

heavy equipment and supplies. The adjacent yard area has also helped to organize and improve the work of the department because many materials, such as winter sand, snow fences, culverts, summer gravel and calcium can be stored in this one central location. In 1977 a well was drilled, and in early 1978 a water system was installed. It is now difficult to imagine how the works crew was able to effect equipment maintenance and repairs, and organize itself, prior to the existence of this garage and yard complex.

7. BARRETT CHUTE ROAD

Following negotiations between Ontario Hydro and the Township, Ontario Hydro made certain improvements to the Barrett Chute Road by way of ditching and gravelling, and then conveyed ownership of the roadway to the Municipality. This transaction occurred in the late spring of 1977. The Municipal Council assumed the responsibility in order to protect the personal and property interests of those ratepayers for whom this road was access to their place of summer or permanent residence. It has been remarked on several occasions that the maintenance of this road has shown marked improvement since it was assumed by the Township.

8. OTHER ROADS

Many uncomplimentary remarks have been made about the state of Provincial Highway 511. This is to inform the reader that the Municipal Council has been periodically applying pressure on the Ontario government for improvements by way of reconstruction from Calabogie through to Hopetown. Requests have also been made for improvements to Highway 508 through Calabogie leading to 511.

9. OTHER GRANTS

Through the winter of 1976-77, as well as the Summer

of 1977, the Municipality received monies by way of a LIP grant and a Canada Works grant, providing in total about \$45,000 which was used to keep 8 to 10 persons employed who otherwise would have been unemployed. We believe that good use was made of these monies, especially during these troubled economic times, and are appreciative of the consideration exercised by the senior level of government.

PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT

One of the basic services provided by any municipality must be some form of fire protection. The care and saving of our neighbour's life and property is obviously a law of life we cannot afford to overlook or neglect. Moreover, in our municipality we must also assume responsibility for protecting bush land and forests. And we have a Volunteer Fire Department which has had the experience of fighting fires in all such instances.

The Fire Department consists of from 10 to 12 Volunteers, with a Chief, a Deputy Chief, four Captains, and of course, the Firemen. Our men have been called out to bush fires, house fires, forest fires, car fires, garbage dump fires, and grass fires. They've been called out all hours of the day and night, and are ready to go any day of the week. In the past, the firemen have been paid for fighting fires: \$5.00 for the first hour, and \$2.50 per hour thereafter. Due to the degree of responsibility connected with the Fire Chief's position he has been retained at the stipend of \$100 per month. In passing it should be noted that in 1978 the Firemen will be paid \$5.00 per hour while fighting fires.

The community was saddened by the untimely death of Bill Cameron in 1977, and the Fire Department lost a good Fire Chief who was always in good standing with his men, and was continuously thinking of ways to improve the