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| CONDITION      | Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed   |
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| The He         | ight of Land portage between North and South Lake is part of   |
|                | yageurs Highway. Located on the Laurentian Divide, the Height  |
|                | d marked the point where streams to the north flowed into  |
|                | Bay and streams to the south flowed into the Great Lakes.  |
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| The po         | rtage is 80 rods long. It is fairly straight and level.  |
| Vecete         | tion consists of Aspen and Paper Birch with scattered Balsam   |
|                | d Spruce.  |
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|                | ion of the trail was rehabilitated in 1973. New treadwork was  |
| A port         | over an area that was wet and muddy. One canoe rest was  |
| placed         | in the center of the portage. There is a developed campsite  |
| placed         | north end of the portage. This campsite has a wilderness   |
| on the         | a and a firegrate. It receives only light use.   |
| Latri          | le and a fifegrate. It feceives only fight use.  |
| <b>m</b>       | are no known archeological remains from the fur trading era  |
| There          | e portage. There is the possibility of some artifacts such as  |
| on the         | axes being buried on the trail. Flint chips have been noticed  |
| trade          | axes being buried on the trait. Fillet chips have been noticed   |
| on the         | north end of the portage which indicates use by Indians.   |
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No. 8 Statement of Significance:

The Height of Land Portage, formerly known as "Portage du Hauteur des Terres", is a part of the Laurentian Division of the Continental Divide. The portage runs between South Lake (formerly knows as Las les Perches) and North Lake (formerly known as Lac du Hauteur des Terrest and probably so named because of the high hills on the east). At this point, two of the three great river systems of the North are born. Streams rising east of the divide flow to the Atlantic via Lake Superior and the St. Lawrence River. Streams rising north of the divide flow ultimately into Hudson Bay. Together these two river systems provide water communication across twothirds of Canada.

The Height of Land was important to the fur trade as the transition point between difficult, "uphill" paddling and easier "downhill" coasting. Crossing this portage also marked the Voyageur's transition from novice or "porkeater" to "Nor'wester." Here the novice was sprinkled with a pine bough dipped in water and made to promise "never to kiss a Voyageur's wife without her permission, and never to allow any newcomer to pass without similar initiation." This pact was sealed by drinking high wine.

This portage, along with the entire border lake route from Grand Portage on the east to Rainy Lake on the west, was a part of the water highway used to transport furs. Voyageurs would leave Grand Portage on Lake Superior loaded with trade goods used to barter with Indians for beaver skins. They would journey into the Canadian northwest seeking furs. The following spring the same men would return with canoes loaded with furs.

The fur goods were transported from Grand Portage to Montreal by another group of Voyageurs. The beaver skins eventually ended up in Europe as hats for the well dressed business men.

The fur trading era lasted from approximately 1720-1840. During this period the present Border Route network of lakes and portages was controlled by the Northwest, American, and Hudson Bay Fur Companies, or combinations thereof. The era ended because of the decline of the beaver population and a fall in the demand for beaver hats in Europe.

