

determined. Whether this should be done in a central spot or in local cemeteries as close as may be to, and as nearly as possible like, the original location are matters for each community to give consideration to. It might well be that if a single memorial cemetery were decided upon it could be established on the most northerly of the Long Sault islands. This will be the finest island of the group, attaining elevation 290, or about 45 feet above ultimate high water level. As a site for a memorial cemetery it would be a beautiful spot, safe from the inroads of commercialism for all time.

One other historic spot should be preserved -- the Battlefield of Crysler's Farm. It will be five feet under water. Consideration might well be given to the establishment of a small island at the spot where the monument now stands. It would be close to the new highway and yet a safe distance away from the main navigational channel. The preservation of this epic incident in Canadian history warrants careful consideration of this suggestion.

There are, no doubt, other historic sites in the area the preservation of which by removal to new sites or by raising their existing sites must be considered individually.

#### (b) The rehabilitation of the communities

The first point to be considered here is that the communities so severely affected must be restored to the greatest extent possible with their present assets which are accessibility to the river, good highway facilities, and natural scenic attractiveness. These assets are what have made them pleasant places in which to live, both all year round and during the summer season. From the last they draw a considerable measure of prosperity.

The first question that arises here is the following: Does the community want to be rehabilitated on the new shore line? How many of its citizens want to take their compensation money and leave the community altogether? How many want the identity of the community preserved? This is a matter which must be settled by the citizens themselves. If a majority wish to move to the new shore line, this brings up interesting questions of town planning, location of industry, railways, highways and communications. Consideration must be given to the relocation and establishment of new schools where they would be required. The advantages or disadvantages of consolidated schools -- the questions of providing transportation to bring the children to school rather than local school sections -- would be a matter to be worked out with the assistance of the Department of Education.

The relocation of church buildings where congregations have been dispersed will in most cases require very sympathetic consideration, particularly with regard to independent congregations whose membership may scatter widely.

In other words, there must be prolonged negotiation between the people of the communities affected with the body or bodies responsible for these matters in order to ensure orderly action. These negotiations might have as their objective the establishment of a new town on a new townsite. This would be required to be laid out on a modern basis with all modern conveniences. I do not see why it would not be