

In 1971 welfare payments amounted to \$38,819. For 1977 such payments totalled \$14,021 and have ranged between \$11,000 and \$14,000 for the past few years. In passing it must be said that 80% of welfare is refunded to the Township by the Provincial Government.

It is sometimes thought that the largest proportion of welfare is paid to some kind of "freeloader". But this is not true, at least not in the case of this Township. We will not entertain "freeloaders", but only those in real need, and we carefully ascertain the difference by application form, interview, and investigation. Welfare is not administered indiscriminately, but with thought and care for all concerned.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### 1. PROPERTIES

The Township has several properties which have been in public use, or of public significance, for several years.

1. The Community Hall, located in Calabogie.
2. The Cenotaph Property and Memorial, on the shore of Calabogie Lake.
3. Centennial Park, on the 11th Line in Calabogie, which has been used occasionally for young people's recreation programs.

During the past three years the following properties have been acquired with the view that both presently and in years to come they will be of invaluable benefit to the life of the community.

1. 90 acres on the south side of the Madawaska River near Calabogie, acquired from Ontario Hydro for \$2,500. This transaction was completed in 1976.
2. In 1977 an area of 1.6 acres immediately adjacent to Calabogie Lake, and to the 90 acres, was acquired from Ontario Hydro for the price of \$2,500 plus

survey costs. This transaction was not really planned to take place until 1978. However, plans were changed so that the Calabogie Development Association could take advantage of a Young Canada Works grant to employ 6-8 young people in the task of restoring an old log building.

3. The Barnet property, consisting of approximately 17 acres of prime lake front land near Calabogie, including cottages and other buildings, was acquired through the terms of the Will of the late Thomas Barnet.

### 2. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTIES

The last three properties are currently a focal point of interest. The local Fish and Game Club desires to be involved in building a boat-launching ramp on the 1.6 acres. The Calabogie Development Association has been involved in restoring a log building on the same property, as has the Arts and Crafts Association, and the public at large through financial contributions. In any event the question became one of how to develop the properties into parks and community centres with recreational and cultural qualities for everyone.

To answer this question Council called upon the Ministry of Culture and Recreation for assistance. Briefly speaking, we were advised by the Ministry as follows:

1. Submit an application for Wintario funds.
2. Prepare and pass a more comprehensive Municipal Recreation By-law than the one already in existence.
3. Re-establish a recreation group to be known as "The Municipal Recreation Committee" rather than the Community Services Board.
4. Obtain the services of a consultant for advice related to the development of the properties.
5. Submit a revised application to Wintario for funds.

Council has chosen to follow this advice.