

Rosspport's Nicol Island opens up



New Home

This home, owned by Loyd Hebert, is shown here still under construction, but before too much longer it will be inhabited. It is one of several going up on Nicol Island, in Lake Superior just south of Rosspport, west of Schreiber. A number of the island lots are still for sale, according to Anne Todesco of Rosspport.



Isle Causeway

This causeway, built over a sandbar, was constructed by Andre Nicol to link Nicol Island with the mainland south of Rosspport. The road will allow access by car to the 58 cottage lots on the island, many of which have already been sold. Some of the lot owners have constructed homes on their property.

Rosspport Report

By Anne Todesco

Mr. and Mrs. E. Speece of Ignace visited his sister, Mrs. Emma Molinski during the week. Mrs. Ieva Zdanoviskis of Montreal is visiting her son Juris here. She is accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Helen Berzinc, also of Montreal.

The sketch, the "Ainora," called in Rosspport on the weekend. The owners have a tourist business on an island in the Caribbean Sea. They recently went to England to bring the boat with the owners and a three man crew, then took a cruise up the Atlantic Coast and the St. Lawrence Sea-way to the head of the Lakes.

The boat was four masted and was able to tie up at the Government Dock.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bain and daughter Melinie have returned from a holiday with Lionel Hubilet on St. Joe's Island in Georgian Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gerow also returned home on Saturday after a holiday on St. Joe's with the Hubilets.

A.S. Bowker has been coming here about every

two years for over 50 years to spend a fishing holiday. He is from Palatine, Illinois. He called on old friends, the Kenneys and Mrs. Todesco this week while making the Circle Route.

Mrs. Thessa Howard and daughter Robin of St. Catharines, and Mrs. Arlene Waugh daughter Beverly of Thunder Bay were guests with the Milton Winters last week. Paul Bentz of Thunder

Bay spent several days here renewing old friendships with former playmates when he used to visit his grandfather, the late J.A. Nicol, who was CPR station agent here in the early 1900s.

Shirley Bouchard of Montreal visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Bouchard.

By Anne Todesco

Nicol Island is across the sand bar from Rosspport, right at our door step. At the time of the construction of the CPR line in this division, the island was owned by a company called Smith and Mitchell, who supplied the crews with fresh meat and food supplies. They would deliver a shipload of cattle and hogs by sidewheeler wood burning ships to the island to butcher them.

When the tracks were finally laid along the right of way, the livestock would be brought as far as the tracks would allow. Then they would unload the stock opposite the sandbar and drive the animals across to the island where they were butchered.

Several people owned the island until a Mr. J.J. Spillet purchased it and established a fox (black and cross foes) farm, which he operated for several years.

A Mr. Sargent of the Lakehead purchased the island for a summer vacation spot. The original name of the island has been forgotten by this writer. It was later named after J.A. Nicol, the early CP station master. His grandson, Andre Nicol, purchased the island, repaired and renovated the old Spillet home on it, and holidayed at this island home.

He and his wife Linda had the island surveyed into 58 lots and developed into a corporation. They had plans to make it into a quiet retreat for cottage owners.

School Expand

Lakehead University in Thunder Bay is attempting to improve the accessibility of university courses to communities in the North-western Ontario region, a news release announced on August 25.

Two new administrative positions have been created at the university to focus on the goal of improved accessibility. Dan Pakulak will be in charge of the new department.

As the Director of Continuing Education, Pakulak will be responsible for developing initiatives for the department, such as Distance Education and Teleconferencing, in addition to broadening the scope of on-site delivery of courses, the release added.

"As a regional university, we feel it's important to meet the education requirements of the region," LU's President, Dr. Robert G. Rosehart, explained.

Susan Cole, the school's recently appointed Co-ordinator of Distance Educa-

tion Project, will assist Pakulak in the department. For more information about the program, contact Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, P7B 5E1.

His agent Juris Zdanoviskis said that the lots averaged one acre in size for cottages or, if desired, permanent homes.

The owners of the lot are to start building no later than two years after purchasing the lots, and the buildings must be a minimum of 600 square feet. Andre is to make approval of the blueprints. No mobile homes will be allowed, Juris said, and only one house is to be built per lot. Also, no commercial businesses are to be set up on the island. It is to be basically a residential place, especially for retirees.

Over 20 lots have been sold, beginning at \$15,000 each. Some buildings are under construction. Completed homes on the island are owned by Loyd Hebert, Dave McCullough, Mrs. Simmers, and Dave Speers (a CP engineer who built his home of logs which fit nicely into the rugged beauty of the island).

Juris stated that Mr. Nicol plans to turn the corporation over to the owners when 44 lots have been sold. Mr. Nicol had a causeway built over the sandbar, and a road built on the island. Road maintenance will be the responsibility of the lot owners.

Septic tanks and fields take care of the sewage problems. If there is not sufficient earth on the rocks, gravel is hauled to the site to meet the Ministry of Environment standards. The water is pumped

from wells or from Lake Superior.

Being of an unorganized territory, the lot owners could set up their own governing board or join with the unorganized village of Rosspport. Power and telephones have been taken to the island. Once the build-

ings are completed, all owners will have phones installed.

The island has a height of land which provides an excellent view of the bay in all directions. It has a promise of peace and quietness, a place to relax in the years to come.



For Sale

This sign and map shows the 58 lots on Nicol Island, south of Rosspport. Some of the lots have been sold, and buildings have been put up on a few of those. The island, named after J.A. Nicol, was purchased by his grandson, Andre Nicol, who recently built a causeway to the island from the mainland.

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