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OF THE

PURGATORY CHASM STATE RESERVA-  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

This Commission has completed the work in acquiring the necessary land for the reservation, and has performed the other duties set forth in chapter 327 of the Acts of 1919. An agreement has been negotiated for the payment of one small tract of eight acres, which was a part of the original taking, and payment will soon be made.

Twenty acres of land in the reservation has been seeded with pines, and the chestnut trees which were afflicted with the blight have been removed.

The grove at the entrance to the chasm has been made more attractive, and after grading it is now suitable for parking automobiles.

The past summer the town of Sutton made temporary repairs to a part of Purgatory Road which is not in the reservation, and although it is very narrow and not safe for heavy automobile traffic, it has been made use of by thousands of automobiles this year.

The Commission most respectfully urges that the State and county be authorized to expend \$10,000 in making safe this road. The total expense to date has been less than \$5,000, which included the acquisition of this remarkable property. It is suggested that a committee of the Legislature make a visit to this place during the coming session in order to acquire a first-hand knowledge of the situation.

Arthur E. Seagrave, Esq., whose term of office expired this year, was obliged to decline a reappointment, and Dr. William L. Johnson of Uxbridge is his successor.

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