

# Northern Chambers of Commerce Demand Tri-Town Bypass Action

Sixty delegates representing 23 Chambers of Commerce attended the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce held in Timmins last Sunday.

They approved a resolution that the Department of Highways be urged to start immediately on the most economical, direct route for a bypass around New Liskeard, Haileybury and Cobalt.

Arnold Hawkins, chairman of the Industrial Committee of the New Liskeard Chamber, and the only person present from the Tri-Town district was asked to comment on the motion before it was passed.

He said, "The New Liskeard Chamber of Commerce is in favor of having the bypass completed as soon as possible so that we may be relieved of all heavy transport traffic." His statement was applauded by the delegates and the resolution immediately passed.

Members also approved resolutions for a direct highway link between Sudbury and Timmins as a continuation of Highway 69 during the 1960-61 winter season. The resolution said that the road would "link into one common market area more than 250,000 people."

Also approved were resolutions by the Kapuskasing and District Chamber to request the Ontario Northland Railway Commission to extend the ONR from North Bay to Georgian Bay, to extend its main line passenger, mail and express service from Cochrane to Hearst and to have municipal or provincial governments make tax concessions to property owners wishing to improve their property.

A resolution by the Cochrane Board of Trade to extend Highway 574 from Norembega 60 miles east to meet the Quebec road system was passed.

Approved were resolutions by the Porcupine Chamber of Commerce to:

Request the Departments of Lands and Forests and Mines to build nature trails in provincial parks and other areas.

Petition the Ontario government to raise the jurisdiction of the division courts to \$500 and \$1,000 so that these courts may be of more service to merchants and wage-earners.

Request increased participation by the provincial government in its program of surface geology research and airborne magnetometer surveys.

Require door-to-door salesmen who cannot be controlled under items of the Municipal Act to obtain an annual provincial licence and post a bond of not less than \$1,000.

The Chambers will support an advertising campaign to promote northern produce.

W. Roy Thompson, director, Kirkland Lake District Chamber, of Commerce, who raised the resolution from the floor, won unanimous endorsement from Chambers on his "Buy Northern" motion.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the amount of money spent on importing goods into Temiskaming district, which goods can, and are being produced here, might be kept in the area, if residents were more "loyal" to their own producers.

"Buy Northern" campaign will be sponsored by the Northeastern Ontario Development Association, of which Mr. Thompson is a member.

Present arrangements are to place placards advertising the campaign, and the products pro-

duced in Temiskaming, in windows of retail stores.

Products outstanding in Mr. Thompson's mind, and which have been mentioned by him on many occasions, both here and elsewhere, are potatoes, fruits and cattle.

The blueberries resolution, also presented by the Kirkland Chamber, won unanimous support from other member Chambers.

It was decided to send this resolution to the provincial department of lands and forests, for study and approval.

## Home and School At Moore's Cove

The Moore's Cove Home and School held their general meeting Tuesday evening, October 18, at the school house, with twenty members present. After the business session, Mrs. Tom Woods introduced the area vice-president, Mrs. Gibbin of Englehart, who gave a talk on "How Home and

School and Federation can work together to make better Home and School Association". Mrs. G. Kelly thanked the guest speaker for taking time out from her busy schedule to give a most interesting and educational evening. A social half-hour followed with coffee and lunch served by the social committee.

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