

- compensation for economic losses should go to workers and their communities rather than to industry;
- several models for socio-economic evaluations were recommended to the committee.

5. Other ISSues Identified by the Public

- education must be a key component of the conservation strategy; people want to know more about old growth forest ecosystems in Ontario;
- the strategy and policies should be developed on a provincial basis but must be applied according to local and regional; concerns both ecologically and economically;
- Aboriginal peoples should be consulted in the development of a conservation strategy; jurisdiction of First Nations must be respected.

The Public Consultation Process

The public consultation report was prepared by an independent consultant who gathered and analyzed information taken from public meetings, comment sheets, letters, submissions and telephone calls.

Material collected under the various components of public consultation was recorded, analyzed and incorporated into the consultant's report.

Public Meetings

- more than 750 people attended six public meetings held between November 22 and December 1, 1993 in Timmins, Sault Ste. Marie, Dryden, Huntsville, Toronto and London;

- participants took part in workshop discussions based on the Committee's discussion points and facilitated by local volunteers; reports from those workshops were recorded and became part of the public consultation input as were all comments and questions;

- in Dryden, meeting participants opted for an open forum discussion on old growth forest conservation instead of the workshop format; the meeting was recorded and became part of the public consultation input.

The Policy Advisory Committee is an independent, volunteer citizens Committee with membership across the province. Members of the Committee reflect a wide array of interests in the province including the forest and mining industries, labour, First Nations, environmental and conservation groups and the faith and education communities. PAC was established by the Minister of

Natural Resources in January, 1992 to develop a conservation strategy as part of the Old Growth Conservation Initiative.

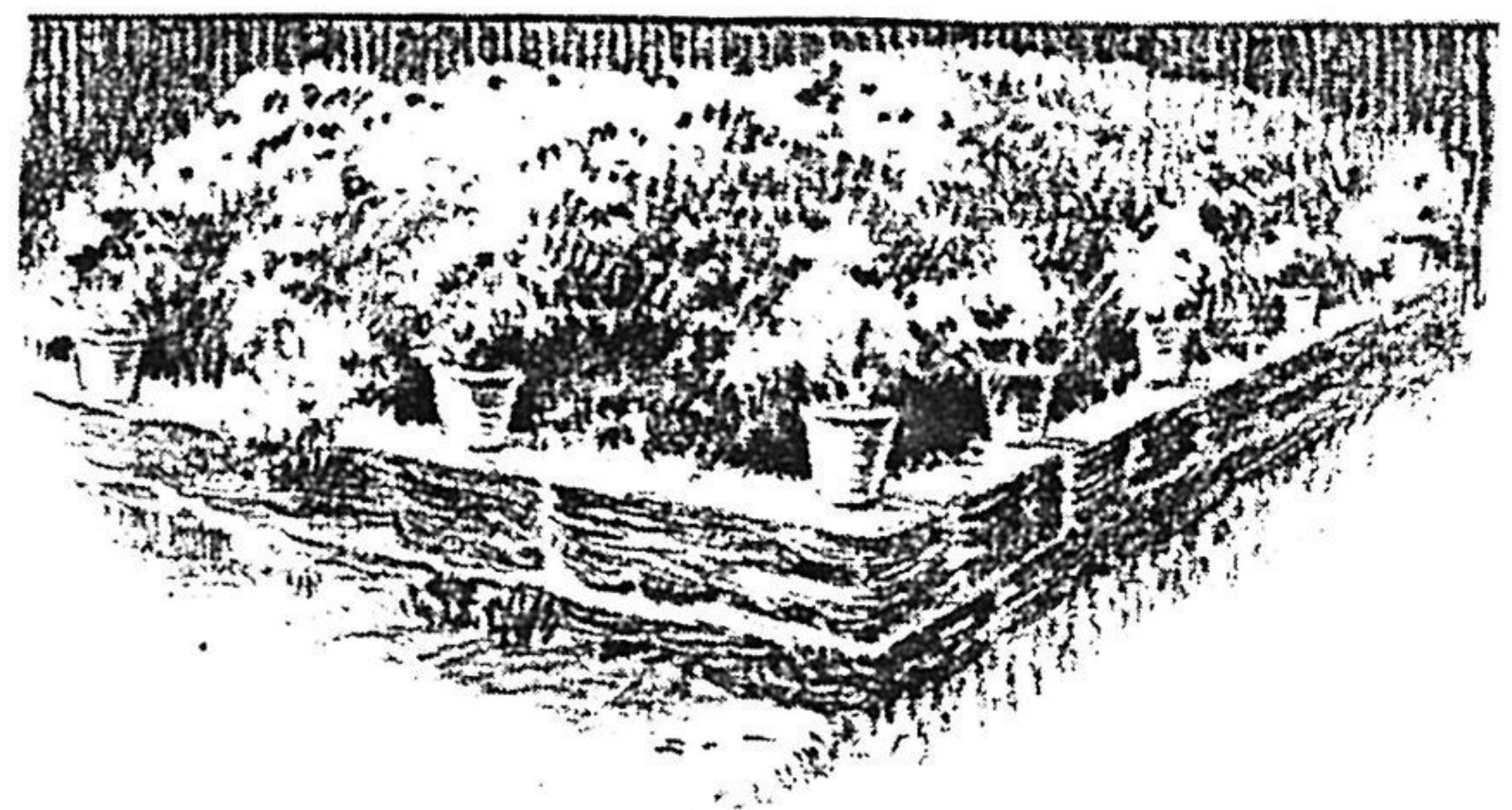
The full report, approximately thirty pages in length, is available on request from the Old Growth Secretariat, at the following address:

c/o Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, 199 Larch Street, 10th Floor, Sudbury Ontario P3E 5P9, or by calling 1 (800)-268-4218 or FAX 1-(705)688-3086.

The Policy Advisory Committee is now in the last stage of its work, and is in the process of completing its final report, and so the conservation strategy, for recommendations to the Minister at the end of March. PAC has relied heavily on the advice it received from the public, as well as from its scientific and resource management advisory groups.



Present day Long Point Ladies continue the tradition, as they quilt a plain topped quilt.



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