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The Annual General Meeting was held on May 17th, 1928, 8 PM at the Essex County Golf and Country Club with Mr. A. D. W. Leach as President. The normal reading of previous minutes went smoothly and were adopted as written. The opening of Camp was set for July 7th 1928 this year. This meeting sent the discussion of the purchase of the new light plant and a new motor boat to the incoming Board members at the following Directors Meeting as well as the one member who was in arrears with his dues. The new member elected to Camp during this session was Mr. Dave Pritchard who was nominated by E. C. Kenning and seconded by Dr. L. D. Hogan. Talk of getting pictures of all Presidents framed and put in Camp was heartily approved by all and several pictures were submitted. Memberships were discussed and invitations were extended to Mr. Norman Lockwood, Dave Pritchard, and Dr. D. St. John Wiggle. If any were not interested, the invitation would be extended to Mr. Brooke Baxter. The reason that all three could not be invited to join is because the current membership was at 18 with a maximum set at 20. Fred Bray Isaacs began coming to Camp this year and attended camp every year until his death on April 18th, 1983.

May 17th, 1928 9:30 PM the new Board members of Morton's Point Ltd. met. J. R. Coate and E. F. Ladore were assigned as Camp Managers for the first half of the season and the second half was assigned to E. C. Kenning and A. D. W. Leach. The member in arrears was Dr. A. D. McAlpine. The Board decided to inform him that the maximum number of memberships granted was 20 and that a number of other gentlemen were interested in joining the Camp and therefore he was asked to pay up his arrears of \$250.00 or if he did not wish to do so, the Club would refund him \$200.00 of his \$250.00 initiation fee thus opening a position for others in waiting. Another meeting for this group was called on May 31st, 1928 6 PM at the Golf Club again.

Flooding was once again recorded for this year. Some notes say it was worse than 1922 while others say it was not. The ice box in Camp had been damaged by the flooding and E. F. Ladore and J. R. Coate were given the power to act as they saw fit. The light plant was getting closer to being a reality for the Camp and E. F. Ladore & G. M. Duck were asked to investigate fully the purchase of one as well as the purchase of a new motor boat. The purchase of Camp supplies was left to the Camp Managers as usual.

The shareholders meeting took place on September 18th, 1928 at the Golf Club. It was agreed to allow the committee, set up in the May 31st, 1928 meeting, to purchase the new lighting plant

(\$500.78 was spent) and suggested they take the matter up with Guy Hayward to see if he could get a company to supply and install it. The fireplace, originally built in 1911, had suffered from the flooding in 1922 and spring of 1928 and had to be re-built this year at a cost of \$375.20 noted in the Minutes Book but said to be \$269.80 on the attendance sheet written by our previous Historian, Fred Bray Isaacs. The repair was done by Guy Hayward. A bill was submitted for other work done by A. J. O'Neil. for \$15.00.

The hard thing to follow in all the meeting records is the way one meeting would come up with an idea and send it to another group meeting for inspection and yet another for approval with committees being set up all over the place. How they kept track of things is beyond me.

The Farm Creek Club had, a very apprehensive, Guy Hayward build them an elaborate boathouse on a rock wall foundation in 1927 which was lifted off it's foundation by the record high flood waters and was found floating about in the north end.

During the 1928 Camp, Mr. A. R. Robinson, who was accompanied by his nurse Miss Craig, took ill. Fortunately, Dr. C. C. Mechling from Pittsburgh was a guest in Camp and offered his services for Mr. Robinson. The Board sent him a letter of thanks and offered him an attendance in 1929 Camp free of charge.

The cook this year was Herbert "Harry" Holmes and his wife.

Resignations (1) Dr. A. D. McAlpine non payment of dues.

New Members (3) Fred Bray Isaacs, Brooke Baxter, Dr. D. St. John Lockwood.

Newspaper clipping from 1928.

LAKE WAWASHKESH IS FAVORED SPOT

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**Summer Resort in Wilds of Parry Sound District Claims
Many Border Sojourners; Is Good Place
For Those Who Like to "Rough It"**

LAKE Wawashkesh, in the wilds of the Parry Sound district, is claiming a large share of Border summer sojourners this year. This lake, familiarly known as Deer Lake, the popular conception being that Wawashkesh is the Indian term for big deer, has long been a favorite spot for those who thoroughly enjoy camping or "roughing it" and where old clothes are the order of the day and where anything savoring of the city is frowned upon.

The inaccessibility of the lake is no doubt one of its charms. Alighting from the train some 24 miles north of Parry Sound, one first makes a portage of half a mile, then crosses Goose Neck Lake, a distance of four miles, and another short portage or else one reaches Lake Wawashkesh by motor over a rather primitive road through the woods.

Across the lake where the Magnetawan River continues to flow on its way to the Georgian Bay, Morton's Camp is situated. This has been a favored spot for years for many Border men to spend their holidays. About 15 years ago a syndicate of 11 members was formed, mostly officers of the old 21st Regiment. They built the camp and named it after the father of the camp who took such an interest in its welfare, the late Robert M. Morton, of Sandwich. Every year since that time, these members and their friends have spent what time they could here. The first week in July a party consisting of Mr. A. D. W. Leach, Mr. Edgar F. LaDore, Mr. James R. Coate, Mr. R. J. Sherlock, Mr. J. A. Grant, Mr. F. Cody, Mr. Arthur Robinson of Detroit, and Mr. Fred Isaacs of London, journeyed to camp. Mr. Sherlock and Mr. Grant have returned, as have Mr. Robert L. Daniels and Mr. Sidney H. Robinson, who joined the party later. Mr. William H. Isaacs, Mr. Charles W. Isaacs and Mr. J. D. Isaacs of London were recent arrivals there, and Major E. C. Kenning, Mr. George M. Duck, Mr. John Duck, Mr. Maurice R. Twomey expect to depart the end of the week. Dr. L. D. Hogan may also join them.

FISHING IS DELIGHT

As might be expected, fishing is one of the delights. One of the favorite trips is a canoe trip up Farm Creek which includes several portages, to Island Lake, an uninhabited lake where the bass fishing is excellent.

Last year, a new club, the Walkerville Deep Bay Hunt Club, was opened down the Magnetawan River, and the members now have a very comfortable and commodious clubhouse, rebuilt on the site of a lumber camp. The president, Mr. Chauncey M. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett and their daughter, Mrs. Harry Drake, expect to leave on Sunday for their camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate K. Cornwall and family and Mr. Alfred Burroughs and a party will also leave then to spend several weeks there.

On Minnewahwah Island, with its tall and stately pine trees from which it receives its Indian name meaning the sound of the breeze through the pine trees, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Walter McGregor and daughter Mary and son, Sonny, are enjoying the season. Two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Duck and family spent the summer on this island. Dr. and Mrs. Douglas S. Wigle are leaving shortly to visit the McGregors at Minnewahwah.

HOTEL IS FAVORED

The Royal Wah-Wash-Kesh hotel always has a goodly share of names of Border residents on its register, and this year among them were the names of Mr. W. R. McGie, Mr. A. E. McGilivray, Mr. Andrews and Mr. A. R. McClenaghan, who have returned to the Border after spending two weeks there. At present, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morton and children, Malcolm and Janet, are spending three weeks here. They have spent the past three or four summers on this lake. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gangnier, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Predhomme, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent F. Fenech and the Ross Riddells are also holidaying at this hotel. The Gangniers and the Fenechs have for years spent part of the summer here. Mr. William G. Curry was usually a member of the same party, but this year he had the misfortune to break his leg shortly after his arrival and was forced to return home.

There is also on the lake, the Walkerville Hunt Club, the members of which usually journey there in November for the hunting season. Mr. Harry O. Kerr, Mr. Elmer Luxford and Mr. Broderick often are members of the party.