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Tribune Writer Describes Interesting Tour of Dept. Work in Simcoe Forest

(By A. G. Thompson)

We journeyed out from Barrie to the Orr lake forest which up the Lake Simcoe Forest

Orr Lake comprises an area of 2,144 acres, which is not all in one block but consists of areas running from 60 to 1100 acres, chiefly in the Township of Medonte with some parcels in Tay and Flos.

The first property in this area was acquired in 1928, with additions in other years that have As the length of time taken to of the original 1,200 planted, up the trail and crossed about bring a tree to maturity in were to be trimmed. these forests is 80 years, few will see any mature trees.

Waverly, not far from the Orr sary to permit growth. Thus, 1,000. of the 1,200 seedlings first plant-

to put it on the road, and the two years. In this planting it some 15,000 pheasants are rebalance is profit. When this removal is com- four years old.

is one of the Five units making some of the remaining trees, spring and fall planting were speckled trout reared at Mid-Once the limbs are sawn off equally successful, and we were hurst are released. even with the tree, nature told a larger percentage lived. To those who were on tour grows it over and any further if planted in the spring growth is of solid timber free Robert Trotter, who recently must have appeared as very inof knots. It was mentioned that joined the force at Maple, being | volved but to those on tour in this trimming was a long and transferred from one of the the previous year, it appeared costly operation, as the trim- northern districts, is connected to be a natural follow-up of the ming was to a height of 17 with the Wild Life Div: He cer- gathering of the seed, the profeet. However, the Forester tainly had nature co-operating duction of seedlings and the drew to our attention that only with him on this day, for as general programme of securing the 200 trees that were to be we were viewing the tree plantincreased it to present acreage. the final stand left to mature ing operation, a large doe ran be planted and public parks

persons who saw them start, the operation of setting out tion we go further north into appear from the use being made In the stand of timber at ed by a tractor driver and two ment Unit. The headquarters appreciate the effort put forth Lake H.Q., we viewed stands of 10,000 seedlings in a day. If water. The area covers an acretimber that had reached a point over hills, etc., where it is nec- age of 110,000 acres with outat which the removal of each essary to set by hand, the num- posts at Severn Falls, Honey third row of timber was neces ber for two men would be about Harbor and Six Mile Lake. As

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trees with the machine operat- the Severn Falls River Manage- of the parks that the public men setting - the number is of this Unit is located at Cold- to provide for recreation. each of these posts is in what On our former tour we saw is known as the fire area, they have seedlings set in large beds each have a number of men Memberships in ed on an acre, the first removal these seedlings set in large beds each have a number of men product is not wasted, but sold and left for two years, after employed in prevention and fire as pulpwood for \$11.00 per cord. which they were transplanted fighting. The department has 1,225 portable pumps and 700 miles of fire hose. It was stated that they had fought eleven fires in the Severn area this

150 yards from the party. .

etc., while in the bush. without a permit from the Fire of the historic sites of the Ex-Ranger, and it is generally un- hibition area. Of Mr. Price the der a supervision of someone citation set forth, in part: "We from the department.

Council were quite impressed by the organization but the area was not new to them, as County Council had made a tour of the area in 1958.

In talking with the members, a number considered the program as expensive to the County as I. It took a considerable amount of land off the assessment roll in that the Conservation area did not produce any tax revenue. The County was under obligation to service the roads in these areas by keeping them in repair in summer and acreage of 25,079 acres in the a point on which the government might lend some assist-

We had lunch at Port Severn, a point used mainly by those in search of a holiday in the summer months, and almost totally deserted in the winter. It is accessible by only one road from Coldwater, and with many, more acres that looked as though they would be better utilized for reforestation, the amount of topsoil being at a minimum.

We visited the headquarters of the unit situated at Severn Falls. They have a very efficient building with radio connections from Coldwater. It is required, as we were told that only one telephone was in the area and

that was in the general store. They gave a demonstration of the pumps and stated the force was quite satisfactory with a length of a mile of hose.

The large boat with an inboard motor as well as several other smaller units, was in the large boat house. More of this same equipment was said to be at Honey Harbor and Six Mile Lake, but we did not visit these districts.

The Chief Forester, Mr. Hamilton, stated he covered these points in going over the area about once per month for the entire year. His description of the area in winter would not tempt anyone to go there for Christmas.

On our return trip we called at the Provincial Park at Bass Lake. This was formerly a camp operated by a Co-Op. Society but its use was not extensive and the Directors sold the pro-

perty to the government. A large expenditure was necessary to equip the Park with proper buildings. They now have a parking area near the bathing beach, a building or offce at the entry gate, a large Picnic Club house, wash room facilities in a near building, a store which is operated in sum-

mer months. The grounds have been extended to permit of the building of a Trailer Camp. A wood has been cleared and divided into camping sites. Water is available at another club house in this area - a well 245 feet deep provides 50 lbs. pressure at the top.

The Park is very popular and It was stated would have to be enlarged, as many persons were turned away each weekend. In speaking of the Unit, one of the Officers said it was generally up to capacity of 5,000 by 1 p.m. on a Sunday. The record showed 100,000 used the Camp in 1958 with an expected 50% increase in 1939.

The government has not only provided the place to ge but is providing wild life to cover the land and waters. Each year

was stated the seedlings were leased in Peel, York and Ontario Counties. In connection pleted, it permits of trimming The question was asked if with fishing, 80,000 yearling

> for the first time, the work good sites at which these might established.

While many may say the pro-In another section we viewed In going on from this sec- gramme is expensive, it would

Give Life Pioneer Society

Honorary life memberships in the York Pioneer and Historical Society was conferred on Harry year. It was considered to have I. Price, President of the Canadbeen a good year, fairly free of ian National Exhibition; Major any large amount of damage A. A. Mackenzie, MC, MPP, and and in this the department are Alfred H. Cowling, MPP, at the quite ready to give the public Society's annual assembly in the the proper amount of credit for Scadding Cabin at the Exhibibeing more careful of smoking, tion grounds. This action was by way of recognition of the In what is known as the fire services of these gentlemen to area no person can set any fire the cause of local history and from April 1st to October 1st particularly in the preservation are happy to state that Mr. Price The members of the County has an appreciation of the place this area has in our country's history. This year the Bay of the Humber was again the scene of an occasion of historic importance. Nearly a century and a half ago this shore was the landing place of an invading army carried here by a hostile fleet. The naval display of 1959 in the Bay of the Humber was an event marking 146 years of unbroken

> this continent." Of Major Mackenzie it was stated he had "an enviable recpearing . . . This Society has Council, strongly recommended reason to be grateful for Major. Mackenzie's resolute support of its efforts, in association with similar bodies, for the preservation of Fort York and its site (the spot where this Toronto began) when legislation to use part of that site as an expressway was proposed in a Bill at the historic site. Mr. Cowling, as who died last year. last session of the Legislature.

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ord of public service, civil and During that session much pres- | Chairman of the Municipal Laws military . . . He has been and sure was brought, with the Committee of the Legislature, ploughing of snow in winter. is a leader in conservation of strangely unanimous support declared his opposition to the It was considered that with an York's natural resources, partic- (for a while) of Toronto's daily provision. This and outspoken ularly its rivers and their ori- newspapers, to authorize an ex- objections of Major Mackenzie Lake Simcoe Area, that it was | gins. He is also active in the | pressway across the site of Fort | were supported by other governmarking of archaeological and York. The Toronto Civic His ment followers with the result historic sites, thereby saving torical Committee, an honorary that the vandal provision was many of the latter from disap- body appointed by the City struck out." against the provision. This Cabin included what is believed Committee advised that not only to be the only portrait in existwas the site of Fort York the ence of Alexander Wood, mer-

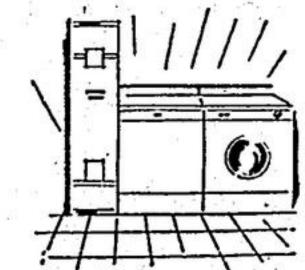
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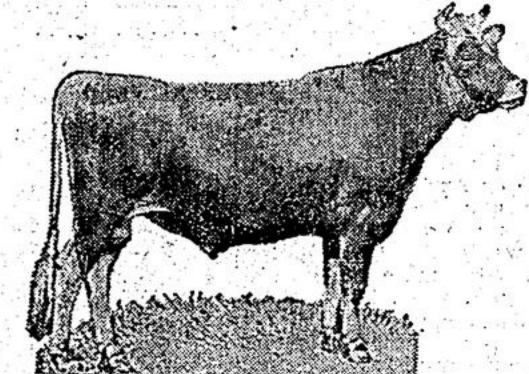
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