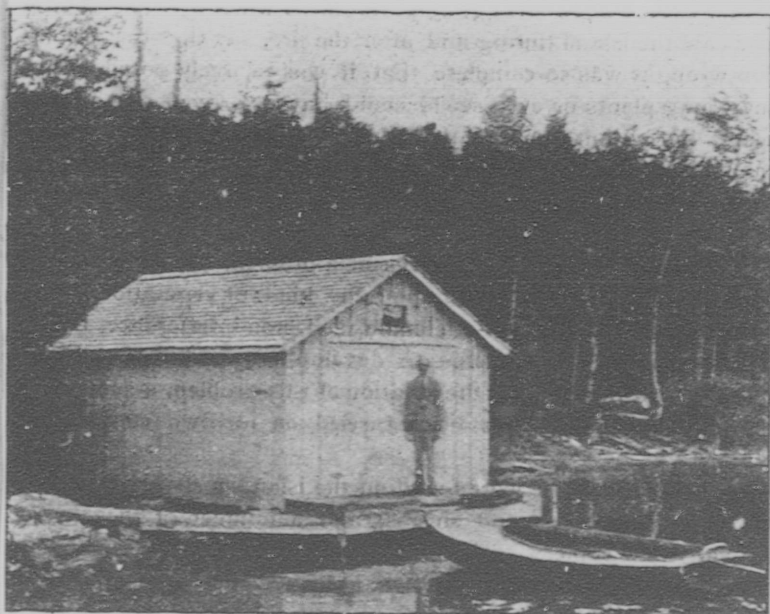


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## DEFINITE PROBLEMS IN NATURE STUDY.

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HUNTO ISLAND, MUSKOKA, ONT.

Eighteen years of unassisted forest growth.

The following elementary experiment is submitted in the hope that it may be suggestive of others, and also emphasize the fundamental principle that in beginning Nature Study the main difficulty lies in selecting a suitable problem and making a definite and sequential study of the subject chosen.

## FOREST DEVELOPMENT.

The island of Hunto in Portage Lake, twenty miles south-east of Parry Sound, Ontario, has an area of about seven acres, and, like other islands of the Muskoka region, is simply the summit of an upheaved mountain of Laurentian granite, the highest point being about 80 feet above the level of the surrounding lake.