

### O, Canada

O, Canada! our home and native land!

True patriot-love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free,  
And stand on guard, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.

O, Canada, glorious and free,  
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee.

O, Canada! we stand on guard for thee.

### God Save The Queen

God save our gracious queen,

Long live our noble queen,

God save the queen:

Send her victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us:

God save the queen.

### —APPRECIATION—

Cobden and District Branch of the Canadian Legion, No. 550 B.E.S.L., wish to thank the following who have made this programme possible:

The Hon. Mr. Pickersgill.

The Hon. Dr. J. J. McCann.

Mr. J. M. Forgie.

Mr. Stanley Hunt

Mr. J. S. Dempsey

Mr. Stewart Childerhose

Renfrew County Council

Ross Township Council

Bromley Township Council

Westmeath Township Council

Cobden Village Council

Lt. Col. M. F. MacLachlan, C.O.

2nd Canadian Guards

Lt. Col. Wallace, C.O. 178th

Battery R.C.A.

Pembroke Legion Band

Renfrew Highland Band

Mr. I. Beresford, Dist. Comm.

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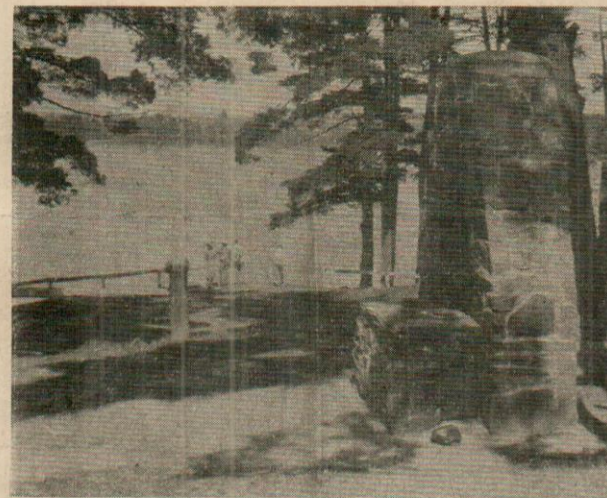
And all persons who in any way assisted in making this occasion possible.

# PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF BRAVERY

## And Dedication of Colors

Cobden & District Branch of the Canadian Legion

No. 550 B.E.S.L.



COBDEN MUNICIPAL PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1955

At 2.30 p.m.



Allan Eckford



Murray Buckwaldt

Messrs. Allan Eckford and Murray Buckwaldt are credited with saving the lives of three men who were in danger of drowning when their boat sank in the icy water of Muskrat Lake on Friday, December 4th, 1953.

On that day Messrs. Russell Purcell, aged 60, his son Jack, 27, Mansell Hill, 30, and Clarence McBride, 25, set out from the shore of the Beall homestead in a rowboat powered by an outboard motor, intending to cut wood on a woodlot farther up the lake. About 100 yards from shore the boat sank suddenly and the four men were thrown into the icy water.

Fortunately Mr. Eckford and Mr. Buckwaldt were loading hay at a barn near the lake and Mr. Eckford heard the men cry for help when he stepped outside the building.

Rushing to the shore, he saw the men in distress and, breaking in the door of a nearby boathouse belonging to a summer cottager, got out a boat and with Buckwaldt went to their assistance, bringing all four to shore. Mr. Purcell, who had been held up in the water by his son Jack, was dead, having succumbed to the shock of immersion in icy water. The three survivors, however, were rushed to Mr. Eckford's home where they were confined to bed and treated for shock.

## Programme

CHAIRMAN — LT. COL. J. WILSON

President, Cobden and District Branch No. 550  
Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

Ceremonies will open with the singing of O CANADA

- 2.30 p.m.—Address of Welcome, Reeve Francis of Cobden; short addresses by Reeves or Representatives of Ross, Bromley and Westmeath Townships.
  - 2.35 p.m.—Mr. J. M. Forgie, M.P., will introduce the guest speaker the Honourable Mr. Pickersgill, Minister of Immigration.
  - 2.40 p.m.—Hon. Mr. J. Pickersgill will present parchments to Messrs. Allan Eckford and Murray Buckwaldt.
  - 2.50 p.m.—Hon. Dr. J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue, will thank Mr. Pickersgill.
  - 2.55 p.m.—Mr. Stanley J. Hunt, M.L.A., will introduce the Warden of Renfrew County, Mr. Stewart Childerhose.
  - 3.00 p.m.—Mr. Stewart Childerhose will present awards to Messrs. Allan Eckford and Murray Buckwaldt.
  - 3.10 p.m.—Mr. J. S. Dempsey, M.L.A., will thank Warden Childerhose.
  - 3.15 p.m.—District Commander I. Beresford will speak on behalf of the Canadian Legion.
  - 3.20 p.m.—Dedication of Colors belonging to Cobden and District Branch No. 550, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., Rev. P. S. Irwin, Padre of Cobden and District Branch, officiating.
- 3.30 p.m.—THE QUEEN

Following the singing of the National Anthem, a band concert will be enjoyed, rendered by the pipe band of the 2nd Battalion Canadian Guards, through the courtesy of the Commanding Officer Colonel M. F. MacLachlan, the Legion Band from Pembroke and the Highland Band from Renfrew.

Today's program of presentations is made possible by the support of the Municipalities of Bromley, Cobden, Ross and Westmeath.