

Trees on Ground Once Under Plow

Just a word more as to the rapidity with which growth is made in tress and how much nature herself will accomplish if given a free hand. Several of the maples lining the roadway and lane are nearly two feet in diameter, and yet Mr. McCullough, who in the present season has done most of the work on a large farm, and done it well, assisted in the planting of those trees. At one side of the wood-lot, following the line of an old fence, are a lot of splendid elms. I tried to span one of these with my arms, but fell several inches short of accomplishing it. "And yet," said Mr. McCullough, "as a lad I plowed the ground in which those elms, the result of natural seeding, are now growing." The pines marking the site of the old-time cemetery are also the result of natural seeding, "this being due," as Mr. McCullough said, "to the fact that seed in the ground was not destroyed by repeated burnings or subsequent cultivation."

A Beauty Spot Near Oakville

Down near the front of Halton county on the old Waldbrook homestead, another demonstration is afforded in what can be accomplished by planting and conservation. There, too, is a well preserved wood-lot—twelve acres in this case—and along the front, facing the Hamilton highway, is a row of trees, 60 rods in length, that makes one of the finest pictures to be seen on the approach to Oakville from the east.

"Those roadside trees," said James Waldbrook, "were planted at the time when the Province gave a bonus of 15 cents for each one of such trees planted, and authorized municipalities to supplement that bonus with another 15 cents per tree. That legislation gave a great impetus to the beautification of roadsides, and it was a serious mistake when it was withdrawn." As one indication of how tree growth adds to the selling price of land, in some cases, Mr. Waldbrook mentioned a purchase made by one of those Toronto colonists who have given city values to land near Oakville. "The purchaser in this case," Mr. Waldbrook said, "bought a building site at what a few years ago would have been considered a fabulous figure. He paid that price simply because of the beauty which a natural growth of timber gave to the site."

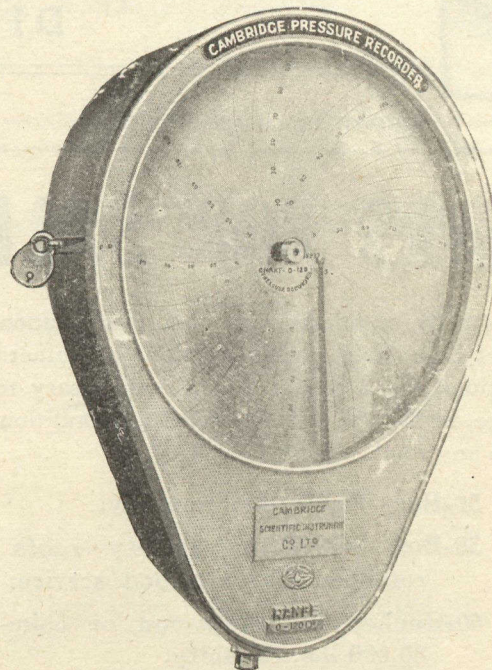
Halton was at one time one of the most richly wooded counties in the Province. "From an elevation south of Georgetown," said Mr. McCullough, "as a boy I looked over a stretch of territory, every hundred acres of which held from 15 to 75 acres of pine, and this gave to the whole the appearance of a solid pine forest." Halton is not only a rich, but a beautiful county still, hills and valleys, winding roads and numerous streams giving forth changing and picturesque views at every turn. The county would be yet more beautiful if Nature were allowed to recover some of the bare ridges, and if on every farm the practical lessons in farm forestry demonstrated on the McCullough and Waldbrook homesteads were wisely applied.

A HOUSE CUT TO SAVE A TREE.

IN ORDER to save the trees surrounding the Scanlan home on Main Street, between Calhoun and Pierce Avenues, it was necessary to divide a house being moved from the old B. F. Bonner home at Main and Calhoun, says the *Houston Post*.

The case went into court before Judge Charles E. Ashe, when the Scanlan estate sought an injunction to prevent damage to the trees because of moving the house. The only means of accomplishing this was to divide the building.

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