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Committee Members

Preservation of Natural Areas

Aim of New Ontario Committee

Preservation of natural areas for study and for the enjoyment of all citizens will be the goal of a new committee formed by the Honourable Rene Brunelle, Minister of Lands and Forests of Ontario.

Chairman of the group, the Advisory Committee on Nature Reserves, is Dr. Duncan MacLulich, chairman of the Department of Biology at Waterloo Lutheran University. He described the task this way:

"We hope to advise the government on the selection of samples of each of the types of natural areas still remaining in Ontario before the spread of industry and exploitive development wipes them out for ever.

"Sample areas in southern Ontario and dozens of other places in the province, should be preserved to be enjoyed by the present generation and generations to come," Dr. MacLulich said. "Once they are gone, they can never be restored."

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Nature reserves, whether within a park or existing separately, are also places of scientific investigation, he explained. Information gained in them is required in planning the management of similar areas for various uses.

Dr. MacLulich said the government is showing great interest in preserving these natural heritage areas and his committee will attempt to provide assistance and advice for government action.

Serving with him are Dr. R.E. Beschel of Queen's University, Dr. H.S. Braun of Lakehead University, D.A. Burton, supervisor of forestry research for the department of lands and forests, Dr. F.S. Cook of the University of Western Ontario.

Also Dr. J.B. Falls of the University of Toronto, Dr. C.D. Fowle of York University, Dr. D.W. Hoffman of the University of Guelph, Dr. E.S. Pye, chief geologist for the department of mines, and Harold J. Gibbard, supervisor of nature reserves for the department of lands and forests.