

# Cyrus Eaton Gives Public 58 More Acres of Park

Cyrus Eaton, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, gave 58 acres to the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District yesterday, adding substantially to the public recreation domain covering some 14,000 acres of land. The land is in Sagamore Hills.

The multimillionaire industrialist said that his purpose was to offer tribute to devoted service rendered by William A. Stinchcomb, veteran director-secretary of the park board.

"William Stinchcomb," Eaton said, "is the ideal public servant, a unique combination of engineer and administrator. His dedication to the public interest has been an inspiration."

Eaton said he also wished to honor the memories of Andrew Squire, Warren S. Hayden and A. D. Baldwin. He served with them on the park board from 1930 to 1940.

These three Clevelanders, he added, played a vital role in creating the "ring of green" that surrounds Greater Cleveland.

Stinchcomb called the donation "one of the finest contributions made to the park district." "It will ever be a memorial to its donor," he said.

Situated along the old Ohio

Canal, the tract fronts along one mile of Canal Road at the western end of Eaton's residence, Acadia Farms. It will provide a connecting parkway between the present Bedford and Brecksville reservations of the system.

Eaton and Stinchcomb walked through a portion of the wooded property yesterday morning when it was given over to public use.



(left), of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, views the new parkland

with Cyrus Eaton who donated the land.

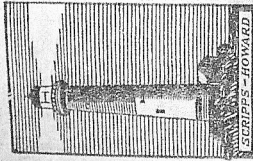


A Land Gift from Cyrus Eaton (left) to the Cleveland Metropolitan Park yesterday was 58 acres in Sagamore Hills bordering his Acadia Farms. With the multimillionaire industrialist is William A. Stinchcomb, park board director-secretary.

Stinchcomb said plans call for a parkway through it. Acquisition of the tract leaves only the Western Reserve Historical Society's land in the Chagrin River valley, acquired to ring the city in solidly with parks, he said.

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## Eaton's Generous Gift

Cyrus S. Eaton's gift of 58 acres of land is further tangible evidence of his interest in the Metropolitan Park System.

The chairman of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway was a member of the park board for 10 years during the period of the system's greatest expansion. This is the only public office he ever held.

The land is in Summit County between Canal Rd. and the old canal. Its huge oak and pine trees will add to the beauty of the parkway now being developed as a link between the Brecksville and Bedford reservations.

"emerald necklace" — the Metropolitan Park System—is now complete. This achievement, the realization of a 44-year-old dream, stems from the splendid gift of 58 acres in Sagamore Hills, donated by Cyrus S. Eaton.

Mr. Eaton's contribution, containing a fine stand of virgin pine and oak near Canal Road, provides a link between the Bedford and Brecksville Reservations. Currently under construction is a tie between the South Chagrin and Bedford sections. All there is left between an uninterrupted chain of parks encircling the city is a small connection from South to North Chagrin.

New York City conceivably might boast a park setup matching ours, but nowhere is there such an expanse of natural woodland, replete with streams, lakes, rolling uplands, beautiful vales.

The 14,000-acre park system now beckons week-long and year-around to the public. We think it a sad commentary that no accurate count has been kept of the park users. A member of the board, rather pathetically, said the only tally now available is that "it now takes three days to clean up after week ends where it used to take a day or a day and a half."

William A. Stinchcomb, the park system's guiding light, once was called "Bunkum Bill, Builder of Bear Bungalows" for his avid devo-

Stinchcomb walked  
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Cleveland  
parkland



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Eaton recently opened his estate at Pugnash, N. S., as a vacation spot for authors, scholars, businessmen and labor leaders from Canada and the United States "to give thinking men an opportunity to relax and