

ADMINISTRATION

HONORARY CHAIRMEN

Dr. Watson H. Porter	1951-1957
Dr. J. Cameron Wilson	1957-1958

CHAIRMEN

Dr. J. Cameron Wilson	1947-1955
Gordon W. Pittock	1955-1965
Norman A. Bradford	1965-

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

Gordon W. Pittock	1950
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SECRETARY-TREASURERS

Dr. Watson H. Porter	1947-1949
Leonard N. Johnson	1949-1963
Richard Julian	1963-1964
G. William Kelly	1964-

CHIEF OFFICERS

Dr. A. H. Richardson	1947-1960
Roy W. Garrett	1961
A. B. Manson	1962-1963
(Office abolished in 1963)	

PARK SUPERINTENDENTS

Norman A. Bradford	1955
Rex H. Bishop	1956-

HONORARY VICE CHAIRMEN

R. Thomas Orr	1951-1957
Dr. J. Cameron Wilson	1956-1957

VICE CHAIRMEN

R. Thomas Orr	1947-1950
Gordon W. Pittock	1951-1955
Norman A. Bradford	1955-1965
Robert A. Rudy	1965-

HONORARY MEMBER

A. S. L. Barnes	1962
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ASSISTANT TREASURER

R. S. Booth	1960
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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Robert D. McCall	1963-
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FIELD OFFICER

Leonard N. Johnson 1949-1963

PROJECT ENGINEERS

William McNaughton 1955-1960

Craig R. Leuty 1961-1968

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Harry G. Link 1961-

Mr. Booth, retired banker, was engaged in March, 1960 to re-organize the accounting department, and was appointed assistant treasurer. Mr. Julian was named as his understudy in May, 1960, later took over Mr. Booth's post and was appointed secretary-treasurer upon the resignation of Mr. Johnson.

In the Authority's formative years the services of solicitors were retained as required and A. R. Douglas and J. C. McBride did considerable work. Earl H. Slater was appointed solicitor in 1954 and was replaced in 1963 by the firm of Jeffery & Jeffery, represented by R. J. Flinn. In 1964 Mr. Flinn was appointed solicitor.

W. C. Benson & Company were auditors between 1949 and 1953. The duties were taken over in 1954 by F. O. Kime, now Kime Beattie & Company.

AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

Below is a list of members of the Authority, by municipalities, from its inception in 1947 to July 1, 1973. Those marked with an asterisk have served or are serving on the executive.

BEACHVILLE

Ross Edwards 1962-

BIDDULPH

* J. E. Bryan 1947-1970
 J. M. Ryan 1970-

BLANDFORD

Oscar Sippel 1947-1963
 W. A. Chesney 1964-

BLANSHARD

* Dr. G. H. Jose 1947-1952
 * J. A. Stephen 1952-

DELAWARE

Orville Kennedy 1947-1949
 * Gordon Hotham 1950-

DEREHAM

LeRoy Curtis 1947-1948
 Harry Little 1949-1950
 H. R. McBeth 1951-1963
 George Nagle 1963-1964
 Carl Sackrider 1965-1969
 Charles Allin 1970-

DORCHESTER NORTH

* G. Lorne Shakleton 1947-1948
 G. W. Roulston 1950
 Charles Hoyle 1951-1958
 John J. Wilson 1959-1960
 * J. G. Lind 1961-1965
 K. W. Martin 1965-1968
 Edward Hamilton 1969-1973
 William Lane 1973-

DOWNIE

David S. McKay	1947
* Wilfrid Murray	1948-1956
	1960-1964
Earl Boyes	1957-1959
* Alister McIntosh	1965-

EASTHOPE NORTH

J. E. Rose	1947
Edward Wilhelm	1948-1949
Donald McTavish	1950
	1962-1968
Wilson Cook	1951-1953
Fred Schlotzhauer	1954-1961
Henry Fleischauer	1969-

EASTHOPE SOUTH

Alex Anderson	1947
Jacob Krug	1948-1951
H. A. Lowe	1952

ELLICE

* Michael Messerschmidt	1947-1954
Alvin Rohfritsch	1955-1966
Wilbert Herman	1967-1972
Wilmot Graul	1973

EMBRO

R. A. McDonald	1947-1948
R. H. Clark	1949-1956
J. D. Hossack	1957-1966
Karl Osterberg	1967-1971
H. A. Armstrong	1972-

FULLARTON

* W. A. Tuer	1947-1950
* J. Wilson Brown	1950-1970
H. F. Patterson	1970-

INGERSOLL

* G. W. Pittock	1947-1965
T. J. Morrison	1965-1967
John F. Stares	1967-

LOBO

H. G. McKay	1947-1958
Kenneth Campbell.....	1959-1963
Lorne E. Vail	1964-1970
Archie Hocking	1971-

LOGAN

Fred Ahrens	1947
W. O. Gaffney	1948-1951
W. F. Dalling	1952-1953
W. H. Chaffe	1954

LONDON

* Dr. J. Cameron Wilson	1947-1956
* E. A. Boug	1947-1953
* Norman A. Bradford	1947-
A. J. Rush	1954
R. J. Carswell	1955-1956
R. W. Garrett	1955-1961
T. T. Ferris	1957
H. C. Prior	1957-1960
C. M. Peterson	1958-1959
A. W. Plumb.....	1960
R. J. Edwards	1960
E. R. Nichols	1961-1964
Dr. Wilfrid Jury.....	1961-1971
P. V. V. Betts	1962-1966
T. O. Robinson	1965-1966
* W. E. Dyer Jr.	1967-
F. H. Flitton	1967-1969
	1972-
J. F. Gosnell	1970
J. A. Irvine	1971
Mrs. Margaret Fullerton	1971
J. P. Cleary	1972-
Ald. Jane Bigelow	1972

LONDON TOWNSHIP

* William Goddard	1947-1956
	1964-1968
R. C. Dunn	1947-1955
W. J. Clements.....	1957
* J. J. McHale Jr.....	1956-1963
W. A. Winslow	1958-1959
A. E. Smith	1960
E. G. McRoberts	1969-

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MITCHELL

H. A. Cook	1947-1956
	1964-1969
A. E. Robinson	1957-1959
F. Adair Campbell	1960-1962
Malcolm Norris	1963
N. D. Walt	1970-

MISSOURI EAST

* Milton Betteridge	1947-1948
* J. Grant Sutherland	1949-

MISSOURI WEST

* Frank Annett	1947-1948
* George A. Smith	1949-1950
* Milton A. Brock	1951-1955
Ernest Budden	1956-1958
Cecil Glass	1959-

OXFORD EAST

* J. A. Wallace	1947-1968
G. Kitchen	1969-1970
G. B. Thornton	1971-

OXFORD NORTH

James Calder	1947-1949
H. P. Dunn	1950-1954
* C. M. Riddle	1955-

OXFORD WEST

* P. M. Sage	1947-1948
* A. D. Robinson	1949-

ST. MARYS

* J. G. Bell	1947-1968
* K. L. Dunsford	1969-

STRATFORD

* R. Thomas Orr	1947-1954
Dr. R. S. Murray	1947-1948
T. E. Henry	1949-1950
A. D. Simpson	1951-1952
Lawrence Feick	1953-1954
* T. J. Dolan	1955-
A. B. Manson	1955-1958
John D. Douglas	1959-1967
Gordon L. Mavity	1967-

TAVISTOCK

Wilfred Corp	1947
* Robert Rudy	1948-1972
William Ducklow	1972-

USBORNE

Clayton Smith	1954-1969
Kenneth Duncan	1969-

WESTMINSTER

* Charles M. Kirk	1947-
* Charles Cousins	1947-1952
* J. G. Lind	1953-1960

WOODSTOCK

* J. A. Lewis	1947-1949
J. A. Saunders	1947-1948
* H. J. Collins	1949-1953
	1965-1967
R. M. Barney	1954
	1956-1961
E. E. Pearson	1950-1957
Douglas Campbell	1955
O. D. Evans	1958-1959
T. H. Dent	1960-1962
* K. C. Hilts	1963-1965
W. A. Downing	1962
T. J. Slater	1963-1965
J. F. Hutchinson	1967-1968
Dr. H. C. Parrott	1968
L. J. Cook	1969-1970
	1972-
* H. J. Roth	1969-
D. F. Quayle	1971

ZORRA EAST

* Gordon Ross	1947-1950
F. S. Killing	1950-1956
W. J. McDonald	1957-

ZORRA WEST

Osmond Murray	1947-1949
	1952-1956
* Alister Clarke	1950-1951
R. G. Innes	1957-1966
Evan Sutherland	1966-1972
J. K. Fleming	1973-

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

* Harry Duffin	1961-1971
* F. L. Jenkins	1961-
* David White	1961-
* Harry R. Ward	1972-



This photo was taken at the Authority's annual meeting in London on February 15, 1968. From left to right, FRONT ROW, W. J. Kelterborn, chairman of the Maitland Authority; J. Wilson Brown, Fullarton; J. A. Stephen, Blanshard; T. J. Dolan, Stratford; Dr. Wilfrid Jury, London; Robert Rudy, Tavistock, vice chairman; Murray McCutcheon, Toronto, executive director of the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management; N. A. Bradford, London, chairman; Harry Collins, Woodstock; J. A. Bell, St. Marys; J. E. Bryan, Biddulph; H. A. Cook, Mitchell; A. D. Robinson, West Oxford. SECOND ROW, William Amos, vice chairman, Ausable Authority; L. N. Johnson, London, resources manager, Lower Thames Authority; Grant Kime, London, auditor; J. Grant Sutherland, East Nissouri; F. L. Jenkins, London; W. J. McDonald, East Zorra; G. W. Kelly, St. Marys, secretary-treasurer; Alister McIntosh, Downie; H. A. Lowe, South Easthope; Cecil Glass, West Nissouri; J. A. Wallace, East Oxford; Evan Sutherland, West Zorra; Gordon Hotham, Delaware; Carl Sackrider, Dereham; Harry Duffin, Thorndale; C. M. Kirk, Westminster. THIRD ROW, G. L. Mavity, Stratford; K. G. Musclow, resources manager, Maitland Authority; David White, St. Marys; Wilbert Herman, Ellice; W. A. Chesney, Blandford; R. H. Bishop, London, parks superintendent; J. F. Hutchinson, Woodstock; R. J. Flinn, London, solicitor; Ross Edwards, Beachville; J. F. Stares, Ingersoll; Karl Osterberg, Embro; R. D. McCall, Tillsonburg; director of operations C. M. Riddle, North Oxford; W. E. Dyer, Jr., London. Authority members K. W. Martin, North Dorchester; Donald McTavish, North Easthope; Lorne E. Vail, Lobo; W. A. Chaffe, Logan; F. H. Flitton, London; W. J. Goddard, London Township; C. A. Smith, Usborne; Dr. H. C. Parrott, Woodstock, are absent from picture.

PERSONALITIES



Mr. Simonett

HEADS DEPARTMENT

Hon. John R. Simonett, as Minister of Energy and Resources Management in the Ontario government, is responsible for the administration of the Conservation Authorities Branch, and it is to him that the Authority turns for approval of schemes and for financial assistance to accomplish them.

Mr. Simonett became head of the department in October, 1963, about six months before the branch was transferred from the Department of Lands and Forests.

He was first elected to the Legislature for Frontenac-Addington in 1959, and was appointed minister without portfolio in October, 1962. He is a former reeve of Oso Township and warden of Frontenac County. Mr. Simonett was born in Harrowsmith, Ontario and in business life was an automobile dealer.

DIRECTOR OF BRANCH

Alfred S. L. Barnes has been director of the Conservation Authorities Branch since November, 1961, and is the key man in dealings between the Authorities and the Province.



Mr. Barnes

A graduate of the faculty of forestry, University of Toronto, 1930, Mr. Barnes worked for five years in the forestry division of the Department of Lands and Forests, and then started in business for himself as a consulting forester and landscape contractor. He joined the Conservation Branch in 1945, after five years war service. He was head of the forestry section of the branch from 1945 to 1952 and assistant director from 1952 until his appointment as director.

Mr. Barnes is one of the few foresters in Canada who has worked in the spruce forests of the north, as well as the rain forests of the tropics. In 1937 he was with a pulp and paper company in Kapuskasing and in 1958 was granted a year's leave of absence from the Branch to act as forestry and land-use adviser to the government of the West Indies. A native of Gibraltar, he came to Canada in 1910.



Mr. Bradford

THE CHAIRMAN

Norman A. Bradford, a charter member of the Authority, representing the city of London, has been its chairman since 1965. Previously he had served as vice chairman for 10 years and was parks superintendent for one year.

Mr. Bradford was born in London, where he received his schooling. He has been a member of London city council continuously since December, 1946 and is the oldest member of Council in years of continuous service. He has been a member of London Board of Control since 1961. In the business world he has been general manager of Covent Garden Market Parking Building since its inception in 1956.



Mr. Rudy

THE VICE CHAIRMAN

A member of the Authority since 1948, as Tavistock's representative, Robert Rudy was elected vice chairman in 1965, and is chairman of the finance and administrative committees.

A native of Tavistock, he received his early education there, followed by a commercial course at Stratford Business College and a commerce and finance course at Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana.

Reeve of Tavistock for years, he now is clerk-treasurer of the village. Since 1936 he has operated his own fuel and building supply business (Robert Rudy Ltd.) and has been secretary-treasurer of Tavistock Cheese and Butter Limited since 1941.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Robert D. McCall, Tillsonburg, was appointed to the newly-created post of director of operations on June 4, 1963. Born in Simcoe, he is a graduate of St. Andrew's College, Aurora, and served in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War.



Mr. McCall

Before his appointment to the Authority he had gained 20 years' experience in business administration and management in manufacturing and merchandising. He operated his own business of manufacturing and merchandising a variety of wood products and hardware, as well as conducting a farming and logging operation in Norfolk County. When his St. Williams plant was destroyed by fire in 1961 he resumed merchandising in Tillsonburg.

Mr. McCall has a background of conservation through three generations. He was active in the formation of the Big Creek Conservation Authority and his grandfather assisted materially in the establishment of the St. Williams Reforestry Station.



Mr. Kelly

SECRETARY-TREASURER

G. William Kelly, St. Marys, was appointed secretary-treasurer in June, 1964. Previous to that he was in the feed business in St. Marys for 23 years. He is a native of Tillsonburg, where he received his early education.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT

Rex H. Bishop has been superintendent of the Authority's park system since February, 1956. A native of England, his early education there included a two-year course in horticulture at the Royal Horticultural College at Wisley.



Mr. Bishop

Emigrating to Canada in 1927 he took the two-year diploma course at MacDonal College, McGill University and during the summers of 1927 and 1928 worked on farms in Quebec and Saskatchewan. In 1929 he joined the Massey-Harris Company in Toronto and was transferred to London in the fall of that year. In 1933 he returned to England, where he converted his parents' farm into a nursery and landscaping business. In 1945 he received the national diploma in horticulture (landscape section). Mr. Bishop served with the Royal Air Force in the Second World War. He returned to Canada in December, 1955.

FIRST CHIEF OFFICER

Dr. Arthur Herbert Richardson, the first Chief Officer of the Upper Thames Authority, and former director of the Conservation Authorities Branch, was a guiding spirit in the formation of this and other Authorities in the Province.



Dr. Richardson

Born in Toronto, where he now lives retired, Dr. Richardson graduated from McMaster University with a bachelor's degree in 1915 and a master's degree in biology in 1916. He spent two years at Harvard University, on a scholarship, and received the degree of master of science in silviculture.

Joining the Department of Lands and Forests in 1920, he later became forester in charge of reforestation. During his service with that department he organized the county forests throughout the Province and was responsible for the program of tree distribution and allied reforestation projects.

In 1942 he conducted the Ganaraska watershed survey and his report on that undertaking, for which he received a degree of forest engineer from the University of Toronto, has served as the basis for all conservation work carried out in the Province, under the Conservation Authorities Act of 1946. Dr. Richardson also conducted surveys of the Upper Thames in 1945 and 1950.

In 1944, at the request of Hon. Dana Porter, first Minister of the department, Dr. Richardson transferred from the Department of Lands and Forests to the newly-formed Department of Planning and Development. He became its first director and chief conservation engineer, and played an important role in framing the Conservation Authorities Act. When the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority was formed in 1957, Dr. Richardson was named chairman by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. He served for one year in addition to his departmental duties.

Dr. Richardson was closely associated with the Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts of Ontario and served as president for six years. In 1958 he received the Commonwealth's top award for Scouting, the "Silver Wolf". In 1959 he was made an honorary life member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, and in 1961 was awarded the gold medal by the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, the highest award given to a civil servant in Canada. In 1962 he was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, by McGill University.



Dr. Wilson

FIRST CHAIRMAN

A medical doctor by profession and a conservationist by choice, the selection of Dr. J. Cameron Wilson, a chairman of the new Authority, was a happy one. A native of London and active in municipal affairs, Dr. Wilson was conscious of the devastating floods that descended upon his city and for years was a leader in trying to promote some form of river control organization.

Dr. Wilson was a London alderman when he was elected chairman of the Authority in 1947. He continued in that capacity until 1955 when he retired, because of ill health, but remained as a member. He was named honorary chairman in 1957, a post he held at the time of his death on September 4, 1958.

Closely associated with Dr. Wilson for many years was Dr. Richardson, and there was perhaps no one better qualified to assess his worth. Writing in an issue of "Our Valley" after Dr. Wilson's death, Dr. Richardson said, in part:

"Ontario has lost one of its distinguished citizens in the death of Dr. Wilson . . . his name will always be associated with the development of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the establishment of Fanshawe Dam and the park at Fanshawe named appropriately after him He succeeded in drawing together all the interested municipalities, an achievement that only his political experience and his diplomatic tact made possible . . . He came from a family long connected with public life . . . He was mayor (of London) in 1921 at the age of only 31, and later represented London South for two terms in the Legislature (1926-1934) . . . He served in both wars and organized the Western University Hospital Unit which he commanded in the First World War. In the Second World War, as a lieutenant-colonel, he went overseas with the 10th Canadian General Hospital. He served his native city and his country well, and his hundreds of friends on the Authorities throughout Ontario will mourn his death and miss greatly his wise and kindly counsel. "

Dr. Wilson's sincerity of purpose and appreciation of the problems at hand are reflected in his annual chairman's reports and could not but give encouragement to his associates in the formative years of the Authority.

Here are a few excerpts:

1950 report:

"We are pioneering in the field of conservation in Ontario and our success or failure will exert tremendous influence. Conservation in all its phases is a long-term effort."

1951 report:

"Your effort to restore this valley to its natural state is a continuing one over many years. It is doubtful if any of us here will see the completion of the work, but as each one comes and goes he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he left his country better than he found it."

1952 report:

"What mistakes we have made are due not so much to errors of judgment as to lack of experience. There has been no precedent for the work you are doing either in the Province or the Dominion. You are blazing a trail in the Thames watershed and the element of trial and error is bound to apply to some extent . . . Your work is being followed closely throughout the Province and Dominion . . . The plan being evolved is one that might be used as a model by other Authorities who have not yet reached the stage of development of TVA."

1954 final:

"Never in my past experience have I seen the representatives of 31 municipalities, of mixed rural and urban character, joined together in harmonious association and dedicated to the common purpose of conserving the natural resources and improving the way of life of the people of a river valley. This harmonious association has been the secret of our success and must be maintained at all costs if we are to go forward and complete the vast program you have laid down for the next few years."



Mr. Orr

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN

A charter member of the Authority, as a representative of Stratford, R. Thomas Orr was elected vice chairman at the organization meeting in 1947. He became honorary vice chairman in 1951 and held that office at the time of his death in 1957.

A prominent businessman, Mr. Orr probably became best known in his home community as one of the founders of the city's park system. During his lifetime he was particularly interested in water conservation, and gave strong support to the formation of the Authority. He was also well known as an historian, and had a collection of historical data of Perth County of priceless value. The R. Thomas Orr Dam, at Stratford, completed in 1964, was named in his honor.

FIRST SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dr. Watson H. Porter, the first secretary-treasurer of the Authority, was a man who spent most of his adult life in conservation work. He was credited with organizing the Ontario Conservation Association in London in 1936, a step which formally launched the conservation movement in the Province, and led to the establishment of conservation authorities as they are known today.



Dr. Porter

A graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, he became an authority on conservation and agricultural practices. As editor of the *Farmer's Advocate* and *Home Magazine*, he used that publication to impress on the public the need for conserving the country's natural resources.

Dr. Porter was chairman of the steering committee that led to the formation of the Upper Thames Authority. When he resigned the office of secretary-treasurer in 1949 he was appointed chairman of the advisory boards. He became honorary chairman in 1951, and held that position when he died in 1957. The pavilion at Fanshawe Park was named in his honor.

Many other honors came to Dr. Porter, the last of which he did not live to receive personally. It was the Julian Crandall Trophy, presented by the Canadian Tourist Association, and considered one of the highest honors that can be won by a Canadian for conservation work. He was elected a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1952 and was also granted an award of merit by the Horticultural Association of Ontario. In 1955 he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Western Ontario.

Referring to Dr. Porter in a 1958 issue of "Our Valley", Dr. Richardson said: "In the passing of Watson Porter we pay tribute to a great Canadian, a leader in conservation, an outstanding editor, a gifted speaker, a beloved husband and father, a Christian gentleman, and a wonderful friend."



Mr. Johnson

FIELD OFFICER

Actively associated with the Authority from 1949 to 1963, nobody was better acquainted with the watershed than Leonard N. Johnson of London. Graduating in 1936 from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, with an agricultural engineering degree, he received his master of arts degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1966.

Assigned to the Upper Thames by the Minister of Planning and Development in December, 1948, Mr. Johnson assumed his duties as field officer early in the new year. A few months later he took on the added responsibilities of secretary-treasurer.

Temporary office space was obtained in the administration building of the Western Fair, and later in downtown office buildings in London. Offices became available at Fanshawe Dam in May, 1953.

When administration changes were made by the Authority in April, 1963, Mr. Johnson was relieved of his duties as secretary-treasurer to devote full time to field work. In September of that year he was appointed supervising field officer for the Lake Erie District, but remained available to the Upper Thames. In 1965, as resources manager of the Lake Erie District, he undertook organizational work on the Otter, Catfish and Kettle Creek Authorities. Since 1966 he has been resources manager on the Lower Thames Authority and liaison officer with the Upper Thames and Grand Authorities.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America and a former president of the Ontario chapter. He was awarded the Canada medal in 1967.

Associated with Mr. Johnson in summer field work in the watershed were Terry McCauley, Brian Turnbull, Murray Selves, William Weir and Herman Van Wesenbeeck.

SECOND CHAIRMAN

Acknowledged as one of the leaders in the field of conservation in Ontario, Gordon W. Pittock was a charter member of the Authority, representing the town of Ingersoll, and was its chairman for 10 years. He was named second vice chairman in 1950, to assist the then ailing chairman, Dr. Wilson. The following year he became vice chairman and in 1955 succeeded Dr. Wilson to the chairmanship. He resigned from the Authority in 1965. For a number of years he was chairman of the Ontario Conservation Authorities Chairmen.



Mr. Pittock

A tireless worker on behalf of the Authority, Mr. Pittock played a prominent role in the discussions that led to the signing of the flood control agreement with the Federal government in 1961. The dam at Woodstock was named in his honor.

Mr. Pittock was elected to the Provincial Parliament in 1963, as the Progressive Conservative member for Oxford County, and served for four years. He was a member of the Legislature's select committee, established in 1965 to review the provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act.

In his home town of Ingersoll, where he is manager of the Canadian Industries Limited plant, Mr. Pittock has played an active role in many organizations, including membership in the municipal council.

As a token of appreciation of his services to the Authority, and to conservation in general, he was presented with an oil painting of the Pittock Dam, at a meeting at Fanshawe on October 12, 1965. Speaking for the Authority on that occasion James Lind said: "Mr. Pittock has looked after the interests of every municipality in the watershed, and the credit for making the Upper Thames the best Authority in the Province belongs to him."



Mr. McNaughton

HYDROLOGIST

William McNaughton came to the Authority in January, 1955 as hydrologist and to assist in the operation of Fanshawe Dam. He had previously worked as a fieldman with the Ontario Department of Planning and Development, and was with that department when the first survey of the Upper Thames was made. He died suddenly on December 17, 1960, at the age of 49.

THE WRITER

The writer, T. J. Dolan, was born in Stratford, where he attended primary and secondary schools. He joined the staff of The Stratford Beacon in 1915, and was associated with that newspaper and its successor, The Beacon-Herald, until December, 1966, when he retired from the position of managing editor. He was an appointed member of the Stratford Board of Park Management continuously from 1936 to 1961 and served as chairman for 15 years. In 1961 city council named him an honorary life member of the board.



Mr. Dolan

Mr. Dolan was appointed a member of the Authority in 1955, as a representative of the city of Stratford, and was elected to the executive in 1957. He has been chairman of the Authority's parks and recreation advisory board since 1960.