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Dianne and Walter Raniowski will head north to Broughton Island next month.

## Walter leaves retirement to be principal in N.W.T.

**CARRYING PLACE** — Walter Raniowski's retirement has taken him to a place where the winters are long and cold and the only outside contact is by air.

Broughton Island in the Northwest Territories is where Raniowski will spend his second year of retirement — principal of an Inuit school there.

And this time, he'll bring his wife, Dianne, and two children (Matthew and Carrie) for the entire academic year.

The Old Orchard Road family will leave for Canada's far north next month.

Raniowski said this week he's glad to be returning to Broughton Island, at the northeast side of Baffin Island and across from Greenland.

"We're so far away from the troubles of the world that it's a more peaceful way of life. And after 35 years of teaching in the 'south', it's a nice change," said Raniowski.

He retired from the Hastings-Prince Edward Counties Roman Catholic School Board last year, after a 19-year stint. He was principal of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Michael's Junior School and spent his last three years at Sacred Heart School in Batawa.

"We were looking for some overseas service teaching so that we could travel. Last September, I saw a newspaper ad for the principal's position in Broughton Island. I applied because it represented a new experience and would enable us to see Canada's far north for the first time," he recalled.

He got the job and moved there Oct. 20. But not before packing lots of winter clothing, dried food and a snowmobile.

(Wife Dianne spent January and February in Broughton Island; their three children each came up for a week's visit.)

Last year, he was only one of 15 "southerners" at the settlement — population 450.

The Inuksuit School has an enrolment of 110 kindergarten to Grade 9 students. Students there are taught in Inuit until the end of Grade 2; English is the language of instruction in Grades 3-9.

"We teach the same subjects that are found in Ontario schools but teachers mainly create their own teaching materials. And we try and adapt our curriculum as much as possible to suit the community," Raniowski said.

The school itself contains modern facilities, from computer classrooms and family studies rooms to woodworking rooms and a full-sized gymnasium.