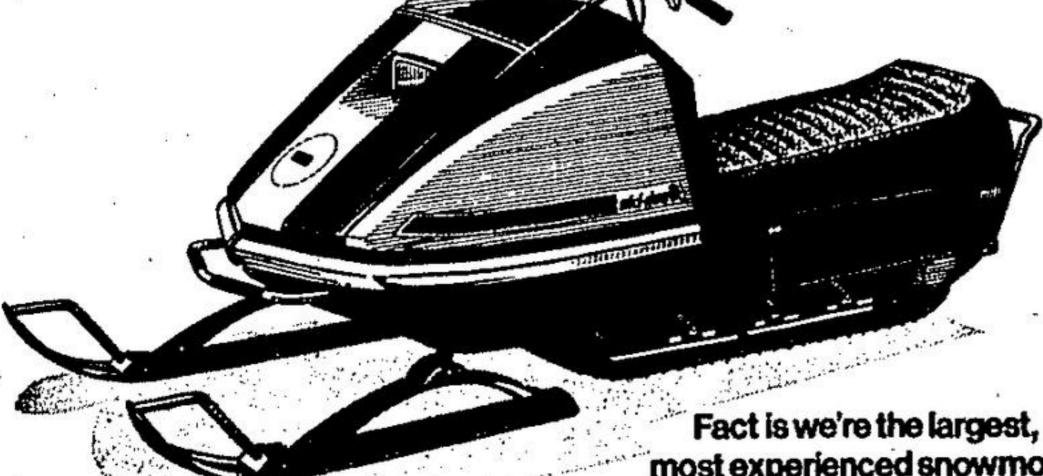
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"Land of Tall Pines" vs. "Last Out Creek"

K. C. Rejects Mr. Case's Case

Dear Mr. Editor:

Mr. Ben Case's letter of August 26th compells me to reply and try to straighten the matter out. Don't make any mistake, Ben

was and is a good friend of mine and his only fault is his misfortune, not his fault. He was not born and brought up in the Township of Esquesing. The unreason in his letter

stems not from him but from his authorities or rather one of them. I apologize for not answering his letter sooner, but I was away at the time it was published and did not see it for a month, then had to check some sources of information of my own to be sure that my memory was still all

The letter from the Secretary of the Lleutenant Governor setting out that the names of the



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three Townships should be Nassagaweya, Esquesing and Chinguacousy, being the Indian

names of the principal streams

in each Township, is quite all

right and was followed exactly -

but the late Surveyor General's

list of the streams between the

Magara River and the Humber

is sadly tacking and his in-

terpretation of some of them

makes one remember that at

that time whisky was sold for a

The Surveyor General listed

Eight Streams including the

Niagara and the Humber,

whereas there were and are

Eleven large streams and

several smaller ones in that

York Shilling a gallon.

The Surveyor General also says the Indian name of 12 Mile Creek was Esquesing and gives its meaning as "Last Out Creek", last out from where, as I read the list, it is right in the middle having 5 streams on either side further more as I will show later on. Nassagaweya was named after the 12 Mile Creek, just as the Lieutenant Governor directed.

The Governor directed that the three Townships be named with the Indian names of the principal streams in each Township and it would hardly be fair to give Nassagaweya the name of Esquesing and call Esquesing Nassagaweya, because while there is a small tributary of the Sixteen which rises in Nassagaweya there is not so much as a drainage ditch in Esquesing which runs into the 12 Mile Creck. We have water which flows into both, the Credit and Grand Rivers, but none into the 12 Mile Creek. There was nothing more likely

than that the Indians named the streams after the lands through which they flowed and later I will adduce further evidence on that point. Nassagaweya was the "Dividing of the Waters" or the water flowed two ways into the Grand and Lake Erie and into the 12 Mile Creek and Lake

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pines were the only stumps which could be used to make a fence, and there are still some stump fences remaining in Esquesing, I myself remember seeing two fields being stumped, the one on the West Half of Lot Ontario. Esquesing was the land of the "Tall Pines" from the 22, Concession 7, presently owned by the Estate of Dr. George Currie was stumped with

a screw machine, a tripod of heaver timbers with a steel screw about 4 inches in diameter turned by a team of horses at the end of a long arm and with a swivel and heavy chain which was attached to the stump to be pulled. The other field was in the East Half of Lot 20, Concession 8, the present Moore Park Sub-division, and was stumped by the late Alex Livingstone with a rope and block machine which worked much more quickly than the My authority for the Township names came principally from three men, all of whom were raised in the vicinity and well before the rebellion of 1837. George Black, a son of High Black, who surveyed the Township of Esquesing, James Leslie who was raised on the 5th

Line, West Chinguacousy, and my own Grandfather who, though born in Scotland, came to Esquesing in 1832. All three told the same story. Nassagaweya meant the dividing of the Waters of "between the two streams" Esquesing meant "The Land of the Tall Pines" and Chinguacousy meant "The fiat Plains" or "The Clay Plains" (continued on Page 4)

enormous yellow pines which

covered much of the Township,

and they were enormous. I

personally never saw one

growing but I saw a dead one

that had lain on the ground for

possibly half a century and it was 100 feet to the first limb and I

have a picture of some 1/2 dozen

or so of the last that were on the

farm, and the hardwood bush

below look like underbrush, the

tops of what we would today call

big trees did not come near the

The stumps of the original

lowest limbs on the pines.

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