

Perhaps the best and worst examples of what can be done in a power development are to be found in the vicinity of Ottawa. The Chaudiere Falls are made hideous by an inconsiderate and unplanned development without regard for the need of the preservation of the beauty of the Capital. On the other hand, the Gatineau is an example where the scenic beauty of the river was preserved. There the Company was interested in the development of cottage sites, and by planning and foresight was able to ensure the development of Chelsea Lake without its being spoiled by dead trees, ruined houses and other eyesores.

In the case of the St. Lawrence, there is need for foresight and planning with a view to ensuring that the new lake which will extend from Cornwall to Cardinal may be developed with new scenic values that will compensate for those destroyed.

Here I would point out that, in the Agreement signed on December 3, 1951, between the federal and Ontario governments concerning the St. Lawrence development, Article XV reads as follows:-

"Ontario will establish a Commission to supervise the execution of such works as may be appropriate, consistently with the execution of the works, to safeguard and enhance the scenic beauty of and historic associations with the International Rapids Section."

Consideration should also be given to the preservation of the historic monuments and the historic associations of the area that will disappear for ever. To this section of Ontario are related some of the most historic episodes in the history of Canada -- the exploration of the west and the Indian wars of the French regime, the coming of the United Empire Loyalists, the War of 1812, and later the development of the Canadian canal system of which the proposed work is but the final stage.

The dominant feature of the river-front of Osnabrock and Cornwall Townships under their new conditions will be a string of islands far out in the new lake which will stretch for six miles from just east of the present Farran's Point almost to Moulinette. These islands will be of various sizes. Some will almost disappear at extreme high water stage, while some will stand 10 to 30 feet above high water level. Consideration might well be given to the construction of a road from the new Queen's Highway to these islands, linking them together by causeways. This would be an ideal spot for a park. A road might well be constructed joining the islands together and to the mainland at either end. The channels to be bridged would not be more than 4 or 5 in number and would be comparatively shallow. These islands are partially wooded now. In the course of 3 or 4 years they should become very desirable sites for summer cottages.

Between Morrisburg and Cornwall there are some 13 cemeteries that will be inundated. Two of these are west of Morrisburg. It is in these graveyards probably more than in any other spots that the historic associations of this area are enshrined. Where to transfer the graves and tombstones of those pioneers and others buried in these cemeteries that will be inundated would be another matter to be