

Board feels ministry is listening

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The Renfrew County Board of Education feels the Ministry of Education is listening to its concerns about the proposed legislation extending full funding for Catholic secondary school education.

Trustee Art Charbonneau, who is the chairman of the board's IMPACT committee, and who was one of the representatives from the RCBE attending recent hearings chaired by the provincial legislative committee in Ottawa, thought both it and Minister Sean Conway were attentive to reservations raised not just by the local board but other public boards as well.

Shortly after the hearings, an announcement was made by the Minister extending the term of trustees representing separate school ratepayers to 13 months.

"Assuming that Bill 30 is passed in early 1986, there will continue to be separate school representatives on public school boards until December 31, 1986," Mr. Conway said.

The minister stated the clarification of policy will allow those considering running for office adequate time to make decisions about their candidacy.

In the initial draft of the bill, trustees representing separate school ratepayers

(of which there are five on the RCBE including the vice-chairman) would cease to exist on the public board by December 31 of this year.

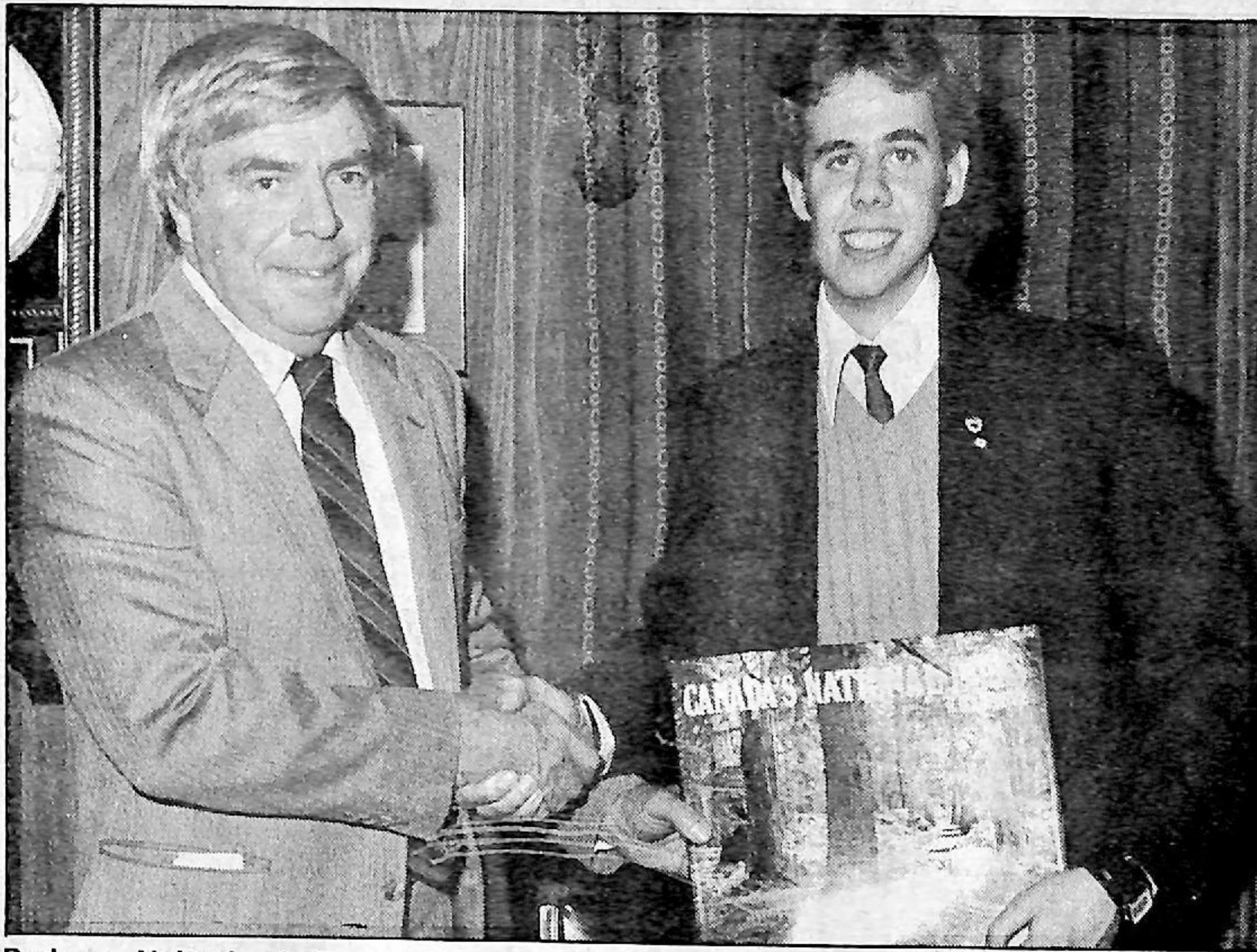
The RCBE and other boards voiced their concerns about this to the legislative committee at the hearings.

"I think they're listen-

ing," said trustee Charbonneau.

The clerk of the legislative committee, Lynn Mellor, sent the board a letter thanking it for presenting its brief.

"Your comments will be considered by the members when they proceed to the clause by clause consideration of the bill," she wrote.



Rodney Neitzel of Eganville earned the Principal's award for outstanding achievement and effort during the 1984-85 school year. Making the presentation of a book to Rodney was OHS principal Don Whillans.

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Several students were recognized for proficiency in Math last Wednesday evening at OHS. In the front row from left, are, Leanne Enright, Sheila Douwes, June Swan, Linda Dombroskie, Michelle Kenny

and Steve Hoffman. In the back, from left, are presenters and teachers Karl Krose, Marjorie Ferguson and Tom May.