

Date: Oct. 21/74

Place: 298 Bridge St., Waterloo

Participant: Wilson Hunsberger

#### Pre-War

- Mennonites were the pioneers in this area so their position was understood and accepted by the non-Mennonites, and there were no overt acts of antagonism against them
- church was instrumental in instructing the boys in the way of peace
- father appreciated the blessings they had received in Can. but loyalty to the way of peace took precedence

#### War

- Montreal River - was not a serious attempt to build a road; just accepted the work as something to do for four months rather than taking military training - "did not get worked up about the futility of the work"; does not regard the work as making any kind of tangible contribution
- spiritual atmosphere - despite denominationalism the boys worked and played together well; had Sunday worship services even before J. Harold Sherk arrived
- B.C. forestry - together with many of the same boys as were in Montreal River; close friendships develop across denominational lines
- the work was more useful than the work done at M.R. camp
- Sunday worship services held in separate groups, and even then not everyone participated; however, he does not criticize this, but rather emphasizes the friendships that were made
- in general, he understood well the commitment he was making as a CO and appreciated the opportunities his experiences offered him, making lasting friendships, seeing new country, and growing in the process